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Our Front Cover Picture shows Ed Rollings at Perry Wood Farm, Kimbolton during the Ludlow Slow Food Group visit. See page 3

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WELCOME

WELCOME to the first edition of our new community magazine, *'Roundabout our Communities'*, so named because we are a circle of hamlets and villages to the East of the A49.

We have about 1000 residents, and, as before, we will publish bi-monthly, and deliver to every household in Kimbolton, Hamnish, Leysters, Middleton-on-the-Hill and Bockleton. Copies will also be available in local public places and as a download on the Kimbolton with Hamnish Parish website.

There will be no charge to people living in these communities.

However, with only a limited amount of advertising, (although we hope to build this up over time), we shall rely on voluntary contributions for our production costs.

We are a small team, and hope that you will send us your contributions and your ideas, as well as your donations, as we embark on this new look magazine.

LOCAL FARMER WELCOMES FOOD GROUP

Around thirty people, from the Ludlow Slow Food group visited Perry Wood Farm, hosted by Ed Rollings, who is the fourth generation to farm 125 acres at Perry Wood in Kimbolton. Ed returned to the family farm five years ago after working on renewable energy projects in Scotland.

Ed led the Slow Food group across the fields, explaining the regenerative principles that underpin his approach to farming. For him it's back to basics, improving the soil structure and the biodiversity of the soil; it's a long-term approach, harnessing nature to work for the farm and more importantly for the quality of the grass fed meat produced there.



The aroma of the soil

The group was definitely with him, and enjoyed smelling the soil, listening and discussing his soil analyses as well as enjoying the magnificent views... with a sheepdog display thrown in.

The proof of the pudding is of course, in the eating, and the slow roasted mutton baps served by Wild Charcuterie at the end of the tour were delicious.

Perry Wood Farm Lamb, Hogget and Mutton is on sale locally at Ludlow Local Producers' Market and Leominster Farmers' Market as well as available from the farm gate. He'll also have their first beef available in October.

By the way, Ed's return to his roots has also led to him taking over this Autumn as Chairman of the Kimbolton with Hamnish Parish Council.

Our photo shows Ed at Perry Wood Farm with his dogs Jess and Rae.

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EXCITED TO BE REUNITED AT SCHOOL

"We are excited to be reunited as a school." Says Head of Kimbolton St. James Primary School Charlotte Hyde.

"Both the children and adults have missed being together as a whole school: sharing worship time, playtimes and lunchtimes together."

"We had already redecorated the whole school and developed our outdoor space and last year we had a major rethink of the curriculum, especially in the Foundation subjects. Now we will have a curriculum, which is more appropriate for our children, in a diverse modern world. The computing infrastructure of the school has been improved and we have more laptops and ipads in class too".



“The children have slotted back in well”, according to teacher and music specialist Nicola Eatherington, “and whilst the first lockdown was difficult, in the second we provided four hours a day of onscreen learning and for some, it was really successful.”

“One highlight this first week back has been a performance by Rob at Sealegs Puppet Theatre of 'The Ugly Duckling', which the whole school enjoyed”, adds Mrs Hyde, “The older children particularly enjoyed the opportunity to look more closely at some of the puppets and the set.”



“We are looking forward to re-establishing our links with the local community, particularly being able to take the children to church for our Christingle service in December.”

EMBRACING GRANTSFIELD'S ORCHARDS

It is clear that the 'shoes' to be filled by Maccs Pescatore and Sasha Marchant at Grantsfield are large ones.

Embracing both the house and the wonderful gardens and orchards created and lovingly tended by Rosemary and James Polley, seems to be the first intention of the couple, who moved there from Winchmore Hill in London this summer. "We've bought into a project and at the same time the heritage of this lovely place, which is a great responsibility but very exciting too", said Sasha.

Arriving in torrential rain last winter, with floods all around, they were compelled to detour via Hamnish, and fell in love with both the area and Grantsfield immediately.



