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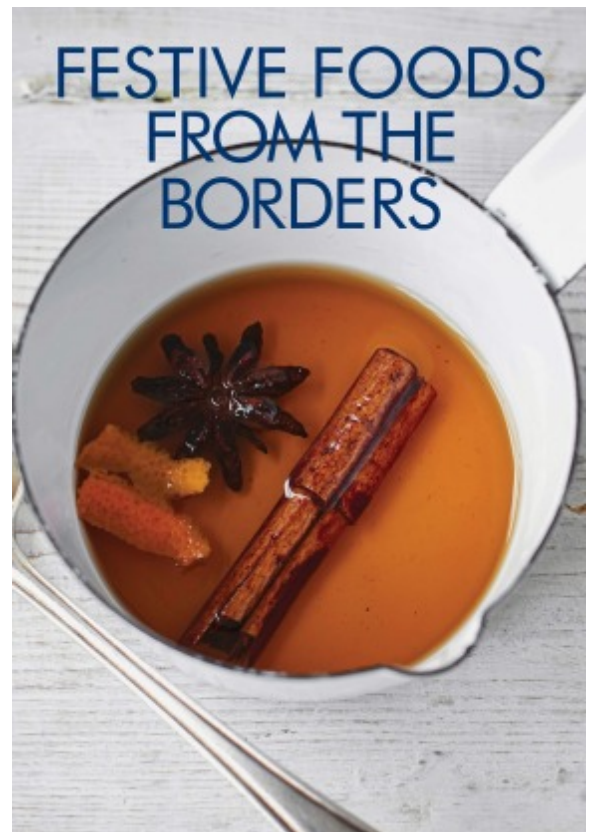


Festive Food and Drink from the Borders!

Now in its 15th year, the Festival will be taking place on Saturday 1 December 9.30am to 3.30pm in the centre of Kington. A FREE event with lots of free parking.

Christmas in Kington starts today! With over 85 top-class exhibitors to tempt your tastebuds, this great Kington event offers a wide variety of gastronomic treats from the Borders, from patisserie to charcuterie, game and poultry, pies, cheeses, drinks, chocolate and lots more. Feast upon locally-sourced food and drink from talented and imaginative producers. Stock up on Christmas goodies. Meet your friends for lunch while you enjoy live music from Streetsax Bill Laws and Jack Brett & Murray Orpin who play blues folk Americana and arrangements of classic songs.

Other attractions include a certain jolly, red-clad personage who is bringing his reindeer (and a donkey) to a grotto in the primary school playground: you can post a Christmas letter too! Kington Youth Theatre from The Courtyard will be performing; the Tourist Office in Church Street is holding a free competition to win £50 of Courtyard vouchers; there will be lots of hampers from exhibitors to be won. Come and celebrate the start of the festive season with us. A big thank-you to Kington Chamber of Trade and to Kington Lions and other very kind sponsors. FFI kingtonfoodfest@gmail.com



Mozart and Charpentier Come to Kington

Kington Choral Society's Winter Concert on Saturday 24 November, 7.30pm, showcases Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit pour Noel" and other smaller motets. The concert features top international soloists from Harry Christopher's The Sixteen in support of the KCS Choir, accompanied by Hilary Norris on organ. The conductor Robert Evans is a professional singer who regularly appears with The Sixteen, The Cardinal's Musick, Tenebrae and other chamber choirs.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Kington. Earlybird tickets £12 online from www.kingtonchoral.org.uk or from Border Bean in Kington, Winnie's in Presteigne, Central Stores in Eardisley, Tower House Gallery in Knighton, and Ye Olde Steppes in Pembridge. (£14 on the door, under-18s free).

Wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

20's Plenty for Kington Town Centre?

Back in 2014 Kington Town Council adopted KLAP (Kington Local Action Plan) which reflected the views of Kington's residents on actions they felt would enhance the town. One action which was strongly supported was for traffic calming measures to increase pedestrian safety and provide safe routes for walking and cycling within the town centre.

Across the world countries and communities are setting 20mph/30kmh limits for urban and village roads. In the Netherlands 70% of urban roads have a 30kmh or lower limit. In Scandinavian countries 30kmh is the norm in villages and towns. And whilst the UK has been a late starter, in the last 10 years over 25% of the population has gained a 20mph limit on the streets where they live, learn, shop or work. Most of our iconic cities have a 20mph limit for most roads. 43% of Londoners live on 20mph roads and 75% of people in Inner London Boroughs. Even complete counties such as Lancashire, Sefton, Calderdale, Clackmannanshire and Fife have adopted wide-area 20mph limits for all.

