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Paul Phillips with his Champion Texel

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Kimbolton cricket team 1955 L-R

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WELCOME

It's harvest time...well sort of...harvest has been a bit on and off this year and overall not great. Still, we shall celebrate our bounty as ever with our Harvest Festivals. We have lots of other events coming up too and hear about the new term at our school. Also this month Jackie Duggan is doing her 600 mile ride for the Midlands Air Ambulance (in the last edition), so if you haven't sponsored her yet, there is still time.

But first, to our latest farming story. We were delighted to hear from Paul Phillips whose farming business is firmly focussed on the future and the challenges of feeding a growing population.

KIMBOLTON BREEDER TAKES TOP HONOURS AT TENBURY SHOW

The Kimbolton flock of pedigree Texels were on top form at Tenbury Show this year, winning Champion Texel with a shearling ram, despite some very strong competition.

The fifty strong ewe flock is run by Paul Phillips who has been building a reputation for producing high performing genetics that are sold to breeders from all over the UK as well as being exported internationally.

He told us: "In today's agricultural industry, efficiency is key, particularly as the UK's national flock is around thirty two million sheep."

"One of the simplest things that can be done is to use the best possible genetics, as this can enhance animal welfare, boost lamb production, and help reduce emissions contributing to overall sustainability."

"For nearly two decades we have been meticulously developing the flock. We collect large amounts of data on the animals, including CT scanning significant lambs, and select for key traits. We have participated in research covering mastitis and foot rot, improving meat eating quality and meat yield, and now research is beginning to help identify animals who emit less CO₂e."

"All our data, including DNA information, is integrated into comprehensive genomic evaluations managed by the Texel Sheep Society. These provide highly accurate breeding values and rankings, placing Kimbolton sheep consistently in the top 1% of the breed. Online publishing allows potential buyers anywhere in the world to identify animals who have the superior genetics they are looking for".

"Recent disease challenges such as Schmallenberg, and now Bluetongue are real concerns. Bluetongue has seen mortality of up to 75% in Holland in unvaccinated flocks and is carried by midges. I am waiting to find out when vaccine will be available, as this will help reduce losses. However the arrival of Bluetongue in the UK has also meant export markets are closed for the foreseeable future, so there is a significant welfare and financial cost, which is a worry"

Despite these challenges, Paul remains hopeful about the future of Kimbolton genetics, confident that the flock will continue to play a pivotal role in advancing the British sheep industry and he is looking forward to competing again at next year's Tenbury Show.

Our front cover picture shows Paul with his Texel Shearling ram which won Champion Texel at this year's Tenbury Show.

If you would like to know more you can contact Paul on paul@texelrams.co.uk

MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF LOCAL CRICKET

In 1948 the Kimbolton Cricket Team played its first match in Harley Jones's field at New House Farm.

It was the beginning of an illustrious sporting era for Kimbolton.

Under the chairmanship of the Reverend Herbert Thomas the team collected silver ware from the Orelton and Leominster Leagues culminating in a brilliant tour of South Devon playing matches at Paignton and Babacombe in 1952.

Matches were played at the Grange in Leominster, Dales' ground, Leysters and Hollybrook Hamnish, where the vice chairman John Pitts built a pavilion. Roberta Hodnet remembers keeping the score sheets with Barbara Bird and Freda Lloyd.

Over the years many men and lads from Kimbolton played and ladies provided countless teas. Committee meetings were always held at the Stockton Cross where Jack Lewis, Geoffrey Morris and Keith Hodnet continued to meet together for fifty years afterwards on a Saturday night.

The photograph on our inside front cover was taken in 1955. If anyone can identify the 4th from the left in the back row do get in touch.

KIMBOLTON SNATCHES VICTORY IN ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

The day was a HUGE success, and thanks to everyone. The umpires (for their differing styles!), everyone who made and helped with the delicious teas, everyone who donated the many excellent raffle prizes, the people who came with such enthusiasm to cheer the teams on, the tireless scorers, the Luctonians ground staff for preparing the wicket for us, and of course, to Judith Rollings for coming to present the 'Man of the match' trophy to Lucy Langley. This trophy is in memory of her husband Grenville Rollings who died last year.

The match was won by Kimbolton who snatched victory in an exciting match that swung back and forth between the two teams. The winning runs scored by Graeme Murray-Shirreff with only 4 balls remaining!

An amazing £1000 was raised for the local Parkinson's Society and £500 for research in the West Midlands. Dr Duncan Jones , the Herefordshire treasurer, and Mr Adrian Marshall chair of Herefordshire's Parkinson's support , both expressed their very grateful thanks.



QUIZZERS GET READY... MORE EVENTS TO ENJOY

QUIZ AND SUPPER

Middleton & Leysters Parish Hall

Friday 29th November at 7.00pm

Come and enjoy a great supper with good company and a chance to win

Tickets £10 to include the meal but BYO drinks

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QUIZ AND SUPPER IN HAMNISH

Quiz and curry night Friday 15th November

7pm start £10 – 00 per person

All welcome come along to the Parish Hall and enjoy the evening.

