



Kingsland News

June 2023

Dear Parishioners,

If you haven't yet been into the church to look at the art exhibition then there is still time, it is on until the 11th June. The art fills the space, and is all based on the theme of Pentecost, Whitsun which is the 3rd great festival of Christianity along with Christmas and Easter. In the "old days" you would make sure you received communion at Christmas, Easter and Pentecost as the minimum expression of your commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. Somehow the feast of Pentecost has lost its place in the festivals that the country keep, and yet it is the time when after Jesus had fulfilled his ministry here on earth, the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter was sent to those who had been waiting and praying for God.

As I write this the pictures are being gathered, but they are a diverse expression of this event and will no doubt both inspire and challenge you, but I hope they will allow you to enter into the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, outpoured on the group gathered and praying. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be within those who are baptised to guide them on their life's journey, and at confirmation this promise is re iterated for God's Spirit to empower those who ask. I find that it is easy to compromise

my beliefs in the complexity of today's world, and I know that many are looking for hope in their lives and the life of the world.

Members of the Ministry Team will be around, along with members of the church and community and artists stewarding the art exhibition. Why not engage them in conversation about all of this and see where it leads. My hope and prayer is that it will be a time of enlightenment and space to ask some of the questions of life and find in our Lord, the answers to some of our frustrations and fears.

Thanks to Bill Jackson and Kate Andrew for the inspiring talk on the landscape and history of this Mortimer's Cross and Wigmore area of land. Bill has a good following and is a Herefordian through and through having gone to Lucton School. Kate's research that Bill inspired entertained a church full of people and the selling of their book has aided the coffers of Kingsland and Aymestrey Churches. Thanks to the refreshment crew from these churches who made cakes and supplied tea.

The excitement continues with Flower Fest in church over the weekend of the 7th – 9th July. Again the flexibility of the church will be able to show the skill and inventiveness of flower arrangers and

displays of celebrations that are important to us in our lives and communities. I hope you will come along and see and enjoy the skill of local people and the amazing gifts that they have.

There is always a space to pray in our church, and even during events and displays the area up by the high altar is kept for quiet reflection and prayer. You are always welcome in church, it is your church, and after praying a blessing on the land and our farmers at Rogationtide last week, we pray that they might have strength to deal with all that comes their way, in Jesus Name. Amen

Julie



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Kingsland Flower Show

This is a reminder that this year's Show will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 5th August.

You should have found a copy of the Show Schedule delivered with this June copy of the Kingsland News. If not, copies will be available in the Kingsland Village Shop and Tea Room. You will see that many of the regular items appear in the schedule but with a few new items, dedicated towards the King's Coronation.

If you have any questions on any of these matters, please contact our Secretary, Caroline Southgate, on 01568 708010.

We look forward to seeing you at the Show on 5th August either as a spectator or entrant.

Kingsland Flower Show Committee

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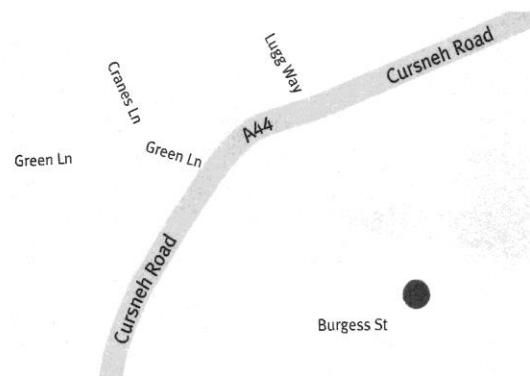
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The Familiar Treasures Project



Into June, and Beyond!

May was certainly a busy month - we worked with Kingsland School and Caring **for God's Acre** on some brilliant outdoorsy activities, explored the landscape of the north of Herefordshire with Kate Andrew and Bill Jackson, and worked alongside Ruth and Charles on the opening of the Spirit of Fire in Kingsland Church.

June is all about the fantastic Spirit of Fire Exhibition for us, which started on 27 May and runs until 11 June. We have loved seeing the different interpretations of Pentecost, in so many different media. If you haven't visited yet, we'd highly recommend it. Don't forget, the Church takes a percentage as commission for every piece sold, so you'd be supporting both Church and artist by considering taking some work home with you!

