

# *Kingsland News*

## *March 2023*



Dear Readers,

Whilst Julie is enjoying a well-earned Australian summer holiday, and until her leave is over, I have agreed to write the front-page article as I did during an earlier inter-regnum.

This year the whole of March lies in Lent which began on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at Kingsland Methodist Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March beginning at 2.00 pm, and Messy Church at Kingsland on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am will be another opportunity for those taking part to think about prayer. You and your children are warmly invited.

‘Mothering Sunday’ is traditionally the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent so this year the Mothering Sunday service will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. This would be an excellent chance for whole families to come to church to make sure that Mum knows she is appreciated.

There is to be a book-launch in Kingsland Church on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The book contains detailed information about the Battle of Mortimer’s Cross, is entitled ‘Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire’ and has been written by Bill Jackson. Full details will be in April edition of the Kingsland News, but save the date if you would like to attend.

Another future event for which the date should be noted is a major art and sculpture exhibition to be held in our Parish Church. Taking place from the 26th May through to the 11th June, the theme of the exhibition will be ‘Fire’. As this is the time of Pentecost in the Church calendar, this is an appropriate topic for the many local and national artists who have agreed to submit work for display and for sale. Many of you may remember the remarkable exhibition held some years ago when the theme was ‘Angels’, and we fully expect this to surpass even that successful event, given the number and enthusiasm of potential exhibitors. The exhibition will be curated by local residents Charles McCarthy and Ruth Cameron-Swann.

Helen Webb writes “A celebration in flowers is planned from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July in Kingsland Church. There will be displays reflecting all areas of celebration from birthdays and anniversaries, festivals, nature, music and more. It would be lovely for the whole village to be involved. We are calling all flower arrangers, local groups, anyone who would like to be part of this celebration to contact the Church Office ‘[kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com)’ To those who have already volunteered to help thank you so much for your enthusiasm and support. There is a lot to do, and help is

still needed. So please contact the church and join in with our celebration.

There will also be a plant stall, activities for children, tea and cakes, and a concert on Saturday 8th July." In connection with the plant stall, Carina Cooper and Linda Pettit, who will be responsible for it, are asking for you to grow plants to be sold on the stall. It will be open from 10.00 am to 4 pm on the three days of the event. Plants will be needed from July 6<sup>th</sup>, and should be labelled to make identification easier.

Lighter mornings and evenings in March will encourage thoughts of Spring as will the profusion of early flowers. Passiontide begins at the end of the month, and on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Kingsland Church Choir and Friends will be singing 'Olivet to Calvary' by J.H.Maunders. This makes a splendid beginning to the season and I hope you will be able to attend,

*David Noon* (Editor)

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### **Kingsland Royal British Legion Branch**

The next branch meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Corners Inn at 7.30 pm when the speaker will be Fran Kilby on the history of Military Bands. Please do come along and support. There is no admission charge but donations to the branch funds are gratefully received.

The April meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April has been changed back to a quiz evening and the talk by Dr B. Riley on the history of War surgery will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The meetings are at the Corners Inn and start at 7.30 pm. There will be no meeting in May.

Thank you to all who supported the talk by Joe Seeney. It was good to see new faces and we extended our knowledge of local history.

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## Marching into Spring with The Familiar Treasures Project

Spring is generally a time for new beginnings, creativity and planning ahead, and it's no different here at Familiar Treasures HQ! With the weather slowly improving we're looking forward to using our outdoor spaces to their fullest potential and to **"Digging for Kingsland" on Sunday 26 March**. You can read more about this brilliant project elsewhere in the magazine, but we will be there in full Familiar force lending our support and providing refreshment to thirsty treasure seekers (and members of the new Kingsland History Group) between 2pm and 5pm.

Kingsland's people are sparkling Treasures in their own right of course, and this is why we're celebrating and supporting our village community by introducing "Dementia Friendly Kingsland" at the end of March. The activity day will be broken into two separate sessions, one during the daytime and another later on for those more available in the evenings, and be led by the wonderful dementia nurse Cheryl Poole, who was instrumental in setting up "Dementia Friendly Leominster".