First they commissioned a heritage surveyor and researched the history of the property, and they are now making long term plans. Sasha is an enthusiastic amateur gardener, whilst Maccs has taken on the orchard project.

"Robert and Neil Polley are helping us to identify the trees and we have a local tree consultant coming to advise. Forty five trees, some rare, produce a lot of fruit, and in the future we would like to create a community scheme, perhaps to bottle and sell apple juice or in some way to include local people and raise some funds for the village too."

Tribute to James and Rosemary Polley from their family:

"For a number of years, our parents had owned a cottage near Shobdon and were keen to move into somewhere with greater scope inside and out; an essential element in the search was for sufficient land to create a large garden for two horticultural maniacs – and Grantsfield fitted the bill perfectly."

"And so, in 1975 began our family's tenure of this most special slice of north Herefordshire, surrounded as it is by beautiful countryside, welcoming neighbours and the wonderful, caring community of Hamnish and Kimbolton."

They "loved the friendship and embrace of the local community, and adored Grantsfield, transforming the house and grounds with great vision into the family

home and extraordinary gardens that in their heyday gave my parents such joy and pleasure.”

“They made their contribution, particularly to Hamnish church and its village hall, as well as to Kimbolton school, alongside everyone else and without fuss and fanfare, helping to make our parish what it is.”

HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged an excellent programme of events, which will run until November 2022. The programme as listed on our membership card includes a wide range of talks, demonstrations and garden visits.

Annual membership costs £15 (including refreshments); visitors are always welcome (adm. £4). Until the end of this year, meetings will be held in Kimbolton Village Hall, a larger venue which will allow us to observe Covid 19 restrictions more easily. In February we return to (an upgraded) Hamnish Village Hall.

Dinner at The Riverside Inn, Amestrey, 5th October 7pm for 7.30pm.

This is to celebrate the reconvening of HGC after a break of 18 months and replaces the New Year’s Dinner. There will be the usual quiz and raffle. The menu includes a choice from three courses (cost: 2 courses £20; 3 courses £24, coffee/ tea included) but this must be pre-ordered – please contact Wendy Pridie asap on 01568 611398. It’s always a jolly evening!

October 19th at 7.30pm, Roses and Peonies – a Marriage made in Heaven – a talk by Val Bourne in Kimbolton Village Hall.

Val is an award-winning garden writer and plants-woman, gardening organically, high in the Cotswolds at Cold Aston

The Competition – a large single flower (not a sunflower).

November 16th at 7.30pm, Preserving the Harvest – a talk by Kev Alviti in Kimbolton Village Hall.

Kev runs a smallholding and farmstead near Malvern and aspires to be self-sufficient in fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy produce. At past visits Kev has shown us how to grow a huge range of fruit and vegetables, including many unusual varieties.– so this talk will be the next step.

The Competition – A preserve from the garden.

For further information please contact Wendy Pridie (01568 611398) or Rowena Gale (01568 615855).

WI NEWS KIMBOLTON

Kimbolton WI is now in its 88th year and looking forward to meeting up again regularly in the coming months.

We now have a new home at Hamnish Village Hall and usually meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

During the last eighteen months our usual activities were suspended, but we still managed to keep in touch sharing photographs and thoughts with each other.

In February, we donated 70 individual bags containing small gifts to the staff at Leominster Community Hospital, as a thank you for all the work and care they provided whilst under immense pressure during the covid pandemic.

We enjoyed a lovely sunny outdoor lunch at Stocktonbury Gardens in July. It was a much needed opportunity to meet and chat in a relaxing environment and also welcome some new faces.

Regular meetings are starting again on September the 9th. We have a flower arranging workshop at Carola Kean Floral Design, Hamnish, in October and are looking forward to planning some more events in the new year.

We are a small friendly group who have wide ranging interests. We always welcome new members and you don't need to be good at anything to join us!

