Roundabout our communities

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



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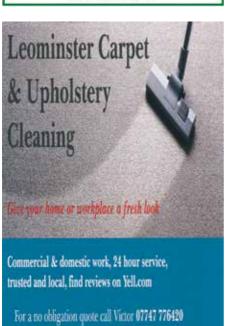
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WELCOME

WELCOME to our first edition of the New Year. We have a packed magazine with good news, not so good news and masses of information about activities around our communities.

First, let's deal with the bad news.

DEVASTATING NEWS FOR POULTRY OWNERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

In January much of our Roundabout area was designated a 3km captive bird controlled zone, as the highly pathogenic Avian Flu H5N1 has been detected nearby and the birds infected have been culled.

For anyone owning birds, whether it is just a couple of hens or a commercial flock, this is devastating news and strict measures are now being enforced.

Alison Alderson and her husband Stuart have a smallholding in Hamnish; rare and pure breed poultry is one of their passions.

Alison told us:

"I have always chosen rare, or endangered species like Swedish Flower hens and have been involved in incubating eggs like the Stanbridge White duck, which was thought to be extinct not so long ago".

"These birds are all natural foragers and having to house them massively impacts on their wellbeing"

"For us housing the birds costs hundreds of pounds; they eat more, need more bedding and it's very labour intensive. We have to put foot dips at all the doors and even their food has to be covered."

"That said, it's vital that we all comply, not just because it is the law but because we must stop this disease decimating the wild bird populations, as well as our domestic birds."

"People with just a few birds may think they needn't bother but like the COVID pandemic, we are all in this and we need to think of the bigger picture."

Full details of the measures that must be taken by owners are on the government website www.gov.uk

FUNDRAISERS HARD AT WORK

In Kimbolton Christmas kicked off with a fundraising carol singing evening in the pub as well as a quiz and there were loads more...

KIMBOLTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

In 2022 our coffee mornings raised a magnificent £1,618.00.

January	Woodland Trust	£68.00
February	Diabetes UK	95.00
March	Ukraine Appeal	145.00
May	St. Michael's Hospice	86.00
June	Village planters	78.00
July	Multiple Sclerosis	80.00
August	Roundabout magazine	98.00
September	Macmillan	369.00
October	Guide dogs for the blind	72.00
November	Sight Savers	73.00
December	Leominster Christmas	
	lunch for the homeless	90.00
Village Hall		364.00

Thank you all for contributing towards this magnificent total. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

2023:

February 8th. Raffle Haven Breast care V.H. 10.30 - 12.30p.m.

March 8th. Raffle Books for the school library VH 10.30-12.30p.m.

BOCKLETON PARISH HALL CHRISTMAS SKITTLES EVENING

Despite clashing with the England v France football match, our December skittles evening with supper and festive raffle was well attended and everybody had a great time. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who donated lovely extra prizes, including one from Nice Things in Tenbury, in addition to those funded by the Hall. Thank you also to Carol Wall for the beautiful willow wreaths made using her home grown willow, to Viv Ray for making the gorgeously decorated Christmas cake, and to Liz and Len Preece for the freshly cut Christmas tree. Thankfully it was netted which meant the winner could take it home easily (sort of!) that night.



HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

Our special guest speaker, Nick Bailey, will visit us in February to give an illustrated talk entitled – 365 Days of Colour in your Garden. Nick has travelled extensively at home and abroad designing and managing gardens, including seven years as Head Gardener at Chelsea Physic Gardens.

He contributes to gardening magazines and daily papers, has published several books and regularly appears on Gardeners World.

NB. This meeting will be at Grange Court in Leominster on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm. Tickets must be pre-booked from Alex Millward (foxymillward15@gmail.com): members £5, non-members £10. Please note that there will be no tickets on sale on the evening.

On Tuesday March 21st Duncan Coombs will give an illustrated talk on Alpines and Rock Gardens.

Duncan has spent over thirty years teaching Horticulture at Pershore College. He is also an RHS Garden Advisor and an enthusiastic traveller and plant hunter. The meeting will be held at Hamnish Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a range of plants for sale.

Competition: An alpine garden on a side plate.

If you would like to join HGC or still need to renew your subscription for 2023 you can do this either paying the £20 membership fee by BACS to Lloyds Bank, Leominster: to Hamnish Gardening Club, 30-91-91, Account 51421160, giving your name as reference; or, in person, with cash or cheque, at the meeting in March. If the former, please also inform, our Treasurer, Jane Minton (jane.minton@btinternet.com), and copy in Alex Millward (foxymillward15@gmail.com). Visitors to meetings are always welcome (adm. £5).

