

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

August 2021



SARGEANTS BUSES FOR KINGTON

FROM 3rd September 2020

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Mill Street, Kington
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Journey times vary Kington to Hereford approx 65minutes

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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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

TOWN SERVICE

Tue & Fri Arrives Serves all areas of Kington
DOCTOR'S SURGERY 10.02 & 11.20

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Departs Arrow View 9.30 RQ

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Letter from the Archdeacon of Hereford

I have learned in the Christian life to be prepared for surprises. One of those for me was discovering that the 1662 Prayer Book language can be both inspiring, deeply moving and have a depth of spirituality that when taught liturgy in my training college and curacy never revealed. I accept it will never be everyone's cup of tea and more importantly often needs to be explained or translated for our modern ears and audiences.

Cranmer wrote it to provide liturgy in the language of the people and to make worship available and accessible to all, not just a few well-educated people who understood Latin! He certainly would not expect us to be using those words in the same way just over 350 years later! Worship needs to reflect the time and context of the people of our own time and we have many creative liturgists in our own day who seek to make our worship accessible and awe-inspiring.

However, one prayer that was written originally in sixteenth-century English is still particularly helpful. It was shared with me by a colleague who died last year and who sent me this prayer on my ordination as a priest. I found his letter recently when I was looking for something else and once again I was reminded of its power. It isn't actually from the Book of Common Prayer and it is attributed to Sir Francis Drake although there is doubt that he wrote the whole thing. It is likely to be based on something he wrote in a letter, whatever its true pedigree it struck me as both encouraging and deeply faith-filled.

*Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things, we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love. Amen*

In our present COVID dominated and shaped world, it is a timely reminder if we needed it that as Christians we have hope beyond present circumstances. It also challenges us to put our trust in Jesus and to seek to be bold in our faith despite our apparent circumstances or to quote St Paul.

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or
famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As
it is written:*

*'For your sake, we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'
"No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. For
I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the present
nor the future, nor any powers, neither height
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 8:35-39

AD Derek

View from the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Come on.. England; Come on GB

Those of you who read my contribution to last month's edition will know that I'm neither a natural athlete or indeed an obvious sporting aficionado. To complete the picture, I distinctly remember sitting bored out of my brain while my father watched golf on the tv; although part of this was due to the fact that the minute the ball left the green I had absolutely no idea where it went or what it was doing before it landed again and I could finally work out where it was. To ameliorate any golfers I've just horrified, my proudest sporting moment was the occasion that I scored a hole in one; far more by luck than judgement I have to admit!

Even those like me who are not exactly football fanatics, sorry fans, can appreciate and value the positive contribution to national well being and confidence that those extraordinary young men of the England, Scotland and Wales football teams have provided to all of the citizens of our country. However unwillingly or grudgingly the rest of the home nations may want to admit it, this is especially true of the England Football Team and their inspirational and gracious manager. I am entirely convinced that Gareth Southgate is a man who is clearly an exemplar of the best that these islands can produce.

For many of us, no longer in the first flush of youth, the behaviour and attitudes of our younger fellow citizens can, on occasions, seem disturbing, surprising and rather shocking to say the least. Let's not forget, it ever was and always will be thus! I'm convinced that all of us can recall moments when our younger selves, said, did or wore something which scandalised the older generations and how many of us have thought, heard or said to others words along the lines of; "it wasn't like that in my day!"

What I find truly remarkable and encouraging about those young men and particularly those on the England team is their commitment, dedication and pride in a country which for some of them is a home from home and a country in which even some of those who were born and raised here can be attacked and vilified by a minority of their so-called 'supporters' for nothing more than the colour of their skin and failing to score a crucial goal. How fickle and shallow society can be. Those very same young men, if they had scored would have been national heroes and so they should be, praised to the heights for their astounding achievements!

As representatives and exemplars of all of the nations of the UK I would so much rather that exceptionally talented, diverse and utterly united band of young men than those who've abused them in the days since that Wembley Final on July 10th.

It seems to me that all of us whoever we are have a collective responsibility to shame and censure those who use the veil of social media to disseminate their vile racist rhetoric. Maybe the phrase that needs to overcome those voices of hatred is 'Come on, England', because as a nation and as a people you're better than this. Let the young men of your football team and their gracious and inspirational manager be the mirror that you show to the world because their integrity, talent and image of a diverse nation at ease with itself and united in a common purpose is surely something that all of us who are citizens



of these islands can and should admire irrespective of our age, gender, ethnic origin or even whether we're football supporters or not. Let's also hope that the UK Olympic and Paralympic teams will show the same image of our whole nation.

With my love and prayers as ever and, of course, all good wishes for our Olympians and Paralympians in Tokyo.

Ben

STOP PRESS!

Following the completion of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings it's been lovely to welcome back long serving members of our PCCS but also to welcome some new faces and some new roles. We must pass on our sincere apologies to Sue Thompson who's been Churchwarden at Kinnerton since last year that it's taken till this month's edition to update the list in the Kington, Huntington and Titley edition. We must also express our sincere thanks to Michael, Sue's very worthy predecessor Sue is also Kinnerton PCC Secretary. We don't do anything by halves up there. At the Kington APCM we said a very big thank you to Penny Halcrow our excellent PCC Secretary who was stepping down after many years in the role. I'm delighted that Philip Sell has kindly taken on the role which he will fulfil as well as being our Benefice Administrator. A huge thank you to everyone who undertakes these vital roles on our behalf.

As last year the Archdeacon's Visitation has been cancelled so the Churchwardens will be sworn in together some time this month which will necessitate an amendment to our service rota but we'll inform everyone of the change asap. Please do keep an eye on our regular pew sheets and website for details.

COVID-19 Changes

As I'm sure many of you are aware changes in Covid-19 regulations in Wales means that communal singing in church is now permitted. With announcements in both England and Wales it is likely that further changes will be made on both sides of the border. We'll keep a close eye on changes as they occur and will implement them when it is possible and safe to do so. Please do bear with us as we negotiate these changes. Please do remember also that Covid-19 has neither gone away or been defeated; it's here in our locality right now, so please do all that you can to keep yourself and others safe.