For more information please contact me on 07968233387.

Rachel Palmer

BOCKLETON WI

We too are happy to be meeting again.

At our first gathering for a while we had a garden visit at Aulden Farm in Ilvington, walking around the mature gardens filled with flowers, shrubs and trees and comparing the large collection of iris they nurture.

In July we had a cookery demonstration from our secretary Rosemary followed by our belated annual meal in August. We gathered at The Fisherman's Arms Docklow and enjoyed good food and company, as well as a woodland walk nearby. In September Cathy Marsh came to talk to us about herbs and their many benefits.

In October we have two meetings; our usual monthly meeting when we will be Ten Pin Bowling at The Grove in Leominster and then on 26th we are hosting the Teme and Tenbury Group meeting where, along with official business, we have Pam Davenport from Chilli Zoo talking to us about her chilli jams, oils, relishes and much more.

Meetings are at Bockleton Parish Hall, Romers Common WE15 8PX at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. We welcome visitors and new members.

Our secretary Rosemary's contact details are birchleymill@gmail.com
01584 811066

THE WOOLPACK CHARITY KNITTERS

The knitting group has continued, working from home, over the past year. Achievements have included:

- Blankets for Project Linus (Hereford), Home for Good (Worcester) and patients at Tenbury hospital;
- Fund-raising knitted gift stall at The Studio, Greenacres, in aid of The Midlands Air Ambulance;
- Ponchos for children supported by Hereford Community Nurse Team;
- Christmas gifts for patients and nursing staff at the Tenbury Hospital;
- Baby blankets for The Warm Baby Project at Birmingham Children's Hospital;
- Blankets, bootees, hats and paired mother-baby squares for the Neo-Natal Unit at Worcester Hospital.

We are meeting on 1st October at the village Hall to agree frequency and times of meetings for the next community magazine.

We will be welcoming new members, charging a small fee for hall hire. We can provide yarn, needles, patterns and inspiration free of charge. I am happy to be contacted by anyone interested in joining. We knit and raise money for local charities.



Currently we are knitting 6"- 8" squares to put together for blankets, Christmas stockings for Worcester 'Home for Good', baby blankets for the Neo-Natal unit at Worcester and gifts of hats, scarves or gloves for local hospital patients and nursing staff.

We will have a stall at Ann Wallace's Christmas Craft weekend at her Studio, Greenacres, Berrington Road, Tenbury. This will be held over the weekends of 20th/21st November and 27th/28th November.

TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE



“As I reflect on my time in your parishes, which could hardly be described as uneventful with the floods, pandemic, unusual weather, times of personal loss and great joys, of resilience and inspirational creation, and now harvest.”

“As seasons come and go, and we sing our favourite harvest hymns such as “We plough the fields and scatter” it is a subtle reminder of God’s continual act of renewal in creation, with new beginnings and endings, many of which go unnoticed.”



“Despite all that has been thrown at us, we are emerging to new life, accompanied with fresh hopes and seeing the familiar through new lenses. As we acclimatise to this new dawn.

In our part of Herefordshire, which I liken to the garden of Eden, the glue which is our communities, our friendships and our families, remains as vibrant as always, as I witnessed at the Harvest Auction in the Duke of York recently. ”

“Faces and places may ebb and flow, but together we share a commitment that everyone should flourish, as we care for each other and all of creation, and this is the drumbeat of our daily lives as we work, live, and socialise together, wherever that might be.”

“As I unexpectedly take semi-retirement, due to family commitments, and return to a small village nestled in the Welsh hills, may I thank you for being part of my family and welcoming my family into yours, and I wish you all, every blessing for the future.”