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

KIMBOLTON W.I.

Feb. 9th Annual A.G.M.

March 9th 90th Birthday celebration

The Clive Arms Bromfield Ludlow 7.p.m. SY8 2JR

April 13th Alanya Bellydance, history demonstration

and participation.

A full programme for the year is available from Rachel Palmer kimboltonwi@gmail.com

BOCKLETON W.I.

We are a small group of ladies who enjoy getting together, chatting and like all W.I. members taking part in informative and interesting meetings.

Coming up in 2023 our annual meal, a daytime garden visit, where members will be able to view beautiful flowers and take home ideas for their own gardens and skittles and ten pin bowling with a cup for the winners.

Also there is a proposed visit to a new ward at the Hereford Country Hospital to see how much better the replacement wards are from the old huts.

We are always open to new members and ideas for the programme of speakers, demonstrators and visits so if you would like to contact us we are listed in the parish director under clubs and societies.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall on Romers Common Bockleton.

BOCKLETON PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

As you will be aware the Hall is available for hire. We are pleased to let you know that, despite the huge increase in energy costs, there are currently no plans to increase the hire charge.

Unfortunately, due to pressing family commitments, our popular secretary has had to stand down.

If you might be interested in helping us out in any way please call Wendy 01568 750414

BOCKLETON 100 CLUB - PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

October Prize Draw - The winners were number 4 Mike & Maggie Downes, and number 6 Janet Stalled.

November Prize Draw - The winners were number 28 Judith Greenman, and number 61 Bruce Davonport

December Prize Draw - The winners were number 23 Burgess Adams, and number 88 Bockleton Village Hall.

KIMBOLTON WITH HAMNISH PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

Our community support officer came to talk to us about a police alert system called Neighbourhood Matters, which offers information about what they are doing in the neighbourhood.

Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts, receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more. You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone. Sign up now https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/

SANDBAGS AVAILABLE

We have ordered a pallet of sandbags for residents to use if there is a risk of flooding at their property. The sandbags are free to use and will be available from Kimbolton Village Hall car park.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 – AGM and Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 6th June 2023 – Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Ordinary Council Meeting

THE WOOLPACK KNITTERS

This group knits and crochets for local charities or needy individuals. Materials, patterns, refreshments and chatter all provided. Fridays at Leysters Village Hall, 10a.m.-11.30a.m.

We made Christmas stockings for lookedafter children in Worcestershire and cosy hats and scarves for patients at Tenbury hospital and gifts for the nursing staff on duty over Christmas.

New members always welcome, just come along. Only £2 a session. We need knitted flowers if you'd like to help, for a planned Spring/Summer display outdoors.

The Woolpack Coffee Morning

10 - 12 o'clock

Leysters and Middleton Village Hall

Saturday 4th March

Craft stalls, tombola, knitted items

refreshments

In aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity



EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023

Sunday 5 February Holy Communion 9.30am St John of Jerusalem, Ford Holy Communion 10am St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill Morning Prayer 11.15am St Mary, Humber Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle Sunday 12 February Holy Communion 10am St Andrew, Leysters Holy Communion 11.15am St Leonard, Hatfield Sunday 19 February Holy Communion 9.30am St Marv. Humber Holy Communion 10am St Michael, Bockleton Morning Prayer 10am St Marv. Middleton-on-the-Hill Holy Communion 11.15am St Luke, Stoke Prior Wednesday 22 February Holy Communion with Ashes The Priory, Leominster Ash Wednesday (see www.leominsterpriory.org.uk) Sunday 26 February Morning Prayer 9.30am St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle Holy Communion 10am St Dubricius, Hamnish Lent I Holy Communion 11.15am St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore Sunday 5 March Holy Communion 9am St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill Lent II Holy Communion 9am St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle Holy Communion 11am St Luke, Stoke Prior Holy Communion 11am St Bartholomew, Docklow Sunday 12 March Holy Communion 9am St Andrew, Leysters Lent III Holy Communion 9am St Leonard, Hatfield Holy Communion 11am St Dubricius, Hamnish Morning Prayer 11am St Mary, Humber Sunday 19 March Holy Communion 9am St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill **Mothering Sunday** Holy Communion 11.15am St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore Sunday 26 March Holy Communion 9am St James, Kimbolton Lent V Holy Communion 9am St Mary, Humber Holy Communion 11am St Michael, Bockleton Morning Prayer 11am St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle

A midweek Holy Communion Service is hosted at Hennor House every Tuesday at 09:30. All Welcome!