Special Preachers

Having thrown down the challenge to anyone across the Benefice who was interested in having an attempt at preaching in Church; I'm delighted to report that a small group of courageous souls accepted the challenge. Over the past few months we've had some very stimulating and enjoyable with some very preceptive insights from all participants and I really do want to thank them most sincerely for all that they've brought and shared with those of us who've been present.

Over the course of the next couple of months at St. Mary's Kington, you'll see and hear them step up for the sermon slot rather than the usual suspects. Please do encourage and support them because I for one am really excited and enthused by what I've been hearing and what I know we'll all hear in the future.

These are members of our Church Family exploring ministries that perhaps they hadn't considered before. So please support them, encourage them and consider prayerfully whether you might like to join them because you never know, maybe the next surprise preacher will be YOU!

With my love and prayers as always

Ben.

Praying the alphabet



When holidays arrive it's very easy to lose some routine. Try not to let go of your prayer time. It is all too easy for it to be squeezed out under the pressure of activities, friends and relations.

This month our focus letter is C. Just for starters pray for campers, choirs, Cop26, Croatia, complainers, combine harvesters, curiosity and curates. Try thinking of your own people or places beginning with C. I've just thought of another, what about COUSINS? And let's not forget Covid19 which is almost the most vital at the present time.

If you want someone to pray for you or with you contact:

Rev Ben 01544 230525 Rev Linda 01544239395 or Trish 01544 231848

The Kington & District Community Shop

Organisations fundraising in the shop late July and August

Music at St.Mary's Church
Huntington Church
Kinnerton Church & Village Hall

24th - 31st July
7th - 14th August
21st - 28th August

TEA / COFFEE & CAKE

IN AID OF MIGHTY HIKES WALK, MACMILLAN

SATURDAY August 7th

11am - 5pm



WHEATCLOSE
CUTTERBACH LANE
KINGTON
HR5 3EH

Please note that there is no parking in Cutterbach Lane

Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

*Dependant on Government announcements,
please see our website for up to date information.*

All services in Kington marked * below will be available via livestream at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCho108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA9OA>

Sunday, 1st August: Trinity IX: Green
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-39 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6 24-35
 8.30am: Holy Eucharist: Titley
 10.00am: *Holy Eucharist: Kington
 11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Kinnerton
 6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Old Radnor

Sunday, 8th August: Trinity X: Green
1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6: 35, 41-51
 8.30am: Holy Eucharist (BCP): Huntington
 10.00am: *Morning Praise: Kington
 11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Old Radnor
 6.00pm: Taize: Kington

Sunday, 15th August: St. Mary the Virgin: Blue/White
Isaiah 61: 10-end Psalm 45: 10-end Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 1: 46-55
 8.30am: Patronal Eucharist: Kinnerton
 10.00am: *Patronal Festival: Kington
 10.00am: Holy Eucharist: Titley
 6.00pm: Junior Praise: Old Radnor

Sunday, 22nd August: Trinity XII: Green
Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 Ps. 34:15-end Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6 56-69
 10.00am: *Holy Eucharist: Kington
 11.30am: Holy Eucharist: Old Radnor
 6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Huntington
 6.00pm: Evening Prayer: Kinnerton

Sunday, 29th August: Trinity XIII: Green
Deuteronomy 4: 1,2,6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-end Mark 7: 1-8,14,21-23
 10.00am: Group Eucharist: Titley

* services live-streamed

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

No news has been received from the Churchwardens of St Mary's this month, so I have written a short piece below giving my reflections on life in St Mary's over the past few months, and looking forward to what will be happening in the near future. *Editor*



Life at St Mary's - then and now

Looking back over the last 16 months since the first lockdown due to Covid19, it seems difficult to remember what life was like then, so I looked back to earlier issues of the Parish News to see what we were doing then, and compare with the present.

In March 2020, just before the first lockdown, we reported on a recently successful week in the Community Shop, when nearly £2000 was raised for church funds, and there were advertisements for the monthly Beetle Drive, two Community Lunches, a Friends of St Mary's concert, a Whist Drive, a Lent Lunch at Titley, Bingo at the Football Club, "How to use your Tablet" at the library, Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley and meetings of the Art Society, WI, Horticultural Society and U3A - to say nothing of the chance to attend the enthronement of the Bishop at Hereford Cathedral. What a lot was going on ... and will we ever get back to a similar level of activity?

Well - St Mary's church has the chance to raise funds for the Choir at the Community Shop from 24th to 31st July so that's one thing that has resumed, and there is an announcement later in this issue about the next meeting of the Kington Horticultural Society, so that's another, and the Art & Craft market at the Market Hall has continued to appear each month for several months now, despite Covid restrictions. Also there's a Tea/Coffee morning taking place in Cutterbatch Lane on 7th August, as well as a Macmillan Coffee Morning later in September.

Church services have obviously been badly affected by the Covid restrictions, but services have taken place every week throughout the troubles (unlike many churches elsewhere that seem to have completely closed down to public worship), and not being able to sing has been very hard on the congregation, but we've still had music from the organ and hymns sung by the choir, and it should only be a very short time before all singing will return - and hopefully members of our congregation who have been following the live streamed services at home will feel able to return to the church - that's something to really look forward to, especially if it includes new faces. And finally, what we will all welcome is a return of the time of fellowship at the end of the service when we can chat over a cup of tea or coffee - when that is allowed we will really feel that things are back to normal.

Freda Lymath

Message from the Editor

Things are gradually returning to pre-Covid normality, and I will be pleased to advertise any meeting or event in the future. Just send it to me by the 15th of the month before the event is due to take place. Contact details on page 3.

Editor

Reader Writes

Surely now and again we have to make ourselves think about humility; we all accept that it's a good thing, but it's quite hard to find many advocates for it, or inspiring examples of humility among those in the position to impress us with it. Is humility a gift that should be accumulated relentlessly by the conscientious? Or is it a calling with the awful responsibility to help our less fortunate neighbours with it? But clearly, at the same time, you need the associated gift of modesty to keep humility decently covered up in public. And perhaps like 'good breeding' it should be contrived as perfectly natural rather than rehearsed.

