

Kingsland News November 2022



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to say a big thank you to all who made harvest so special this year – for the farmers and their skill and dedication, for our harvest festival service, the decorated church and the sumptuous harvest supper, for the school who were so inclusive and sang with all their hearts, for the contributions for the food bank and for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution THANK YOU.

Coming up I want to plug the weekly visit of the Dementia Information Bus from 10 – 12 on a TUESDAY in the parking area by the church. There is a cup of coffee and an informal chat about our conceptions and often misconceptions about dementia and other related memory issues. We are trying to raise awareness of this important subject and so when passing by do bring your questions, or go especially for a chat. Businesses might want to go and find out about being more dementia friendly in what we offer others. There is something for everyone.

I think, sometimes, we are afraid of jumping in, full-on to a commitment of faith and want to dip our toes in gently and see. Those I work with are launching a PILGRIMAGE year, for any

of faith and see where it takes them, or, if you have been coming to church for many years, to journey onwards and see where God takes you. A pilgrimage is a journey that is taken with the express intention of engaging with the “other” and as we know when we want to talk to our teenagers or our husbands, a journey in a car is often the best time to have those conversations that we often don’t have time for. There is a physical pilgrimage that has been launched by the Cathedral called the St Thomas Way and goes from Swansea to Hereford and can be done in chunks and I’m thinking of undertaking this (in sections). If you would like to join me, please let me know. And here is a poem that has inspired me and I hope will do the same for you. The Call of the Disciples by Malcolm Guite (reproduced with permission)

*He calls us to step aboard his ship,
Take the adventure on this morning's wing,
Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,
Whatever storms or floods are threatening.
If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,
Then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,
For he is always with us and will hear,
And make our peace with his creative Word,*

*Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set
All his beloved lovers in an ark'*

Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float

Above the rising waves, the falling dark,

As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,

Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

November is a month of remembrance, of all those who have completed the journey of life. On Tuesday 1st November at 7pm we will have our annual service of All Souls in Kingsland Church for all our loved ones who have died, a quiet service with candle lighting and space to bring our deep thoughts and prayers. All are welcome. Sunday 13th is Remembrance and a community gathering in Church at 10.50am to remember our war dead and to pledge to work for peace in our time.

Then at the end of the month is Advent Sunday and a new church year. We will be celebrating Advent with an Advent Carol Service on the evening of 27th November at 6.30pm. This is different to a Christmas Carol Service in that it is all about Advent and preparation for Jesus' birth and his coming again. It is more about the pregnancy than the birth!

And finally, well done to David Noon for his St Ethelbert award in the cathedral. You certainly are a precious part of all we do here, David.

Look forward to journeying with you all.
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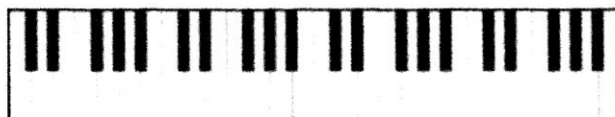
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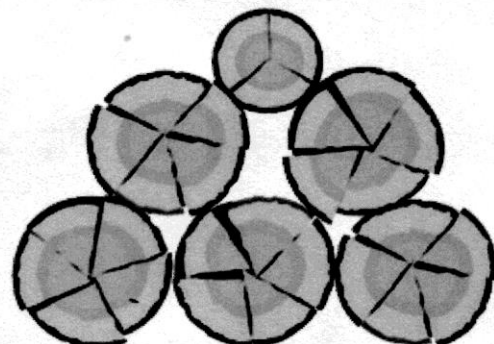
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Kingsland Bowling Club

Changing of the season, Changing of the Guard

A glance at the final events of the KBC bowling season – we hosted a touring team of splendid ladies from Rhiwbina Ladies Bowling Club on 17th September; a most friendly match, we scored a gold medal – and we have an open invitation to go and visit.

Next day was our final Club competition, the Sunset Shield. (In case you're wondering, it's not because it's all going dark for bowls, but because the shield was originally given by a drinks company of that name.) It was an all-day contest and some of us were flagging after efforts the day before! – but a sunny start got us in the mood. Congratulations to the winners – the foursome of Joan, Jim, Rob Wheeler and Kiwi; silver medal to our triple (John, Graham and yours truly).

