



Kingsland News

April 2023

Dear Readers,

April begins with the celebrations of Palm Sunday, when it is hoped part of the service will be shared between those attending the 9.30 Messy Church and those attending the Holy Communion Service later in the Morning. Wendy Maddocks has written about this later in the Kingsland News.

Activities for Holy week follow, with a Benefice Maundy Thursday Service at Aymestrey at 7.00 pm.

Walk the Hill at Leinthall Earles begins at 10.00 am on Good Friday,, and The 'Walk of Witness' from Kingsland Methodist Church to Kingsland Church is at 12.00 noon. A service commemorating 'The last Hour' is at 2.00 o'clock at Eardisland.

We very much hope to see you at as many of these services as you wish to attend.

The main service on Easter Day is at 11.00am. This will be a joyful service celebrating Christ's rising from the dead, and we look forward to seeing the Church filled.

Traditionally celebrations at Easter Services have been enhanced by sponsoring Easter Lilies (to decorate the Church on Easter Day) and Easter Eggs to hang on a Churchyard Tree. These activities will be taking place this year, and all those who took part previously will be contacted directly. If you have never taken part before, but wish to do so, please contact

Church Warden Jean Barbour on 07866418488.

Detailed reading of this magazine reveals a really busy programme of events organised for you and your families. Individual posters and articles invite your participation, and dates and times will be in 'The Parish Diary' I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

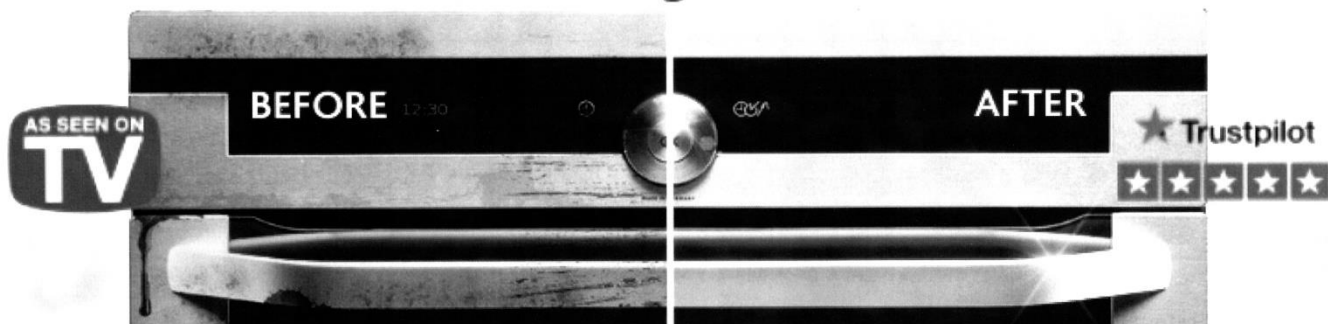
Delivery of the Kingsland News is by unpaid volunteers, and we are constantly indebted to those who have helped in this way. Every so often a valued member of the delivery team drops out for good reasons. Mr & Mrs Wilcox have now decided they can no longer help, so I am seeking a new member of the team to deliver 18 copies of the magazine in the Broomy Hill area.

April 16th, the second Sunday of Easter, will also be time for celebration. This is the day when Julie's sabbatical comes to an end, and when we expect to see her back.. We trust the break has allowed time for recharging of batteries, and we look forward to working with her again.

Finally, following a fall in the street which led to my receiving a partial hip replacement, I hope to be back in action soon and I'm sorry that some planned events, principally 'Olivet to Calvary' were cancelled.

David Noon (editor)

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At our AGM in March the current committee members agreed to stand for another year and Claire was elected as the new chairwoman. Jenny decided to stand down after nine years in the post and we gave a vote of thanks to Jenny. After the business of the meeting concluded we had a social evening with a quiz and nibbles with our tea and coffee.

At the next meeting on the 5th of April Claire will share memories of her travels. We meet at the Coronation Hall on the first Wednesday of the month and welcome any new members or guests.

Pat Hughes

Hello Ladies!

Hi there, my name is Clare Traynor, and I am the new president of Kingsland WI. I moved to the village two years ago and have a five-year-old son at Kingsland school. I am very excited to take on the role of President and I hope we can attract some new members to our meetings. So, for any ladies out there who have never been to a WI or haven't been recently, please come and join us.

