

Roundabout our communities

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Kimbolton, Hamnish, Leysters, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Bockleton

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WELCOME

WELCOME to the winter 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 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.

This is a quiet time of the year generally, so we have a slimmer edition of our magazine, although read on, and it's clear many of you are already planning wonderful events and activities for the spring.

Planning is certainly the focus of our lively WI group. After a brilliant Christmas meeting in St.James the Great church Kimbolton, when the newly restored organ was joined in carolling by enthusiastic members, they have produced a full and very interesting programme of events for the year.

KIMBOLTON WI PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2022

Kimbolton WI meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm, unless otherwise stated. We welcome new members and visitors (£4 charge). If you would like more information about our events and joining us, please email kimboltonwi@gmail.com or telephone 01568 611651. "Christmas also means we will all be going to the pantomime in Hereford, oh yes we will! "This is a lively evening and, together with Orleton, we take over the lower floor of the theatre for a fun filled morning."

"To round off our Christmas celebrations we will be having a whole school Christmas lunch and on the final day a party."

"We can't wait to get started and it all begins with advent. Through our daily worships we are focussing on 'staying alert' as our value of the half term taken from 2 Corinthians Chapter 16 verse 13, 'stand first, stay alert', which is our school vision. We will look at how the shepherds, kings and even Mary and Joseph had to be alert before the birth of our Lord."

Our Front Cover Picture shows L-R Caroline Brown and Rachel Palmer with this year's programme for our W.I.

Date	Event	Venue
10th February	Craft evening with June Edwards	Hollybrook, Hamnish
10th March	Birthday meal	The Boot Inn, Orleton
14th April	Rebecca Edmonds - Tales of the Crown Court	To be confirmed
12th May	Tapas Lunch and Raffle. 12 midday	To be confirmed
9th June	Andrew Mc Rabb - CPRE and Citizen Science Programme - The Save the Wye Campaign	To be confirmed
14th July	Garden Tour - Time to be confirmed	Berrington Hall
August 2022	No meeting	
8th September	Carolyn Bell - West Mercia Women's Aid	To be confirmed
13th October	Leominster First Responders - Community Defibrillator and Resuscitation	To be confirmed
10th November	Jenny Pipe's Morris Dancing	To be confirmed
8th December	Christmas Party	To be confirmed

Rachel Palmer
Kimbolton WI

LEYSTERS AND MIDDLETON-ON-THE-HILL EVENTS - NOT TO BE MISSED!

QUIZ & SUPPER

Friday, 7th March 2022 at 7pm
Leysters & Middleton-on-the Hill Parish Hall
Tickets £10 each – BYO wine or beer
Contact Edward Chandler on 750433 or Amanda Griffiths
on 750208 for further details

CHAMPAGNE TEA

Saturday, 21st May
Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill Parish Hall
To celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the opening of the hall
Sandwiches, cakes and a glass of Prosecco included in the
cost of £5 per person
Contact Edward Chandler on 750433 or Amanda Griffiths
on 750208 for further details

HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

Spring is in the air and the days are getting longer. It's time to don the wellies and get out in the garden again; and, of course, enjoy Gardening Club events. The next two talks will be held in Kimbolton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 15th February – *Tamsin Westhorpe: Reinventing your Garden*

With over 25 years' experience in the horticultural industry, Tamsin, is a mine of practical advice. Her career has seen her edit ***The English Garden*** magazine, write scripts for gardening TV programmes and publish two books. She is now a freelance writer, and curator and gardener of ***Stockton Bury Gardens*** in Kimbolton. As many of our members will recall, Tamsin's talks are always very informative and thoroughly enjoyable.

Competition: An indoor plant

Tuesday 15th March – *Malc Mollart: Gardening for Wildlife - Gardening with Wildlife*

Malc gardens organically in his quirky cottage garden in Plealey near Shrewsbury, where he helped establish an award-winning allotment community garden. His work has been featured in many magazines, on local radio and he has appeared on TV's Great British Garden Revival. He trained in horticulture as part of a teaching degree and in garden design with OCA.

Competition – A planted old shoe or boot.

NB. Marion Stainton was originally booked for this date but has now moved away from the area.

The programme for 2022 runs from January until November and includes 8 talks and monthly competitions, 3 summer garden visits and dinner at a local restaurant. Membership costs £15 (inclusive of coffee/tea and biscuits at meetings). Visitors are always very welcome (adm. £4). For further information please contact Wendy Pridie (01568 611398) or Rowena Gale (01568 615855).