If we have any doubts about humility let's take heart from the bible where from start to finish we are told convincingly that it is not only a good thing, but it is for each one of us rather than the well endowed alone. Moses who performed so many mighty acts in God's power was described as the "meekest man on the face of the earth". Humility is not timidity or diffidence; perhaps the word meek captures that distinction. Jesus himself, emphasized by the gospel writers, displays a radical humility that leaves us with timeless examples and words. Think of the feet washing and his words to his disciples that "whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven". When humility is put into practice in scripture, sometimes dramatically, we see extraordinary things happen. I like the gospel story of the synagogue leader, Jairus, publicly throwing himself down in the road before Jesus to plead with him to save his little daughter. He would do anything for his child; who wouldn't? Then, right in the middle of this, a desperate unclean and unnamed woman came up behind Jesus to touch his cloak; when discovered, Jesus calls her Daughter and commends her faith. She was healed instantly of a 12 year menstrual discharge. Both ruler and outcast knelt in the dust in abject need; humility and faith in God's great power went together.

Amidst the euphoria, and the despair, can we find inspiration and role models from Gareth Southgate and the England squad? Among the many qualities of the England manager and the bearing of the team, especially calmness and attention to detail, I see and admire integrity, thoughtfulness and humility; these are qualities often out of fashion, even despised. 'Taking the knee' in solidarity with the many facing vindictiveness shows strength and humility. The prophet Micah, perhaps a sort of spiritual team manager, asked "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Walking humbly takes strength and courage.

I've struggled to find a good metaphor from the natural world; but the dunnocks outside the window usually have something to say. Now that breeding is over the hen bird seems to make herself ever so 'umble, fluffing up her feathers in a provocative way while evading attention from her mate. He, in contrast, struts around very importantly defending the territory and looking pleased with himself. Is it possible that she has contrived her show of humility to keep the order of things as they should be? I hope he is humble and fast enough to take cover when the proud sparrow hawk appears.

Robert MacCurrach



ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Get Well Wishes:

We all send our get well wishes to Sheila Griffiths who has just undergone knee surgery and wish her a speedy recovery.

We also send our get well wishes to Joanna Crawshaw, who recently fell and unfortunately broke her arm. We hope it is healing well.



Susan Maiden

Kington Community Shop:

We are fast approaching our time for the Community Shop to help us raise money for St Thomas a Becket Church and have been allotted the week commencing Saturday 7th August. This means we can have the shop keys from the afternoon of Wednesday 4th August, which gives us time to arrange the shop and leave the merchandise in quarantine before opening on the 7th.

We need volunteers to man the shop, either during the morning or the afternoon. We would also welcome donations, which you can bring to the shop on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning (4/5th).

A timetable sheet has been placed on the Village Hall notice board (just outside the front door). If you can help, please put down your preferred time/date on the sheet. I will periodically email this round for late comers to see available slots.

We are unable to store donations for the shop prior to the 4th, but if you are unable to bring any large donations to the shop yourself, please let me know and I will try to arrange a collection.

Tel.No: 01544 370391 or e-mail: fiona@huntingtoncourt.co.uk

Fiona Shone

Reminder: Huntington Village Walk Pizza and Pud:

Providing all restrictions remain lifted, we will be holding a village walk starting at Yew Tree Farm (HR5 3PG) at 2pm on Monday 30th August, followed by Pizza and Pud from 5pm. The cost is £7.50 per person (£14 per family). Places will be allocated by bookings only, so if you are interested in reserving a place please contact me either via e-mail: pippalloyde@btinternet.com, or Tel.No: 01544 370692. You are welcome to come for the walk, or pizza, or both.

Pippa Lloyd

Huntington - the last 100 years:

Research has begun on tracing the history of the village over the last century and to record it in booklet or similar form. Since the end of WW1, there have been far reaching changes in Huntington in farming, the landscape, social history and the provision of services.

So we are looking for anecdotes from recent times and those passed down the generations. Those with memories of events and people who have shaped the recent history of the village are being asked to share them. This will help us build up a picture of the various aspects of change, such as life as it was for soldiers returning from the front, farmers, horses and tractors, the Home Guard, planting for victory and WW2, hard winters,

local characters, community activities, the village fete and other pockets of interest. This will all be enhanced by research into the make up of the village through the censuses at varying times and other historical research.

Contributions are anticipated from residents, but we also seek out anyone who might formerly have lived in the village, or in some other way have had a connection with it. So please get in touch if you have a story, anecdote, or a photograph to share.

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Peter Kelly

KINGTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Next Meeting
7.30pm Thursday 19th August

Down Quiet Roads in Cornwall

with Adrian James
venue MASONIC HALL.

new members and visitors welcome

Goods to sell and staff needed for charity shop 15th September 2021 D W Phillips



Kington WI

Kington WI enjoyed afternoon tea and chat at their July meeting. Members decided not to meet in August so their next meeting will be on the Wednesday 8th September 2.30pm at Markwick hall.

Irene Phillips

Summer Sports Wordsearch

Athlete
Baseball
Bicycle
Boating
Cross Country
Goalie
Gymnastics
Halftime
Playoffs
Score
Scuba
Soccer
Stadium
Swimming
Tennis
Volley Ball

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Lockdown Lodge: Farewell Flying Flea: Welcome Jane Mk II

I heard on the grapevine that there was an Austin 7 for sale in Neston a village just down the road from RAF Rudloe Manor. I contacted the owner and along with a friend turned up at the appointed time. Opening the garage door we could just see the chrome radiator and headlamps. The rest of the car was covered in empty cardboard boxes, after clearing these away we pushed the car out onto the driveway for a closer inspection. We agreed the purchase price of £7 and towed the car back to camp. Eager to see if the car would start we roped in assistance from two friends who pushed the car while the two of us sat inside. Suddenly the engine burst into life. This was a moment of surprise and joy followed by a banging on the roof and cries of get out! Get out! In our excitement we had failed to notice the cab filling up with black acrid fumes!



I notice from the log book detailing repairs etc that a new exhaust pipe was fitted, plus improvements to the braking system, the fitting of a second hand speedometer and improvements to the lights at the rear and finally the replacing of three buckled wheels plus tyres. Total expenditure including MOT and purchase price came to £20. Welcome Jane Mk II, a 1930 Austin 7 registration number MW8046. My daily transport for the next twelve months travelling between Old Sodbury and RAF Rudloe Manor, a journey of 17 miles.

