



Marches Makers
Festival
5 to 7 May 2018

Kington has, over the years, become quite a focal point for artists and crafters of all persuasions, from traditional crafts such as wood-carving and basket-making to painting, print-making, jewellery and sculpture. From an original idea by Town Councillor Christine Forrester, the Marches Makers has come into being to celebrate the wealth of diverse artistic talent here in our town: to put Kington on the calendar alongside our other successful events such as the Food Festivals, Spring Greens, Walking Festival and, of course, the Wheelbarrow Race.

With over 70 makers in 12 venues, this promises to be an outstanding event that will bring interest to the town not only from the surrounding area but also further afield. [St Mary's Church](#) will host 40 makers while [the Old Police Station](#) has 12 and [Hergest Croft Gardens](#) has eight sculptors. [Border Bean](#) lends its walls to four painters and printmakers while [Cloud 9](#) at the Burton Hotel shows work by members of the Border Monochrome Camera Club.

Our excellent [Art and Craft Market](#) will run on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm with a variety of stalls and live demonstrations of pottery, airbrush painting, scratchboard, paper-making, sign painting, woodcarving, photography, stonecarving and wool crafts. On Saturday and Sunday [Harmony Handmade](#) at 47 High Street runs a craft café from 10 to 2pm where you can try your hand at making some small craft items to take home. Our [local galleries](#) are also taking part: Made in the Marches, Studio 54 and Leg of Mutton.

[Kington Art Society](#) is holding its annual art exhibition as part of the Festival and will be at Kingswood Village Hall where you can see a variety of art and craft works.

On Saturday [The Kington Centre and Library](#) is running a Making a Story workshop from 10am to 1pm facilitated by Carol Graham of Storylines, this is free but you need to book on library4kington@yahoo.co.uk For 16+ age group.

All venues are free – there is the usual admission charge of £6.50 for Hergest Croft Gardens – and we hope you will come and see all the beautiful, intriguing and interesting things on display around the town. FFI www.marchesmakers.co.uk

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Kington Town Council News

Next meeting of the Full Council: 7pm, Monday 14th May 2018
Larger Meeting Room, Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington.
Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Normal Office Open Times

Please note that we are also here outside of these times and can be contacted by telephone on 01544 239098. Please also note that staff are sometimes out of the office on council business. If you wish to visit the office to discuss Kington matters with the staff, we advise that you ring the office first, to check that there will someone here. In severe weather conditions it may not be possible to man the office at normal hours. However staff can monitor and respond to emails, so it is always worth emailing us if you have any queries clerk@kingtontowncouncil.gov.uk
If you need to contact the Clerk urgently and the office is unstaffed, you may do so on 07977 675456

Monday: 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm. Tuesday: 1 - 3pm. Thursday 11am - 1pm. Friday: 1 - 3pm.

Meetings

Meetings of the full Council are held on the first Monday of the month (unless indicated otherwise) in the large meeting room, Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington, HR5 3DP. If this falls on a Bank Holiday, the meeting will usually be held on the following week. The meetings of the full Council receive reports from the Ward Councillor and local Police representatives as well as questions from members of the public. The Full Council discusses, and makes decisions on, local issues some of which have been raised by members of the public. The Full Council also ratifies recommendations from the Council's Committees.

Kington Museum

Opening hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am to 4pm and Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.30am to 1pm. Tel: 01544 231748. Email: kingtonmuseum@gmail.com

The museum is a charitable trust, run entirely by volunteer staff who help in a range of capacities. Some volunteers look after the collections and assist in the day-to-day management, other volunteers help with accessioning, collection management and assisting visitors. If you are looking for museum experience, wish to learn collection management techniques, or have always wanted to find out more about the history of Kington, you might like to come and join us as a volunteer. If so, please contact us.

Why be a volunteer?

The first thing I can say about being a volunteer at the Kington Museum is that it is great fun. Whether doing a stint "front of house" during the season: April to October, or being part of the winter working party: January to March, it is all just great fun.

Volunteers are absolutely essential; there are no paid staff at the Museum. Our income consists mainly of sporadic grants from Kington Town Council, plus whatever funding we can raise ourselves as well as donations from visitors.