Hereford is beginning to catch up with 20 mph limits being introduced in many city centre streets. What about Kington? The KLAP report showed a strong desire to improve safety on the High Street with 94% wanting action. Is there a case for a 20mph speed limit within the town centre eg Bridge St, High St, Duke St, Church St, Mill St including the Primary school and possibly Crabtree Road?

A 20mph limit is not just about tackling speeding. The wider benefits may explain why they are becoming so popular throughout the country. There are clear health benefits of more walking and cycling, and less pollution; a 20mph limit makes a significant reduction in the most dangerous NOx and PM10 emissions hence they are supported by public health bodies such as NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence), Public Health England, Association of Directors of Public Health and WHO (World Health Organisation). Research shows that making places better for walking and cycling can boost trade by up to 40%; pedestrians spend more than people arriving by car.

... Would you support it?

Let us know what you think either by emailing or writing to:

Kington Town Council,
Old Police Station,
Market Hall Street,
Kington HR5 3DP



Telephone: 01544 239098,
Email: clerk@kingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

or through our short online survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FNQDSNX>

Cllr Bob Widdowson.

New Coordinator Needed for the Kington Art, Craft and Vintage Market

Nancy Frost writes: for the past three years I've had the privilege of running the monthly Art, Craft (and, as of this year) Vintage Market. We started out with just a handful of stalls and now have upwards of 20 regular exhibitors, and new people coming forward all the time.

Together we've created a terrific market selling a wide range of high-quality work and high-end vintage wares. We have a cafe each month

and tables for shoppers to sip their drinks, eat home baked goodies and enjoy the atmosphere. I am very proud of our market and have worked hard to make it prosper. But after three years, it's time for me to step back and become a potter (and stallholder) once more.

The Market Group is therefore looking for someone to run this event and build a team to take it from strength to strength. Up to now it

has been an entirely volunteer position, but there may in future be potential for some compensation, as the markets continue to grow. The work includes taking bookings, advertising and promotion, and helping set up and take down on market days.

If you feel called to take on this role, it will be an opportunity to step into an existing

community of talented and committed people who have been active in making this market the special space it is.

Please get in touch if you'd like to learn more.

Nancy: nancynfrost@gmail.com or 07867 483135

Kington Poppy Festival

4 November 6pm: All Souls. A Service to Remember the Departed.

6 November 7pm: Beetle Drive.

8 November 7pm: Friends of St Mary's present An Evening with Major General Arthur George Denaro CBE DL. Wine & nibbles.

10 November 7.30pm: Evening of Music and Poetry with Kington Community Choir which will be singing a selection of popular songs from WWI accompanied by readings of poems from the period. Wine & nibbles.

11 November 10am: Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

11 November 6pm; Choral Evensong and close of Festival.

During each of these events a poppy will be planted "In Flanders Fields".



As part of the Kington Poppy Festival in St Mary's Church a significant display will be created: a field of poppies, one for each of the First World War dead from Kington and Huntington. The display will be added-to each day of the Festival with the final poppy being laid at the conclusion of the church service on Remembrance Sunday.

It would be lovely if some (or all) of these poppies could be laid by descendants or relatives. if you would like to take part, please contact the vicar or the Benefice Office by email, phone or letter. E: office@kingtonparishes.org.uk Phone: 01544 230525. The Vicarage, Church Road, Kington HR5 3AG.

Locally Kington Stall Success

Another season has now finished for the Locally Kington stall at the Friday Market. After our last week we contributed £100 to the Kington Food Bank, to support their excellent work (the Friday Market as a whole contributes surplus goods to the Food Bank).

This was our 4th year. The initial core team was



Roz Brown, Peter Frost and Fiona Shone, with all still involved, in some way. The key idea is to build local resilience and encourage the use of delicious locally produced food and other resources. We have large and small suppliers, from Newport House and Huntington Court to many small gardens. There's a commission for goods sold and we pay suppliers at the end of the morning. We recently reduced the commission to 20% (or 10% for those working an occasional shift on the stall). The stall is busy and a magnet for chat and laughter, even

political debate! Over the four years we have built a loyal and enthusiastic customer base. Most Fridays will see folks waiting as we set up, to swoop on goods often picked that very morning. People regularly do their weekly fruit and veg shop, using Locally Kington and the nearby excellent Grapevine.

