



## ***Parish Church of St. Andrew***

# **Kemberton Newsletter October 2024**

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### **“Church Services”**

October 13th            11.00am            Harvest Festival

### **“Sidesman”**

October 13th            11.00am            Mary Wright

Churchyard Path  
Church Flowers

Martyn Bidgood  
Teresa Moss

**“IF anyone wants to put something in the “Newsletter”, can you please ensure that it is sent in before the 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Condolences**

Michael Wood, 80 of Kemberton, who sadly passed away suddenly from cancer on August 27th and whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 16 September.

## **Church Cake Sale**

On the Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October Ceri and Family are organising a Cake Sale with Coffee/Tea 10.30am to 12.30am. All welcome to come and see the Church decorated for Harvest.

There will be a competition for children and also over the weekend any donations for the food bank will be gratefully accepted.

## ***Kemberton News***

### **Parish Council**

At the meeting in September residents again complained about the state of the roads and pavements in and around Kemberton, especially Field Lane and Echo Valley. The Parish Council agreed, as at every meeting, to write to Shropshire Council however, as it never even gets a response from Shropshire it was suggested that residents, if they felt strongly enough could bombard the Council’s “Fix My Street”. This can be achieved by going onto the Council’s website.

<https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk/>

Enter the problem and you should at least get an acknowledgement, whether the more complaints will work it is worth a try.

The same can be done with regard to the Public Footpath opposite the top of Groom’s Lane where the entire field has been planted with potatoes which extends across the footpath making access impossible.

In September’s newsletter, I mentioned about using Halesfield recycling and that it is located in Telford and Wrekin. Last week on entering I was asked for my post code. The men there

said that out of 300 cars the day before 90 were from Shropshire and should not be using the Halesfield recycling. They did not give me a date when Shropshire residents could not use Halesfield, it may be never or from April 2025.

## **Kemberton WI**

Jacqui Curtis will be stepping down from the role as Programme Secretary for Kemberton WI with effect from 30th September 2024. Hopefully, someone will volunteer to take on the role!

In the meantime, here are the Kemberton WI October meeting details for the newsletter:-

The next Kemberton WI meeting will take place on Thursday, 3rd October, and as this will be a General Meeting there will be no speaker for that month.

The Kemberton WI is also looking for someone to take on the role of Programme Secretary with immediate effect, if this appeals to anyone please feel free to attend the meeting for more details.

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

### **WI Committee**

**President: Ishbel McConnachie (01952) 462366**

## **Village Hall**



## **VILLAGE FAYRE**

The Village Fayre, held last Saturday, was a huge success. The attendance exceeded all our expectations and it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves. The stallholders reported good business which was encouraging for all concerned. The one thing we couldn't control was the weather which gave us a huge downpour half way through the event, but happily it didn't dampen spirits.

A huge thank you to all the Committee members who worked hard both before and after Saturday, and to all who helped during the day. A special thank you to the members of the Ukelele Band who provided a musical background throughout the afternoon.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 19 October**

Our ever popular Quiz Night returns on the above date. This event is usually well attended and it is always a good idea to reserve your place in good time as there is a limit on the numbers we can accommodate.

Teams of six are required, but we can usually make these up on the night if you can't make six. The start time is 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. The cost is £10 per person which includes a ploughman's supper. The bar will be open as usual.

### **OLD TIME MUSIC HALL – Saturday 30 November**

A new event which promises to be a great early start to the festive season, the Old Time Music Hall will feature the Victorian music hall ensemble LIMELIGHT who will entertain us all with songs from days gone by mixed in with music with one eye on the upcoming Christmas period. Further details will be published in next months Newsletter but it's not too early to reserve your place.

Reservations for both these events can be made with:

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Angie Blount Tel: 07762 420550 Email: [angela.blount@btinternet.com](mailto:angela.blount@btinternet.com)

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **COFFEE MORNINGS**

We have decided to switch our monthly Coffee Mornings in future to the second Saturday in the month. This means that there will not be one in October to avoid a clash with the function being held in the church that morning.

Our next Coffee Morning will therefore be held on Saturday 9 November between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Our pre-Christmas Coffee Morning will then be held on Saturday 14 December. Please come along and join us.

## **50 CLUB**

The winning number in the 50 Club draw for September was number 13, held by Caroline Hammond.

**Mike Duce  
Committee Chairman**

## **Understanding Dementia**

Sorry for the lack of any notes for the last couple of months.

### **On living alone.**

It is estimated that 50 million people live with dementia worldwide, and that is likely to increase to 152 million by 2050. In Canada, France, Germany, the UK and Sweden, more than a third to half of those living with dementia live alone, and generally, older women are the fastest-rising demographic of single-house-hold populations in the world. Which means people like me. It makes sense to me that women of my generation, no longer restricted by the stigma of divorce, are choosing to live alone. But what does that mean when combined with an increasing number of us living with dementia?

Before dementia, there were times in my life when I wished that I hadn't felt so alone. I split with my husband in 1988, when my daughters were four and seven. After that, I raised them on my own. There were times in the intervening years before my dementia diagnosis when I wished there had been somebody else after him. There were days when work had been particularly tough and I just wanted someone with whom I could talk through problem; someone who would put a supportive arm around my shoulders and tell me that everything would be all right. Or when a problem arose with one of the girls, it would have been nice to have been able to turn to someone and say: 'What do you think?' Or at weekends when I went out to eat alone and looked across at tables filled with couples deep in conversation. Or at night just to reach out and feel another body next to mine, to hear someone else's breath in the darkness.

Since my dementia diagnosis I have had those moments too: a back-up brain to jog my memory when I have forgotten an important date or an appointment somewhere would have been nice. Times when all you need is another human being sitting next to you to not

feel lonely; that shortcut in language, a smile, a knowing look when words are unnecessary - those nuances of companionship that mean so much. A sense of safety to have someone at your side on days when life is a little frayed around the edges and has lost its sharp focus when you need to get from A to B. Someone with whom you can share something special that has occurred, like those times on my walks when I wish I could say: 'Did you just see that?' When a sparrow hawk swoops down and lands just feet in front of me. Someone to laugh with- really laugh. Sometimes, when I see other couples sharing a joke, I feel just like a teenager would, being left out of the crowd. I don't have someone to switch the cooker off when I forget, or someone who could open that Tupperware lid that defeated me the other day, which meant that instead of soup I made do with a sandwich for my tea. Despite all this, it might surprise people to know that I feel I am better living with dementia alone.

An extract from a book by Sally Mitchell.

**John Webb Six Parishes co-ordinator for Dementia Friendly.**

## **SIX PARISHES SERVICES TABLE**

### **October 2024**

6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am	Ryton	Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.00 am	Kemberton	Harvest Festival
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.00 pm	Badger	Harvest
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.00 am	Sutton Maddock	Communion