I well remember an epic journey towards the end of June 1963. I was due to attend a retreat at the RAF Chaplains School at Amport House near Andover in Hampshire setting off on a Saturday morning and returning a few days later in the following week. I decided to jack up the car, removing the rear wheels and checking brakes before setting off on this journey.

My eldest brother, on learning of this trip asked for a lift to Salisbury, I agreed that I would take him as it would only need a short detour. I explained that he would have to make his own way home via public transport. The purpose of his visit was to view an AC petite 3 wheeled vehicle at a dealers in Salisbury.

We entered the showroom and the salesman showed us the vehicle and unusually left us to carry out our own inspection. We started the car whereupon the showroom began to fill up with smoke billowing from the two stroke engine. We could not stop the engine in the usual way so I simply pulled the lead off the spark plug. We beat a hasty retreat followed down the street by the salesman who saying that we could have two 3 wheelers for £50. My brother declined the offer and returned home.

I travelled on to Amport House enjoying a time of quiet reflection before returning home. I set off from home to return to duty at RAF Rudloe Manor following my usual route. Slowing down on the outskirts of the village of Burton to allow the cattle to return to their meadow after their early morning milking. Suddenly I saw my offside rear wheel running down the hill and jumping over the top of the low graystone wall. This was followed by a horrible scraping noise coming from the rear of the vehicle. We came to a grinding halt, my first thoughts were not how am I going to get to work on time but Hell I'm going to miss the Austin 7 rally at Beaulieu in a fortnight's time.

I was not carrying a jack or any tools but fortunately a lorry driver pulled up and after scrounging a couple of breeze blocks from a nearby building site we were able to place them under the back axle. I was then left to my own devices. I was able to borrow tools from the garage in the village and replaced the brass wheel nuts from the spare wheel holder. I set off and was on the road again. I was able to ring the sick bay and to tell them that I would be late for work, explaining the reason. On arrival I was greeted with the staff singing "three wheels on my wagon" from a well-known western movie. In the following weeks came the general enquiry; "Have you lost any wheels lately?"

On reflection three things spring to mind:

- a) The fault was entirely mine. I had jacked up the rear of the car, removed the wheels, checked the brakes but had only tightened the rear wheel nuts with the car on the jack. There is a moral in the tale; after removing car wheels, always tighten the nuts with the car firmly on the ground.
- b) How had I managed to travel to Salisbury, Andover and back home without losing a wheel?
- c) My usual slowing down on the hill approaching Burton averted a disaster, thanks to a herd of cows!

All's well that ends well. I made it to the annual Austin 7 rally with all four wheels on my wagon.

Tony Jardine

A Word from St. Hugh's

Without looking back negatively, we seemed to have lost something in some of the ways we communicate. Post Cards have been replaced by instant texts and hand written letters have been replaced by emails.

Modern forms of communication usually have an instantaneous aspect to them. This can have a positive aspect in keeping us informed. On the other hand perhaps there is something more intimate and desirable in receiving hand written correspondence.

At St Hugh's we benefit from different sources of communication, and endeavour to use the most appropriate ways in keeping in touch with others. Yes, even pen and ink still have a part to play!

'Spiritual communication' is very important, especially in our daily rhythm of prayer and work. St. Benedict puts great emphasis on the word 'Listen' and the importance of inner silence. Why? He wants to encourage us to be alert and our minds open to God's Presence and His desire to communicate with us.

When we endeavour to be more attentive, become more aware of our surroundings, listen and fully embrace the concept of the words; "Be still and know that I am God", then a deeper communication with Him is possible.

To focus upon God in all things means that an awareness of the "still small voice" will gently lead us into prayerful listening. Then in God's time he is able to communicate with us.

Please feel free to contact us for specific prayers or queries about St. Hugh's.

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We can't all be stars

Following on from Ben's letter last month... "I want to be", I was reminded of my inadequacy in physical education (P.E) too. On one occasion myself and another girl were made to run around the circumference of the recreation ground whilst the rest of the class looked on, as we had walked a lot of the way the first time around. Another occasion was when I left my P.E kit at home on purpose in order to get out of taking part. I was given 100 lines to write... "i must not forget my gymnastic equipmenet", but having spelt gymnastic incorrectly was instructed to write it over again correctly. I too Invariably got left 'til the last when picking teams.

My eleven plus examination proved to be a failure and on leaving school at 15, a comment on my school report read, "Marion Is just beginning to learn". One of my inspirations was wanting to have a baby and would have loved to have been a nanny/nursery nurse but was discouraged by my father.

I was attending Technical College in Hereford doing a clerical course in typing and shorthand whilst my Saturday job was helping with two young children belonging to the late Dr. Birkett and his wife when I was approached by the secretary of the Baptist church, the late Lawson Morris asking if I would be Interested in a Job in the office of Passey Nott and Co., a Corn and seed Merchants (where Passey Court is now) where Mr. Morris was a company director.

I had been brought up a Baptist, attending Sunday school as a little one and later becoming a Sunday school teacher, also a member of the choir where Stephen was the organist.

Not being too happy at college, I decided I would accept Mr. Morris' invitation and continued with the typing and shorthand attending evening classes in Kington.

It was during my time at Passey Notts I had a phone call from the Baptist Church organist asking me out on a date. Having said yes, and loving sewing and making things, hastily made myself a dress for the occasion.. a Henry Wiggin dance, where Stephen worked as a metallurgist. During this time leading up to the dance I was taken on a car ride to Huntington to show me the organ in the church where he's been playing for (to date) 57 years.

I thank God for my Christian upbringing which contributed to my offer of a Job serving the farming community and being asked out by the church organist who later became the "man In my life" and to whom I've been happily married 55 years. in my case it can be said, "It isn't always what you know but who you know".

We have been blessed with three wonderful daughters who are "our stars" one of which is watching over us now from her heavenly home.

I believe we are guided by the spirit of God whatever our capabilities and that He is the One who points us in the right direction.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

Marion Gilling



Not a Proper Gardener (Part 10)

In primary school Assembly one of the hymns we sometimes sang from "Come and Praise" began like this:



*There are hundreds of sparrows, thousands, millions,
They're two a penny, far too many there must be;* (John Gowans)

You may recall that Jesus said, "Two sparrows are sold for a penny." Just imagine killing and eating them as folk used to! Believe me, since most of those millions of sparrows have decided they like our garden, we should make a fortune selling them! But why do they like our garden? Possibly because of the vast quantities of bird food Emma puts out for them, delivered here by the lorry-load! Mind you, we really love them and are upset when the local sparrow-hawk takes one - and without paying!