Locally Kington joins the Market in late April and finishes in late October. The stall is open from 9am to 1pm. There is always a good core supply of seasonal fruit and veg. Each year brings new and exciting goods. This year we sold many punnets of Japanese wineberries and hazelnuts for the first time. We also had other local goods and crafts including cards, bat houses, hazel rods and garden cloches. We have cut out plastic bags, offering either paper bags or reusable home-made mesh bags, available for a small deposit. We also sell coffee and cakes and provide tables and chairs in the Place de Marines. A bright sunny day will see locals and visitors chatting together and a vibrant hubbub at the market.

April 2019 will see new ideas for the stall. This is a chance for anyone in the Kington area to contribute new innovations. There is also an opportunity to plant those extra seeds and support the local supply of fresh and tasty food. Be part of our stall! We find that the more supply of goods we have, the more people arrive to buy it. Look for the stall next April, talk to us and be part of an important movement.



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Community Wheels is available for all who need it and qualify to use it. You have to:

- live within the catchment area
- not have access to a car
- be unable to use public transport

The catchment area includes Kington and most of the area covered by the medical practice; you may be unable to access public transport because of mobility issues or lack of available service. Even if you do not meet these criteria you may still be able to get help if you need it, so do please get in touch.

Transport is available for surgery visits, hospital appointments and much more. As well as cars, driven by volunteers who use their own vehicles, there are two wheelchair accessible mini-buses which can be used for individuals or groups. The volunteer drivers are all DBS checked, and mini-bus drivers are MIDAS trained.

There is an annual membership fee and a small charge for each journey, but this is far less than you would have to pay for a taxi. The service is supported by and does receive some funding from Herefordshire Council, which helps it to operate at such reasonable charges, but its main strength is in its pool of volunteer drivers who give their time for nothing.

It is essential to book ahead, normally a minimum of 48 hours in advance of when you want to travel, but if you have an absolute emergency please call anyway, as if it is possible to help we will.

For booking and enquiries: 01568 615785; open Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

Please remember that this service is there to help you, and if it is underused then the funding may be cut, and the service discontinued.

If you feel that you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to be a volunteer driver please ring: 01568 737940.

Kington Food Bank

The Kington Food bank was officially started in January 2013 under the auspices of Kington and District Churches Together. It is open every Friday from 2 – 3pm at the Old Police Station. Vouchers to use the food bank are available from various health care professionals, social services, DASH, Housing Association, Probation Team, Local welfare provision, Mental Health Support, local Clergy and local schools.

Clients who attend the food bank should produce a voucher which entitles them to food for three weeks. The food bank is generally viewed as a temporary measure to meet the immediate needs of people who are in crisis due to changes in the benefit system or people who are in need of help during difficult periods in their lives.

We have a small team of volunteers and food is donated from the various churches in the area. Money donations are managed by the treasurer of Kington and District Churches together, and this money is used to buy additional food when required.

We would like to thank everybody who has donated food or money. For further information please contact Pat Roberts: 01544 231000.

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Kington Events



KLEEN Litter-pick

Saturday 3 November, 10am, Co-op car park. Coffee afterwards in Border Bean at 11.30. New organiser needed! Please get in touch if you would like to do this small but important service: organising once-a-month litter-picks and disposal of rubbish.

FFI: Tina gordydavison@aol.com

Made in the Marches Gallery, 12 Church Street

17 November and 15 December: Meet the Artist: Richard Bavin, 11am to 2pm.

23 November: launching Herefordshire Tree Week: acoustic Celtic music from Celia Kibblewhite, Richie Cotterill and local young musicians. 5 to 7.30pm. FFI: www.madeinthemarches.com

Kington Art & Craft Markets

Saturdays 17 November and 8 and 15 December 9.30am to 3pm, Place de Marines. This excellent market offers a wide range of beautiful handmade goods from talented local designer-makers: original paintings and prints, ironmongery, wool and Alpaca products, knitted toys and wearables, jewellery, ceramics, art cards, hand-turned wood items, AND quality vintage treasures. Hot drinks and cakes are served throughout the day. Get into the festive spirit and buy unique gifts that you will see nowhere else. FFI: Nancy 07867 483135. Also on 17 November the KLEEN Repair Café will be there to sharpen, fix or mend your broken items.

