

Parish Church of St. Andrew

Kemberton Newsletter November 2020

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“Church Services” November

1st		No Service
8th	09.30 am	Remembrance
15th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
22nd		No Service
29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion

“Sidesman”

1st	No Service
8th	Mrs D. Bidgood
15th	No Service
22nd	Mrs A. Greenwood
29th	Mrs D. Bidgood

“Flower Rota”

25th October & 1st November	N. Wakenhall
8th & 15th November	A.Greenwood
22nd & 29th November	D. Bidgood

**“IF anyone wants to put something in the “News Letter”, if possible, it would be much appreciated if they send it before the last week of the month. “
Thanks**

Kemberton News

Kemberton Parish Council News

The Parish Council has not met this month but has sent a letter to Shropshire Council. The Parish Council would like to share this letter with you.

Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the Parish Council website:
<https://www.hugofox.com/community/kemberton-parish-council-13421/about-us>

Letter to Shropshire Council (Steve Smith, Assistant Director of Infrastructure and Julian Beeston, Planning and Enforcement Officer)

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Beeston,

In August 2016 Shropshire Council issued an Enforcement Notice due to a breach of planning control on land at Grindle Farm. The notice stated that, 'without planning permission there was a change of use of land from agricultural use to a use for the importation, storage and distribution of building bricks, reclaimed building materials and kiln dried firewood along with retail sales of these materials from the site.' Apley Estates appealed against this decision and following a hearing held in May 2017 a Planning Inspector, Chris Preston, was asked to make a decision on the validity of the appeal. In July 2017 Mr. Preston dismissed the appeal and upheld the enforcement notice to '(i) Cease the use of the land for the importation, storage and distribution of building bricks, the surface treatment of said building bricks and manufacture of 'brick slip' display panels. (ii) Cease the use of the land for the importation, storage and distribution of new and reclaimed building materials for wholesale, display of building materials. (iii) Cease the use of the land for importation, storage and distribution of kiln dried firewood/ kindling for internet based sales. (iv) Remove from the land all stock, materials and equipment brought onto the land. He also stated that there are very strong planning reasons for ensuring that the use of the site ceases without undue delay and that the eight month period for compliance with the requirements is reasonable.' The change of use of the land without planning permission began in early 2014 when Rennew relocated from Shifnal to Grindle, so the site had already been used for more than three years without permission before the Planning Inspector's final decision.

Unfortunately, the companies using the site continued to operate well beyond the eight months they were given to leave. After more than three years of Apley Estate's non-compliance with the decision of the Planning Inspector the Estates Manager, Mr. Graeme Manton, has finally notified the Chair of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council that he thinks they have complied with the notice to cease trading. This has been three years of frustration for the residents of the parishes of Kemberton and of Ryton and Grindle. In this time residents have had to endure increased levels of traffic in the area, particularly large Heavy Goods Vehicles, and have had to negotiate roads that have been badly damaged by this additional traffic. Residents have been vocal in expressing their concerns about the situation, questioning both the Parish Council and the County Council. When one local resident recently questioned why the site was still being used she was informed by the Enforcement Team that 'the continued activity at Grindle House Farm is not acceptable. The company have been informed that it will not be tolerated beyond the end of September (2020). Any

continued breach after this date is likely to result in prosecution for non-compliance.’ Building materials were clearly visible and lorries were still arriving on site on 6th October.

The residents of his area have been badly let down by the County Council. It was apparent from the outset that the local road system was totally inadequate to manage the levels of traffic using the farm. Yet, even when the Planning Inspector made his decision the Council failed to enforce this decision. It is totally unacceptable that this situation was allowed to continue for more than three years. The following timescale clearly demonstrates how ineffective the County Council has been in protecting the local environment and the residents of Ryton and Grindle and Kemberton.

February 2014	Rennew relocates from Shifnal to Grindle
26 th August 2016	Enforcement Notice issued
23 rd September 2016	Enforcement Notice to take effect
9 th May 2017	Appeal Hearing held with Planning Inspector
17 th July 2017	Planning Inspector upheld the Enforcement Notice
17 th March 2018	All activity at Grindle should cease
30 th September 2020	Date given by Enforcement Officer for site to be cleared.
6 th October 2020	Activity continuing on site

A process that should have been completed by March 2018 has been allowed to drag on to October 2020. Is the County Council able to explain to those affected why this has been allowed to happen and what action has been taken following the breach of the Enforcement Order?

It is to be hoped that the site has now finally been vacated by the companies using it illegally.

Yours truly,

Martyn Bidgood
Chair, Kemberton Parish Council

John Webb
Chair, Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

FROM THE RECTORY

All Hallows

Dear friends,

November begins with All Saints Day on 1st November, an easy date to work out as most of us know that 31st October is Hallowe'en, which means the evening before All Hallows (or All Saints) Day. Most of the traditions and customs associated with Hallowe'en, which are nowadays promoted for commercial reasons, go back to

a Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest and the start of winter. In the Celtic calendar this was the end of the old year, and it was believed to be a time when the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead was thin.

It was Pope Gregory IV who in 835AD moved the Church festivals of All Souls and All Saints from May, when it had been combined with a Roman festival of the dead, to 1st November. Some say that this was done by the Church to merge and take over the big Celtic festival, as the Church had also done with putting the Nativity of Christ into December and absorbing many of the pre-Christian festivities into Christmas.

With its Celtic influences All Saints Day was overshadowed by All Souls Day on 2nd November with its focus on all those who had died and remembering the dead. In contrast All Saints is about remembering the lives and examples of those who were considered to be saintly and had been declared "saints" by the Church.

In the Six Parishes the churches are dedicated to different saints. The dedication of St Andrew at Ryton Church is a recent discovery (previously unknown) and Kemberton Church has its full dedication as 'The Parish Church of St John the Baptist and St Andrew'. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and one of the 12 apostles. Sutton Maddock is St Mary's - though I don't know which "Mary" it is. Stockton has the 7th C. Mercian bishop St Chad and Badger St Giles who was a 7th C. Greek hermit. Beckbury's church was linked with Much Wenlock and so named after Milburga, the founder and abbess of its nunnery.

Visitors to Cornwall and Wales know that there are many villages named after local saints, and there are many more about whom nothing is known. It is these who are remembered as a group by the Church on All Saints Day. One hymn writer says

*Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.*

This is not so much fun as Hallowe'en, but the long term benefits are greater.

Happy All Saints Day

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

Covid 19 **restrictions for church services** still require sitting 2 metres apart (unless from the same household) wearing a face covering, sanitising hands and not singing hymns .

While the "rule of 6" (limiting groups to 6 people) does not apply to churches, the actual size of the church buildings does limit the numbers.

Remembrance Services can still be held at Kemberton 9.30am and Stockton 10.50am