As we all know, absolutely anyone can be affected by memory issues, cognitive impairment or dementia, and as a community we can help people to live well and independently with these things by raising our own awareness and understanding. There are so many things we can do as organisations, clubs or businesses to make life a little less complicated, and Cheryl will be showing us just how easy that can be to work into our everyday lives.

**Dementia Friendly Kingsland sessions will take part in The Corners Inn on Wednesday 29 March, will be FREE to attend, and will include a light meal.** Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, or sign up to our digital newsletter (see below on how to do this) to be kept up to date with the timings for this once confirmed.

Have you ever fancied building your own wall? Or learning how to use lime mortar? We're going to be teaming up with a local restoration firm to offer a number of historic building skills workshops this year - you might have seen some of their activities on the BBC series 'Victorian Farm'. If this is something of interest please drop us a line! More details in next month's magazine, when we'll also tell you more about plans for talks and the Pentecost art exhibition, Spirit of Fire.

If you are interested in finding out more about the village and its heritage - including professional support and joining our activities - contact Jo Henshaw on [activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com](mailto:activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com) for more information.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to be the first to find out about new events and receive our email newsletter please email Nickie on [communications.familiartreasure@gmail.com](mailto:communications.familiartreasure@gmail.com). Similarly, if you would like to be removed from the existing list please let us know. All information is held on a secure server and will never be shared with anyone outside of the Project.

If you haven't experienced the project yet, please take a look at our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/FamiliarTreasure](https://www.facebook.com/FamiliarTreasure) to see what we've been up to so far. Keep an eye out for our Familiar Friday Facts, posted every Friday to engage, enlighten and excite!

As always, many, many heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to contribute their time, energy, and ideas to the project - especially the volunteer helpers, who help ensure events run smoothly.

**Jo Henshaw**, Activities Coordinator, [activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com](mailto:activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com)



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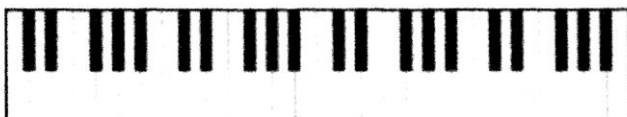
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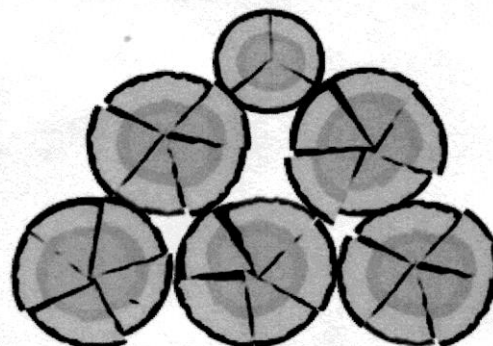
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### Hedgehog News from Pippin Cottage.

Not much news this month I'm afraid. 'Little one' has got so fat that he is having great difficulty scratching himself and the problem with hedgehogs getting too fat is, they are unable to curl up to protect themselves, but as much as I love him, I'm afraid I am not sitting up all night to stop him eating!! This is the only hedgehog we have seen on our camera recently but looking at the hog houses, there are more hibernating.

A cat was getting into one of the hedgehogs' feeding stations, so we have had to make the entrance hole smaller to deter it. Hedgehogs will get into smaller holes if they want to.

### Hedgehog Facts:

The name hedgehog is derived from the word hedge – where they build their nests (along with bushes and shrubs) and hog from the snorting/grunting noise they make, which is like a pig/warthog. They are a distant relative of the shrew.

There are 17 species of hedgehog in the world, they are similar but with small differences. The UK has the European hedgehog. Hedgehog numbers in the UK are much smaller than in the 1950's. They are now in the vulnerable to extinction category.

Elastic bands can seriously injure hedgehogs so please pick them up if you see them on the ground.

A hedgehog highway is a series of holes in hedges and walls, allowing hedgehogs free access to travel through our gardens. PLEASE facilitate this if you can.

Hopefully I will have more news for you all next month. Keep putting the food and water out. Thank you.

