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



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Bill and Nicky Smith and Ed Rollings talk about farming this year page 8



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## WELCOME

This is our summer edition, and already temperatures are soaring.

Coming up we have a wonderful collection of events; plant fairs, a pet show in Hamnish, Stocktonbury gardens in full swing, and a massive effort for the Priory Arts' 'Threads through Creation' initiative across our parishes.

It's also National Volunteers' week (June 5 - 12) and there are lots of local opportunities for you locally.

Meanwhile we shall be hearing what the last winter's atrocious weather meant for our local farmers and how the summer is shaping up.

But first, our front cover features Hamnish Gardening Club, one of our biggest and longest surviving local groups. Formed almost 30 years ago, it boasts up to 40 members from a wide area.

Each year they present a competition cup and this year's winner was Alexandra Millward from Woonton. She received the cup after a fascinating talk about magnolias, given by Rowan Griffiths from Hergest Croft. The group meets once a month on the third Tuesday at Hamnish Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Next meeting will take place on June 18th at 7pm at Penny's Farm Flowers, Upper Grantsfield, HR6 OET. Members are welcome to bring guests for whom there will be a £5 entrance fee as for visitors at a normal meeting. Tea/coffee and cakes will be available. We are hoping the weather will be as lovely as it was for our evening event last summer.

The gardening club then has a summer break in July and August until the next indoor meeting on Sept 17th.

## To view Roundabout online visit kimboltonhamnish.co.uk or Middleton & Leysters Parish Website

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## THREADS THROUGH CREATION

#### From 5th June to 18th July Leominster Priory and surrounding villages

Rob Walker, stained-glass window expert and Reader at Kimbolton and Hamnish, recently gave a talk about the windows at Hamnish Church. He is a key member of the 'Threads through Creation' team which has designed a wide variety of activities, including concerts, talks and themed village walks, and craft sessions alongside the exhibition.

'Threads through Creation' involves our whole team of local churches, including the Eastern Parishes. There is a 'Village Creation Trail', designed by Rob Walker encouraging visitors to the main exhibition to explore the treasures and creative projects in local churches. A comprehensive leaflet and map is available to download from Priory Arts.

St Andrew's Church Leysters has their own 'Lovely Leysters' Exhibition, with a display of hand-made decorated kneelers and blankets, knitted in the colours of the flag of St Andrew, as well as photos and paintings of lovely Leysters. Weekend of 22nd- 23rd June All proceeds to their organ fund.

And finally local schools have been preparing artwork to display in the Norman Nave of the Priory as part of a community exhibition. They will visit the Priory to take part in music, dance and craft workshops as they visit the exhibition. Kimbolton School will be walking there, enjoying the natural world on the way.

For more information visit www.prioryarts.org.uk



If the stained glass and arts trail isn't enough to enjoy this summer, Hamnish is holding it's own fun dog show with rosettes and prizes and the chance to have a go at agility and scurry. Classes for all pets any variety!



Des Hall, churchwarden of Hamnish church writes:

"I would like to thank Fred and Colin Morris for helping me to keep Hamnish Church tidy over the last 25 years I've been churchwarden.

Due to unforseen happenings Fred Has decided to have a break so on behalf of Hamnish community thanks for mowing the grass, re-doing the fences and gates and generally keeping everything up to scratch.

I'm sure everyone will agree they have kept our church in lovely condition".

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## SPARE A THOUGHT FOR OUR FARMERS

By any yardstick it's been a wet winter...all eight months of it! Annoying for most but devastating for our neighbours who farm the land...and face the ever challenges of keeping food on our tables. It's hard work, it's dangerous and it has been pretty disheartening of late.

Bill and Nicky Smith have farmed here all their lives. Bill was born in Middletonon-the Hill and went to Kimbolton school. He followed his father into farming and a couple of years ago said in this magazine "I love it". We asked them how the winter affected their business.



"Wow!

"You could say the weather has been extremely extreme," they said.