However, we discovered a year or two ago that our local variety of sparrows love picking at the red flowers of the runner beans; so now, as well as old CDs shining and reflecting light I have obtained a solar thing which apparently emits an ultra high sound that sparrows and other creatures with acute hearing, simply don't like. So I'm waiting now to see the first sparrow using it as a perch from which to attack the red flowers, now starting to appear. I hope the *White Lady* ones are spared.

Otherwise everything in the garden is lovely. This mixture of warmth, rain and sunshine is growing weather for everything, including weeds. We now have a number of cages to protect brassicas from pigeons, butterflies and so on and the results are excellent. (But why are there no white butterflies, nor wasps this year?) Incidentally, Giles thinks perhaps we should have a cage for daddy! (He saw me writing that and said, "Not really!")

I have spent several hours shucking broad beans and preparing them for freezing, and we've been busy bottling gooseberries, eating our Wimbledon strawberries and starting to freeze this year's raspberries. We're also dealing similarly with black currants (protected from the blackbirds) and our lovely productive loganberries. Unfortunately you can't freeze or bottle lettuces and other salads, so it's good that we enjoy eating them. The first tomatoes are showing as little green globes in the greenhouse, and the *Tumbling Toms* in the eight hanging baskets are flowering abundantly. We've enjoyed our first flavoursome potatoes, a few turnips and some carrots; and by the time you read this we shall have mini cucumbers, courgettes and squashes.

I tend to write mainly on vegetables in these articles, forgetting what sterling work Emma does, not only feeding the birds! but also with the fruit and flowers too; and Giles is a great help when needed. Then of course there's the grass. I can't really describe it as a lawn, especially when white clover is so plentiful and attractive to the bees. The patches I leave uncut for them smell of honey, as do many local meadows. It must be an extra good year for white clover, and the honey it produces is of the best, as we know from our bee-keeping days.

Incidentally, Giles and I visited the Hergest kitchen gardens recently. These are looked after by **proper** gardeners and are well worth a visit. The herbaceous borders are beautiful too. And they have a pretty wild-flower meadow.

Now, finally, a poem called **Fellowship**: (*Greek, Koinonia*)

Given the opportunity,
house-sparrows choose to live in terraces,
each flock a close community.



Gregarious, together, birds of a feather,
hilarious to watch, they flit
hither and thither, flight erratic,
with ceaseless chirp and chatter, acrobatic,
busy and energetic about their various activities
frenetic.

A dozen at the upturned dustbin lid that serves as bath,
they splash, chatter and quarrel,
then suddenly scatter, play hide-and-see in laurel
and escallonia till dry;
then off they fly,
perhaps to feast on aphids, bugs or thrips,
or else, alas, to tear bean flowers and tender tips
of sugar-snaps,
or the bright petals of begonia.

Such depredation we forgive, however;
find ample compensation
in their vibrant demonstration
of what it means to live in sweet koinonia.

Happy gardening

Denis Parry

KINGTON MARCHES MAKERS FESTIVAL

Over the bank holiday 28th to 30th August we will be holding our signature exhibition of miniature artworks in a wide range of media including basketry, ceramics, calligraphy, glass, jewellery, metal, mixed media, paint, paper & print, recycled art, sculpture, stone and textiles. This exhibition will be live and online in the Baptist Church. Also other exhibitions in Made in the Marches Gallery, the Oxford Arms, Hergest Croft Gardens, Lockdown Books and Kingswood Village Hall where the Kington Art Society will be holding their annual exhibition. There's a live performance of 'Creation' by About Face Theatre in The Burton Hotel and lots going on in the Market Hall including demonstrations of hand forged steel, woodturning, printmaking, weaving, spinning and a giant woven artwork you can take part in. Also over the weekend there are open studios to visit where you can see clog making, ceramics, painting, weaving and sculpture. Book onto one of our exciting workshops: Ceramics, Rush Baskets, Make a Fishbone Artist's Book, Stitch Doodling and Willow Animal Sculpture. See our website for more details and booking: www.marchesmakers.com

More Tales of Narrowboat Theodora

Narrowboat Slalom competition: a full report Early March 2008

You will be pleased to know that the wind dropped and we said goodbye to Pinkhill on the Thames. Theodora's engine was given a quiet time as we cruised sensibly down the Thames. The river was still flowing fast but it was wide and we were going downstream so it was all very easy and the sun was out.

The first event of any note was a shopping stop just below Osney bridge at Oxford. Food buying was necessary and while Margaret went to do that on Botley Road I cleaned the brass tiller and produced a glitter on the tiller pin. A man of advanced years and accompanied by a yellow labrador puppy of extreme youth stopped by for a chat. He alarmed me by telling me that Culham Lock was shut. "Bother", I thought, "I want to get moving." He also told me about the recent opening of Culham Cut and the attendance by the Lord Mayor. I was surprised because I had heard of nothing in this vein. In the event Culham lock was open and the cut had been completed many years ago.

We carried on down the Thames and admired the views and the racing eights and the coaching catamarans and the English countryside so admired by Kenneth Graham. We passed pollarded willows which might have been painted by Arthur Rackham and eventually reached the confluence of the Kennet. We turned into the Kennet and got a bit of a surprise, at least Theodora and I did. The Kennet flows swiftly and I found myself opening the throttle wide to make progress. At about half past five on Saturday 15th March we arrived at moorings in the backwater of the Kennet which flows past the abbey ruins in Reading. We moored up and thought to ourselves that we would go to church in the morning and leave after lunch.

The church bit was OK and competed successfully but by the time that we had had lunch the river level had gone up and the speed of flow likewise. We stayed safe where we were and took a walk up to County Lock just above the Oracle Shopping Centre. County lock has a weir beside it. The weir and the lock were all part of the same flow with rapids where the weir should

be and rapids where the lock should be. There was much water coming over top and bottom gates.