The Spirit of Fire Exhibition is taking place in Kingsland Church until Sunday **11 June** between **10am and 5pm** and is **free** to view.

With the May half-term school holiday over and done with, we now turn our gaze to the ever looming summer holidays. We've hooked some fantastic practitioners for our Heritage Heroes! family activity sessions, and are still adding more! Andy Pearson will be returning with more wood carving, Really Rural will be showing us their archery skills, and Bym from Beat Bang Bong will be getting us in the groove. We'll be sharing more on these sessions in next month's news, but if you'd like a sneak peek at what's coming up make sure you follow us on social media - we're on Facebook (www.facebook.com/familiartreasure) and now on Twitter too (www.twitter.com/TreasureinMidst). If social media isn't your thing you can still stay up to speed by adding yourself to our mailing list - details below.

With our family activities becoming so wonderfully popular, we're on the hunt for some keen bean volunteers to help during the holidays. Duties include setting up and clearing away, serving refreshments, meeting and greeting, taking pictures or just helping us with sharing the word beforehand.

If you'd rather help on our more grown-up events, like the talks, we'd love to hear from you too. Either way, drop Jo an email on the address below and we can have a chat.

Kingsland History Group's visits to the Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre in Rotherwas continue. We are very lucky to have the experience of Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe, formerly of HARC and currently of Hereford Cathedral Archives, to guide research into particular Kingsland topics. With her help and guidance, the History Group members have gained important new research skills, and look forward to sharing the fruits of their work with the village in the near future. If you are interested in joining in with the Kingsland History Group please 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.

(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.

As always, a huge thank you is due to everyone who continues to support the Project, especially to those who regularly contribute their valuable time, energy, and ideas to make sure events run smoothly.

Jo Henshaw, (Activities Coordinator,
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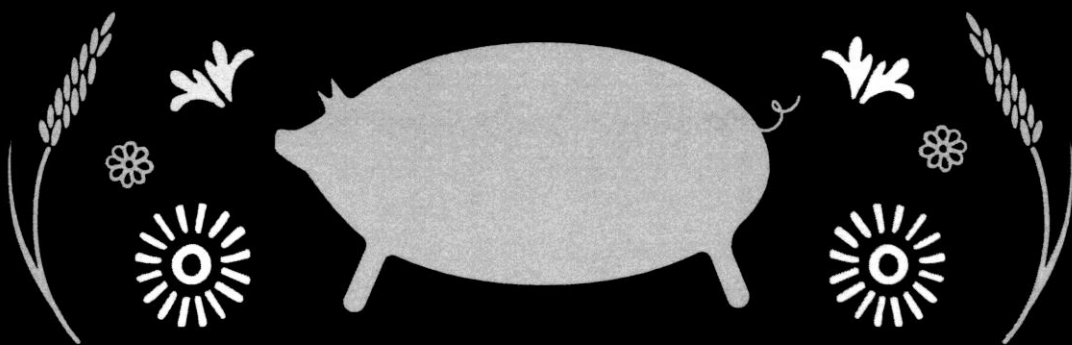
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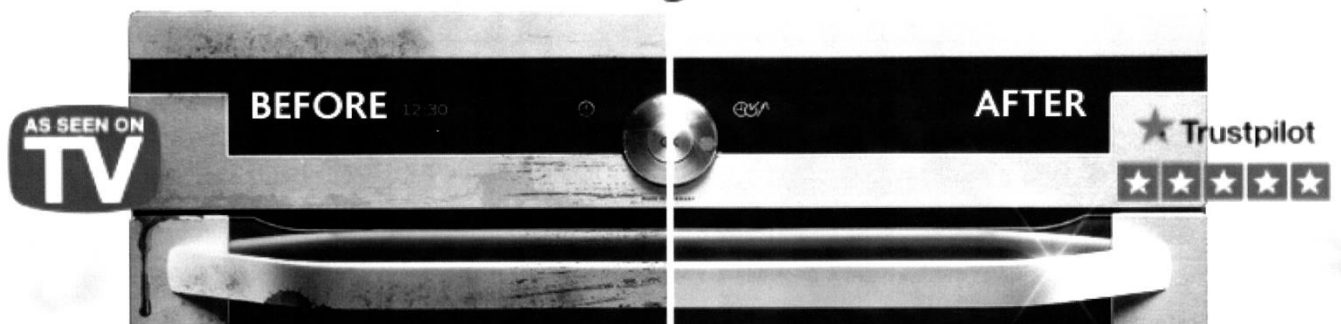
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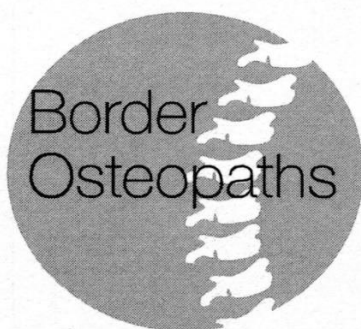


