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



Rebecca Russell with her autoharp

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Roundabout, your community magazine.

We have a packed edition again, with updates, amazing fundraising totals and lots of news and events over the festive season.

But first, our front cover story.

WI FIRST WITH TALENTED NEW SPEAKER



Kimbolton's thriving WI enjoyed a very special evening recently, when one of their newer members, Rebecca Russell gave her very first WI talk, on the history of Christmas carols.

Who knew how chequered the evolution of these songs has been, from the 12th to the 21st century, and for much of that time, they were not sung in church at all?

Rebecca, who moved to the area recently, has been singing for forty years and is currently writing a book on the traditions and folklore surrounding Christmas.

She illustrated her talk by singing some of these ancient songs, accompanied on an autoharp, which is originally a 19th century instrument.

She told us: "I have always been fascinated by folklore and was originally a folk singer. My research led me to begin writing a book, and that led me to thinking of giving talks. So much music has been lost along the way and I hope to shed some light on our songs through the ages, just in time for Christmas."

WI EVENTS COMING UP

Thursday December 5th Christmas party

Thursday 9th January 2025. St Michael's Hospice
A talk on our local hospice, its history and services.

Meetings are in Kimbolton village hall at 7.30.p.m. New members are always welcome

kimboltonwi@gmail.com

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING FOR MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE AND OTHERS

Local people are always very generous when there is an appeal, but the groundswell that gathered to support Pete and Jackie Duggan's fundraising, after Pete was flown to hospital earlier this year, was truly amazing.

Jackie said:

"The final total for the Midlands Air Ambulance is £6,175, (£5002 plus Gift Aid of £1173)."



"A huge thank you to friends, family, neighbours and the wider community, from all of us at Stanley Bank Farm. Together we have raised an amazing £6,175."

"A special thank you to The Stockton Cross for hosting the pub quiz, also to Bo, Graham and Di for running it. In addition, Stocktonbury gardens, and the Forbury Orchard coffee morning gang who also ran events to support this very worthy charity. Thank you so much".

Pete, Jackie, Nick and Matt

MIDDLETON ON THE HILL HARVEST AUCTION TOTALS

The combined total for both the beer and bread service and the harvest auction was £1087.00 which is fantastic.

Gerlinde Atkins-Child said; "we were very grateful for this generous total as it means that we can pay the electricity bills and do some necessary maintenance work to the graveyard walls."

COMING UP

Leysters' auction of new and nearly new gifts at the Duke of York will be on 20th February 2025, with viewing from 6pm. Auction starts at 7.30.

All in aid of Leysters' organ fund.

SCHOOL NEWS REPORT AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

"Wow! The last half-term has just zoomed by! All of the children have settled well into their classes, and it is amazing just how much they have fitted in alongside, their learning."

"Class One have made a great start to their time at Kimbolton, getting to know their school and exploring their outdoor area. Class Two had a super visit to Ludlow Castle, children from Classes Three and Four have represented the school at The School Games in Hereford and Class Four held a French Café. In addition to this, we held our Harvest Service at St. James' Church and have hosted visitors for a Fair Trade morning in school."

"Two of our former Year Six children went to Whitecross High School to receive the Gold School Games Award on Monday. This reflects all of the events that children from Kimbolton have participated in over the last year, and also the sporting excellence shown."

The girls have written a review:

"School Games is an amazing opportunity for young children to compete in a large variety of sporting events such as: volleyball, cricket, tennis and netball, just to name a few. They take place over a collection of dates throughout the school year, both inside and outside, and are suitable for all years and genders."

"Kimbolton St. James' has competed in many events. They have all been thoroughly enjoyed and kept us all fit and healthy. Our year group alone have been to at least five or six sporting events in just one year. School Games have a range of different values which are: Teamwork, Determination, Passion, Honesty, Respect and Self-Belief. Different awards are given to the teams or schools that show these values and are noted particularly by the young leaders. Kimbolton has been gifted with two glass trophies from the School Games and we are extremely proud to have been selected for them. "

"We would like to thank all of the Young Leaders, staff and our teachers for guiding us, making this happen and giving us the opportunity to stay active!"
Eve and Emma.

"As always, a huge thank you to the whole community for your ongoing support. We look forward to a busy and exciting half term, and welcome you all to our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December at 3.30pm."



Please join us for
Kimbolton School PTFA

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 6th December
3:30pm – 5pm

- * Childrens Christmas themed games and activities
 - * Festive cider and mulled wine
 - * Light refreshments
 - * Santa's Grotto
 - * Christmas Raffle
 - * Stall holders selling Christmas gifts and craft
 - * Christmas wreaths
- Plus many more...

Parenikind
Member Association

HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB
Please note there is no meeting
in December.

On Jan 21st 2025 we welcome Bill Laws who will give a talk on 'The curious history of vegetables'. The competition is for 'a curious vegetable', whether or not home grown.