We got down to some more jobs and made a daily pilgrimage to the locks to see what was what. A community of narrowboats built up above the lock over the next few days with wise and experienced boaters to offer words of advice and warning. We did observe that one intrepid boat had plugged up though the town and we saw that it could not get through the lock but was having a bit of a



rough time with the eddy from the weir buffeting it against the landing stage. The gang from above the lock forced the gate open on the Tuesday evening and let him through. "Hah!", thought I, "If he can, we can." So on Wednesday morning we walked up and opened the bottom gates against the now smaller overflow over the top ones. This was effected with much heaving and straining and help from the organiser of the Devizes to Westminster canoe race. Theodora's BMC 1.5litre engine was equal to the task of pushing her against the current although at the last bridge at the upstream end of the Oracle Centre it was rather in the inch by inch category. All highly nail biting and entertaining. As you will imagine an engine failure at this point would have been really dangerous. I was well aware of this so I had rigged the anchor with the warp and the chain and securely attached it to the T stud at the bow. T studs are acknowledged to be subject to failure if subjected to sudden shock loading so I attached the warp to the seven inch thick mast as a backup. Margaret was stationed at the bow to push the anchor over the side if the engine failed. It didn't, so the anchor remained dry. (A Note: In case you are unaware of the course of the River Kennet through Reading I would like to point out that it is very twisty, hence the title of this chapter)

After an overnight stop at Aldermaston we reached Newbury on Maundy Thursday. What a relief! The river became canal and so no more battling against strong river flows for a while.

The weather was cold on Good Friday and we wore lots of clothes. This tends to mean that we leave a good quarter of an hour later than would otherwise be the case. Thermal underwear, extra pairs of socks, fleece and waterproof coat with hat and magic gloves mean that getting toggled up to leave takes longer. Have I told you about the magic gloves? No? Then read on: They are wonderful. Tightly knitted but comfortable, with little dots of rubbery stuff for extra grip like riding gloves but not as grippy. The best thing about them is that they are waterproof in most circumstances so you don't get wet hands when working locks in the rain and steering likewise. Fantastic!

That helpful man at Reading would have been pleased. The canoe race went ahead and by early afternoon we met the first of hundreds of canoeists on their way to Westminster. They were, to a man (or girl) wet, muddy and smiling. They usually called a cheery greeting to us and thank us for keeping out of the way which we usually managed quite easily. We moored up against a field on Saturday and heard the splish splash of paddles at intervals through the moonlit night. Most of the canoes were doubles and the crews could be heard chatting from quite a long way off.



I should add here that the canoe race from Devizes to Westminster commemorates the saving of the Kennet and Avon Canal from complete destruction and abandonment. The original act of parliament that authorised the building of the canal stated that the canal should remain open as long as it was in use. A canoe trip along the derelict canal was organised and a ticket duly bought to authorise the passage. This ticket was taken to parliament to show that the canal was still in use.

We met Andrew and Jilly (older son and daughter-in-law) at Hungerford on Good Friday and they stayed with us for the Easter Holiday. If they had not been with us we would not have locked down the Caen Hill flight in two and a quarter hours. And that was with several long waits for the pounds to reach correct levels. Caen Hill has sixteen locks and is magnificent. Andrew set us up with a bacon butty bought from the shop at the top of the locks. Very nice. Very nutritious. Very delicious. That was done on Easter Sunday and we had a large audience as we were the only boat on the flight.

PS: This month's photos are of Theodora's interior living space. No. 1 shows the saloon looking forwards. No. 2 shows the galley looking forwards with the saloon beyond it. No. 3 shows the galley looking aft. The bathroom door can be seen on the left (to starboard). No. 4 shows some of the bed. The raised bit on the left is the extra bit of mattress which is folded down to make the bed a full king size when the bed board is pulled out over the alleyway to the right. The alleyway is not completely blocked. You can just sidle down beside the extended mattress and the cabin side.

Nick

Kington Art and Craft Market.

Saturday 21st August - Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines.

We are delighted to present a wide range of beautiful, hand-made cards, gifts and crafts to suit all tastes and budgets.

All stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, including:

Cards for all occasions	Alpaca products	Handcrafted ironware
Potter	Woodturner	Artist Weavers
Felting	Papercrafts	Knitted and crocheted garments
Wax melts	Sewn products	Plus a range of different crafts

- Maybe you've been decorating your home during lockdown and need some "finishing touches" to personalise your new décor?
- Or perhaps your holiday isn't taking you so far afield this year and you want to treat yourself to some nice things for your home?
- Are there birthdays coming up that you need to buy for?
- Or maybe you're an early Christmas shopper?

Whatever the case, you're sure to find lots of ideas, plenty of inspiration and a genuinely individual selection of wares at Kington Craft Market. We are delighted to support local artists and craftspeople. We have something for everyone and items to suit all pockets. The perfect hunting ground for all your gift and home decor needs!

Find us at Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

The following email was received recently at the Kington Parish office, and we thought you might like to read it. Ben has replied with details of the vicar at that time, but if any reader has more information that can add to the story then please contact Mr Forster - details below. Ed

The Vicar of Kington in 1941?

I am telling the story of the adoption of HMS VIVIEN by Bromyard during Herefordshire's WARSHIP WEEK in December 1941. See this page on the website I am building for the V & W Destroyer Association: http://vandwdestroyerassociation.org.uk/HMS_Vivien/Bromyard.html



I was amused to read of the competition between Kington and Bromyard to see which town would raise the most money:

Quote: **Kington Times, Saturday 22 November 1941**

Kington v Bromyard - A spirit of rivalry is apparent between Kington and Bromyard in the Warship Week appeal.

At the public meeting at Kington the Vicar, formerly the Vicar of Bromyard, in seconding a resolution to increase the target to £55,000 said he could not see Bromyard beating Kington. Bromyard in reply asks whether Kington really wishes to challenge Bromyard to a race as to which town and district will be first to raise the £55,000 (Bromyard as well as Kington is raising £55,000 for providing a Corvette).

Writing in the Bromyard paper, a correspondent says: 'Bromyard is waiting to hear the challenge and she will have the greatest pleasure in showing the erstwhile vicar just how wrong he is.'