COFFEE MORNINGS KIMBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

Time 10.30 – 12noon

February 9th – The raffle will be for diabetes UK

March 9th – The raffle will be for St Michael's Hospice

EARL HAIGH FUND POPPY COLLECTION 2021

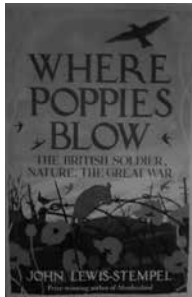
HAMNISH AND KIMBOLTON

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to our final total of £717.59p this is an increase of £44.57 on the collection of 2019. Special mention of Kimbolton School and Stockton Cross who exceeded their normal total this year. I am indebted to Rowena Gale and John Wood who supported this wonderful achievement For Hamnish and Kimbolton Parishes. Let's see what we can achieve next year!!

Liz Brasnett

NATURE, SOLDIERS AND THE GREAT WAR

At the Kimbolton Remembrance Service, Des Hall made reference to a book entitled, 'Where Poppies blow' by John Lewis Stempel, who, as it happens lives in Herefordshire. Having enjoyed Stempel's book, 'Meadowland', I bought this one.



I was astonished to read about how the poppy fields originated and how in between battles, gardens were created and restored by soldiers, and bountiful produce grown. Fascinating details too about bird-watching, the most common pastime, strange pets and working animals and all manner of country pursuits, that provided respite, a link to home, and food for the pot.

Many of the battalions were self-sufficient as a result, and some of their horticultural efforts won medals as prestigious as those claimed on the battlefield.

Judie Welsh

ANNUAL PLANT SALE AT KIMBOLTON CHURCH.

SATURDAY MAY 7TH

February and March are great months for starting to plan the gardening year. When you are sowing that tray of seeds please could you once again consider supporting the plant stall at Kimbolton Church.

This is our main fundraiser for the year, so we are looking forward to providing as many plants as possible for our enthusiastic gardeners to enjoy.

PCC. St James the Great Kimbolton Joyce Marston 01568 615988

STAYING SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

There are many advantages to living in rural areas but access to help in an emergency can be a worry. In recent years defibrillators have appeared in some places, but not everyone is clear about how they work and to whom we should turn in a crisis.



Mark Raybould, who lives in Middleton-on-the-Hill has many years' experience of responding to emergency situations, as a volunteer Community First Responder with South East Coast Ambulance Service in Kent. Having passed assessments with West Midlands Ambulance Service he hopes to be back serving the community in the local area soon.

Mark is also a Heart Start course instructor, teaching basic life-saving skills to members of the public to include; recognising the difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest, delivering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to a patient in arrest, and how to use a defibrillator and place someone in a recovery position once breathing. He told us:

"If someone has a heart attack or cardiac arrest, the first thing to do is always ring 999, and the operator will talk you through what to do next. 30,000 'out of hospital' cardiac arrests occur each year and of these only one in ten survive, largely because bystanders are not sure what to do and so do nothing".

"If the person is in cardiac arrest you need to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. It is always better to do something, your actions could buy time until the professional Paramedic teams get there. If there is another person present they can fetch a community defibrillator, guided by the 999 operator. Each one gives easy to follow, step by step instructions and action could save a life."

We have three defibrillators currently in our 'Roundabout' area...at the back of the Stockton Cross Inn, Kimbolton, on Leysters Village Hall and Bockleton Village Hall. These have been provided through community fundraising, and are the responsibility of that community. They should be checked regularly, and each one should have a named guardian making sure they are in good working order. All of them should be registered with the Ambulance Service so that they are aware of their existence and can guide a member of the community to them quickly.

A defibrillator could be the difference between life and death.

Anyone interested in running or attending a course should contact Mark on 07770 723430

KIMBOLTON GROUP CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022

February 6th	10am	St. Mary the Virgin, Middleton
February 13th	10am	St. Andrew, Leysters
February 20th	10am	St Michael, Bockleton
February 27th	10am	St. James the Great, Kimbolton
March 2nd		Ash Wednesday, Leominster Priory
March 6th	10am	St. Mary the Virgin, Middleton
March 13th	10am	St. Andrew, Leysters
March 20th	10am	St. Michael, Bockleton
March 27th	10am	Mothering Sunday St. Dubricius and All Saints Hamnish
Tuesday Mornings Holy Communion at Hennor 9.30.am		

PARISH DIRECTORY

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www.middleton-leysters.com

Kimbolton and Hamnish news, please visit:

www.kimboltonhamnish.co.uk

BOCKLETON PARISH HALL

New year new faces!



Bockleton Parish Hall Committee would like to say a huge thank you to Wendy as she steps down from her role as Secretary after 17 years! She really deserves a medal. Thankfully Wendy is staying on as a member of the Committee, so we can still draw on her wealth of knowledge and experience. Viv Ray will take over as Secretary.