Annual subscriptions of £20 are due at this meeting – please note we will no longer accept cheques due to newly imposed bank charges. Please pay in cash or by BACS to: Hamnish Gardening Club sort code 30-91-91, account 51421160.

Visitors are welcome at £5 per meeting. Our full programme for 2025 is in the club section of the Kimbolton website.



St Michael's Church
Bockleton

All Welcome to our
Christingle Service

Sunday 15th December
at
16.00 hrs



Ballroom and Latin classes have resumed at Leysters Village Hall on Wednesdays.

The group had lessons last year and they are now building on what they learned.

Dances include waltz, social foxtrot, basic tango, cha-cha-cha and salsa.

Teacher, Allister Wilson, has been patiently and enthusiastically encouraging progress with hints about, "Next year, Blackpool!"

More information from Heather on mrs.shield22@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS at KIMBOLTON CHURCH

This year we are hoping to decorate the Church by using small Christmas trees to light up each window.

If anyone would like to donate a tree in time for the children's Christingle service on December 19th we would love to hear from you by ringing Liz Davies on 01568615367 or contact any member of the PCC.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

December 7th 10am-4pm

Make a sampler, start a rug or make a festive wreath.

Leysters & Middleton Parish Hall, Leysters, HR6 OHP

Learn progging & hooking for recycling textiles. £75 includes beverages and hessian.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

January 25th 10am-4pm

Leysters & Middleton Parish Hall, HR6 OHP

Herefordshire (near crossroads on A4112). Learn progging & hooking for recycling textiles. £75 includes beverages and hessian.

Contact Jenni for info/bookings: 01568 750229/jenni.ragrugs@freeuk.com

KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS VILLAGE HALL 10.30am – 12 noon

December 11th Raffle for Salvation Army HEREFORD
 Christmas appeal

January 8th Raffle for Guide Dogs for the blind

BOCKLETON 100 CLUB – 2024/2025

October 2024 Prize Draw – winners were number 37, Carole Collier, and number 83, Christopher St Clair.

November 2024 Prize Draw – winners were number 15, Tom Wood, and number 21, Pam Wilson.

Congratulations and enjoy your winnings.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE WORKS ON THE A49 BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

'To complete the work safely, we'll work overnight from 18 November 2024 to Spring 2025, Monday to Friday, 8pm to 6am. To reduce disruption, we'll work under phased closures of the A49 as follows:

- 18 November to 9 December, A49 closed between A49/A4137 and A49/Grafton Lane.
- 10 December to 17 January, A49 closed between A49/A456 Woofferton and A49/A4112 Stockton.
- 20 January to 27 January, A49 closed between A49/A4112 Stockton and A49/Leominster Bypass roundabout.
- 28 January to 31 January, A49 closed between A49/A44 Worcester Road roundabout and A49/A417 Hope under Dinmore.
- 3 February to 19 March, A49 closed between A49/A417 Hope under Dinmore and A49/A4103 Roman Road (Starting Gate roundabout).

During closures, we'll install a fully signed diversion routes which have been agreed by the local authority.

Access to frontages that fall directly within our closures will be maintained by an escort service which will be provided via our on-site traffic management operatives. There may be short delays regarding access/egress whilst we make our site of work safe.

There will be no restrictions in place over the Christmas period from 6am on Friday 20 December to 00:01 on Thursday 2 January 2025.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more about our work, please call us on 0300 123 5000 or email info@nationalhighways.co.uk.

You can also visit our website at nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/ or write to us at National Highways, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF. Please leave your feedback by completing our online survey, just scan the QR code.'

THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND WILL AFFECT US ALL

MIDDLETON ON THE HILL PARISH CHARITY

The 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 over the age of seventy and occasional individual cases of need.

The charity owns three small parcels of land, two of which are available by tender at the end of each calendar year. 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 grant, please contact Mrs C Halls on 01568 750257 or via email leystershalls@aol.com

THE WOOLPACK KNITTERS

The Woolpack was proud to be nominated for an award by the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity in the Autumn.

They have been busy knitting for local hospitals, Home for Good and Venture, recently. New members have joined, bringing additional skills and ideas.

They meet on Fridays until 13th December, returning on 3rd January. This friendly group welcomes knitters and crocheters of all abilities, yarn, needles, patterns, refreshments and chat are all included in the weekly fee of £2.

Leysters and Middleton Village Hall on the A4112, Fridays 10.00 – 11.30

DABBLERS FUN ART GROUP

Held at Leysters Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month
7.00–8.30pm £3 per person.

Come along and try interesting art activities, materials provided.

VERGING ON WILD HEREFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST (LEOMINSTER BRANCH)



Our roadside verges are an important habitat for plants, small animals and insects when managed well. The great news is the recent reserve designation of land by the Cadbury roundabout following the discovery of 15 indigenous species. It joins four more nearby verges; two along the A49 (at Stockton Cross and Dinmore Hill), one near Hampton Court and one along the A44 heading to Bromyard.