The winter working parties consist of a group of a dozen or more of us, who turn up on a Thursday morning and between us provide several vital functions. We discuss the previous year's displays, decide which should be replaced and choose what new displays to put on for the following season. Equally important is the cataloguing of all the gifts and loans to the museum, deciding how and where to store them, making sure that all are given accession numbers and entering

these into the appropriate accessions book. I find all this really enjoyable, as the company is so pleasant and congenial and the tasks so varied.

“Front of house” is also a great way to spend a morning or afternoon during the season and a three-hour stint seems to fly by. The variety of visitors is truly fascinating. There are local towns-people enjoying a trip down memory lane. There are those trying to trace their own ancestors, often from much further afield, and visiting holidays makers who are often just delighted with the atmosphere and feeling of the premises and their content. A glance at the Visitors’ Book will prove this.

Do come and join us! Telephone or email either the Curator or the Museum itself
Or better still, come into the Museum and talk to us.

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Opening Times:

Sat 24th March-Sat 3rd November 2018

10am-4.30pm Mon-Sat, closing 4pm during Oct/Nov

During the winter months KTIC leaflets are available at St Mary's Church, Kington

Please send us your events and activities:

fred.hawkins.1964@gmail.com or aarghh1@btinternet.com

Remember to include date, time, location and contact details.

Deadline for next edition 15 July

Kington Events

Kington Choral Society: St John Passion Saturday 5 May, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Earlybird tickets £12 (£14 on the door, <18s free) from Border Bean; Winnie's, Presteigne; Central Stores, Eardisley; Ye Olde Steppes, Pembridge; www.kingtonchoral.org.uk

Spring Greens Environment Fair, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May, Court of Noke, HR6 9HW, 10am to 5pm. Free, £5 for car park. Family-friendly event, exploring innovative skills, ideas and experimentation in sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods. Presentations, discussions, activities, stalls and live music. Also yummy food from vegan to lamb, ice cream to cake. Not forgetting the Swan Brewery Beer Bar. FFI <https://springgreens.org.uk/>

Marches Makers Festival, 5 to 7 May. Various venues around Kington.

Hergest Croft Plant Fair, Monday 7 May, 10am to 5.30pm. Over 40 plant and craft stalls, plus St Mary's Cake Stall. <http://www.hergest.co.uk/>

Kington Show Presents: Kington Show's Got Talent!

7pm Wednesday 9 May, Great Parton, Eardisley HR3 6NX. Tickets £10 (includes BBQ) pay on the door. Starring Acts: Titley Ladies Choir, Radnor and West Hereford Hunt, Harriet Williams and Ellen Jones, Malcolm Hughes and Gemma Sankey, Annie Rees and Friends, Dr Phillip Clelland (new material apparently). FFI: Wendy Smith 01544 340598.

National Mills Weekend. Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May. Court of Noke Mill, nr Staunton on Arrow, HR6 9HW, 10am to 4pm. Staunton Mill, Staunton on Arrow, HR6 9HR, 10am to 5pm. <http://www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk/watermills.htm>

Free Computer and Internet Workshops for Beginners at Kington Library. Tuesday 15 May, 10am to 12pm: Introduction to Email. Learn how to set up an email account, send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops provided. Tuesday 12 June, 10am to 12pm: introduction to the Internet. Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively. Our tutor will also take you through accessing library services online. Laptops provided. Booking is essential: 01432 260600 or drop into the library.

Summer Food and Drink Festival: Kington Celebrates Seasonal Produce from the Marches. Saturday 2 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm. The second summer food and drink, so lots to enjoy in the sunshine. Last year was hugely successful with an abundance of vendors offering a wide choice of delicious food and drink, accompanied by live music. A great day out. Free, lots of free parking too. FFI summerfoodfest@gmail.com

Red Kite Fun Day 8 August, from 11am, Lady Hawkins School Playing Fields.

Meet and Make (with tea and cake) every Wednesday at Border Bean, 2 – 3.30pm. All welcome.

Titley Events

Titley Group Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. Saturday 5 May, Titley, St Peter's Church, 10am to 12 noon. Staunton on Arrow, Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. Open session for an update on progress. Refreshments.

Brilley Events

Monday Club is a social club which takes place on the third Monday each month starting at 7.30 pm. 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. Queries to secretary on 01497 831735.