Fr. Rufus

Church Services in October and November 2021

October 3rd 10am	Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin, Middleton-on-the-Hill
October 3rd 10am	Family Service. St. Dubricius and All Saints, Hamnish
October 10th 11.15am	Holy Communion St. Michael, Bockleton
October 11th at 7pm	The licensing service of our new Team Rector The Reverend Guy Cole Priory Church, Leominster
October 17th 10am	Morning Prayer St Andrew, Leysters
October 17th 11.15am	Holy Communion Middleton-on-the-Hill
November 7th 10am	All Souls Day St. Mary the Virgin, Middleton-on-the-Hill
November 14th 10.50am	Remembrance Service St. James the Great, Kimbolton

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	Clerk:	
Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill:		
	Chair: Jane Conolly	750205
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	Wendy Pridie	611398
Kimbolton Air Rifle Club:	Des Hall	760665
Kimbolton Badminton Club:	Liz Davies	615367
Leysters Reading Group:	Linda Jones	750255
Woolpack Knitters and Dabblers:	Heather Shield	750040

Website information: www.easternparishes.org

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www.middleton-leysters.com

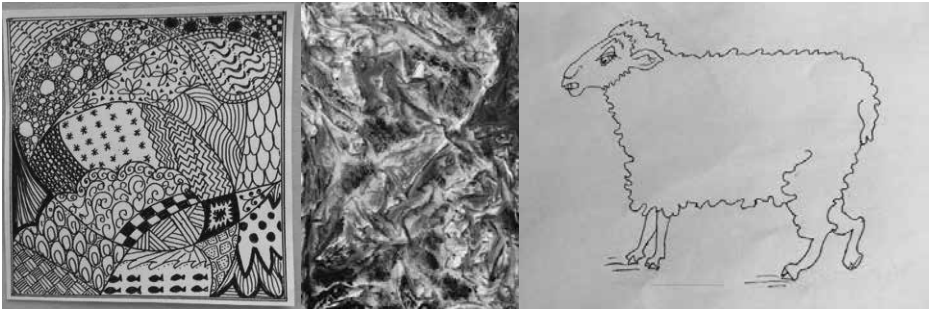
Kimbolton and Hamnish news, please visit:
www.kimboltonhamnish.co.uk

DABBLERS ART GROUP

This group was set up to give participants a variety of art and craft experiences in a friendly group. No previous experience necessary as everyone worked at their own level. Dabblers was a monthly meeting held at Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill village Hall.

The coronavirus put a stop to our meetings, but not our artwork, as I have emailed members a monthly art challenge which is continuing.

Challenges have included doodling, abstracts, cartoons and biro drawing.



Enjoy this fabulous painting below, by one of our Dabblers, Clancy Wilson.



Dabblers Organiser: Heather Shield

ARKWRIGHT'S STORE



Chris and Geoff Bemand have been running a 'bring and buy' stall for the past year. It is open all the time with a huge variety of stock donated by the community. There are jams, pickles and chutneys, meringues and fresh vegetables all kindly given to help raise funds for the delightful church of St Andrew at Leysters.

We are indebted to Chris, Geoff, their family and friends for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the local church.

Please call in and support this venture at Spring Cottage whenever you are in the area.

St Michael's Church, Bockleton
Tenbury Wells

JUMBLE SALE

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 23rd 2021
2.00 p.m.**

Bockleton Parish Hall

Raffle White Elephant Book Stall
Plant Stall Cakes and Produce
Refreshments

KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS

Off to a flying start, the first coffee morning, which was in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support raised over £550.

Coffee mornings in the Village Hall will continue as follows:

13th October 10.30 – 12 noon
raffle for Parkinsons

10th November 10.30 – 12 noon
raffle for Multiple sclerosis

ROSE OF THE YEAR LAUNCHED AT STOCKTON BURY GARDENS

After remaining shut last year, the team at Stockton Bury has loved having the company of visitors again. Tamsin Westhorpe said: "It's been exciting to see so many new and local people discover the garden and café for the first time. Our café has been a place for friends to catch up over coffee after not seeing each other for a long time and our garden has again been filled with laughter".



