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Johno Horlock and Miranda Taxis
in our local pub

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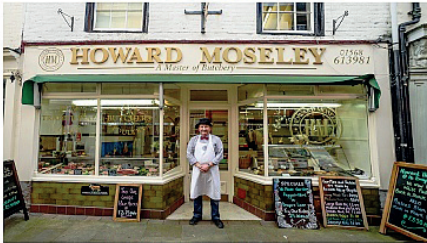
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WELCOME

WELCOME to our Christmas edition. In these days of change and uncertainty we celebrate the stability that is our village life.

MULLED WINE AND CAROLS IN THE STOCKTON CROSS

Covid disrupted so much in our communities, and a great deal of our social connectivity as well. So how joyous it will be to start Christmas this year with carols and mulled wine in our local pub.

Thursday December 22nd at 7pm., and there will be a collection for Roundabout too.

New landlord Andy Sturgess, (and his Newfoundland Stoford) are working hard to build the business back up and engage with the community. Andy told us: "I come from Kent but have worked all over the UK. I love traditional pubs and Herefordshire people are so friendly. We are serving traditional British fare and opening hours are: Monday – closed all day, Tuesday drinks only 5-10, Wednesday-Sunday 12-2.30pm/5-10 Food and drinks

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CHRISTMAS STALL

In aid of St Andrew's Church, Leysters

Saturday, 3rd December from 9.30am
at the Banfield Arch, Tenbury Wells

Donations (and purchases) of cakes, biscuits, preserves, crafts
and items suitable for sale as Christmas presents all welcome

Contact Heather Shield 750040

TRADITIONAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLE LIGHT

Christmas Eve 6.30pm
Church of St Andrew, Leysters
Friends and neighbours, come along and enjoy this special
community event. Happy Christmas everyone!



IT'S GOOD....OFSTED GIVES THE THUMBS UP TO KIMBOLTON SCHOOL

Good news this week, OFSTED 'dropped in' to inspect Kimbolton, St. James' CE Primary School and after a rigorous examination renewed their 'GOOD' status with an excellent report.

Executive Head Teacher Adam Breakwell shared some of their comments:

"'Be the best I can be' is a frequently heard statement from both staff and pupils. It goes beyond a statement.

Pupils behave well. They enjoy school and are proud to work and learn together. Parents and carers value the family and community spirit.

Staff know the pupils well across the school. Strong, nurturing relationships, alongside high expectations, ensure that all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well.

Pupils know about different forms of bullying. They say it sometimes happens but adults sort it. Pupils spoke highly of the care all staff give them and feel safe. They appreciate that they can talk to adults in school about their feelings. Pupils embrace and fully participate in school life and beyond, for example through the student council, gardening club and a range of fundraising activities. Pupils understand and show respect, especially within the school's Christian values. However, pupils' understanding of some fundamental British values is less well developed.

Animals are a unique part of the school. Pupils love chatting to the goats at playtime. A cat checks in on lessons. Pupils choose to share their unusual reading places, from the back of a pony or in the sheep pen."

Head of School Charlotte Hyde added:

"Since September the new Reception children and their families have been welcomed to the Kimbolton family and I am very pleased to say that they have had a wonderful start to the school year! They've been busy exploring the environment, making new friends and learning the routines. They're settling into school brilliantly. We also welcomed Mrs Sara Smith to the Reception teaching team.



We are welcoming visits from families interested in the school for September 2023 intake. Please contact the school directly on 01568 612691 if you would like a personal tour of the school.

Staff have been busy learning new skills themselves with the introduction of a new Phonics scheme and approach to writing. In the coming months, you will see and hear children becoming fantastic storytellers throughout the school. We look forward to seeing their performances and how this impacts on their writing as the year progresses. Look out for snippets of this on our facebook page!

BOCKLETON WI

The December 7th meeting will be held at the parish hall. The evening will be an energetic one with members playing skittles using the parish hall skittles set, after we will enjoy refreshments supplied by members. The January meeting is our annual meal this year held in Tenbury when we will exchange a secret Santa gift, enjoy each other's company and look forward to another WI year ahead.