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

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Roundabout magazine news: edteamkimbolton@gmail.com

WE LOVE THIS WORK AND HAVE GAINED AN AMAZING REPUTATION

As we expand our advertising at Roundabout, we are learning more and more about the breadth of enterprise and skill that thrives within our communities.

One example is the George Brothers at Rowley Cottage. Clive, Ian and Philip are Herefordshire born and bred.

Some of their ancestors lived in Much Marcle, which is, of course, well known for its Steam Rally, which has been held, under the auspices of the Herefordshire Traction Engine and Vintage club since 1986.

From childhood the George 'boys' say they were surrounded by tractors and old machinery as their father was a keen collector.

Today they are specialist repairers and restorers of vintage agricultural and industrial machinery, with a fully equipped workshop in Hamnish. They have a highly skilled team and transform vehicles for use and exhibition.

Clive told us, "We love this work and over the years we have gained an amazing reputation at home and abroad."

"We source parts worldwide and currently have a very long waiting list of new projects."

"Ultimately we would like to have a museum here too, because we have quite a collection ourselves, including stationery engines."

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We are delighted that George Brothers are supporting Roundabout.



AND FINALLY.....

Your Roundabout magazine is entering a new and exciting phase, with more advertisers coming on board, enabling us to offer you an array of local traders to use whilst helping us with the cost of printing. We shall also be applying for grants and sponsors. Ultimately we hope that our magazine will be self– funding. Our thanks to those who are now stepping back after lengthy service.

We are delighted to welcome two new volunteers to help with this challenge, Rachel Evason and Avril O'Grady join Judie Welsh who will carry on editing your magazine.

As ever, we are grateful to all of you who continue to send contributions and donations and to those who deliver the magazines, almost 600 of them each month!

Please note our bank details have now changed:
Sort code 53-50-41 Account 62513761
If you prefer, cheques should be made out to Roundabout our Communities and can be given to any member of the team.

RAG RUG WORKSHOP

Feb. 11 Day workshop 10– 4pm Creative Recycling with Jenni Stuart–Anderson. Suits beginners and returners. Learn Progging and Hooking. Leysters Parish Hall, HR6 OHP £60 includes drinks, biscuits and a piece of hessian. Info and bookings 01568 750229 jenni.ragrugs@freeuk.com

DABBLERS FUN ART GROUP

Our local fun art group, Dabblers, continues to have fun developing their art skills and techniques. Abstract Art brought out plenty of surprise, well done!

DATES

9th February: Pencil drawing and shading 9th March: Exploring watercolour techniques

13th April: Line and wash

We meet at Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill village Hall, 7 - 8.30 pm. No previous skills necessary come and enjoy the sessions. Materials provided. Bring your own refreshments if you like. Only £2 per session

QUIZ & SUPPER

Leysters & Middleton-onthe-Hill Parish Hall

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

2nd	Awesome auction The Duke of York Leysters 7.30p.m.
8th	Coffee morning Kimbolton V.H. Haven Breast Care 10.30a.m.
9th	Kimbolton W.I. Annual A.G.M. Holly Brook
9th	Dabblers Art Group 7-8p.m.
	Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill V.H. 7-8.30p.m.
11th	Rag Rug workshop
	Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill Parish Hall 10a.m4p.m.

Hamnish Gardening Club at Grange Court 7.30.pm

MARCH

21st

8th	Coffee morning Kimbolton V.H.Books for school library 10.30a.m
9th	Kimbolton W.I. 90th birthday celebration The Clive Arms 7p.m.
9th	Dabblers Art Group 7-8p.m.
	Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill V.H. 7-8.30p.m.
21st	Hamnish Gardening Club, Hamnish VH, 730n m

APRIL

2nd

13th 13th	Kimbolton W.I. Alanya Bellydance Holly Brook Dabblers Art Group 7-8p.m.
21st	Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill V.H. 7-8.30p.m. Quiz and Supper Leysters & Middleton-on-the-Hill V.H.7p.m.
MAY	

Kimbolton with Hamnish Parish Council Meeting

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