Our last Open-Green Club Night was on Tuesday 20th September; the green is now asleep – we switch to Friday nights (usually about once a fortnight from mid-November) for indoor Winter Social Events – watch the board for our announcements about dates and activities – and if you've got a good idea for a fun evening, do let the Committee in on your secret!

From 21st September, it was Green Team Go! as 15 or more of our very own Stalwarts (some hunky, some funky) descended on the green to give it what-for, otherwise known as Autumn Maintenance, in house this year. and scattered with gay abandon. Seriously, they deserve a medal; I

haven't got space to list them, but am impressed by their strength and their commitment to KBC. In the background, more movers and shakers dished up refreshments and kept the Green Men hydrated. Thank you, you are one and all Club Stars, please keep on twinkling! (Revealing photos available from me if required.)

Catering Queen Irene has started occasional Coffee Mornings, and my (brief) visit to one Thursday morning proved a very pleasant occasion – in my case, a hot chocolate drink, and a friendly, sociable atmosphere, obviously enjoyed by a chatty group; she hopes to continue these from time to time – there's usually a notice on the board giving details.

And on that note, ladies and gentlemen – **please look at the noticeboards regularly!** – your Club officials make the effort to post useful information through the year so that you know what gives... and what takes – do support their hard work.

As always, we hope to run the **Annual Christmas Bingo at the Coronation Hall**, already booked for **Wednesday 7th December, 7 pm.**, so come & try your luck – and give sociable support to KBC!

By the time this is in print, our AGM will have taken place (26th October) and a new Committee will have been elected. As Secretary for 7 years – an apprenticeship?! – I'd like to thank those both in KBC and outside the Club who have helped and supported the ongoing work all this time – it has been a constant challenge and a valuable

learning process. Good luck to the new President, Chairman, and Secretary and to all those on the Committee; welcome to new officers, and welcome back to those continuing – we are all volunteers at KBC and our lovely Club depends on involvement from all of us, as well as our good relations with our community – long may this continue.

Winter Socials are in sight (from Nov); come to the fun on a Friday night!

Macmillan Coffee Morning (Sept. 2nd)

A big, big, thank you to everyone who came, drank coffee/tea, ate cake, and bought draw tickets. The final amount of money banked was £2301.12 – a fantastic amount

I am very grateful to all my friends and family for helping, and to Terence and Emma for donating all the tea, coffee, and milk, and for the use of the Corners Inn.

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News from the Chapels

Our **Harvest Festival** at **Lingen Chapel** on the 10th October was an afternoon to remember. The theme was an old favourite, the Parable of the Sower, given meaning for the 21st Century by our lay pastor, Sharon. It was a well-attended service which raised 'the song of harvest home' enthusiastically. Sister Margaret, from Knighton, provided the accompaniment and Mel Page sang. The refreshments afterwards were also to remember with tea, sandwiches and cakes! Offerings of tinned or dried food have been donated to the local food bank.

There was a joint **Church Council Meeting** on Thursday, 14th October at Leintwardine, chaired by Rev. Paul Arnold, the new minister at Green Lane, Leominster. One of the items under discussion was what to call the cluster. If anyone has any bright ideas do contact Sharon. The treasurer will be pleased as the current name is far too long to put on a cheque! Other items included combining the bank accounts, restarting coffee and chat at Leintwardine and the tots (Parent and child) group at Shobdon.

Yoga: Yoga classes, on Tuesday evenings are on the move to Mondays. Contact Zuzi on 07482095954 or email yogawithzuzi@gmail.com for further details.

The **Creative Writing group** is continuing to meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons. Contact Fay on 708789 if you are interested.

The **Village Art Club** at Kingsland is going from strength to strength. Contact Liz Watson on 07838 563716 or elizabethpl@hotmail.co.uk.

Used Stamps, spectacles and food bank:

Many thanks for the old spectacles etc. We are still collecting! Used postage stamps go

to the Leprosy Mission, Spectacles are sent to various third world country for re-use and food items to Leominster Food Bank. They are often in need of toiletries and sanitary products as well. Please bring into the chapel when it is open or contact 01568 708992 for collection.