"We are currently delivering last year's potatoes to the factory. Last year's growing season actually suited the crop and subsequently produced good yields of good quality potatoes. However, once the autumn arrived, along came the rain. This meant we were working with very wet soils, which slowed harvesting progress to a water snail's pace. The resulting extra costs in both monetary terms and human effort required were enormous."

"In addition the cereal crops that we planted became waterlogged and some of them struggled to cope. You can see many fields with bare patches in them and so we are not expecting a bumper yield from these fields."

As we write, the sun has reappeared and we are busy planting this year's crop of potatoes. The conditions are good and we are optimistic that we will have a good crop and wishing for an easier harvest with less extreme weather."

Ed Rollings, who rears sheep and cattle at Perry Wood Farm also has farming heritage in these parts and returned to the land after a career in the easy world of commerce!

"Winter has been long and tough. You expect bad weather but when it has been as incessant as it has been between October and March it can be demoralising. We lamb outside in April, with hope of warmer weather and the grass will be growing. As April approached there was no sign of kinder weather. The busy first two weeks of lambing were no better. You have to trust your sheep and the system but it is mentally wearing. Losses were not too bad but every problem felt bigger than it was and trying to catch a ewe whilst not going arse over.... well...."

"Those that lamb earlier than I do (usually inside) perhaps had it worse. Schmallenberg virus raisied its ugly head again this year and I've heard horror stories of 30–40% losses in some flocks. It must have been awful knowing each time you turned the lights on the shed to check your ewes, you'd be facing that each day."

"Although it's been hard there is little time to dwell on what's passed, as there are seasonal jobs to move on to. So you play the hand you've been dealt and hope again that better times come."

Ed also finds time to be Chairman of the Kimbolton and Hamnish Parish Council and to advertise loyally in Roundabout. His details are on our back cover.



### NEW LOCAL WILDLIFE GROUP OFF TO A GOOD START

As the new branch of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust was formed to serve Leominster, Bromyard and the surrounding villages, they were delighted that people from around North Herefordshire packed out the hall recently to hear Andrew McRobb of Herefordshire CPRE talk about rivers. They told us:

"The Wye now has a River Champion, Angela McIntyre (unpaid!) who may be able to get the various authorities responsible for the River Wye system to work together for improvements in water quality."

"Welsh Water will continue to invest in infrastructure to reduce sewage run-off. More people are taking part in 'Citizen Science' river sampling, which is providing data on the watercourses including the River Lugg, although they cannot replace the Environmental Agency, which is hampered by lack of funding and only has six inspectors in the area."

So, if you are inspired by National Volunteering week, maybe you would like to be a wildlife champion or a village liaison?

HWT needs more members and their meetings are held at Leominster Baptist Church. LeominsterAreaBranch@gmail.com

**Next events:** June 15th afternoon, an Introduction to nature observation and surveying including time for a shared dinner (numbers are limited so booking is essential). Further details and booking via our email address.

A talk on Wildlife Gardening, July 11th will be followed by visits and workshops.

For more information and ways of helping go to https://www.herefordshirewt.org/river-take-action.



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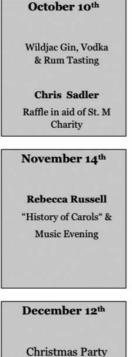
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#### NEW CALENDAR



Christmas Party Bring & Share January 9th 2025

St. Michaels Hospice

Charity

**Amy Johnson** 

February 2025

Annual AGM & Supper courtesy of Committee

> March 14<sup>th</sup> 92nd Birthday Celebrations

Venue: TBC

## thew INSPIRING WOMEN

#### April 11th

Breast Cancer, Secondary Cancer & Self Care

(Dianne Emmet)

Armchair Yoga Calming Exercises (Zuzanna)

#### May 9th

Movie & Popcorn Night "Calendar Girls"

D&G Movies !!