At a recent meeting of the Publicity Committee of the Kington Warship Week effort, attention was drawn to this matter, and the Vicar intimated to the committee that he had sent a letter to the Bromyard paper explaining the purport of his remarks. As the late Vicar of Bromyard and present Vicar of Kington he did not wish to see his present parish fall short of his former one in its target for Warship Week. He said that he would be delighted if his references to both parishes served to stimulate the people of Bromyard and Kington to friendly rivalry in this great national effort. *Unquote*

Can you tell me the name of the Vicar of Kington in 1941-2 who was previously Vicar at Bromyard? The Vicar of Bromyard is on holiday in July but I thought you would also know. And if you or your older parishioners know anything further about the competition between the two neighbours I would love to hear from them.

I can be contacted by phone on 01727-838595 or at this email address.

Bill Forster

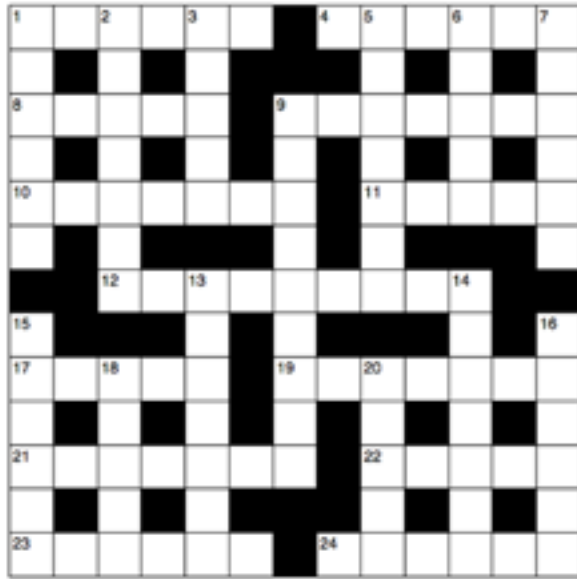
V & W Destroyer Association

<http://vandwdestroyerassociation.org.uk/index.html>

August Crossword

Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5) 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)



Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7) 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7) 15 See 12 Across 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

Answers to July Crossword

ACROSS 8 Assyriologist 9 Sue 11 Motif 13 Defrock 16 Attalia 19 Lord's 22 Prophetic 24 Mac
 25 Contraception DOWN 1 Ransom 2 Ascent 3 Fruitful 4 Joined 5 BOAC 6 Sign to 7 Streak
 12 Out 14 Full cups 15 Cud 16 Alpaca 17 Thorns 18 Attack 20 Remain 21 Second 23 Hurt

ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Church AGM.

The church AGM was held recently. Dick Allford was re-elected as Churchwarden. Peter Dunne as secretary and the PCC was re-elected en bloc with Jeremy Mittchel also elected onto the PCC. David Forbes gave a very detailed account of the funds which St Peter's church holds. I am sorry



to say that as of last year the expenses over income was £6,329. This is obviously due to Covid as we did not have many services until recently and all fundraising events were cancelled. We can not carry on like this and the church unlike many organizations did not benefit from any Covid Support Grants. If we continue in the same vein the church will be bankrupt in the next three years. The church is there for everyone for either a family wedding, a christening or the sad occasion of a funeral. We must all pull together as a village to see that our church thrives and is here for our children and grandchildren.

Each month we have to pay to the dioceses £450 along with all the other expenses such as electricity, insurance and any repairs that need to be undertaken. Last year our total expenses were £10,827

One very simple way to help to support our church is to join the Parish Giving Scheme. This works with a donation via a direct debit each month which is gift aided so we can claim the tax relief. If everyone was to give just £10 a month our church would prosper for many years to come. If you would consider this please give Dick a ring on 231052 and he can give you the simple form to complete. The monthly donation can be anonymous if you wanted it to be.

Village Get Together.

As we move to a relaxing of Covid restrictions it has been suggested that we have a village get together to welcome any new people into the village and just be able to catch up with everyone again. If you have any ideas on the best way we can do this please give Becky Haydon a call on 230109.

Dick



Kington Trefoil Guild
 are holding their annual
Macmillan Coffee Morning
 on
FRIDAY 24th SEPT 10-12



at
Shelia Diggory's, 40 Headbrook, Kington

Usual stalls and warm welcome from the Trefoil members.
 £2 entrance which includes refreshments.
 Raffle prizes, Bric a brac, produce & cakes, books all for sale & great bargains.
 Hopefully see you on the day.

Along Offa's Dyke. July 25th-30th 1960 (61 years ago!)

Rummaging through stuff in the attic the other day I came across a log I wrote of a walk Ollie and I did with three boy scouts, all of us from St Michael's College, Tenbury. This was before the Dyke had been made a proper footpath. A Parent ran the five of us, in his car, with our kit, from Kington up to Churchtown in Mainstone Parish, the car springs creaking under the weight. We took two tents, one for Scouters (Ollie and Myself) and one for the three boys: Slay, Morris and Radford. As well as sleeping bags, and uniforms with hats, we took one gas stove, one Bukta canteen, soup bowls and mugs and five flat plates with cutlery, basic washing-up and personal kit and plastic macs, all together about 125lb plus some food.



Monday, 11.30am: We set off up a steep slope through fairly thick bracken and bramble. Not yet used to carrying a heavy pack, several of us stumbled a bit at first. The Dyke was quite massive and there were lovely views of valleys and woodlands to the west and great patches of foxgloves and rosebay; and under our feet were harebells, milfoil and other downland plants. At one o'clock we stopped for lunch where two parts of the Dyke met almost at right angles – bread and butter, cheese, oranges and chocolate. Then we continued round Hergan Hill where the Dyke follows the contours, up round Craig Hill and down into Newcastle, where we found a little shop at about 4pm. Here we bought ice-creams, drinks, potatoes, onions and some food towards Tuesday's lunch. A long climb up Spoad Hill followed, and we obtained permission to camp at Springhill Farm at about 1300ft, just nicely sheltered from a light wind. We pitched camp, having obtained eggs, milk and water from the kind farmer and we cooked our supper over a trench fire – steak and onions, peas, new potatoes, fruits, bread and butter honey, tea. At 10.30 it was time for prayers and bed. A good first day.