I read a little about the history of the WI to help me write this note. I hope there is something below which piques your curiosity or strikes a chord. At the very least, I hope I can break down some commonly held preconceptions.

Is it all jam & Jerusalem?

Yes! Just joking, but there is some truth in this. During World War II, the WI played a vital role in growing and preserving food. To highlight just one achievement: in 1940, the National Federation of Women's Institutes managed to obtain £1,400 worth of sugar, which was distributed to Fruit

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So, with jam dealt with, what about Jerusalem? Sir Hubert Parry composed the choral music for Jerusalem, which accompanied the words from William Blake's poem and in 1917, Parry conducted it for the ladies of the Albert Hall choir as part of a call in favour of National Service for Women - Parry and his wife, Maud, supported the women's suffrage movement. A year later, Jerusalem was sung at a suffrage demonstration concert and it became the hymn of the Women voters. The WI adopted the song as their anthem in 1924. So, yes, Jerusalem is still popular, but we really don't sing it at our meetings (lol).

Kingsland WI has been around for over one hundred years. I'd like it to keep going and in order to do that we need new members. The mission of the WI is to provide a community where women can meet, inspire one another, pass on knowledge, skills, experiences and have a good time. Importantly, we want to stay up to date and be relevant to the women in our community.

So, I hope you will join us. Bring your ideas and passions with you and we look forward to embracing them. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm (Coronation Hall).

Clare Traynor

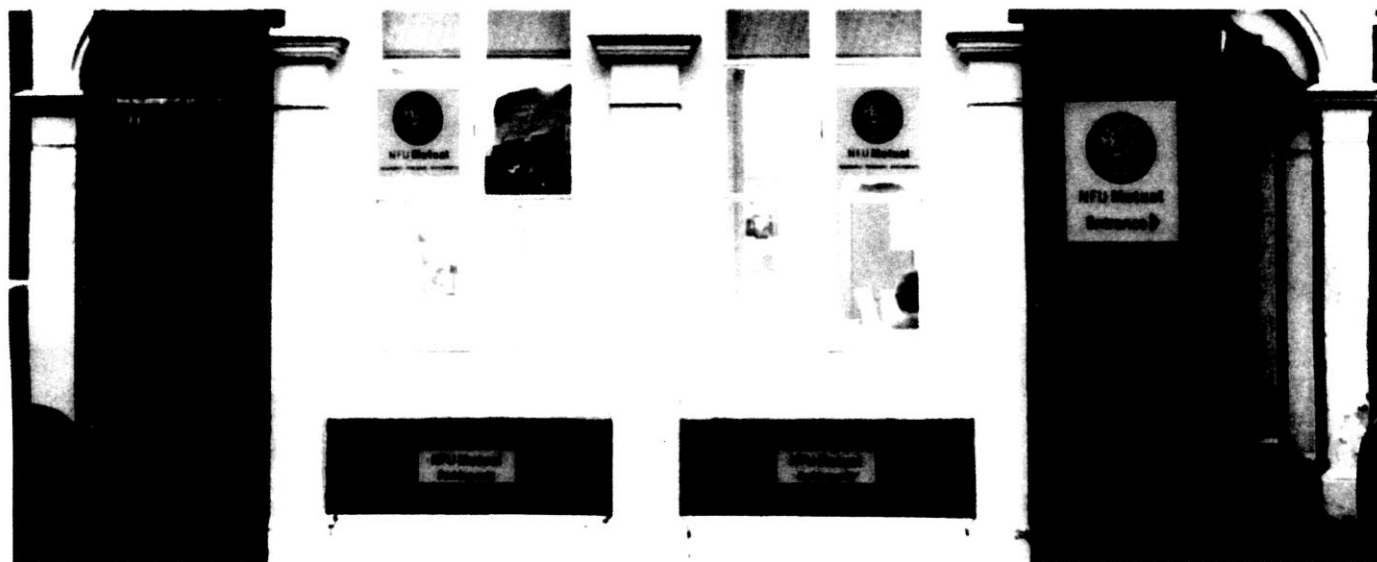
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Messy Church

Last month was the World Day of Prayer and at Messy Church we joined in to pray for and with the people of Taiwan. We learnt about the country by making flags, found out where Taiwan is and learnt some phrases and had great fun making sweets and dragon masks. We joined together in worship using some of our newly learnt phrases!