Services in November

7 th	Shobdon	Sharon O'Connell
14 th	Local	Remembrance
	Memorials	Sunday
21 st	Kingsland	Local Arrangement
28 th	Leintwardine	Sharon O'Connell

All services are at 10.30 am.

If anyone needs help with transport to services or to contact Sharon, please phone me on 708992.

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For children, aged 12-18 who are in the clinically vulnerable category, the Practice is waiting for delivery of the Pfizer vaccine. As soon as they have it, they will send out letters inviting appointment bookings.

All patients aged 50 are entitled to the vaccines this year. The Practice will be sending out letters soon inviting those patients to a clinic in November, subject to a delivery of vaccine arriving on time.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on 3rd November. If you have any items you wish raised or questions answered, then or at any other time, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

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

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We had a lovely musical evening in October when Mike and Rachel Fenton played autoharp and dulcimer. They had brought along several instruments to demonstrate their different sounds. Mike was first introduced to the autoharp by Johnny Cash's mother in law. It is a kind of zither developed by a German who added a felt damper to the original zither. He took this to America, to the Appalachian Mountains and to Philadelphia in the 1880s. Mike's autoharp has 37 strings and mainly plays chords. The dulcimer is also a stringed instrument shaped like an egg timer. Rachel's dulcimer had only 4 strings, though some have 5 or 6, and the dulcimer plays the melody. They played a wide range of music from the Yellow Rose of Texas to Blues tunes and had us singing along to Que Sera. Mike also demonstrated the Jews harp, a tiny contraption played by mouth.

We enjoyed a lovely evening and next month we have another musical treat on the 2nd November with Songs from the Shows by Steve Hollinghurst and would like as many people as possible to join us. There will be refreshments (mince pies, etc) at a charge of £5 a head.

Pat Hughes

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Kingsland Royal British Legion Branch

Richard Collishaw gave a very enjoyable talk and slide show on the Battle of Trafalgar at the October meeting. Thank you to all who came along and joined us. The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Corners Inn.

This year it is 75 years since the Kingsland Branch of the RBL was formed and it has been decided to reinstate the annual dinner. This will take place at the Corners Inn on Friday 2nd December 2022. The cost for the meal is £30 which includes 3 courses, a glass of wine with dinner and tea or coffee to finish. If anyone would like to join us, please contact Richard Collishaw on 01568 708505 for more details.

We are very lucky to have a new Poppy Appeal Organiser and Lindsey Riley has been busy contacting businesses in the village who are happy to have poppy boxes on display. They will be available at Powell & Co, Border Oak, Corners Inn, Kingsland School, Markhams Garage, Post Office and Angel Inn. We are very grateful to all these establishments for their support. There will not be a door to door collection this year, but if anyone is not able to get out if they contact Lindsey on 07889 943725 she is happy to deliver to the home. Please show your support for the work of the RBL by wearing a poppy.

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November's Messy Church is about a jailer who met Paul, and it changed his life! Come and play games, make things, and get messy!

We meet on Sunday, 6th November at 9.30am for about an hour including breakfast! Children with anyone from their families are welcome. Do let us know if you can make it as it helps us cater for breakfast and make sure we have sufficient for any food allergies or preferences. Contact Rev Julie on rev.julie@hotmail.com

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Tuesday 1st November		All Souls
7.00 pm	Benefice Service for All Souls	Kingsland
Sunday 6th November		3rd before Advent
9.30 am	Holy Communion with Taizé	Eardisland
9.30 am	Messy Church	Kingsland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Aymestrey
Sunday 13th November		Remembrance
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Eardisland
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Aymestrey
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Kingsland
Sunday 20th November		Christ the King
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsland
3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Leinthall Earls
Sunday 27th November		Advent Sunday
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Eardisland
9.30 am	Open the Book Service	Aymestrey
6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service	Kingsland