#### June 13th

Annual Fundraising Supper courtesy of Sub Committee

&

Songs for a Summers Evening

**Rebecca Russell** 

Raffle information is subject to change

#### MORE EVENTS

#### KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS 10.30 -12.00 Village Hall

June 12thRaffle in aid of Roundabout Community MagazineJuly 9thRaffle in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind

#### STOP PRESS - MIDSUMMER CONCERT LEYSTERS

There will be a Midsummer Melodies concert at St Andrews, Leysters, 6pm on 13th July. Pay at the door £8 under 16's fee.

#### AND FINALLY.....

Thanks to everyone who came to the Roundabout coffee morning in April, to those who had ideas and those who volunteered to help. Rachel Palmer will, from June, be co-ordinating delivery so look out for her when new issues are imminent and share your feedback.

Our first AGM will be on 11th September at 7pm. in Kimbolton Village Hall. And on June 12th the Kimbolton coffee morning raffle is in aid of Roundabout so if you would like to support us come along.

If you would like to contribute directly to our costs our bank details are:

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#### EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES JUNE & JULY 2024

Sunday 2 June	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle		
Sunday 9 June	11:15 Holy Communion 09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion	St Luke, Stoke Prior St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield		
	11:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St Andrew, Leysters St Mary, Humber		
Sunday 16 June	09:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill		
	11:00 Morning Prayer	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle		
	11:15 Group Holy Communion**	St Michael, Bockleton		
Sunday 23 June	09:00 Holy Communion	St James, Kimbolton		
	09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber		
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Docklow		
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore		
Saturday 29 June	10:30 Priests Ordination Service			
		e Hereford Cathedral, Hereford		
Sunday 30 June	10:00 Team Holy Communion**	St James, Kimbolton		
Sunday 7 July	09:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill		
	09:15 Holy Communion*	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle		
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Luke, Stoke Prior		
Sunday 14 July	09:00 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish		
	09:15 Holy Communion	St Leonard, Hatfield		
	11:00 Holy Communion	St Andrew, Leysters		
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber		
Sunday 21 July	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 28 July	09: 00 Holy Communion*	St James, Kimbolton		
	09:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Humber		
	11:00 Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Leysters		
	11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore		

#### 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 Services

\*\* 16 June – 25th Anniversary Celebration of Ordination to the Priesthood: Rev'd Celia Rees \*\* 30 June – The Rev'd Fiona Honeysett celebrates her 1st Eucharist after ordination to the priesthood supported by the Rev'd William Talbot-Ponsonby after his ordination to the diaconate

> Website https://leominsterpriory.org.uk/eastern-parishes.php Facebook https://facebook.com/EasternParishes

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#### CALENDAR

#### JUNE

- 5-18 'Threads through Creation' Exhibition Leominster Priory/villages
- 5-12 National volunteers' week
- 12 Kimbolton Coffee morning VH raffle for Roundabout 10. 30 12
- 15 Herefordshire Wildlife Trust afternoon Leominster Baptist church
- 18 Hamnish Gardening Club Garden visit Penny's farm flowers 7pm
- 19 Coffee Morning Bockleton 10am-12
- 19 Swing from Paris Jazz evening 7.30.pm Bockleton VH
- 28 Bingo in Bockleton VH. 7.30pm

#### JULY

6/7 Hamnish pet weekend
9 Kimbolton coffee morning VH 10.30-12(Guide dogs for the blind)
11 Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Wildlife gardening. L.Baptist church
13 Midsummer melodies' concert, St Andrews Leysters 6pm





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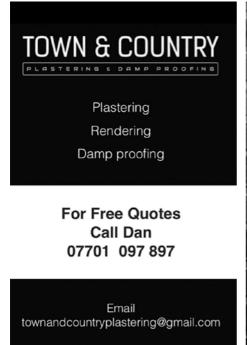
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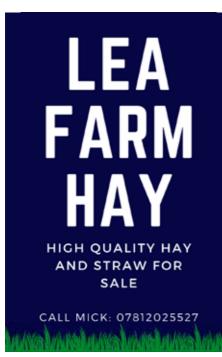
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