Gardening press at Stockton Bury

Among the many highlights for the team this year was hosting the Rose of the Year 2022 at Stockton Bury Gardens. This annual launch usually happens at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show but due to the pandemic, Roses UK (who support rose breeders) selected the garden as the venue. Tamsin told us:

"On June 29th Marilyn Stevens from Roses UK arrived with the stunning rose 'It's a Wonderful Life' (Dictwix) – bred by Colin Dickinson. Our café team put on a fantastic lunch for members of the gardening press who then went on to enjoy our 4-acre garden. Social media was all a flutter with excitement of the launch, and we were incredibly honoured to be the host. To mark this exciting event, we have planted two specimens in the garden."

The rose will be for sale this autumn from www.dickson-roses.co.uk and other outlets. It's a floribunda that has been selected thanks to its wonderful scent, generous flowers and robust good health. The flowers are a stunning soft peach/gold colour. For rose of the year to be selected the trial process takes two years. This lengthy process allows breeders the time to build up stock of the rose so that it is readily available to gardeners. Why not treat yourself to this stunning rose that was launched locally?

Stockton Bury will open again in 2022 for the National Garden Scheme on April 1st.

www.stocktonbury.co.uk

ANNUAL PLANT SALE TRIUMPHS DESPITE COVID

Once again this year in the absence of the plant sale in Kimbolton, we held a plant stall outside The Ghorst in Leysters and, once again, everyone was generous in their donations of good, healthy plants and the contributions of those who bought them. Such was the popularity there were times we nearly ran out.



The final tally was over £600, half of which has been donated to Leysters Church and half to Kimbolton Church – so thank you all once again for making this endeavour such a success.

DUKE OF YORK HOSTS ANNUAL HARVEST SALE

The Annual Harvest sale took place recently at the Duke of York in Leysters. Over £1000 was raised for Middleton-on-the-Hill Church and it was a great evening.

The Duke of York is a free house, which has been in the same family for 110 years, and is very popular.

Opening times are 12–2.30 every day except Wednesday when they are closed all day. On Saturday it's 12 – 3pm. In the evenings they open at 6.30 each day (except Wednesday).



Worshippers at Middleton-on-the-Hill enjoying the Bread and Beer lunch

STOCKTON CROSS REOPENS

The Stockton Cross is now open for food on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday they are open for lunch and dinner.
info@thestocktoncross.co.uk

THANKS FOR THE VILLAGE LANDSCAPING

"We all owe our thank to those who keep the village tidy and in particular Brian Tonks for keeping the planters at each end of the Village so well tended and colourful and John Bohan for mowing the Village hall." Liz Davies



KIMBOLTON WITH HAMNISH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021/2022

2021

4th May 2021
15th June 2021
27th July 2021
7th September 2021
12th October 2021
7th December 2021

2022

11th January 2022
1st March 2022
3rd May 2022

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LETTER FROM OUR TREASURER

Roundabout our Communities

“As you will be aware the last issue of the Parish Magazine was for August and September 2020 and since then there has been no magazine and no income.

We are delighted to welcome our new bi-monthly community magazine under the editorship of a new team.

As before, the magazine will be distributed free of charge to every household in Kimbolton, Hamnish, Leysters, Middleton-on-the-Hill and Bockleton. Teme Dairy will also carry copies to those on their milk round.

With only limited income from advertising, we will, as before, have to rely on voluntary contributions.

We hope that you will enjoy our new publication, find it useful and feel able to donate generously towards the cost of production.”

David Davies Treasurer

THANK YOU AND PLEASE

Thank you to our sponsors this time, Border Oak Design and Construction of Kingsland.

Thanks also to our advertisers and our contributors.

If you would like to advertise, sponsor an edition or send a donation or a news item, please get in touch with the team at edteamkimbolton@gmail.com

And if you have a suggestion for new features in the coming months we would love to hear from you.

Next time we shall be looking forward to Christmas – how time flies!

George Brothers



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