VOW is now affiliated to Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and working to encourage Herefordshire Council, Parish councils and their contractors to follow the best practice guidelines which can be summarised as "cut less, cut late". They put out signs encouraging landowners "do not cut yet" but sadly these are sometimes ignored or even torn out. "Verge Guardians" keep a watch on each reserve and they are helped by other volunteers to do signage, monitoring and management. Our Branch has been inspired to get involved in this local work and perhaps you might want to join us!

Our Festive Social on 13th December will celebrate our first year as a branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and meet members and friends. Our venue is Cawley Hall, Luston, with great facilities and plenty of parking; find it on Eye Lane, HR6 ODS, mango.media.interest. Starting at 7pm, we have a quiz for you, a light supper, entertainment from a Ukrainian choir with a festive raffle. Tea and coffee will be available but you can BYOB. The cost is £8 and we would appreciate early booking by emailing 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. Our addresses are:
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Cheques should be made payable to Roundabout our Communities, and can be given to any member of the team.

EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025

Sunday 1 December	10:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
Advent Sunday	10:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
	18:00 Advent Carol Service	The Priory Church, Leominster
Sunday 8 December	09:00 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish
Advent II	09:15 Holy Communion	St Leonard, Hatfield
	11:00 Holy Communion	St Andrew, Leysters
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Thursday 12 December	19:00 Carol Service	St Bartholomew, Docklow
Sunday 15 December	09:15 Holy Communion	St John of Jerusalem, Ford
Advent III	11:00 Carol Service	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
	11:15 Toy Service	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyte
	16:00 Christingle Service	St Michael, Bockleton
Thursday 19 December	13:30 School Christingle Service	St James the Great, Kimbolton
Friday 20 December	19:00 Carol Service	St Dubricius, Hamnish
	19:00 Village Christmas Service	St Luke, Stoke Prior
Saturday 21 December	16:00 Carol Service	St Leonard, Hatfield
Sunday 22 December	09:00 Holy Communion	St James the Great, Kimbolton
Advent IV	09:15 Carol Service	St Mary the Virgin, Humber
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
	15:00 Carol Service	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyte
Tuesday 24 December	15:00 Crib Service	St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Christmas Eve	18:00 Carol Service	St Andrew, Leysters
	18:00 Carol Service	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
	23:15 Midnight Mass	St Leonard, Hatfield
	23:15 Midnight Mass	The Priory Church, Leominster
Wednesday 25 December	09:30 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish
Christmas Day	09:30 Holy Communion	St Luke, Stoke Prior
Sunday 29 December	10:00 Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Docklow
Christmas I		
Sunday 5 January	09:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
Epiphany	09:15 Holy Communion	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyte
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Luke, Stoke Prior
	18:00 Epiphany Carol Service	The Priory Church, Leominster
Sunday 12 January	10:00 Morning Service	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore
Plough Sunday	10:00 Morning Service	St Andrew, Leysters
Sunday 19 January	09:00 Holy Communion	St Michael, Bockleton
Epiphany II	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 Whyte
Sunday 26 January	09:00 Holy Communion	St James the Great, Kimbolton
Epiphany III	09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Humber
	11:00 Morning prayer	St Andrew, Leysters
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore

Holy Communion at Hennor House Chapel every

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	Clerk: Annabel Beaumont	kimboltonclerk@gmail.com
Leysters & Middleton on the Hill:		
	Chair: Edward Chandler	750433 chandler.leysters@gmail.com
	Clerk: Clare Halls	750257

Local Councillor (Upton Ward): John Stone 01584 711227

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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| 5 | Kimbolton WI Christmas Party Village Hall |
| 6 | Christmas bingo Hamnish Parish Hall |
| 6 | Christmas Bazaar, Kimbolton School 3.30pm |
| 7 | Christmas Craft workshop Leysters&MotH VH 10-4pm |
| 11 | Kimbolton coffee morning VH 10.30-12pm |
| | Salvation Army Hereford |
| 13 | Herefords Wildlife Trust festive social 7pm Cawley Hall |

JANUARY

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| 8 | Kimbolton coffee morning 10.30-12pm |
| | Guide dogs for the blind |
| 9 | Kimbolton WI St Michael's Hospice |
| 21 | Hamnish Gardening club Bill Laws |
| 25 | Craft Workshop Leysters & MotH VH 10-4pm |

FEBRUARY

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| 20 | Leysters' Auction |
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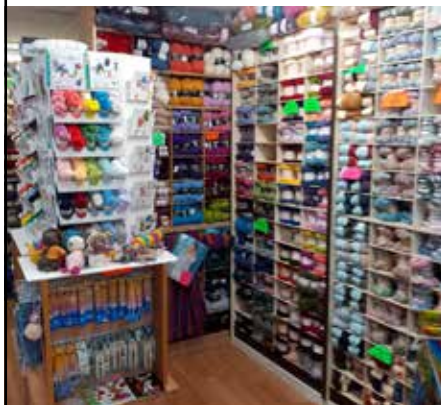
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