

# Roundabout

## our communities

APR/MAY 2022

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

Happy days at Kimbolton's toddler group



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# WELCOME

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**WELCOME** to the spring 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 time we begin with some of the very youngest members of our community.

## A BUSY MORNING FOR TODDLERS

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Kimbolton village hall was buzzing in March as the toddlers returned for their regular Tuesday playtime.

"During lockdown most groups ceased so it's great to see numbers climbing", said organiser Lil Oxenham.

"Not only is it great for the toddlers to get together learning about sharing and mixing, but it's a great way for mums to meet up".

Lil is a nurse three days a week in the kidney dialysis unit Diaverum at Hereford County hospital, and organises the group voluntarily, with help from the mums.

Middleton-on-the-Hill's Anna Price came for the first time when we visited, with her three year old Peter, and baby Tabitha, and they found a warm welcome.

The group does seasonal crafts and they often go outdoors to do water play and sand. There is lots of tea and coffee too for parents and guardians.

More information from Lil, check out her facebook page which has times and activities week by week or just pop along on a Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.30... the first session is free.

And, if you are minded to donate to the people of the Ukraine, they are asking, amongst other things for baby clothes. There are two collection points locally, one is Leominster Library and the other Morrisons supermarket

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Our front cover picture shows Lil Oxenham with Peter Price at the Kimbolton Toddler Group

Now to one of the biggest events of the local calendar .....A flower festival, plant sale and evening concert all to celebrate the completion of the new facilities at Kimbolton Church.

## **CELEBRATING OUR PARISH CHURCH PATRON SAINTS WITH FLOWERS AND MORE**

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The parish of St James the Great invite you to come to Kimbolton church on Saturday May 7th for our big event.

The Plant Sale begins at 10am with tea, coffee and cake inside the church followed by the Hereford Cathedral Lay Clerks in Concert at 7.30pm in the evening.



The parish churches in our group are celebrating their own Saints with flowers in the windows of the church on the day as well.

St Mary the Virgin from Middleton-on-the-Hill, St Andrew from Leysters.  
St Michael from Bockleton, St Peter from Puddleston.  
St Luke and St John from Stoke Prior and Ford  
St. Dubricius Hamnish and St James the Great Kimbolton.

## **HEREFORD CATHEDRAL LAY CLERKS IN CONCERT SATURDAY MAY 7TH 7.30PM. ST. JAMES THE GREAT KIMBOLTON**

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The Lay Clerks provide the alto, tenor and bass voices for Hereford Cathedral Choir with an evening concert programme in two parts:

Sacred Music from the 16th to 21st centuries, Followed by a selection of their favourite songs from America Europe and the British Isles.



# DONATIONS TO OUR PLANT SALE - SATURDAY MAY 7TH

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Yes, the plant sale is back, in aid of Kimbolton Church – Saturday May 7th, 10am – 2pm, at the church.

We welcome any plants that you may grow from seed, cuttings or division – vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, perennials or shrubs, whatever you have to spare or are willing to grow for the sale.

Please deliver your plants to the church on the Friday evening May 6th, 5pm and 6pm, or on the morning of the sale from 8.30am.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served inside the church.

**Offers of home-made cakes for the refreshments or the cake stall would be very much appreciated by Liz Davies – 01568 615367**



*Susie Woods of The Gorst Farm Leysters has an impressive collection ready to go.*

## AWESOME AUCTION – A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

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Whilst fundraisers in Kimbolton gear up for their events, in Leysters they are celebrating a success.

The Awesome Auction in February was brilliant at The Duke of York pub in Leysters. Fabulous gifts for sale, super-generous participants and so much fun! Thank you to everyone involved. It looks like we have a spectacular annual event to enjoy!



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## KIMBOLTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS' SUCCESS

After the Covid shutdown, we began our monthly coffee mornings with the Macmillan coffee morning in September 2021. Here is a list of the money raised for charity in the last 6 months.

September	2021	Macmillan	£550.71
October	2021	Parkinson's	£120.00
November	2021	Multiple Sclerosis	£163.50
December	2021	St Peter's Shelter	£94.00
January	2022	Woodland Trust	£68.00
February	2022	Diabetes UK	£95.00
		Total.	£1091.21

In addition, £205 for Kimbolton Village Hall funds was raised. Anyone wishing to suggest a charity for future coffee mornings please ring 615367 or 611688. A big thank you to all of you who made this possible.

**Liz Davies**

# HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

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The next two talks will be held in Kimbolton Village Hall at 7.30pm and will take us to the end of the spring session of indoor meetings.

**Tuesday 19th April:** *Bill Laws – Miss Jekyll’s Daisy Grubber – A History of Garden Tools.* Bill is an author, editor and speaker and has written well over 20 books on a diverse range of topics including gardening and plants.

**The Competition:** An unusual garden implement

**Tuesday 17th May:** *David Griffiths – A Practical Demonstration of Planting Summer Containers.* David is a knowledgeable plantsman and has a nursery in Bowley Lane near Leominster. He will be bringing plants for sale to get us all started on our own pots and containers.