In April we celebrate Palm Sunday and start our preparations for Easter so expect some messy palm branches to wave and be transported back to Jerusalem in Jesus time. We will finish on the Village Green as we will be visited by a donkey, after a breakfast of sausages and cocoa pops.

Messy Church is on 2nd April at 9.30am at Kingsland Church, finishing a little bit later this time at 10.40am. For more information do email kingslandchurchoffice@gmail.com

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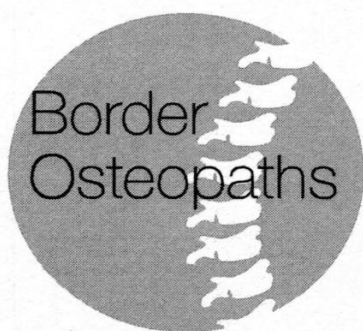
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Plants for the Flower Celebrations.

Carina Cooper & Linda Pettit will be organising the plant stall for the Flower Celebrations at Kingsland Church on **Friday, 7th to Sunday 9th July**, 10.00am to 4.00pm on each of the 3 days.

Please can we ask you to start growing plants to be donated in support? Please help us make it a success for all us villagers, visitors and the church.

We would need the plants on Thursday 6th July to set-up. Any variety of plants, shrubs, etc. are most welcome, whatever you prefer, but please label to assist our volunteers with sales. For further details, please contact Carina on 01568 709037 or Linda on 01568 709303.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Linda Pettit



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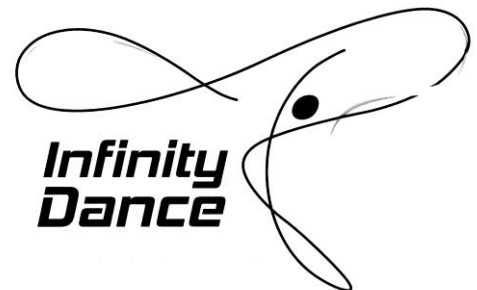


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News from the Chapels

This month's Wesley quote: "My fear is not that our great movement, known as the Methodists, will eventually cease to exist or one day die from the earth. My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great."

John Wesley

World Day of Prayer: Those of you who missed this service missed a real treat. The service this year was devised by Christian women in Taiwan. Many of the readings, the meditation and the prayers were ably led by the year 6 children from Kingsland school who also sang the hymns with great gusto. We treasure their continued involvement in this event.

Whilst we all missed our organist, David Noon, his place was taken for three of the hymns by Mr Nelson on the guitar- thank you so much – (and boring electronic versions for the rest!)

Walk of Witness: This will take place on Good Friday, 7th April, leaving the Methodist Church in North Road (Carpark behind in Chapel Lane) at 12 noon and walking downhill to St Michaels, where there will be a short act of worship followed by drinks and hot cross buns! Mums, Dads, children, dogs, Grandparents, walkers, buggies, scooters, walking sticks and crutches all welcome. Walk all or part – or meet us at the other end...

Noticeboard: Most of you will have seen the new noticeboard at the chapel. It is actually double sided with space on the rear for local events, advertisements, local trades etc. Please do use it!

Bean and pea sticks: At the rear of the actual church building there are stems from coppicing a hazel in the garden. If anyone would like them for pea or bean sticks, plant supports or just firewood after seasoning, please just help yourself.

Turf: If anyone is taking up a small area of turf to plant something, even just one square, we could make good use of it to tidy up the corner of the carpark which was cleared last year.

Stamps: Thank you to all of you who have been collecting stamps during the last few years for The Leprosy Mission. The last package has now been posted.

I notice that the Co-op in Leominster has a collection point for stamps for the food bank. I have not checked the requirements yet but this has possibilities. Any other ideas, please let me know.