Wednesday Walking Group. A friendly group who walk the highways, byways and fields around the village and surrounding areas each Wednesday, meeting at 10.00 am 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.

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News



Kington Hookers Triumph!

No, not a new start-up for “comfort services” but rather a craft group that has been meeting at Harmony Handmade every Monday morning for six months. Initially learning and practising the skill of rag-rug making, the group, guided by tutor Tina Davison, decided to make a banner saying “Made in Kington” for the Marches Makers Festival. The more experienced members of the group, Laura Rowlatt, Jan Cotterill and Delia Brewer, made two squares each while the other members, Janette Seal, Nancy Frost and your own editor Annie Vickerstaff made one each. Debby Amer made some flower rosettes to adorn the finished work. Vonnie Smeaton, proprietor of Harmony Handmade, kept us all going with tea and biscuits (it is important to mention the biscuits. They were very nice). You can see the banner in Border Bean right now!! During

the Marches Makers Festival it will move to the Market Hall.

Kington Medical Practice Patients Participation Group (PPG)

Coming Soon: Issue No 1 of our PPG Quarterly Newsletter. Find out:

- Who we are
- What we do
- What’s new at the Practice
- How to join: we need three new members

The Newsletter will be available online at www.kingtonmedicalpractice.co.uk

Paper copies will be available from:

Kington Medical Practice, The Kington Centre (Library), Border Bean Café; Eardisley Central Stores; Pembridge, ye Olde Steppes and the village coffee morning in the village hall. New Radnor at Escos.

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KLEEN: People passionately interested in Kington

Most of us live in or very near to Kington. We love our town with its beautiful buildings and we love the green spaces within and around it. We want Kington to be as beautiful as it can be, just as we want our whole planet to be. We can't make a huge impact on the planet as a whole but we can do a lot to help the tiny bit of it where we live. That's why we do what we do. Take a look at our lovely new website:

<http://www.kingtonkleen.org.uk/>

Repair Café

At the Kington Art and Craft Market, every third Saturday, 10am

We use so much stuff. Stuff is so cheap that as soon as it is broken we throw it away. After it's thrown away much of it goes into landfill and over a few hundred years the plastics might break down and end up in some unsuspecting animal – or human. If we can keep stuff out of landfill we save materials (less mining or drilling for oil) we save energy (less carbon dioxide into the environment).

What's the answer?

No single answer but repair is one of the answers. Our parents or grandparents living in the time when stuff was more expensive would say, "mend and make do". Repair café is about mending.

Benefits.

All of the above but with the addition that a visit to the Repair Café is a social experience and a learning experience. As we repair something you are invited to stay and watch so that you learn that repairing much of the stuff is not rocket science. You can do it yourself and, possibly, volunteer to help out with the Repair Café.

Litter Picking

Usually the 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of the month. check the facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/kington.kleen/>

KLEEN was nominated as Environment Champion finalist in Herefordshire Community Awards and received a certificate. Yes! We are now certifiably KLEEN.

Your Energy

KLEEN is doing lots to provide information so that people can make reasoned choices about how they use and save energy. Gordon Coppock sets up displays, talks to people and demonstrates how energy use can be minimised. Global warming is the Big Thing at the moment and will remain so for generations. The link between global warming and the burning of fossil fuels is well established so we need to abandon our use of coal, oil and gas and soon as possible. For a good overview of possibilities "Sustainable Energy - Without the Hot Air" by David MacKay is a really good read. Gordon is one of the founding members of KLEEN: "It's all about Energy Saving and Energy Generation - all

with a view to reducing the carbon emissions of the Kington region and beyond by as much as is practical. I've run energy saving events that are in contact with the public both during [h.Energy](#) and at many other times. We have hired a shop for a week in the Kington high street several times and I've been the Energy Doctor, we have created events within Kington Festival and, of course, at every Spring Greens since they started."