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The Parish Diary, 2022

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November

1 st	All Saints Service	Church	7.00 pm
2 nd	W. I. 'Songs from the Shows' Steve Hollinghurst	Coronation Hall	7.30 pm
7 th	RBL Annual General Meeting	Corners Inn	7.30 pm
13 th	RBL Remembrance Service	Assemble 10.00 am Church	10 50 am
16 th	Talk on Church Architecture	Kingsland Church	2.30 pm
18 th	Fair Trade Sale	Methodist Chapel	10 30 am to 3.00 pm
24 th	Coffee Morning (Craft & Chat Group)	Methodist Chapel	10.30 am – 12 30 pm
26 th	Christmases Past (Talk M. O'Mahoney)	Kingsland School	2.30 pm
27 th	Advent Carol Service	Church	6.30 pm

December

2 nd	RBL Annual Dinner	Corners Inn	6.30 for 7.00 pm
5 th	Coffee Morning for Church	Corners Inn	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
14 th	RBL Lunch for Widows and Widowers	Corners Inn	12.00 for 12.30 pm
18 th	Church Carol Service		4.00 pm
24 th	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	Church	11.30 pm

2023

January

2 nd RBL	Talk: History of War Surgery Bernard Riley	Corners Inn	7.30 pm
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February

6 th RBL	Talk: By Phil Batty	Corners Inn	7.30 pm
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March

6 th RBL	Talk by Fran Kilby. The History of Military Bands	Corners Inn	7.30 pm
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April

3 rd	RBL Quiz	Corners inn	7.30 pm
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October News and November Events

This month's big news is a slight change in name (and exciting new logo!) to reflect the shift in focus for the Familiar Treasures project. With the fabulous restoration work on the church now complete, we are fully focused on the community side of our project, which is set to continue for another 15 months. For those of you who have already attended Familiar Treasures events, you'll know that our activities are based on Kingsland's heritage: its buildings, natural environment and people – past and present (its Familiar Treasures!).

September saw us getting 'Hands On with Handbells'. Along with our adult attendees we enjoyed the company of a small group of Kingsland School pupils too! We learnt about the history of the current set of handbells, which was given to the church by Val Davis' great uncle, Dennis Arnold Stephens and restored by Val's transatlantic cousin (also Dennis Arnold Stephens). The team managed to get lots of photos, which will be appearing on our fledgling Facebook Page shortly (www.facebook.com/familiartreasure).

November looks like another great month for informative events, with renowned architectural historian, Tim Bridges, visiting to take us on an architectural journey through almost a thousand years of church building across the Welsh Marches, and in particular our own St. Michael's. An experienced speaker, Tim's engaging manner and encyclopaedic knowledge promises an informative and interesting event. All are welcome to bring blankets and cushions for a relaxed and comfortable afternoon.

Marching Through Time: The Building of St. Michael's will happen at 2:30pm at Kingsland Church on Wednesday 16 November.

We're looking forward to looking back at the 'Those Were the Days' event at Kingsland School Hall on 26 November with published author, journalist, oral historian and editor Marsha O'Mahony, making Christmassy treats and getting crafty with the rest of the Familiar Treasures team. If you love Christmas we'd love to see you, from age 5 to 105!

We'd love to share in memories from Christmases past, so all attending are invited to bring an item that holds festive memories whether from last year, the last decade, or the last century!

Those Were the Days: Christmases Past is at Kingsland School Hall at 2:30pm on Saturday 26 November.

All our talks have a small fee (£2.50) and everyone is welcome to attend to enjoy the free refreshments and welcoming atmosphere.

Don't forget to keep up to date with events and news from the team at The Familiar Treasures Project over on our new Facebook page www.facebook.com/familiartreasure, including the next informal meeting for people wanting to find out more about Kingsland's heritage. If you are interested in finding out more about the village and its heritage - including professional support and joining us on visits to the Herefordshire Archives and Research Centre and Leominster Museum - contact Jo Henshaw on activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com for more information.