*Christina Harris*

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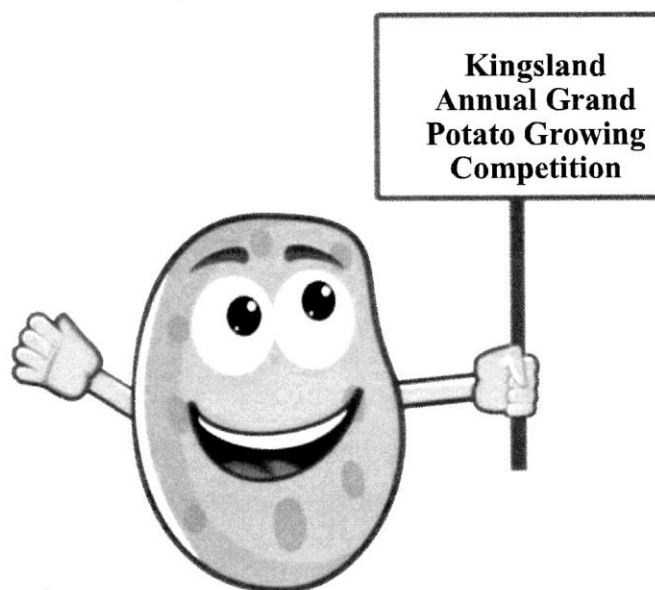
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a glass of wine) are usually included or may be provided at extra cost at the

discretion of the hosts. Hosts provide one course for 8-10 people (including themselves) and receive a reduction in cost of the full price tickets.

If you are interested in helping, hosting/cooking or contributing in any way, I am inviting you to a meeting in my home at Longford (yellow house, next but one to Markham's Garage) at 7pm Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> to form a working party and get the ball rolling. There is a lot to do!

If you wish to join in then please let me know as soon as you can by phone or e-mail.

**Jill Devoy** (M 07769 650668 or [jill\\_devoy@outlook.com](mailto:jill_devoy@outlook.com))



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As I look out at the Candlemas Bells (Snowdrops) in the garden, I can reflect on the success of the KBC Bingo Night last 7<sup>th</sup> December, which is the one event too big for the Clubhouse due to the support from both members and village alike, and so is held in the Coronation Hall. Smaller social activities for both full members and social members are held every other week in the closed season, which include refreshments

such as Curries, Soups, Casseroles, and generally seasonal fare. With the heating cranked up, and the bar open, these help to make a club atmosphere from which to plan the next seasons matches and competitions.

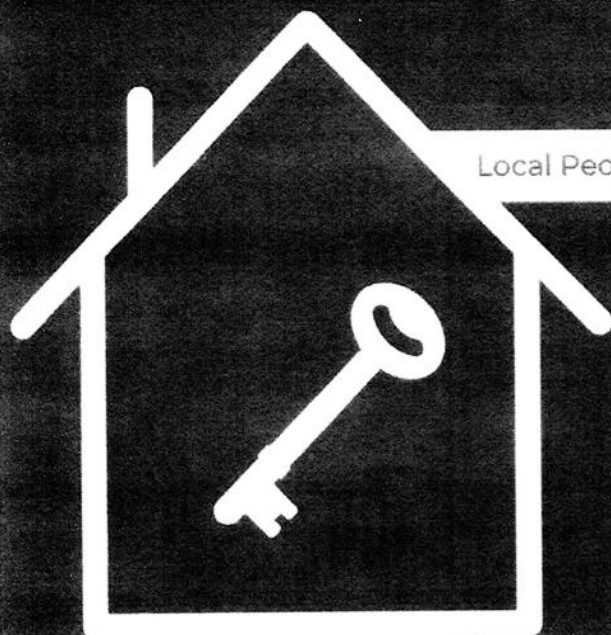
The ongoing work on the Green promises to deliver a playing green as good as any in the County, and is sure to attract teams from elsewhere in the country, as we have hosted touring sides, as well as 'Friendly' matches from teams from Wales as well as the usual matches against the other Herefordshire Clubs.