**The competition:** A flowering plant in an unusual container

For the summer months we are planning four outings to (fairly) local gardens. The venues, directions and other details will be included in the next edition of Roundabout.

Annual membership of HGC costs £15 (inclusive of coffee/tea and biscuits at meetings). Visitors to meetings are always very welcome (adm. £4). For further information please contact Wendy Pridie (01568 611398) or Rowena Gale (01568 615855).

## KIMBOLTON WI

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“We have had two very enjoyable meetings in 2022 so far, and it feels like things are gradually returning to something like normal.”

“In February we had a craft evening led by our own, very talented, June Edwards. She demonstrated how to make book covers from fabric, and allowed us the opportunity to decorate one ourselves.”

“Our 89th Birthday was celebrated in March by a delicious meal at The Boot Inn, Orleton. We had a lovely evening, full of chatter and laughter. We look forward to our 90th celebrations next year.”

“We now have a permanent meeting place at The Foaling Studio, Holly Brook, Hamnish HR6 0QN. We are so pleased and grateful that Carola and Gordon Kean are allowing us to use their venue, which is ideal for our needs. All meetings will now be held here unless otherwise stated.”

“In April we will be welcoming guest speaker Rebecca Edmonds. She will be talking about her times as a criminal barrister in London. Tales of the Crown Court takes place on the 14th of April at 7.30 pm. Guests are welcome – £4.00 charge (Please contact me if you would like to attend).”

Rachel Palmer 611651

## **KIMBOLTON GROUP CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL AND MAY 2022**

April 3rd	10am	Morning Prayer	Middleton
April 7th	1.30pm	Kimbolton School Easter Service	Kimbolton
April 10th	10am	Palm Sunday	Leysters
April 14th		Maundy Service at The Priory	
April 15th	2pm	Good Friday	Bockleton
April 17th	10am	Easter Day – Holy Communion	Kimbolton
	10am	Easter Day – Holy Communion	Middleton
April 24th	10am	Holy Communion	Hannish
May 1st	10am	Morning Prayer	Middleton
May 8th	10am	Holy Communion	Leysters
May 15th	10am	Morning Prayer	Bockleton
May 22nd	10am	Rogation Sunday	Kimbolton

May 26th Ascension Day – Kimbolton School Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin Middleton-on-the-Hill

Tuesday Mornings Holy Communion at Hennor. 9.30am

## **KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS APRIL AND MAY**

**10.30 – 12.30 Kimbolton Village Hall  
April 13th Raffle for St Michael’s Hospice  
May 11th Raffle for the Village planters**



# PARISH DIRECTORY

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All telephone numbers are 01568 unless shown otherwise.

## Parish Council Chairmen and Clerks

<b>Bockleton:</b>	Chair: Burgess Adams	01584 811066
	Clerk: Carole Hirst	07903 377066
<b>Kimbolton:</b>	Chair: Ed Rollings	750476
	Clerk: Annabel Beaumont	kimboltonclerk@gmail.com
<b>Leysters &amp; Middleton-on-the-Hill:</b>		
	Chair: Jane Conolly	750529
	Clerk: Clare Halls	750257
Local Councillor (Upton Ward):	John Stone	01584 711227

## Church wardens

<b>Bockleton:</b>	Rosemary Adams	01584 811066
<b>Hamnish:</b>	Des Hall	760665
<b>Kimbolton:</b>	Joyce Marston	615988
<b>Leysters:</b>	Heather Shield	750040
	Chris Bemand	750461
<b>Middleton:</b>	Robin Moseley	750226
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Leominster Team office		612124

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<b>Leysters:</b>	Linda Jones	750255
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## Schools

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<b>Nursery School:</b>		614743
<b>Kimbolton Playgroup:</b>	Elizabeth Oxenham	07772 045246

## Clubs & Societies

<b>Bockleton WI:</b>	Rosemary Adams	01584 811066
<b>Kimbolton WI:</b>	Rachel Palmer	611651
<b>Hamnish Gardening Club:</b>	Rowena Gale	615855
	Wendy Pridie	611398
<b>Kimbolton Air Rifle Club:</b>	Des Hall	760665
<b>Kimbolton Badminton Club:</b>	Liz Davies	615367
<b>Leysters Reading Group:</b>	Linda Jones	750255
<b>Woolpack Knitters and Dabblers:</b>	Heather Shield	750040

**Website information:** [www.easternparishes.org](http://www.easternparishes.org)

**For all Leysters & Middleton village news:** [www.middleton-leysters.com](http://www.middleton-leysters.com)

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**Roundabout magazine news:** [edteamkimbolton@gmail.com](mailto:edteamkimbolton@gmail.com)

## Bockleton Parish Hall Management and Entertainments Committee

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Monday 25th April 2022 6.30 p.m. in Parish Hall**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Reading of previous AGM minutes to be agreed and signed by Chair
3. Matters arising from previous AGM.
4. Chair's report.
5. Treasurer's report
6. Current committee stand down
7. Election of new committee
8. Date of next AGM
9. Any other business

We have not had events over the past year due to Covid but we plan to make up for that this year. If you have ideas for a future event and would be willing to help we would love you to come along to the AGM and make yourself known. You will be welcomed with open arms.