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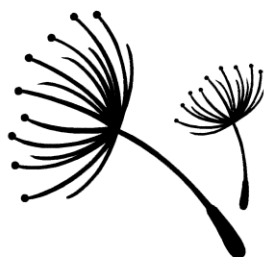
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Nature Notes

The late Autumnal rains arrived and, as we return hopefully to some more seasonal weather patterns, interesting to note how the countryside responded to the summer drought. A lot of trees shed leaves early and many appear to have died, particularly a lot of newly planted trees, but when you view the apple orchards with good crops, compared to the drop in potato yields, the vast array of winter berries and oak mast appearing, prompted me to ask whether this is a mast year, where trees produce excessive seeds? This glut only occurs about once in a decade when our woodland trees of oak and ash produce bumper seed crops, coupled with the sad sight of seeing many Ash dying from Ash die back, I wonder is it nature's way of trying to regenerate itself? Or is it an evolutionary survival strategy to ensure plenty of saplings, also do they do this as a defence mechanism against creatures that consume their seeds, such as Squirrels and Jays, to ensure enough is left over to grow on?.

Scientists have yet to discover why the trees do this in coordination? A mystery or something to do with the weather?, temperature and rainfall in spring are believed to trigger a response and a cold snap in spring can also freeze the flowers of Oak and Ash, rather like it does to Blackcurrants with disastrous results to the fruit harvest.

The ultimate theory is do they communicate with each other via the fungi around their roots. This also allows them to share resources, there is a theory that the larger trees in the forest act as matriarchs and will nurture their saplings by sending food supplies to them? So there we are, food for thought, as you wrap up and take a stroll in the local woods, crunching over acorns in the whispering woods!! What was the song? Something like- Whispering grass

don't tell the trees what the trees don't need to know!

On our Rivers we hope there will now be enough water to help the Atlantic Salmon to reach their spawning grounds in the upper tributaries of the Wye and Usk, Earlier they were under great stress if they got caught in our rivers when the water temperatures became excessively high and flows low.

In our gardens it's time to load up the bird tables, as their natural supplies of accessible food dwindle through the winter and well worth watching their antics to maintain winter substance. One often wonders just how sensible our migratory birds are, to zip off to warmer climes before returning in the spring.

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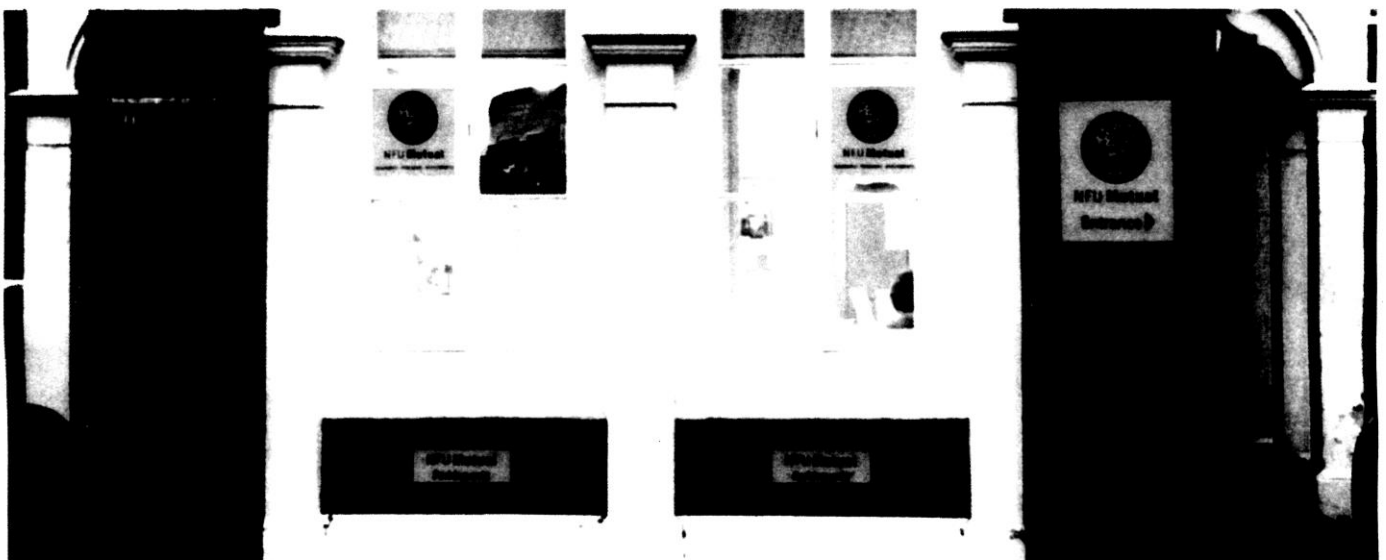
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Friendship by Rick

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Of course you will have friends of the opposite sex too, single or married, who you can be at ease with, both in casual and formal situations.