Tuesday: We rose at 7am and made breakfast – porridge, bacon and eggs with local mushrooms, bread and butter and tea. Some light rain. Tents packed, fly sheets wet, plastic macs on (and scout hats of course) and at 10.30 we set off. The Dyke here was quite massive, consisting of a very steep-sided deep ditch and a high bank covered with bracken and rosebay. Fortunately, there was a track alongside which made walking easy, and we soon became expert at negotiating barbed-wire fences. The Dyke rose gradually here up Llanfair Hill, and eventually reached 1408ft. It stopped raining soon after this and we followed on down a steepish gradient and entered the yard of Garbett Hall where we obtained some water. Since this did not look very clean

we used it for boiling eggs only. We lunched at 1pm on chicken soup, boiled eggs, bread and butter with honey, and oranges. We used the little gas stove. Now there was a long, steep climb up Cwm-sanam Hill with the Dyke indistinct. Astounding feats of ploughing had been performed on these steep slopes. The sun came out and we rested for a bit at the Trig Point (1347ft) with magnificent views of 40 or 50 miles in all directions. We could make out the Malverns and the Black Mountains and the air had an unmistakable salty tang to it. An unforgettable spot!

From here, again, the Dyke was not very clear, but we made our way along the ridge and down to Panpunton Farm where we got permission to camp. We drove the pigs from the selected site and, leaving our stuff, walked into Knighton to shop. Then we pitched our tents between the railway and the River Teme, sorted out our things and dug a small trench fire. Only willow and alder were available, but we managed to get a fire going, and by seven we had supper ready, a real feast – lamb chops, potatoes, new carrots, peas, tomatoes, oranges and tea. As it got dark, Slay encouraged us to swim, after which we had hot cocoa (perfection recipe) prayers and bed.



Wednesday: At 6.20am a casual passer-by might have observed me, Denis, most inadequately clad, chasing cattle away from the tents. Breakfast was at 7am – porridge, egg and bacon etc. plenty of milk and eggs having been obtained from the farm dairy, almost next door. At about nine, we all had a swim in the river, which provided a natural pool nearby. The tents were still wet when we packed up, in spite of the sun's efforts to shine. But at 11am we set off again, shopped briefly in Knighton and then climbed from 600 to 1100ft with many fences to negotiate. Changeable weather, and the Dyke, here not so massive, mostly forming a field boundary with a hedge on top. Just before the "Firs" we crossed a road where there was a stone informing us that this was Offa's Dyke, built in 757AD. We lunched here under the cluster of trees at the top of Cwm-Whitten Hill – bread and butter, dates, hard-boiled eggs, oranges and tea. We were carrying quite a lot of food now, as we could not see much prospect of getting near a shop for some while. It was a pleasant afternoon, first a gentle climb up Hawthorn Hill and then a steep descent, leaving the Dyke on our right, to the Lugg valley, reaching Dolley Farm about 4pm.

We pitched our tents quite close to the river. Then began our one really wet evening, for the wind suddenly swung right round and it rained steadily until after 10pm. The hills we had walked over in the morning were now blotted out by thick cloud and rain, and we were glad to be in the valley. Of course we now had to turn the tents about, backing them into the wind. We pinned back the front half of the Itisa (the boys' tent) so that we could use the front half of the fly-sheet as a dining room. The people at the farm were most kind, providing us with milk and eggs and conversation, and they went out and dug potatoes for us in spite of the rain. We found a dead ash tree by the river and soon had a very good fire on which we cooked delicious lamb chops, new potatoes (with mint) and tomatoes followed by b&b honey and tea. Pacamacs and scout hats kept us perfectly dry. Afterwards the boys retired and played cards while Ollie and I sat by a good fire in the pouring rain, dried (!) a towel or two and made cocoa (perfection recipe). At ten-thirty the rain stopped; prayers and bed.

(To be continued) Denis Parry

What's on at the Cathedral

Lost and Found Exhibition

Why have things gone missing from the Cathedral over the years?

Military attack, religious or political upheaval, construction work, buried, stolen or just misplaced and forgotten about. These objects range from rare books to WW2 helmets and each has its own tale to tell.

The latest exhibition in the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library follows the story of things lost but later found and of some special things lost but not found... yet!

The exhibition runs from Monday 26 July to Friday 31 December and is shown within the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library exhibition

Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm Normal admission charges apply

Wednesday Workshops - Superb Stained Glass 4th August

Join us each week to explore the cathedral and take part in a creative activity as part of our Wednesday Workshops for families. Discover the superb stained glass of Hereford Cathedral on 4 August!

Wednesday Workshops - Discover the Tudors 11th August

Join us each week to explore the cathedral and take part in a creative activity as part of our Wednesday Workshops for families. Discover the Tudors on 11 August!

Wednesday Workshops - Meet the Stone Mason 18th August

Join us each week to explore the cathedral and take part in a creative activity as part of our Wednesday Workshops for families. Meet Simon our Stone Mason on 18 August and find out more about his work!

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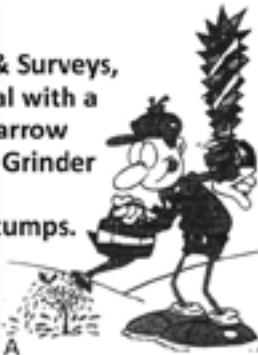
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Q: What did the boy say after a long day at the beach?

A: Mummy, I'm surf bored.

Q: What do trains do during the summer? A: Play beach trolleyball

Q: What do toads drink on a hot summer days? A: Ice cold Croak-o-cola.

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?

A: Because her students were so bright

Q: What do fans do at the Summer olympic games? A: Heat waves.

Q: How do yellow jackets get to school in the morning? A: By school buzz

Q: Why did they call the police during the summer beach concert?

A: Something fishy was going on.

Q: What do sheep do on nice summer days? A: Go to a baa-baa-cue.

Q: What did the family do when they arrived at the summer beach resort?

A: They shellabrated.

Q: Where do sheep go for summer vacation? A: The Baa-hamas

Q: What summer vacation spot allows you to bring pet birds? A: The Canary Islands

Q: During the summer, when do you go at red and stop at green?

A: When you're eating a slice of watermelon.

Q: What kind of fruit grows at the beach? A: Crab apple trees.

Q: What do you call a labrador at the beach in August? A: A hot dog

Q: What do you call a Hogwarts professor who goes to the beach? A: A sandwich

Q: What kind of sandwiches can you make at the beach?

A: Peanut butter and jellyfish sandwiches.

Q: Why didn't the elephant pack a suitcase for his summer holiday?

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