HAMNISH SHOE BOX COFFEE MORNING

Christmas Shoe boxes coffee morning

10 am to 12 noon Saturday October 26th

Enjoy tea coffee and cakes with poppies on sale.*

We would like shoe boxes and things to fill them with anything small enough to fit in a box and bring a smile to some young child.

*NOTE Poppies will not be on sale door to door in our area this year.

HAMNISH PARISH HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO

Friday 6th December 7pm start

Come along and support us to raise money for the upkeep of the hall.

All welcome, lovely prizes.

POPPY COLLECTION TO CHANGE

The Poppy Collection for Kimbolton and Hamnish Parishes will change this year, from a door to door collection to a coffee morning at Hamnish Parish Hall on Saturday 26th October at 10am.

Poppies will also be sold at our regular Poppy boxes at Stockton Cross Public House and St James' School.

The decision was made following a decrease in the number of people having cash available and the the absence of a card reader for all door to door collectors. However, I do want to reiterate the importance of giving to this important charity to improve the lives of all our service men and women.

I took over the coordination of this poppy collection in 2013 from Colonel James Polley who had made a sound foundation with a regular a donation yearly of over £300 rising to £500 in recent years, for the British Legion. The support from all the Poppy collectors has been invaluable,with tremendous thanks to Bridget Pellow(deceased),Joyce Marston, Rowena Gale,Jean Franks, Elsbeth Howard and John Wood. Without their support it would not have been possible to give so generously.

Finally, thanks to the children and families at St James' School who always return a very 'heavy' Poppy tin as does the Stockton Cross Public House. Thank you all.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday 26th October at Hamnish Village Hall at 10am if anyone is unable to attend and wishes to contribute please phone 01568611068 ,This Coffee Morning is held in conjunction with the Children's Shoe Box Charity for needy children.

Liz Brasnett



HARVEST TIME IN MIDDLETON

We hope that everyone has had a decent summer break and perhaps got away for a holiday.. We at Middleton-on-the-Hill are planning our harvest celebrations, which, for the farming community, is the start of the year.

The harvest starts with our Beer and Bread Service which will be held on Friday, 4th October at 6.30pm. We include a buffet supper after the service which includes home brewed beer and homemade bread. All will be welcomed, so do come along. We hope to raise the new roof at St Mary's with harvest singing and celebration.

We are also looking forward this year to the Harvest Auction, which annually falls on the following Thursday evening at 7.00 pm at the Duke of York pub, with kind permission from Joy and Lynn. (Thursday, 10th October). This event is always lots of fun and is not to be missed.

Come along, support your local amenities and meet friends and neighbours. I am always so grateful and very amazed on the night as so much home produce and home baking is donated for the auction in aid of the church. It just shows what a wonderfully supportive community we have in this very rural place. With a very big thank you to all who remember to come along and donate.

For admissions to the sale please get in touch with Gerlinde on 750 674, or bring with you on the night.

Gerlinde Atkins-Child

DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, MIDDLETON-ON-THE-HILL

This year we have had permission from the diocese and installed a defibrillator at St Mary's church. This new facility will apply an electric current to the chest and heart area should anyone unhappily have a heart attack whilst out walking or cycling in the area. The defibrillator box is positioned in the church porch and can be opened with a code or by dialling 999 for emergency support. Because there is so little mobile signal available down at St Mary's church the PCC have decided to publicise the code.

Here it is: C159X

Hopefully, no one will need it!

Gerlinde Atkins-Child

A GREAT YEAR AHEAD FOR KIMBOLTON SCHOOL

The Autumn term is always rather joyful as we welcome our new cohort of class R children into the school. As ever, the children arrived looking super smart with pressed uniforms and smart new shoes. It was lovely to see them sharing news of holiday adventures and achievements.

Over the holidays Adam Collins (AJ Collins) has worked tirelessly to decorate the school building top to bottom. All of the classrooms and hallways have a fresh coat of paint and the school really does look tip top. Andy from Elite Vehicle Wrapping has also smartened up the entrance hall with bespoke logos and frosting whilst Anthony Luck has completely remodelled our staffroom. In brief – its been a busy but very productive summer holiday.



We are now looking forward to our Harvest Service, Christmas productions and of course our Christmas Christingle Service. In the meantime the children are already working extremely hard whilst also have fun as they learn. I feel so lucky to work with such wonderful staff and children, the buzz and energy in the school is palpable, it's going to be a great year!

Adam Breakwell
Executive Head

MORE EVENTS COMING UP

KIMBOLTON WI NEWS

As we move into October and November, Kimbolton WI have two meetings to enjoy.

On the 10th of October

we will welcome Chris Sadler from Wildjac Distillery, to have an evening of gin, vodka, and rum tasting.