The Green will open on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April this year, but the club house will open every Tuesday evening, 6.30 – 9.00 pm. from 4<sup>th</sup> April, for members and social members to reacquaint themselves, and to plot the season ahead. If anyone wishes to trot along on a Tuesday club night to find out more details of the club, feel free.

*John Gaynor*



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Come and join us in March, Sunday 5th at 9.30am in Kingsland Church, as we play lots of games, make things and learn about Taiwan, joining with Christians all over the world in the World Day of Prayer. All the usual worship and breakfast included! It helps us to cater if you can let us know if you are coming, especially for any food preferences or intolerances, [kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com) or any questions please ring me on 01568 708195.

**Wendy Maddocks**

## Flowers

If you like flowers, flower arranging or just looking after them, would you be interested in spending a few minutes a week helping arranging or just watering them in our Church? Our Grade 1 listed building looks so much prettier with fresh flowers and we could really do with some help. You don't have to be a member of the church and won't be pressed to join the congregation, but simply to help brighten up our 700 year old building! If you can help please give Pam Smith, a ring on 01568-708479.

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*Trish Morgan.*

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Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		Lent 2
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9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aymestrey
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		Lent 3
9.30 am	I sing pop service	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aymestrey
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Mothering Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Kingsland
9.30 am	Mothering Sunday Service	Eardisland
11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service	Kingsland
3.30 pm	Mothering Sunday Service and tea.	Leinthall Earls
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		Passion Sunday
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
9.30 am	Open the book	Aymestrey
6.30 pm	Performance of 'Olivet to Calvary',	Kingsland

**And at 9.30 am each Thursday Morning a 'said' Holy Communion. The venue changes regularly. Ring Rev Julie Read (01568 708255) for details**

### The Parish Diary, 2023

*(Editor's note: Events for this item need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> of preceding month with clear instructions on the entry – **place, time, date & title** are essential information. Where more than one month's notice is given, items will automatically be repeated unless contrary instructions are received.)*

#### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Service for the World Day of Prayer	Kingsland Methodist Church	2.00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> RBL	Talk by Fran Kilby. The History of Military Bands	Corners Inn	7.30 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Digging for Kingsland 'Treasures' event	Church	2.00 – 5.00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	'Olivet to Calvary' Music for Passiontide	Church	6.30 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dementia Friendly Kingsland	Corners Inn	tba

#### April

3 <sup>rd</sup> RBL	Quiz Evening	Corners inn	7.30 pm
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#### May

	RBL Meeting planned for May has been cancelled		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Launch of book " <b>Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire</b> " by Bill Jackson	Church	tba
26 <sup>th</sup>	Art & Sculpture Exhibition entitled 'Fire' Goes on to 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Church	tba

#### June

5 <sup>th</sup> RBL	Dr. B. Riley Talk on the History of War Surgery	Corners inn	7.30 pm
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#### July

7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration with Flowers	Church	tba
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### **The Shingles Vaccination programme.**

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**Medical appointments at weekends and some evenings** are available at a number of locations in the area and can be booked through Kingsland reception. Once booked confirmation will be received via text.

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## 'WAR'.....by Rick

The war in Ukraine has brought back vivid memories to the few of us who can remember the war of 1939-45 in which Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany set out to take over the surrounding countries - and to destroy all opposition.

As a young boy living in Coventry, with its many factories, workshops and position in the heart of the Midlands, I remember all too well the period from 1940 to 1942 during which, like many other industrial cities, it was subjected to intense and frequent bombing raids, in an attempt to stop the manufacture of arms, tanks, aircraft etc. which were being built there. The Germans announced this as the 'Blitzkrieg' which would devastate all our major industrial cities... so that eventually they could invade Britain.

The effects of the war on a schoolboy were many. Food rationing changed our diets. Young teachers at school disappeared, as conscription meant that they were immediately enrolled into the armed services, housewives put on overalls and headscarves to work in the factories. My father (ex-Navy in the first world war) became an air-raid warden – we didn't see much of him as he was out most nights as soon as the siren went (as well as doing his normal day-time job as a baker and confectioner). At night-time the Black-out was complete, so that the German bombers couldn't see where their targets were..... but many of the older generation suffered falls and trips in the inky blackness of the night! Most of us had an 'Anderson' air-raid shelter' in our back-garden.. a cold damp structure of steel sheets, sunk into the ground – and then covered in soil. It gave a good protection but was a dis-spiriting place to spend the night.