## BOCKLETON WI

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Our February meeting was the annual meal, this year held at The Pembroke Inn at Tenbury.

We all enjoyed a pleasant evening with good food and catching up with each other's news.

Members are looking forward to the coming speakers and demonstrators, starting with a rag rug demo in March and in April instruction on how to access and use a defibrillator.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, visitors and new members are welcome.

The secretary's details are in the magazine directory.

# SUPER SPRING SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND BRIC-A-BRAC SUNDAY, 10TH APRIL 2-5 P.M.

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## Sale items include:

- Large cream sofa and 2 matching chairs
- Small, traditional stripped pine desk
- 3 Persian carpets
- Small occasional tables
- Assorted household items and bric-a-brac.

Proceeds for the church of St Andrew, Leysters. Please telephone if you wish to view in advance - 01568 750192

## DABBLERS ART GROUP

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Thursdays 7- 8.30 pm at Leysters Village Hall £2 each

### For those who:

- haven't done any art for a while,
- like to do arty things sometimes,
- want to try a variety of fun art activities.

Materials and ideas provided.

Please feel free to bring your own equipment and refreshments.

**April:** A bit of Perspective

**May:** Playing Card Art

## THE WOOLPACK OF LEYSTERS

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The Woolpack is a group knitting for local charities. Currently making crème egg covers for The Hospice, Activity Cuffs and baby blankets for hospitals, and now starting to knit items for The Tenbury Show. We meet at Leysters Village Hall on Fridays, 10-11.30 am. Come and join us...



# HISTORY PAGE

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Christine D'Albert, long time resident of The Hundred, Middleton-on-the-Hill, sends us some fascinating snippets of the history she has uncovered over a lifetime in their home.

## **FAMILY TREASURE UNDER THE FLOORBOARDS**

Having spent a lifetime living in The Hundred with a family of three daughters, now long since grown up, Christine has developed a love of history and family research.

And it seems lifting the floorboards can reveal a great deal.

“We found an old comic stuffed down a skirting board.” She told us.

“‘The Butterfly’ dated 27th May 1911, issued every Wednesday, price one halfpenny. It was torn and crinkled but was a fascinating read ”

“ Under the floorboards in the same room we found seven clay marbles.”

“Who was the boy who lost these- it could have been William and Thomas Perrigo 1861,1871 or Sydney Warburton 1901?”

“Two white marbles, a light brown one and a terracotta one mottled with blue were middle sized, a light grey and dark grey were slightly smaller and the smallest one was dark green. ”

“Finally, whilst digging in the garden we unearthed a heavier ball, weighing 85 gms and 4-5 cms in diameter.”

“It turned out to be a carpet bowl, a miniature version of outdoor bowls often played in inclement weather.”

Our thanks to Christine for sharing those stories .

If you have unearthed a little history at home, or have inherited local knowledge of our community and landscape, do please let us know.

## ‘A SUMMER CONCERT IN AID OF UKRAINE’

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St Mary’s PCC in Middleton-on-the-Hill are planning a concert of music in aid of the refugee fund for Ukraine. The Birchpole Singers and their conductor, Andrew Morris will be performing in the church on 19th June at 3pm., and there will be tea and cakes after.

Please keep your diaries free for this date, and come along to support our summer concert and the people of Ukraine.

The tickets will be available through church wardens. It is sure to be a great afternoon.

All monies made after expenses will be donated to the fund for Ukrainian refugees.

For more information please ring Gerlinde on 750 674

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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

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## APRIL

- 2 Rag Rug workshop Leysters and M-o-t-H
- 10 Spring Sale Leysters 2-5pm
- 13 Kimbolton coffee morning VH 10.30 -12.30.
- 14 Kimbolton WI Tales of the Crown Court Rebecca Edmonds
- 19 Hamnish Gardening Club Bill Laws on Miss Jekyll's  
Daisy Grubber
- 25 AGM Bockleton Parish Hall Management meeting 6.30pm

## MAY

- 7 Kimbolton Plant sale and concert
- 11 Kimbolton coffee morning 10.30-12.30 VH
- 12 Kimbolton WI Tapas lunch and raffle 12 midday
- 17 Hamnish Gardening club David Griffiths -  
Planting summer containers
- 21 Champagne Tea Leysters and M-o-t-H Parish Hall
- 21 Table Top Sale Bockleton Parish Hall 2pm.- 5pm.

## JUNE

- 5 Pudleston Jubilee service 10am
- 19 Middleton-on-the-Hill concert in aid of Ukraine 3pm,

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