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Luctonians Sports Club

We ended our league season in April with two home fixtures. Clifton visited us first, a side we had convincingly defeated in December by 41 points to 7.

The margin of our victory on that day had certainly been the shock result of the weekend as we had travelled to Bristol with a slightly weakened side to face a team in form and pushing for promotion, a team that had been down to Cornwall the previous Saturday and beaten Redruth, not many teams do that. The visitors quickly showed that they had come to avenge that reverse with a converted try within two minutes and then proceeded to subject us to a period of continuous and relentless pressure. We held our composure however and fought back to take a 21 – 14 half time lead.

But Clifton were not done and two quick tries after the break saw them regain the lead at 26 – 21. We have a relatively young side this season but they have hardened and matured as the weeks have passed and they kept their shape to gradually dominate proceedings and scored two tries to add to the three they had scored in the first half and record a memorable 35 – 24 victory. The cognoscenti on the touch line considered it to have been one of the most exciting and competitive matches seen at Mortimer Park for some time and who am I to argue.

Our final home game saw us face Dings Crusaders a side that had leap frogged into second position in the league as the result of our win over Clifton the previous Saturday. Against a competent and organized side we could not recapture our Clifton form and went down 20 – 34. The three tries we scored in the final quarter added some respectability to our score but in truth Dings had already won the match at that stage and we had been beaten by the better side. Next month I will summarize our rugby fortunes at all the different levels as there will be no matches to report and I may well be short of copy.

In April we learned that yet another of our former players will be playing Premier League rugby next season. John Kelly came up through our system and after a couple of seasons of senior rugby with us moved on to Plymouth Albion and from there to Doncaster in The Championship. He has just signed a two year contract with the Newcastle Falcons and will be the fifth Luctonian to be playing at the highest level of English club rugby. We wish him well. The other four are:

Jonny Hill (Sale and also an England player and a British Lion)

Tom Pearson (London Irish) who is also tipped as a future England player.

Josh McNally (Bath) .

Seb Atkinson (Gloucester) .

There can't be many clubs at our level that can boast as many players in the top flight. This is no accident however but a reflection of the quality of our coaching staff and the dedication and commitment of our players.

Before I conclude please note, there has been a change of plan for the time and venue of the Luctonians Supporters' Annual Dinner (Central Aberystwyth Branch). It was to have taken place in The Blodwen Evans Memorial Suite in The Marine Hotel at 7.30 pm on Saturday 8th July. This room has unfortunately been double-booked however and will now host The East Nairobi Cycling Club's AGM on that night. The rugby dinner will now be held at Wetherspoons on Thursday 6th July instead but note the new time, 7.29 pm.

Huw Davies.



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The concert will start with Handel's rousing Coronation anthem, "Zadok the Priest" followed by music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, and the very first performance of "The Storm" by local composer Julian Reeves.

The concert takes place in St Andrew's Church, Presteigne on Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be on sale during the interval. Tickets on sale at the Salty Dog (Presteigne), Tower House Gallery (Knighton), and Border Bean (Kington). £20 (under-18s free).

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New Staff Appointments

As assets to the Surgery staff, the Practice is looking forward to receiving the assistance in June of:

Christine Downing – a member of the Reception Team,
Dr Dora Hemson – a new GP, and
Anita Sharrad – one of the Nursing Team.

Surgery Closure

The Surgeries and dispensaries will be closed for staff training on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21 June from 12 noon, opening as usual the following day, Thursday.

Hayfever Medication

The NHS is no longer prescribing this medication. Items that were prescribed are available at pharmacies and many supermarkets.