KIMBOLTON WI

In November a short talk on the The Jenny Pipes and the history of female Morris Dancing, was followed by a demonstration of their dancing. It was a huge success.

Our events programme is completed for next year, and our Christmas party is on the 8th. December. This will be held at The Foaling Stable Studio. We plan to have a bring and share food evening, or as I heard it called the other day, a Jacobs Join. It would be useful to know if you are likely to bring sweet or savoury food so we don't have too much of one or the other...

There will be a Secret Santa with a £5 budget, please try and buy from a charity like we did last year (although I know this can be difficult), mulled wine, a quiz and carols.

Rachel Palmer

WI EVENTS 2023

- January 12th. Chocolate tasting evening with quiz.
- February 9th. AGM (this will probably be a bring and share evening too).
- March 9th. Kimbolton WI 90th Birthday Meal. The Clive at Bromfield.

COFFEE MORNINGS IN KIMBOLTON VILLAGE HALL

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came to the Macmillan Coffee morning in September. A grand total of £370.00 was raised for this excellent cause.

Monthly coffee morning dates

December 14th coffee, candles and mince pies
Raffle in aid of St. Peter's shelter for the homeless in Hereford

January 11th - Raffle for Sight Savers

More information from Liz Davies

HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

January 2023 brings the start of another year – and annual subs of £20 for the Gardening Club become due. We are sorry for the increase but our costs are rising. Payment please in cash or cheque at a meeting or in advance by BACS to Hamnish Gardening Club 30-91-91 Account 51421160 (if the latter please email Sharon (sharon.jameson@icloud.com) copying in Alex (foxymillward15@gmail.com) so that your membership card, which includes the programme and monthly competitions, can be prepared).

The meeting on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm will begin with a very short AGM, followed by a talk and demonstration by local nurseryman and plantsman, David Griffiths. On this occasion David will discuss the The Kitchen Garden – Tips for Growing Vegetables.

Competition – An evergreen arrangement.

Meetings are in Hamnish Village Hall unless indicated otherwise. Visitors (admission £5) and new members are always welcome.

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

Advance notice – our guest speaker this year will be Nick Bailey – ‘365 Days of Colour in your Garden’. This will be at Grange Court in Leominster on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm. Tickets must be pre-booked from Alex Millward either at the January meeting or on-line (see above): members £5, non-members £10. Nick regularly appears on TV (including Gardeners World). He has travelled extensively at home and abroad designing and managing gardens, and worked for seven years as Head Gardener at Chelsea Physic Gardens redesigning the gardens. As a garden writer he regularly contributes to gardening magazines and daily papers and has published several books. He is also a dynamic public speaker and lecturer.

And lastly – the HGC committee would like to wish our members a peaceful Christmas and NewYear and happy gardening in 2023.

KIMBOLTON AIR RIFLE CLUB.

We meet every Wednesday night at Kimbolton Village Hall.

Come and have a go, the first night is free.

Contact Des Hall on 07895 433666

HAMNISH VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT.

Come and enjoy the Christmas Bingo at

Hamish village hall on the 2nd December at 7pm.

With a raffle, mince pies and drinks and lovely festive prizes.

EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023

Sunday 4 December	Carol Service 10am Carol & Toy Service 10am	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Mary, Humber
Sunday 11 December	Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 11.15am	St Leonard, Hatfield St Andrew, Leysters St Peter, Pudleston
Thursday 15 December	Carol Service 7pm	St Bartholomew, Docklow
Friday 16 December	Carol Service 7pm	St Dubricius, Hamnish
Saturday 17 December	Carol Service 7pm	St Leonard, Hatfield
Sunday 18 December	Holy Communion 10am Carol Service 3.30pm Christingle Service 4pm	St Mary, Humber St Peter, Pudleston St Michael, Bockleton
Thursday 22 December	Mulled Wine and Carols	The Stockton Cross
Friday 23 December	A Village Christmas 7pm	St Luke, Stoke Prior
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve	Crib Service 3pm Carol Service 6pm Carol Service 6.30pm Midnight Mass 11.15pm	St John, Ford St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore St Andrew, Leysters St Bartholomew, Docklow
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 10am	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield
Sunday 1 January Epiphany	Holy Communion 10am	St John, Ford
Sunday 8 January Plough Sunday	Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 10am	St James, Kimbolton St Peter, Pudleston
Sunday 15 January	Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 11.15am	St Mary, Humber St Michael, Bockleton St Luke, Stoke Prior
Sunday 22 January	Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 11.15am	St Peter, Pudleston St Andrew, Leysters St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
Sunday 29 January Candlemas	Holy Communion 10am	St Bartholomew, Docklow
Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Every Tuesday at 9.30am Every Thursday at 8.30am	Hennor St James, Kimbolton

BOLD denotes Kimbolton Group Services
BOLD denotes Eastern Parishes Joint Services
Family and friends welcome at all services

PARISH DIRECTORY

All telephone numbers are 01568 unless shown otherwise.

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	Clerk: Annabel Beaumont	kimboltonclerk@gmail.com
Leysters & Middleton on the Hill		
	Chair: Jane Conolly	jane.conolly@icloud.com (750527)
	Clerk: Clare Halls	750257

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Website information: www.easternparishes.org

For all Leysters & Middleton village news: www.middletonandleystersgroupparishcouncil.gov.uk

For all Kimbolton and Hamnish village news: www.kimboltonhamnish.co.uk

Roundabout magazine news: edteamkimbolton@gmail.com

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS MUST INCLUDE STITCHES

What you might not know about one local business!

If you are walking along High Street in Leominster you can't miss Stitches, the handicraft emporium that has been, and is now more than ever, a part of creative life in our communities. The ancient building (no. 2) is itself fascinating, having been the home of renowned artist John Scarlett Davis (1804) (see blue plaque), and a licensed venue for singing and dancing. And it is thought to have medieval connections to the Priory too.



The business is owned by Liz Watkins, who lives in The Hundred. She took it on when it was in trouble and in 1992 she and her husband moved it to Draper's Lane and subsequently to High Street where there are two floors of wools, fabrics, haberdashery and just about everything else that a crafter could need. She employs seven staff as well as a team making curtains and soft furnishings.

"It was originally a sewing shop, she told us, but although I don't knit we have expanded to house a vast collection of wools too. People come from miles and are amazed at our scope and range."

liz.watkins4@btinternet.com - 01568 610467

HAMNISH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

16th of December at 7p.m.

Christmas day service 10 a.m.

All welcome to get into the Christmas spirit

WOOLPACK CHARITY SUCCESS

Thank you for helping us raise £200 for the Midlands Air Ambulance. The Woolpack held a community craft sale at Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill village Hall in October.

There were local craft stalls, books, knitted items and refreshments. This money, combined with funds raised at Tenbury Agricultural Show enabled us to give £500 to the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.



DABBLERS FUN ART GROUP

Leysters Village Hall 7pm-8.30pm

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Thursday 8th December: make your own Christmas cards and wrapping paper

Thursday 12th January: pencil

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Thursday, 19th January at 7.30pm

Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill Parish Hall

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MIDDLETON ON THE HILL PARISH CHARITY

This charity is managed by a small group of local trustees. It is their duty to manage the charity's assets and to distribute the income from those assets annually. In accordance with the original aims of the charity the income is to be used for three purposes: the Church, Advancement of Education and Relief in Need. It has been the practice of recent years for the trustees to issue grants to Middleton Church, St James School, students in secondary education, senior citizens and occasional individual cases of need.

The charity owns three small parcels of land, two of which are occasionally available by tender. If anyone is interested please enquire details from the secretary.