Our local common, some half a mile away, was once a place of freedom, where we youngsters could go and play football or whatever took our fancy. Now it was a war zone, being used by the army for their anti-aircraft guns and barrage balloons, all designed to keep the German bomber-planes away.

Part of it was taken for a deep and spacious underground shelter! We still went up to the common on a Saturday to see what was new!

It was in November 1940 that the sirens went one evening and we prepared for another air-raid. .... but this one was different, there were waves of bombers coming over Coventry and dropping their bombs - mostly on the city centre and surroundings. It went on for hours and there was a red glow in the sky when the 'all-clear ' siren sounded in the early morning, The anti-aircraft guns and the barrage balloons had not deterred the enemy planes. The first wave had dropped lots of incendiary bombs on the centre of the city and the following squadrons mostly dropped their high explosives into that burning area...but there were a few 'strays'...bombs that dropped into the suburbs.

Around 6am Dad came home looking drawn and tired after a long spell of duty. After a drink and a snack, he recovered somewhat and said, 'It's no good! I must go into the City and find out what has happened! Who's coming with me?' My mother having backed out, quite rightly saying that it wasn't safe, I alone went with him.

Dawn was just breaking as we walked the mile or so into the town centre. Dad still had his wardens gear on - I was in a my school clothes and cap - with a heavy

warm scarf. There was a smoky smell in the air, there were occasional buildings on fire, there were cars and ambulances rushing about and in one street there was a lorry which had pitched down into a bomb crater. We pressed on until we were in Broadgate and the heart of the City. Every building seemed to be destroyed; fire hoses lay like spaghetti everywhere. There was this smell of smoke and burning. We turned right up a narrow road, the Cathedral spire soared above us, but the rest of the building was smoke and flames, as were the adjacent city centre office blocks and workshops. We were both shaken and disturbed by what we had seen, and experienced. Dad found it hard to speak. 'Never forget this, will we?'

That is why, having gained experience and qualifications in Herefordshire County Architects Department, in my early 20's I applied for a job in Coventry's City Architects Department under the City Architect, Donald Gibson, who in 1951 had prepared a Development Plan for the City. As part of the dedicated team, for several years I was delighted to be involved in the reconstruction of Coventry which from then on has developed into the large and prosperous, multiracial City which is often in the news!

I am saddened by the continuing hostilities in Ukraine, and hope that the fighting and the horrors that we see, will soon end.

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Our village has existed for at least a thousand years. Many of its houses were built centuries ago and the sites of still more ancient occupation may lie beneath the garden plots and driveways of more modern homes. Over time a hidden history has accumulated in the soil; treasure that though unlikely to be gold may nonetheless be precious as a record of the past. The most insignificant of fragments may contribute to a better understanding of how our village has evolved.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March everyone is welcome to come along to the church between 2pm and 5pm to meet members of the Kingsland History Group who will be displaying a selection of recent finds. Please bring along any interesting items you have found such as coins, pottery, glass, bone, fragments of flint or metalwork of any kind for assessment and recording. Who knows what surprises we may find? No items will be retained and, where appropriate, advice will be given in regard to conservation.

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## Nature Notes

The cold sting of winter returns on some nights but the warmer days and increasing daylight means that nature is starting to stir. At night Hedgehogs are out and about more regularly to feed, male thrushes are singing to attract mates, blue tits are searching for nest boxes, male and female blackbirds are chasing about in our garden and robins have paired up.

Whilst walking though the churchyard recently I heard the distinctive drumming of a male great spotted woodpecker that was making it known that this is his patch and he's available. He will be hoping females will start replying with their own drumming as the weather warms.

On sunny days bumblebees are being tempted out of hibernation. With the temperatures rising and the days getting

longer, large queen bees will take advantage of nectar from early flowers such as crocuses. They will also start looking for places to start a hive to raise the next generation.