Services for April

2 nd April	Kingsland	Sharon O'Connell
9 th April	Leintwardine	Sharon O'Connell
16 th April	Shobdon	Steven Dalton
23 rd April	Lingen	Adrian Williams

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The Familiar Treasures Project, News and Upcoming Events

February and March were very busy months for us; we became Heritage Heroes for the first time, celebrated our connections with the suffrage campaign, dug for Kingsland, and became a dementia friendly community! April and May are no different, with more family activities, more information sessions and talks, more digging about in Kingsland's history and even an art exhibition planned.

The Easter holidays are approaching quickly, this means we'll be returning with our brilliant Heritage Heroes workshops at the beginning of the month, this time led by woodworker Andrew Pearson (who you may remember from our January crafting event). If you have small people that might be interested in learning how to carve, please don't delay in booking a place on one of these limited sessions by emailing Jo (activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com).

The free Easter Heritage Heroes sessions will take place in Kingsland Church 10am - 12:30pm and 2pm - 4:30pm on Tuesday 4 April. Booking is essential, as places are limited to just 4 per session.

May brings the promise of better weather, and how better to enjoy it than by exploring the Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire. We welcome Kate Andrew and Bill Jackson to Kingsland Church to talk about their co-authored publication, which covers the geological history of North Herefordshire and the momentous historical events which occurred here, including Kingsland's most famous battle - Mortimer's Cross. More on this in next month's magazine, including the advance link to book tickets. The Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire is in Kingsland Church on Wednesday 14 May at 3pm.

May is also when we see the Church turned into an art gallery once again - villagers Charles MacCarthy and Ruth Cameron-Swan are filling the building to the rafters with a fine array of international artistic talent for the Pentecost exhibition, Spirit of Fire. We can expect to enjoy the work of over 60 artists during the exhibition, which runs from 26 May until 10 June.

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at a traditional building skill, you may enjoy our heritage crafts workshops, which we are looking to run over the summer and autumn. Please see the separate advertisement for this, and get in touch with Hannah if you're interested in finding out more - thefamiliartreasuresproject@gmail.com.

The Kingsland History Group continues to meet and make great progress with their research, as well as the initiation of the brilliant Digging for Kingsland project. 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 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. 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 to see what we've been up to so far, and stay up to date with upcoming events, news and learn something new with our weekly Friday facts.

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.

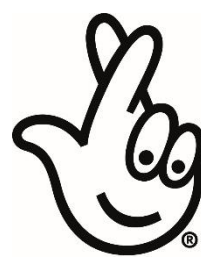
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Would you like to learn new craft skills?

The Familiar Treasures Project will be launching a new heritage skills programme, in the form of 5 Saturday workshops here in Kingsland. Details aren't quite finalised yet, as we need to be sure there's enough interest from people!

Workshops will take place from 10am – 3pm and will include a short talk with slides, followed by hands on training in a range of activities such as:

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Nature Notes

Jackdaw and Jenny Wren have yet to fly north from warmer climes so here I am again.

You may recall I said last month that "The cold sting of winter returns on some nights" well it certainly returned at the beginning of March, with more snow and then strong winds and rain. Apparently snow is statistically more likely to fall in March than in December. Every snow cloud has a silver lining and the additional bird food we put out attracted a small murmuration of starlings and a large flock of chaffinches. Starlings are rarely seen in our garden and chaffinches seldom arrive in such large numbers.

Sparrows are nesting in 2 boxes in our garden. The box on the garage was intended to house Blue Tits but somehow Mr and Mrs Sparrow, pair No 1, are managing to squeeze through a 28mm diameter hole. The box in the hedge at the bottom of the garden was intended for Robins but as they did not seem interested in the last 2 years I adapted it for Great Tits. Mr and Mrs Sparrow, pair No 2, have decided to take up residence in it this year!

Our log store has diminished in size over the winter months as expected, but the mouse nest I exposed recently was not expected. It does seem to be uninhabited and there are no signs of fresh droppings in the logs.

If you ever walk through St Michael and All Angels Churchyard you may have noticed that there are 5 or 6 grey squirrels racing up and down the yew tree by the north door and the remains of Christmas lights hanging down from on high. The lights had been left in the tree after Christmas 2021 but did not work in 2022 when they were reconnected. It would seem

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As we enter Spring and hopefully the weather improves the Practice would like to thank everyone for their courtesy and tolerance in the challenging time the Practice faced during the Winter Pressures. The Flu clinics appeared to have worked well under the appointment system used, and it is intended to use it again next year with on-line improvements to facilitate bookings. Hopefully it will be possible to start the campaign earlier, subject to timely delivery of the vaccine.