Brian Taylor (01568-780891 or at bwebbertaylor@gmail.com)

Rosie Stanford (at rosie.stanford@btinternet.com)

W.I. Report

In May we met at the Corners Inn for the WI birthday dinner. A very convivial evening was spent chatting and eating. We want to say a big thank you, to the Corners Inn for the wonderful food. We discussed some new ideas for exciting meetings. So, please watch out for notices of up-and-coming events.

Clare Traynor

Plants for Flowerfest

Please can we ask if anyone has plants to donate for the plant stall, part of the Flowerfest celebration (in aid of the church) if it is possible to bring them on Thursday 6th July between 9.00am - 3pm to the church, they will then be ready for selling from Friday 7th - Sunday 9th.

Please wherever possible can they be labelled to help our volunteers with sales.
Thanking you in anticipation

Carina and Linda (Tel: 709037 or 709303)

Kingsland Royal British Legion Branch

The next branch meeting will be on Monday 5th June at the Corners Inn at 7.30 pm when the speaker will be Dr Bernard Riley on the history of War Surgery. Please do come along and support. There is no admission charge but donations to the branch funds are gratefully received. There will also be a draw and food can be ordered.

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A Love of Singing - by Rick

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I was hooked on it from the age of 10 when I joined the choir of Leominster Priory, and with the 18 or so other boy choristers, was trained in voice production by the organist at that time, Edward Carlos.

Eventually, I came to realise what a great privilege it was to sing many solo parts and to eventually become Head Chorister. A group of us sang, on two occasions, in Westminster Abbey with 'Royalty' present. Then came the difficult time which every boy chorister goes through in his 'teens...when his voice 'breaks'....and he can no longer sing a top 'G' ! Fortunately, I quickly went through that stage and developed a tenor voice which has served me well ever since. making a total of more than eighty years of choral singing!

Going back to the 1950's I was side-tracked in my busy life in work and music by meeting Jean, a blonde and beautiful young lady with a good soprano voice! Our marriage in Leominster Priory, with its choir on top form, was memorable and our life together, and with our children, equally so. We moved house more than 20 times. Each time it was normal for us to get involved in a choir or music group. In Chester, we were members of the Oriana Choir and competed in the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen - and sang madrigals in Blackpool.. Then we were in Kent where we sang as a family in Boughton Monchelsea Church and I did the Messiah tenor solos in Maidstone church.

A move to Scotland, and we were singing in the choir of the Scottish Episcopal Church in Aberdeen. Then back to home territory in Leominster... and hence to London for ten years (we lived in Radlett (due North of London) and had the great fun of being members of the Radlett Light Opera Society and singing and performing on stage very regularly. (Gilbert and Sullivan have a lot to answer for!).

Jean and I even flew to the Holy Land, (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee.) with the BBC for Easter, one year - a memorable and moving experience, singing in the cathedrals and churches and travelling around all those places mentioned in the Bible... all recorded and transmitted to the UK each day, for the folks back home.

The years flew by and we returned to Kingsland in the mid-1980s to sing in the church choir, where, under the influence of the Organist and choirmaster, David Noon, (Yes! Also the editor of this magazine) we sang in many of the local towns and villages on all sorts of occasions.

Then, just to see other parts of the world, we bought a 'round-the-world' air ticket and travelled far and wide, settling near Brisbane in Australia for a couple of years, living life to the full and singing in the local church

After the great experience of Australia, we made our way back home to Kingsland. Sadly my lovely wife died when we were about to move into my present home in 2005.

My sons rallied round and, surprisingly, I am still here! I retired from Kingsland Choir a couple of years ago. Do I still sing? Of course I do! Hymns with my piano in the study, and High Opera in the shower! Perhaps it's just as well that the windows are closed!