Our meeting in November will be on Thursday the 14th. Rebecca Russell, who is a Kimbolton WI member, will be giving a talk on the 'History of Carols'.

New members and visitors are always welcome, £5.00 to include refreshments. Meetings take place at Kimbolton Village Hall, the starting time is 7.30 pm.

RACHEL PALMER

KIMBOLTON RIFLE CLUB

We start shooting again on Wednesday 30th October at Kimbolton village hall 7.30 start. All welcome, we need your support to keep this club running.

Telephone Des Hall 01568760665

BOCKLETON 100 CLUB – 2024/2025

August 2024 Prize Draw – The winners were 48, Alan Grosvenor, and 56, Steve Oakley.

September 2024 Prize Draw – The winners were 68, Dan Norman, 70, Michael Hart.

Congratulations and enjoy your winnings.

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LEOMINSTER AREA OF HEREFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

October 5th has been designated UK Fungus Day.

There will be activities and guided walks at Queenswood on Dinmore Hill provided by the Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

11am to 3.30pm. The guided walks will have to be booked ahead on herefordshirewt.org website. Although the event is free, parking charges apply.

Autumn Walk around Bodenham Lakes and Oaktree Farm reserve on Sunday 3rd November starting at 2pm. We will head towards the hides looking at some of the autumn colour of the trees on the way. We would like to invite families and so there will be opportunities to make bark and leaf rubbings. Parking charges do apply but otherwise this event is free.

If you are interested in joining us please get in touch for more information LeominsterAreaBranch@gmail.com

AND FINALLY.....

Once again thank you all for your news and your views and to all of you who deliver our magazines each time. If you could help to deliver please ring Rachel Palmer on 07968 233387. If you are already delivering and could do with help or if you aren't receiving your copy, please ring her too.

As ever we love to hear from you.
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EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024

Friday 4 October	18:30 Harvest Festival	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
Sunday 6 October	09:15 Holy Communion	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle
	11:30 Harvest Festival *	St Luke, Stoke Prior (Village Hall)
Friday 11 October	18:30 Harvest Festival	St Leonard, Hatfield
	19:00 Harvest Festival	St Michael, Bockleton
Sunday 13 October	09:00 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish
	09:15 Holy Communion	St Leonard, Hatfield
	11:00 Harvest Festival	St Andrew, Leysters
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber
	15:00 Harvest Festival	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
Sunday 20 October	09:00 Holy Communion	St Michael, Bockleton
	09:15 Holy Communion	St John of Jerusalem, Ford
	11:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle
Sunday 27 October	09:00 Holy Communion	St James, Kimbolton
	09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber
	11:15 Harvest Festival	St Bartholomew, Docklow
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
Saturday 2 November	16:00 Commemoration of the	St Leonard, Hatfield
<i>All Souls' Day</i>	<i>Faithful Departed (Holy Communion)</i>	
Sunday 3 November	09:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
<i>All Saints' Day</i>	09:15 Holy Communion	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Luke, Stoke Prior
Sunday 10 November	10:50 Remembrance Day Service	St James, Kimbolton
<i>Remembrance Day</i>		St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle
Sunday 17 November	09:00 Holy Communion	St Michael, Bockleton
	09:15 Holy Communion	St John of Jerusalem, Ford
	11:00 Morning Prayer	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle
Sunday 24 November	09:00 Holy Communion	St James, Kimbolton
<i>Christ the King</i>	09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber
	11:00 Holy Communion	St Andrew, Leysters
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
	16:00 Evensong (BCP)	St Leonard, Hatfield

Holy Communion at Hennor House Chapel every

Tuesday at 09:30 followed by refreshments

Family, friends, and neighbours welcome at all services

** These are Patronal Festival Services*

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	Clerk: Annabel Beaumont	kimboltonclerk@gmail.com
Leysters & Middleton on the Hill:		
	Chair: Edward Chandler	750433 chandler.leysters@gmail.com
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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 Fungus Day guided walk 11-30 HWT
- 9 Kimbolton Coffee Morning
- 10 Harvest Auction Duke of York 7pm
- 10 Kimbolton WI 7.30pm
- 26 Hamnish shoe box coffee morning 10-12 pm
- 30 Kimbolton Rifle club 7.30

NOVEMBER

- 3 Autumn walk Bodenham lakes HWT 2pm
- 13 Kimbolton Coffee Morning
- 14 Kimbolton WI 7.30
- 15 Quiz and curry 7pm - Hamnish Parish Hall
- 29 Quiz and supper 7pm - Middleton and Leysters' Parish Hall

DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas bingo Hamnish Parish Hall 7pm

KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS 10.30-12 VILLAGE HALL

October 9th Raffle in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance

November 13th Raffle in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice

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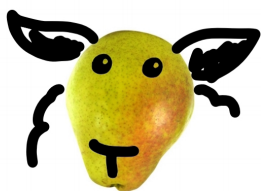
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