The trustees met recently to distribute last year's income. If you live in the Middleton-on-the-Hill parish and feel you might qualify and have not received a cheque please contact Mrs Clare Halls at Highlands 01568 750257 or leystershalls@aol.com

ORLETON YFC

In our area we have a large and thriving Young Farmers Club whose new Chairman is Bell Beaumont. Helping Bell run the club are two new vice chairs Thomas and William Crofts and two new secretaries Becky Swain and Jess Aston.

Lots of competitions are ahead of us this year and we started with Live and Carcass stock judging. The club came away with 2nd place in the beef overall team, 3rd place in the pig overall team and 3rd place in the overall team. Special mention, to our junior member Jack for his 3rd place in beef.

Next, we hosted our new members evening which saw 20 new faces playing hungry hippos and egg whisking. Welcome to the club everyone. On 28th October nine juniors went to Hereford to compete in the Junior Quiz, we were immensely proud to have a full entry. Hereford stock judging was on 30th October. Well done to Henry Hyde for coming in 3rd place in the senior class. In November, our annual bonfire was attended by around 1686 people. We nearly sold out of food and the firework display was a sensation yet again. £8000.00 was raised for club funds.

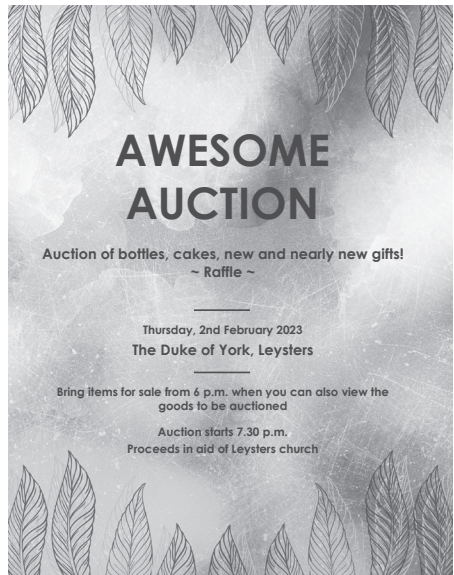
Coming up in the next month we have club meetings, public speaking competitions, Christmas Meals and finally Christmas Carol singing on Wednesday 23rd December around the village of Orleton.

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Bell Beaumont on 07530269900.

AND FINALLY.....

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our new magazine and we look forward to hearing from you in 2023.



CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 2 Christmas Bingo Hamnish V.H. 7.pm.
- 3 Christmas Stall Tenbury in aid of St. Andrew' Church from 9.30.am
- 6 Bockleton Skittles evening 7 pm. Parish Hall
- 7 Bockleton W.I. meeting Parish Hall
- 8 Kimbolton W.I. Christmas party Foaling Stable Studio
- 8 Dabblers Art Group Leysters V.H.
- 14 Coffee morning Kimbolton V.H. 10.30 am – 12. noon
- 22 Mulled wine and carols The Stockton Cross Pub 7.pm.

JANUARY

- 10 A.G.M. Kimbolton Village Hall 8.15.pm.
- 11 Coffee morning Kimbolton V.H. 10.30 am – 12. noon
- 12 Dabblers Art Group Leysters V.H.
- 12 Kimbolton W.I. Chocolate tasting evening with quiz
- 17 Hamnish Gardening Club 7.30.pm Hamnish V.H.
- 19 Life Saving Skills Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill VH 7.30.pm

FEBRUARY

- 2 Awesome Auction Duke of York 7.30.pm
- 9 Kimbolton W.I. A.G.M.
- 21 Hamnish Gardening Club 7.30.pm Grange Court Leominster

MARCH

- 9 Kimbolton W.I. Birthday meal The Clive at Bromfield

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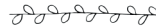
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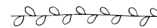
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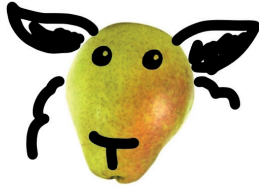
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