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Sunday 11 th June		Trinity 1
9.30 am	I sing pop	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Aymestrey
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
Sunday 18 th June		Trinity 2
8.00 am	Said Holy Communion	Kingsland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
3.30 pm	Holy Communion	Leinthall Earls
Sunday 25 th June		John the Baptist
9.30 am	'Open the Book' service	Aymestrey
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	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 15th 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.)*

June

1 st	Art Exhibition The Spirit of Fire continues to 11th		
3 rd	Progressive Supper	From Coronation Hall	Various 6.30 pm
5 th RBL	Dr. B. Riley Talk on the History of War Surgery	Corners inn	7.30 pm
24 th	Practical Workshop 1 (CJR Heritage Services)		

July

1 st	Practical Workshop 2 (CJR Heritage Services)		
7 th to 9 th	Celebration with Flowers with Concert on the 8th	Church	tba
15 th	Practical Workshop 3 (CJR Heritage Services)		

August

5 th	Kingsland Flower Show	Coronation Hall	2.00 pm
19 th	Angelfest	Millennium Green	3 to 10 pm
19 th	Practical Workshop 4 (CJR Heritage Services)		
24 th	Practical Workshop 5 (CJR Heritage Services)		

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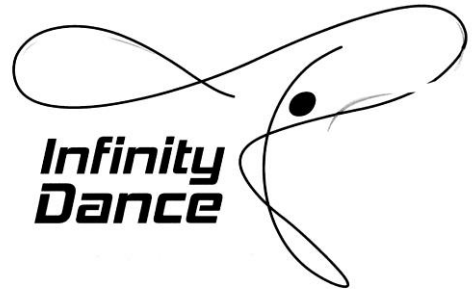
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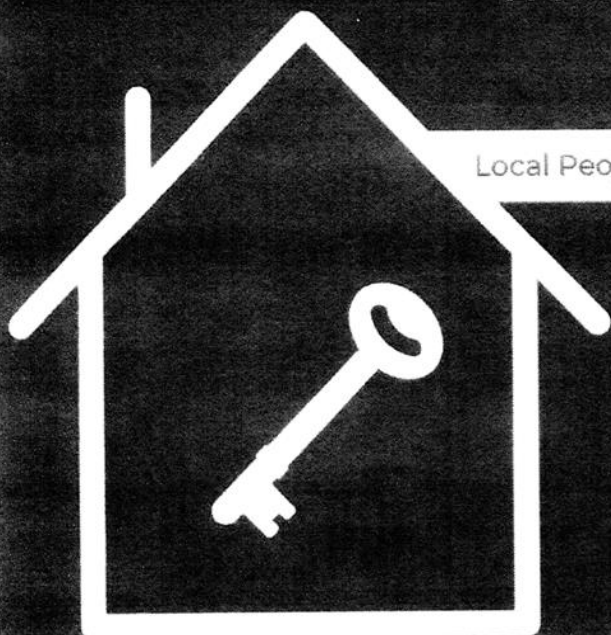
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I saw a Cuckoo; it crashed into the Hawthorne I was standing next to, so I know it's really Spring. The rain we've had in April has started to ease and the Green is looking fantastic, and plays well too.

With the Opening of the Green on the 23rd April, and the Presidents Versus Captains competition, Season 2023 has started with the same suddenness. We've already played Eastnor Castle, Knighton and Hereford, started the Hereford Men's league tournament, and played the Joe Wade Knock Out Cup competition.

However, , we won't be playing the Castle Green team ever again, as their Green, (based on Castle Green by the Nelson Monument,), was a council owned ground. The council failed to do any maintenance on the Green and it is now unplayable, and the Castle Green Members have wrapped it up. Such a shame after so many years.

Our Clubhouse is warm and dry and we are able to offer visiting sides refreshments, which is some consolation when we beat them, and an ice breaker if they beat us.

Irene Wheeler our Catering manager, has been running a social coffee morning at the clubhouse, every 1st Thursday of the month, 11am-1pm – 50 pence for tea or coffee and a donation for any cakes – and wants to extend this coffee and chat to anyone in the Village. You won't be able to bowl as it is just coffee and a chat, but could find out details of bowling whilst there..

Finally, please do look up the website (just type in kingslandbowlingclub for pictures, and up to date notices.) If you access this on a phone, the three bars on the top left gives access to the menu. On a computer the menu bar appears under the opening picture.

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Nature Notes

As the old saying goes wet May, full bay proved true this time around and our farmers should, despite the rather cold late start to Spring, get some good crops of hay and silage into their barns. As we move on, will it be flaming June this year? Time will tell no doubt.