Talks

Gordon is happy to deliver talks on a range of subjects. Currently available are:

- Why Electric Vehicles Now?
- Your UK Energy Options
- Zero Carbon Britain
- People, Plate and Planet
- We need to talk about Klimate
- The importance of Trees and Land Use in the Carbon Cycle

KLEEN Car Share Club



Are you someone who:

• Is not a car owner but would benefit from access to a car? • Wants to give up your car (or second car) but just can't do without it? • Is interested in saving money, reducing traffic congestion and pollution? The Kington Car Share initiative may be an answer! Our aims are:

- Promoting Cleaner, greener travel
- Affordable car use
- More community involvement

How it works:

• Small one-off membership fee (£20) • Monthly subscription fee (£5) • Easy online booking system • Monthly usage fee based on time, from £1.60 per hour and mileage at 20p per mile, less any petrol you have bought. Email: kingtoncsclub@gmail.com or call Richie Cotterill on 01544 231236 or 07777 661252.

Please note that the car we share is not an electric vehicle but we have aspirations that way. If you have an EV please use the charging point in the car park nearly opposite the museum on Mill Street.



Marches Makers Festival 5 to 7 May 2018 Events

St Mary's Church open Saturday and Monday 10am to 4pm; Sunday 12 to 4pm.

Paintings: James Burnett-Stewart, Julie Cooper, Maggie Davies, Ann Doyle, Angela Gladwell, Nick Holmes, Lois Hopwood, Peter Horrocks, Jane Keay, Ruth Kirkby, Clara Lewis, Charles MacCarthy, Julian Meredith, Tricia Mitchell, Andrew Pearson, Anthea Stillwell, Wayne Summers, Bronte Woodruff & Clare Woods; **Sculptures:** Caitriona Cartwright, Lottie O'Leary, Rachel Ricketts & Antonia Spowers; **Installation:** Charlie Hurcombe; **Metal:** Ambrose Burne & Marcus Henke; **Jewellery:** Deborah King, Wytyske Lazenby, Debby Marsh, Chrissie Nash & Angela Soulier; **Furniture:** Mark Haddon, Andy Tobin; **Ceramics:** James Burnett-Stuart, Nancy Frost, Tony Hall, Dave Mullen & Gill Tennant-Eyles; **Wood:** Kim Davis; **Glass:** Jim Budd; **Paper & Textiles:** Carrie Ede, Mike Clements, Maureen Richardson & Adam Watson.

Art and Craft Market open Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Stalls and live demonstrations

A wide selection of beautiful & practical things for sale including: handbags, waistcoats & other textiles, original paintings & prints, ironmongery, wool & alpaca products, knitted toys & wearables, jewellery, ceramics, art cards & hand-turned wood items.

The Old Police Station open Saturday to Monday 10am to 4pm.

Paintings: Judith Weir, Isobel Hutton, June Coveney & Laura Rowlatt; **Prints:** Alison Tristram; **Ceramics:** Pat Thompson; **Textiles:** Pearl Taylor & large textile hangings by Delia Brewer; **Leather:** Emma Baker-Jones; **Lighting:** Alan Mathews; **Wood:** Lewis Goldwater; **Printmaking:** Tricia Mitchell.

Border Bean open Sat 9am to 5pm; Sun 11am to 3pm; Mon 10am to 4pm.

Paintings by Pam Ford & Ruth Goddard; **prints** by Michael Hancock & Debbie Todd.

Hergest Croft Gardens open 12 noon to 5.30pm. Admission £6.50.

sculptures by Paul Baines, Ambrose Burne, Will Carr, Caitriona Cartwright, Marcus Henke, Lottie O'Leary, Malcom Mellen & Rachel Ricketts.

Craft Café at Harmony Handmade open Saturday and Sunday 10am to 2pm. £2 to £4 for each craft item you make. Come and have a go!

Galleries open Saturday to Monday 10am to 4pm

Made in the Marches

Paintings: Rebecca Finney, Rhiannon Hooson & Jane Keay; **Stone:** Malcolm Mellen; **Ceramics:** Mary Smith; **Textiles:** Rosamund Black & Helen Smith; **Wire sculptures & mobiles:** Jed Picksley

Studio 54

Sculpture by owner/curator Rachel Ricketts RBSA; **botanical watercolours:** Helen Haywood.

Leg of Mutton

Curated by owners & artists Shannon Donovan & Andrew Eastwood this tiny gallery is a unique experience with **ceramic sculpture** to engage, surprise & intrigue.

Kingswood Village Hall. Kington Art Society exhibition. Open 10am to 4pm.

Cloud 9 at the Burton Hotel. Border Monochrome Camera Club exhibition.

Kington Centre & Library: Making a Story workshop, 10am to 1pm.