When the temperature increases, even slightly, frogs can leap out of hibernation and with warmer winters caused by global warming there is a chance of frogspawn in late February/early March.

March is a good time to plant deciduous bare-root saplings, as they are still dormant. Native trees and shrubs are ideal for wildlife and can provide food, nest space and shelter for years to come.

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For the final game of the month we travelled to Redruth complete with 50 supporters where we were greeted by a passionate crowd and free pasties. We lost 21 -3 and the game was accurately reported in the following day's Rugby Paper which said. " Luctonians with a string of missed opportunities must have headed home from Cornwall wondering what might have been".

I don't think we have ever wasted so many try scoring chances in one match. We went through our entire repertoire with dropped passes, wayward passes, knock-ons and squandered overlaps all on display. Redruth on the other hand had only a handful of opportunities and converted them all. It was 21 -3 at half time and despite pinning them in their own half for the remaining 40 minutes we simply could not score.

February saw us back to winning ways with a comfortable 45 – 17 victory at home over Barnstaple which eased us back into the top half of the table. It was a memorable day because for the first time all three of our league sides were at home and all three won, the other scores being, Luctonians 2nds 39 Old Salteians 1sts 26, Luctonians 3rds 32 Oswestry 1sts 0. If I hadn't watched the Scotland v Wales match it would have been the perfect day !

Since the start of the season our 3rds have improved beyond measure. They had one success in their first 8 matches but since then have won 7 out of 9 using 73 players in the process. The team is a nice mix of last year's Colts and some older players who have represented us at a higher level and bring some guile and grunt to the party. All is well in Luctonia!

*Huw Davies*

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**Collection of stamps:** Thank you to all those of you who have supported this. If we decide to collect for another charity I will let you know.

**The World Day of Prayer** service will take place in Kingsland Chapel on Friday, 3rd March 2023 at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Work at Shobdon Chapel:** Work has been ongoing at Shobdon chapel to cure a damp wall and make the toilet more accessible. Extra storage is being fitted as well. The chapel is small, warm, very comfortable and ideal for meetings and small groups. If anyone is interested in using the building contact Lesley on 708992.

**Lent Study Group:** Just before Covid we were studying the very challenging work of Dallas Willard, 'The Divine Conspiracy' which he described as 'Jesus' Master Class for Life'. I propose to resume – and try to complete this study – on Thursday afternoons, 2-3pm, starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Part of the course, tech permitting, is on a DVD containing a conversation between the author and John Ortberg. Everyone is welcome and we finish in time for collection from school. You are welcome to join us for the whole course or just one session. It would be good to see some new faces.

**email address:** To contact Sharon O'Connell or the chapels the new email address is: middlemarchmethodist@gmail.com

**Kingsland Knitters:** are now meeting on Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.00 pm. New knitters welcome. If you have knitting pattern problems or just wish to learn we have some very experienced and patient (personal experience) in the group.

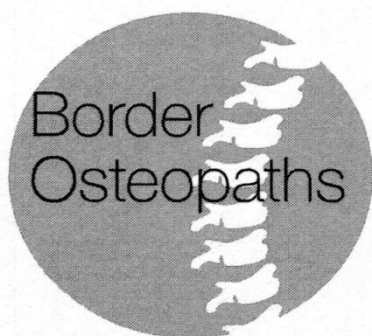
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<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Leintwardine</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>	<b>Joint Service with Parish Church at 10 am</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Shobdon</b>	<b>Sharon O'Connell</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lingen</b>	<b>Sharon O'Connell</b>	