The Spring Covid Booster Programme

Preliminary information has recently been announced. Booster vaccination will be available for those who are 75 years of age or over by 30 June this year and for any patient aged 5 and over who has a weakened immune system. Subject to vaccine, staff and locations being available, it is planned that Care homes will be given priority and vaccinations should start on 3 April; the rest of those in the eligible groups should follow from 17 April. In-depth details are not yet known, including how and where the vaccine will be available, but the Practice will publicise further information as soon as it becomes known.

Primary Care Network (PCN)

Herefordshire Remote Health (HRH) is a new service managed by Taurus Healthcare in an effort to make appointments more accessible to all. Through it appointments may be booked for telephone responses from a variety of clinicians, including GPs, and,

working under GP supervision, Advanced Nurse Practitioners or Physician Associates.

Although these appointments may be booked through surgeries, the clinicians, who are part of a county team do not work from the Surgery but they will have access to patients' records subject to the usual security arrangements

Scrivens NHS Audiology Service; suspension of clinics

Due to circumstances beyond the Practice's control, Scrivens Audiology has suspended clinics that are normally held in Surgeries. Unfortunately, the Practice does not have access to their appointment register and so has been unable to inform customers of appointment cancellations. Regrettably no indication is known when this service will return.

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Sunday 2nd April		Palm Sunday
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10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion (with donkey)	Kingsland
Thursday 6th April		Maundy Thursday
7.00 pm	Benefice Maundy Thursday Service	Aymestrey
Friday 7th April		Good Friday
10.00 am	Leinthall Good Friday Walk	Leinthall Earls
12.00 noon	Walk of witness from Methodist Chapel to Green and Church	Kingsland
2.00 pm	The Last Hour	Eardisland
Sunday 9th April		Easter Sunday
9.30 am	Family Communion	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aymestrey
3.30 pm	Holy Communion	Leinthall Earls
Sunday 16th April		Easter 2
8.00 am	Said Holy Communion	Kingsland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Leinthall Earls
Sunday 23rd April		Easter 3
09.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
09.30 am	'Open the Book'	Aymestrey
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
Sunday 30th April		Easter 4
10.30 am	Benefice Service	Eardisland

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The Parish Diary, 2023

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April

3rd RBL Quiz Evening Corners inn 7.30 pm
 10th 'Treasures Event' Heritage Heroes Kingsland Church 10.00 to 12.30 & 2.00 to 4.30

May

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

June

3rd Progressive Supper From Coronation Hall Various 6.30 pm
 5th RBL Dr. B. Riley Talk on the History of War Surgery Corners inn 7.30 pm

July

7th to 9th Celebration with Flowers Church tba

August

5th Kingsland Flower Show Coronation Hall 2.00 pm



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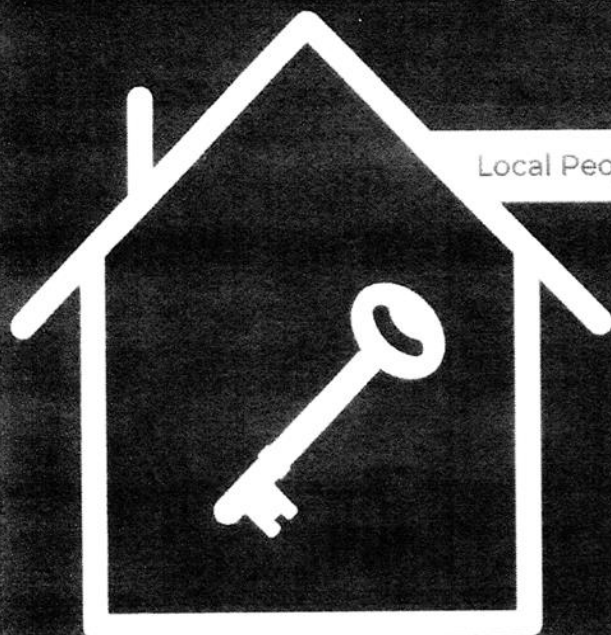
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We started with a 29 – 7 victory at home over Loughborough Students. We kept the game tight, always the best tactic if you are playing a team of Duracell Bunnies and we gradually sucked the testosterone and exuberance out of them. On the same afternoon our 2nds beat Shrewsbury 49 – 8 to secure the league title with a faultless record, P 19 W 19 PF 725 PA 208. In that time we have used 54 players, 33 of them try scorers and with an average age of only 23 .