Has anyone heard the Cuckoo yet or the shrill call of the Curlew? Sadly both species seem in decline, whether due to climate change or predation, as I learn sadly a few Curlew nests were predated on which is not good news, despite the efforts of nature conservations to protect them. Talking of which has anyone suffered further losses of their goldfish due to one suspect caught on camera, namely an otter travelling through the village from its holt on the Lugg or perhaps a cheeky grass snake, like the one who last year emptied my pond during the hot weather and was seen again in the garden this spring ?

The migrating swifts and swallows are thankfully here in abundance and it is fascinating to watch them nesting on high river banks. Like Puffins on the coast they know exactly which is their nest or burrow and accurately fly straight into it. This is just like a wild brown trout rising to a May fly, not missing its target, What a wonder is nature! With the warmer weather ,what fisherman call duffers fortnight is here, when the trout rise easier than at other times of the year, Though often just as difficult to catch !.

On the Wye, whilst a few Salmon have been caught above and below Hereford, they also seem sadly in decline.. Is it due to intensive high seas fishing, predators like seals and dolphins, birds like goosanders and cormorants or river pollution preventing successful spawning? The jury remains out on that topic.

In our gardens as the air warms, we should now see at dusk the antics of the local bat population as they feast on fly life on the wing. So, as well do our summer visiting swallows and swifts. Butterflies should now be emerging in our gardens, fields, and hedgerows, such as red Admiral, meadow browns, and common blues. Look out for visits by the spotted flycatchers journeyed up from West Africa to rear a family before sensibly flying home as winter approaches.

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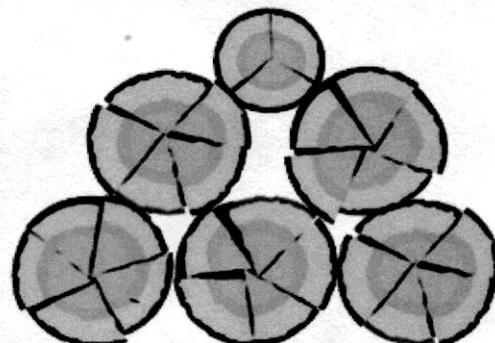
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Hedgehog News, Pippin Cottage

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It was very interesting to investigate each box. In one of the boxes from the compost area, there was a definite imprint in the hay, where the hedgehog had curled up for a long time. It had dragged in bits of newspaper, bark, and leaves. There were also quite a few woodlice and other insects in residence. In another box there were lots of leaves and garden material and again, lots of insects. In another it looked as if nothing had been in all winter and there were no insects. The others had paper and leaves in them. I removed all the hay from the boxes and put it on the compost heap. The boxes were then given a good sweep, hosed down with cold water then scrubbed thoroughly. When every inch was clean, I hosed them down to remove all soap residue, then left the lids open in the sunshine to dry thoroughly. A job well done and quite satisfying. I then put fresh hay in the boxes and put them back where they were. I also put containers next to each box with additional hay.

Two days ago, I was thrilled to see that two of the boxes appear to have hedgehogs in them and they have been moving hay from the containers. I have now run out of hay, so will have to speak to my kind supplier.

Our camera has shown a large hedgehog being pushed around by a much smaller one, and there is lots of activity and lots of hedgehog droppings around the garden. I am now putting four handfuls of dry meat

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cat food (remember no fish-based food) into the feeding stations every night and nothing is left in the morning, apart from hedgehog droppings. They really are messy. I used to put their food into dishes but now, I find it much easier to line the bottom of the feeding station with newspaper and put the food straight onto the paper. If there are droppings in any food that is left, it has to be disposed of. The paper is removed and replaced every day. At least with this system, I don't have to wash food dishes as well as water bowls.

Every year we leave a couple of patches of lawn to grow quite long, then I cut the grass with clippers and leave it to dry, then I use it for the hedgehogs. It obviously isn't enough, but it is nice thing to do.

Useful information. Many hedgehogs are becoming ill and even dying, of starvation. People use poisons and pesticides in their gardens and so the insects that hedgehogs eat, just aren't there. Leave a pile of garden waste and logs, this will give the hedgehogs somewhere to search for insects. Remember poisons and pesticides could directly or indirectly also kill hedgehogs.

Check your garden for sleeping hedgehogs before you do any mowing, strimming or have a bonfire. Hedgehogs can get tangled up in netting, so please don't leave any lying around. Until next time, please continue to feed and leave clean water for our little friends.