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Kington Court Coffee Morning

Thursday 15 November, 10.30am. Christmas theme, various stalls including cakes, Edinburgh Wool Mill, Christmas Raffle. Entry £1 includes tea/coffee.

Maire ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman in Concert

Saturday 1 December, the Burton Hotel, 8pm. Kington Folk presents this award-winning Irish harp duo playing Christmas music plus their regular and unique blend of classical, folk and jazz. Tickets £12 (£15 on the door) from the Burton Hotel; Made in the Marches Gallery. FFI: 01544 230323 or pfrostsm@gmail.com



Drink and Draw at the Oxford Arms

Life Drawing Group. With excellent models posing in contemporary and classical styles. Bring your own materials and enjoy this friendly group. This is a hosted event with hosts offering encouragement and guidance for artists of all abilities. Beginners welcome. Phone Terri 07587 192495.

Kington Community Choir

Come and join us for rehearsals on Thursday evenings, 7 to 8.30pm at Kington Primary School. We are a non-auditioning mixed choir formed three years ago, now with 30 or so voices. We sing songs from the musicals, traditional folk, pop and ballads, usually in 3 and 4 parts and give several performances a year. £4 per session. FFI: Teresa at t3mbk@hotmail.com



Kington Museum AGM

Tuesday 20 November, 7pm in the Museum, Mill Street. Please try to attend this important meeting. All welcome.

KLEEN Talks and Films

Tuesday 20th November Film: Power to Change – the Energy Revolution. 7pm for 7.30 start, the Parish Rooms, Church Rd, Kington. Followed by chat, drinks, snacks. FREE, donations welcome. The first of a series of winter events. FFI: www.kingtonkleen.org.uk

Tuesday 11 December: Talk & Discussion – Your Energy Futures. A review of why we should care about where our energy comes from. details as above.

Tuesday 22 January 2019: Talk & Discussion – Why Electric Cars make Sense Right Now. Confessions of a former petrolhead. details as above.

February event to be confirmed.



KLEEN Film Night

The multi award winning film

Power to Change - The Energy Rebellion

The film runs with many parallel stories to show how a complete turnaround in energy policy towards 100 percent renewables is possible and it can be achieved much faster than its opponents would have you believe. We need to truly want it and all fight for it particularly after the recently published IPCC report

Tuesday 20th Nov 7.00 for a 7.30 start, Parish Rooms Church Rd Kington
HR5 3AG

Chat with snacks and drinks afterwards and an intro to the KLEEN Winter series of talks/discussions. Free - Donations welcome

Music in New Radnor: Syrinx Ensemble

Saturday 10 November, 7.30pm, music by Mozart, Faure and Richard Rodney Bennett. New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor, Powys LD8 2SW. An evening of classical music from one of the south-west's foremost wind and piano ensembles, consisting of players from several orchestras and ensembles. All of whom have recording and broadcasting experience. Tickets: £12 from 01544 350268. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

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Saturday 10 November, 7.30pm

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New Radnor Community Hall
New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2SW




Brilley Events



www.brilley.co.uk

Flicks in the Sticks

Thursday 6 December: Finding Your Feet. Brilley Village Hall, 7.30pm, £5, cabaret seating. On the eve of retirement a middle-class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced to move in with her bohemian sister, who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate. Starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall, Joanna Lumley. FFI: 01544 327227.

Monday Club is a social club which takes place on the third Monday each month starting at 7.30pm. Between September and April we have a speaker each month and in the summer we have outings to local places of interest. Membership is open to all and new members and visitors are always welcome. Details of forthcoming speakers can be found on the calendar (see website).

The Walking Group A friendly group who walk the highways, byways and fields around the village and surrounding areas each Wednesday, meeting at 10am at the Village Hall car park. If you like easy walking for 1 – 2 hours then do contact our leader Trish on 01497 831735.

Brilley Patches is a sociable and informal patchwork and quilting group which meets fortnightly in Brilley & Michaelchurch Village Hall on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 – 4.30pm. The group is open to all abilities and help is available for beginners and to those who want to learn new skills and techniques. We share ideas and either work on our own projects or work on the same type of project together to gain new skills. The cost is £3 per session which includes tea or coffee. For further information please phone Phyllis Jones on 01497 831535 or Trish Gilbert on 01497 831735.



And Finally

Please send your information to annie99x@gmail.com

Deadline for next issue: 15 January 2019 for the 1 February edition