That day our thirds were away at Aldridge (wherever that is) and went down narrowly 28 – 26. Their disappointment was marginally increased when their trusty charabanc refused to start for the journey home. Some of them are still up there I understand having settled in and started families. It will be nice to see them when they play for Aldridge next season. It is hugely gratifying to see the close bond between our three senior teams and the movement of players between them. This season 20 players have appeared for both our 1sts and 2nds and 26 players have played 2nd and 3rd team rugby. It is unlikely that any other club can boast such versatility and depth.

Our next 1st team match was against Stourbridge the nearest thing we have to a local derby. They had only won once this season but must have raised their game for the occasion because we only managed to come away with an unconvincing 17 – 10 victory. Teams in form tend to win however

even if they play poorly. We certainly picked up the pace for our next match, at home against another bunch of hyperactive academics, Exeter University. Like Loughborough they could not match us up front and this was reflected in our 59 – 28 victory with our forwards scoring six of the nine tries most of them from close range.

For the final match of this quartet we made our first visit to Hornets, a Weston super Mare side. The weather and ground conditions prohibited any chance of champagne rugby but we did what we had to and registered a four try, bonus point 26 – 14 victory.

The rest of our sides from the Minis upwards are all having their share of successes. Our Colts beat Worcester 40 – 12 to advance to the semi finals of the North Mids Cup where our opponents will be Hereford. Now that's what I call a local derby! In the meantime our U15's are busy raising funds for their Easter Tour to Amsterdam. But don't worry Mums and Dads their time in the red light district will be strictly supervised and limited.

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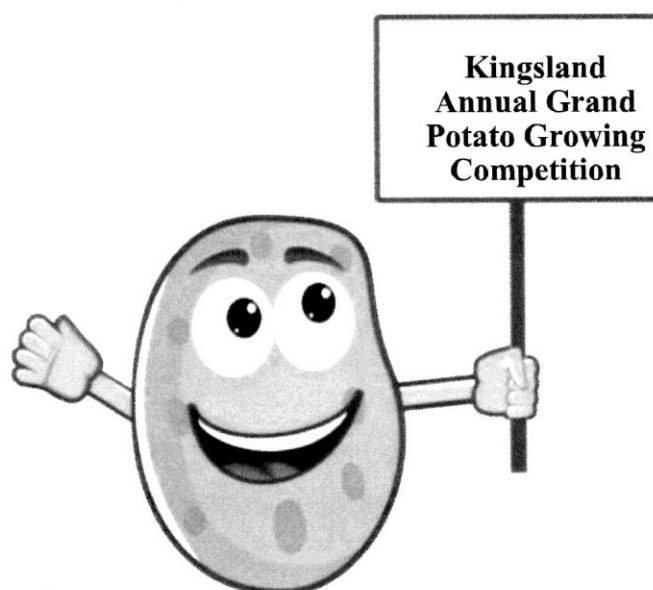
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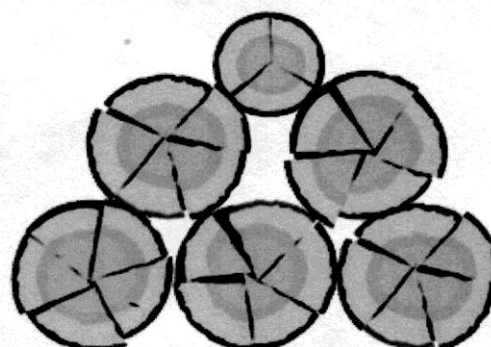
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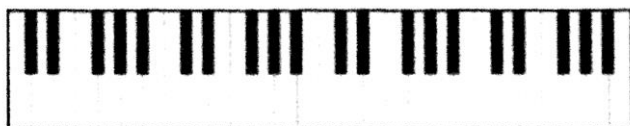
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