The Committee will be meeting soon with a view to planning some events. If you have any ideas or would like to join the Committee, then please let us know, ideas very welcome. If you fancy becoming a member of the Committee, a warm welcome awaits! You can be as active as you want to be, no pressure. Give us a call on 07793661540 or email :- vivlucyray@gmail.com.



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~ Raffle ~

THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2022
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Auction starts 7.30 p.m.
Proceeds in aid of Leysters church

THE WOOLPACK OF LEYSTERS

The knitting group has been knitting and raising money for local people since September 2015. We meet at Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill village hall, every Friday from 10 a.m. until 11.39 a.m. You are very welcome to join us.

RAG RUGS WORKSHOP LEYSTERS AND MIDDLETON-ON-THE-HILL

April 2, 10–4pm HR6 OHP, DAY WORKSHOP, Leysters & Middleton Village Hall, Leysters, Herefordshire HR6 OHP (near crossroads on A4112). Learn Propping & Hooking for recycling textiles. £60 includes beverages and hessian. Contact Jenni for info/bookings: jenni.ragrugs@freeuk.com 01568 750229.

Jenni will also be giving a talk about rag rugs to Bockleton WI at 7.30pm on 16 March.

EASTER IS COMING

It may seem that Easter is a long way off but already we have news.

FUNDRAISING WALK

The Fundraising walk from Grove Farm that was postponed just after Christmas, will now be held over Easter. Watch out for details in our next edition or contact Fiona Bunting on 01568 613425.

BAKING A TRADITIONAL SIMNEL CAKE

If you love winter baking, what about planning a traditional Simnel cake for this Easter?

In Herefordshire and Shropshire the 17th Century tradition of apprentices and domestic servants taking a cake home on Mothering Sunday is still celebrated in our parishes on the 4th Sunday of Lent when a cake is shared at the end of the morning service.

This cake is known as a 'Simnel Cake' following the 1869 recipe from the 'Chamber's Book of Days'.

It contains dried fruit with a layer of marzipan on top and within. It is decorated with eleven marzipan balls each represents one of the eleven Apostles (without Judas). This religious symbolism goes back to medieval times.

At the end of Lent food stocks would have been running short ,so this traditional gift of a Simnel cake would have been a very special gift on Mothering Sunday.

OUR LOCAL HISTORY

From the outset we planned to include items about our local history in Roundabout, that new members of the community might find interesting. If you have researched any part of your village or home and would like to share it, do get in touch.

BACHE CAMP

The oldest evidence of community life in our parishes dates back to the Iron Age – in the 1st millennium BC. The remaining earthwork at Bache Camp is one of several still to be found in north west Herefordshire. These ‘hillforts’ are the most visual remains that survive here from prehistory.

The main oval earthwork encloses six acres with an entrance to the south. Archaeologists estimate that it could have contained about 125 dwellings. It is unclear why these forts were built but it would have taken a huge amount of effort to construct the earthen banks and the ditch that surrounds the enclosure.

There is archaeological evidence of small granaries to store grain inside the enclosure. This would suggest that the people of that time had started to lead more settled lives managing the surrounding area to grow corn in field enclosures but retreating into the safety of the fort when violence threatened.

Hillforts had a wide range of roles. They were communal centres or domestic settlements for a whole community, a place of defence and a refuge in times of unrest as well as a meeting place for trade.

Other forts in the area such as those at Ivington, Risbury and Croft Ambrey are larger but Bache Camp remains very much part of our early history before the Roman Conquest brought significant changes to a tribal way of life.

If you have researched your house or your village and would like to share your findings or encourage others to join you do please send us your articles.

Joyce Marston

ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

This time we begin our feature on '**Another man's treasure**'.

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

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 3 Awesome Auction, Duke of York from 6pm
- 9 Coffee Morning Kimbolton VH
- 10 WI Craft Evening Hollybrook Hamnish
- 10 Dabblers Art Group Leysters VH 7-8.30pm.
- 15 Hamnish Gardening Club Tamsin Westhorpe
- 22 Rag-Rug making workshop

MARCH

- 7 Quiz and Supper Leysters and M-o-t-H Parish Hall
- 9 Coffee Morning Kimbolton VH
- 10 WI Birthday meal The Boot Inn Orleton
- 15 Hamnish Gardening Club. Gardening for and with Wildlife
- 16 WI Rag Rug making talk Bockleton VH

APRIL

- 2 Rag rug Day Workshop Leysters and M-o-t-H
- 14 WI. Tales of the Crown Court tbc. Kimbolton

MAY

- 7 Annual Plant Sale Kimbolton Church
- 21st Champagne Tea Leysters and M-o-t-H Parish Hall

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