I look back over my married and working life at the many good friends that we have made in so many areas where my work and studies took us, from Herefordshire to Chester, to Essex, to Kent and then up to Aberdeen ... back down to London for ten years ... Southampton ... and then back to Kingsland ... with a couple of years in Australia (in retirement). We moved house more than twenty times!

Trying to analyse the reasons for the several friends we made in each of these many locations, I realised that there was, and is, a common factor that brought us

together with a group of like-minded individuals, wherever we lived. It was choral music. My wife and I were always part of choral groups, church choirs and light operatic groups wherever we lived and consequently had special friendships with like-minded, enthusiastic, singing partners and choir masters. This continued in retirement when we were in Kingsland Church Choir.

Sadly, my wife and many friends have left this earth to become part of a truly heavenly choir, but I value greatly the friends that are left and the opportunity to remember past times.

I now share life with a lady who, (you've guessed it!) was a music teacher and a formidable contralto, in her prime! We are able to compare 'notes' on our long gone prowess.



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Having lost to Dings in our opening match, we then won three out of the next four including beating Old Redcliffians by 44 points to 15 in our first home fixture. The victory was noteworthy because having turned around with a 27-15 lead at half time we denied them a further score while running in another three tries ourselves.

The following Saturday we travelled to Bourneville where despite not putting in a performance to compare with the previous Saturday we came away with a 18-3 win. The effectiveness of our defense in denying them a try was highlighted the following week when Bourneville scored five tries against unbeaten Dings Crusaders.

Undefeated Leicester Lions were our next visitors and despite scoring five tries we went down 43-37. It would be fair to say that Lions winger Devon Constant was the difference between the two sides as his powerful running presented us with a continuous problem. Our final match before a one week's break was a 31- 6 win at Barnstable where again our defense dominated and our opponents failed to cross our line.

As we are now five weeks into the season it would be fair to reflect on our achievements so far. Our first XV are lying seventh in Midlands 2 West and out of the fourteen sides have conceded the fewest points. Our seconds are sitting top of Counties 1 Midlands West with five straight victories and our thirds although yet to record a win in Counties 2 have competed well in all their matches with many of the games being against the first

teams of other clubs. A young side that includes several of last season's Colts is holding its own.

Other recent activities at the club have included a dinner to raise funds for our U16 Tour to South Africa next year. The guest speaker was Nigel Owens who regaled us with anecdotes from his life and his career as an international, rugby referee all delivered with the charm and wit that only the Welsh possess. Our four Ladies Netball Teams are all competing in the Hereford Winter League with our fourth team, the Panthers, being our U16 squad thus ensuring a supply of home grown players for the future. The fund raising day on the Saturday of our match against Leicester Lions raised £15,670 the majority of which came from the auctioning of the first team jerseys. The proceeds were shared by The Little Princess Trust and Be More Frank.

In last month's issue of The Kingsland News I asked if anyone could tell me where my old mate Rhys Watteby now lives. Nobody could. Well, he lives in Aberystwyth. And why ? Because if you rearrange the letters of his name you get Aberystwyth, just a good old fashioned anagram! Aren't there any cruciverbalists in Kingsland? And talking about Aberystwyth a recent article in The Telegraph reported that research at the University has shown that "animals with indiscriminate mating habits were more likely to show stress in captivity" providing me with an explanation as to why I've always opted for a large garden.

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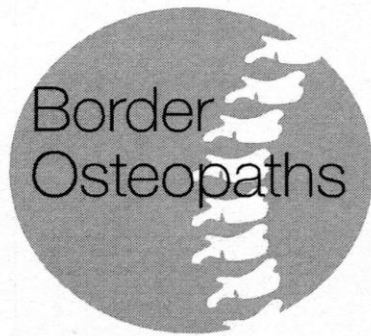
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