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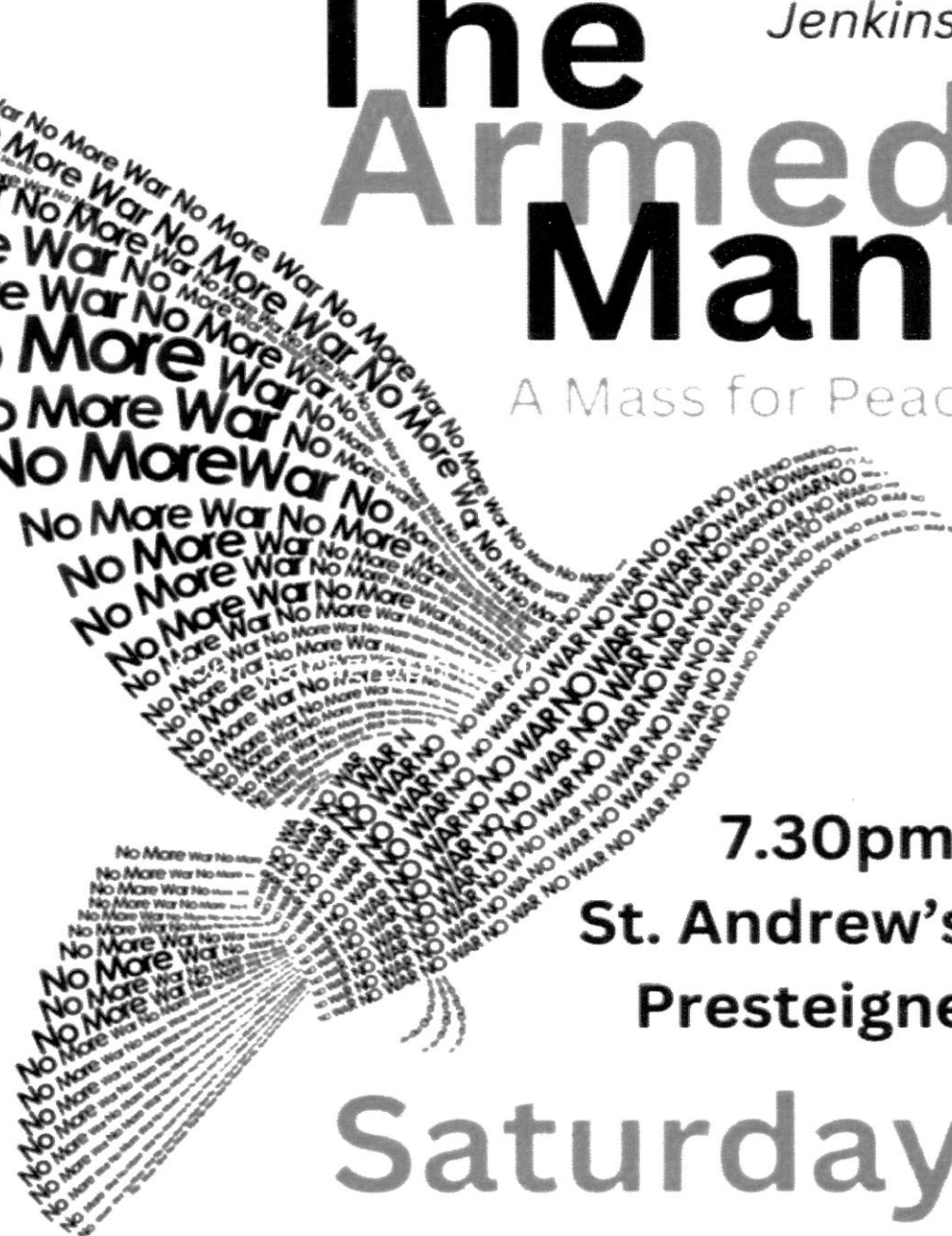
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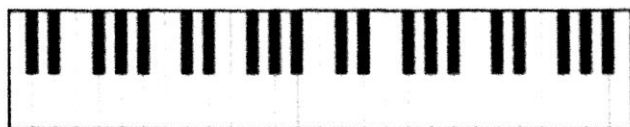
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