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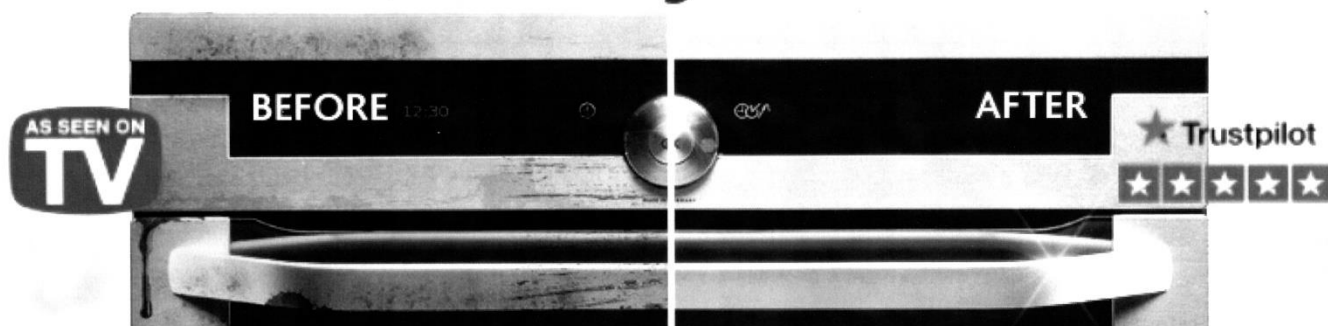
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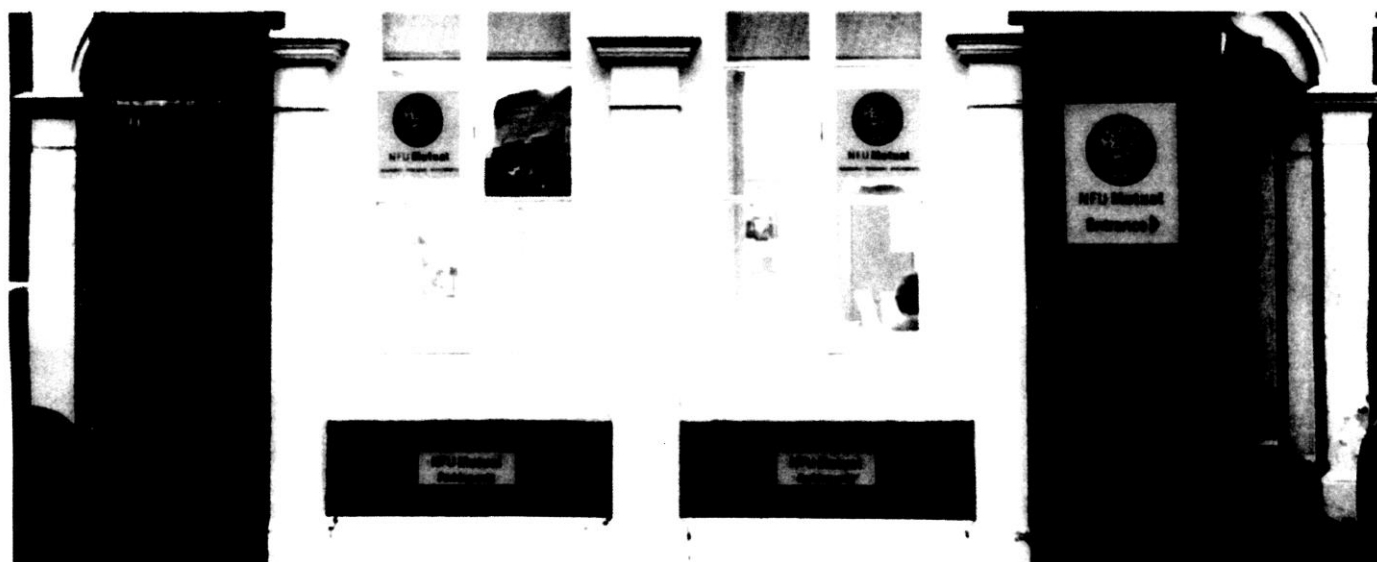
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Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

What do you call a magic dog?      A labracadabrador!.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?  
He was just going through a stage.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?  
Because they make up everything.

**Where are average things manufactured?      The satisfactory.**

What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?  
A nervous wreck.

Why did the yogurt go to the art exhibition?  
Because it was cultured.

A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"      The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you ..."

~~What's the different between a cat and a comma?~~

~~A cat has claws at the end of paws; A comma is a pause at the end of a clause.~~

What did the bald man exclaim when he received a comb for a present?  
Thanks— I'll never part with it!



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