



Parish Church of St. Andrew

Kemberton Newsletter January 2024

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“Church Services”

January 14th 11.00am Holy Communion

“Sidesman”

January 14th 11.00am Mary Wright

Church Cleaning Diana & Mary

“IF anyone wants to put something in the “Newsletter”, can you please ensure that it is sent in before the 24th of each month. Anything not received by this

date will not get edited into the Newsletter. It would also help if this could be emailed rather than a hand delivered note” Thanks

Kemberton News

Parish Council

Just a reminder the Solar Panel Appeal will be heard at Shireshall on 9th January starting 10.00am

Kemberton WI

The next Kemberton WI meeting will be on Thursday, 11th January 2024.

The Kemberton WI starts the New Year with a Pot Luck Supper, an informal get together with all the members bringing along a plate of food to share with those attending the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you then, new members are always welcome.

WI Committee

President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366

VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas Coffee morning early in December was a great success and all who attended seem to enjoy the opportunity to socialise over coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be no Saturday Coffee morning in January. The next one will be held on Saturday 3rd February 2024. Further details will be given in next month's Newsletter

50 CLUB

The draw for the Village Hall 50 Club for December was made at the Christmas Coffee Morning and the two winners were:

20 Jill Duce
34 Chris Jones

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of our Committee for all their efforts during the year and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mike Duce

Committee Chairman

Understanding Dementia

Dementia can be cruel in so many ways, yet every so often it hands us a gift in a most unexpected form. It was a bright day in the garden, and the sun was starting its descent, streaking long shadows of the fence across the lawn. I was pottering inside, shuffling from one room to another with cup of tea in hand, trying to decide where to sit. Suddenly, through the glass of the double doors, something caught my eye. It took a while for the silhouette to make a recognisable figure, but it was then that I saw the unmistakable shape of him: a man, standing in the middle of my lawn-my father.

By then he must have been dead twenty years; should I have been frightened to see him in all his incredible, yet very ordinary detail? He was wearing his familiar baggy green cardigan, his happy, casual clothes that he wore to potter in his own garden shed, and on his face was the same relaxed smile. A tip of mine for visual hallucinations is to take a photograph on your phone or iPad of what you think you can see, and if it's in the picture, it's most likely there in real life. But in that moment, I did not want to break the spell. He stood, just looking at me, his hands hanging by his side, even the yellow of his nicotine-stained fingers visible from a distance. His hair was styled with Brylcreem, as it always was, black and shiny, the last of the sun reflected back from the black quiff that never went grey. I was reminded, as we stood looking back at one another, of the times I would climb into his lap as a small child and he would pay me a penny per grey hair that I could find and pull from his scalp. The memory of that moment returned me to the warmth of his touch, the sweet sugary scent of his Brylcreem and its bright red pot.

John Webb Six Parishes Dementia Friendly co-ordinator.

If you'd like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org

SIX PARISHES SERVICES TABLE

JANUARY SERVICES

January	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
7th	9.30am Holy Communion Vikki Day				11.00am Plough Sunday Tina Dalton	
14th		9.30am Local Team		11.00am Holy Communion Matthew Lefroy		
21st			9.30am Holy Communion Jess Harper			
28th		9.30am Holy Communion Janet Holmes				