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Tamsin and Connie ready for summer at Stockton Bury

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Penny Morris received a Royal Horticultural Society Recognition award (Seen here with Wendy Pridie from the Hamnish Gardening Club)





## WELCOME

Well, fingers crossed spring is here. It's been a long winter for us all and despite the grim state of the world, a mood of optimism comes with the sunshine, as we look forward to revisiting favourite places and enjoying happy events and hobbies, especially gardening.

One of the local delights of summer is surely a visit to Stockton Bury Gardens, and its Tithe Barn café, which re-opens on 2nd April, so this time, we start with the family whose gardening passion is now shared with us all.

Stockton Bury farm has belonged to the Treasure family for five generations, but the four-acre garden alongside has been created over the past forty years by Raymond Treasure and Gordon Fenn. Tamsin Westhorpe, Raymond's niece tells us more.

"They didn't intend to open to the public, their garden was their private passion, but they have really enjoyed sharing their creation since opening twenty-five years ago." she said.

Today around 5000 people a year visit, and the Tithe Barn café does a roaring trade, with up to 100 lunches a day being served during the peak summer season.

"Gardening runs in the family," Tamsin continued, "and from the age of 17 that's all I wanted to do, so I went to Sparsholt Horticultural College and then worked in parks and gardens, until, quite by chance, I fell into working for national garden magazines and writing books."

The rest is history, as Tamsin is now a well-known RHS judge, author and broadcaster, but ten years ago she longed to return to 'hands on gardening', so joined Raymond and Gordon in running Stockton Bury, helping to put it well and truly 'on the gardening enthusiasts' map'.

Five years ago her sister Connie completed the team, developing the Tithe Barn cafe into a thriving venue in its own right.

"Not everyone wants to tour the gardens every time they visit, and they love having the café as an informal meeting place with local food, free parking and a delightful environment. We have a license now and run occasional evening events in the summer. It's a true family affair and every year brings new delights."

Stockton Bury Gardens and café open on 2nd April in aid of the National Garden Scheme and thereafter from 11am-4pm Wednesday to Sunday (10.30 - 4 for the café). Season tickets are available for the gardens at £35 a year per person.

For special events, courses and tours visit www.stocktonbury.co.uk or instagram @tamsinwesthorpe and @stocktonburycafe

## HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

Our very successful Hamnish Gardening Club began around between 35 and 40 years ago (if anyone knows the exact date do let us know).

Roberta Hodgetts was a founder member as were Mike and Heather Philpott. Today it still has a very varied calendar of talks and visits and boasts members from across the county.

Penny Morris received a Royal Horticultural Society Recognition award recently for services to the Club. Penny has been supplying beautiful bouquets of flowers to raffle at meetings and hosted a delightful evening fundraiser for the Club at her flower farm last summer. (see photo inside front cover)



Eileen Bolton with her husband Tony, were presented with the Win Chadney Memorial cup for the best results in the Garden Club competitions in 2024.

#### HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB meets at Hamnish village hall at 7.30pm.

Our next talks are:

**15th April** Tamsin Westhorpe - Understanding the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Judging Process. Competition: An Easter wreath

**20th May** Janelle Quitman - *Making a Beeline for the garden gate.* Competition: A bee-friendly posy

Details of the annual programme are on the Kimbolton Hamnish Parish Council website. Visitors (£5) are very welcome.



#### PLANT SALE DONATIONS

If anyone has plants for the sale on 17th May please can you bring them to the Church on Friday evening or Saturday morning by 9.30? Any cakes for the cake stall will be gratefully received on the day or on Friday evening to Little Britain cottage.

#### KIMBOLTON CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Would you like to join the cleaning and flower rota at Kimbolton Church? If so we would love to hear from you. A quick dust and putting flowers in the two vases on the altar is all that's needed. Please get in touch with Liz Davies on 01568 615367



## LEYSTERS' ORGAN FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

#### AWESOME AUCTION

The annual auction was held at the Duke of York to much acclaim.

We thank Jane, Stephen, Gilly, Guy and Ed for their hard work and to Lyn and Joy for letting us run the event.

Thank you for your fabulous donations of items and for your generous support. We raised over £1,300 for the Leysters' church organ fund!

#### TALK AND ORGAN RECITAL

To commemorate the superb restoration of the Victorian church organ at St Andrew, Leysters.

Please join us in the church on Saturday 31st May at 3pm. Entrance is £5 per person which includes afternoon tea. All welcome. Details from the secretary Amanda Griffiths on 01568 750208

#### AGM OF BOCKLETON PARISH HALL

April 14th at 7 pm.

Wendy Garrod will be standing down at the AGM after 21 years on the committee. Well done.

#### BOCKLETON 100 CLUB – February & March 2025 Winners

The winners of the February draw were G Jarvis (5) and B Davonport (61) and the winners of the March draw were C Collier (37) and R Adams (49). Congratulations and enjoy your winnings.

#### MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE OPEN DAY

Following the local fundraising campaign for MAA you may be interested in this year's open day on 18th May 2025 10am - 4pm The venue is: Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Airbase Avenue Neachley Shifnal. TF118UR

#### KIMBOLTON COFFEE MORNINGS The Village Hall 10.30am – 12pm

Wednesday 9th April, Raffle for Parkinsons' Disease Wednesday 14th May Raffle for The Multiple Sclerosis Society

### **KIMBOLTON WI**

Alison Alderson is now the contact for WI, see our Parish Directory for details. **Coming up:** 

April 10th Gail Calthrop Breathworks Mindfulness.

8th May John Mosedale music and magic evening.





Snap! two members of the WI show how much members have in common... when they chose the same outfit!

## A WONDERFUL SPRING TERM AT KIMBOLTON ST. JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

What an incredible spring term it has been so far at Kimbolton St. James' Primary School! We are thrilled to share some fantastic highlights and celebrate the achievements of our students, staff, and community.

Firstly, we are over the moon with the exciting news that our SATs results (for numeracy and literacy) were the second best in the entire county! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our students and teaching staff. Everyone's commitment to excellence has truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of the progress our pupils have made.

This term has also been filled with enriching experiences for our children, thanks to the generous support of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Our PTA generously funded two amazing activities for the students: skateboarding and scootering sessions. The children had an absolute blast learning new skills, building confidence, and enjoying the fun.

Additionally, we were delighted to welcome the 'Animal Man' to our school, where students had the chance to interact with a variety of fascinating creatures. The excitement and learning that took place during these experiences will certainly be remembered for years to come.

Looking ahead, we are already excited about what's in store for the next term. One of the highlights will be our prayer walk to the Priory in Leominster, which will celebrate the 900th anniversary of this historic landmark. It promises to be a meaningful and spiritual journey, providing our students with a unique opportunity to reflect on history, faith, and the beauty of the world around them.

As we wrap up a successful and joyful spring term, we look forward to more wonderful experiences, learning opportunities, and milestones in the months ahead.



## LEOMINSTER AREA HEREFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST AND WILDLIFE GARDENING

The Leominster area Wildlife Trust planning group met last week to discuss plans for the coming year. We decided on a principal theme of Wildlife Gardening to help us decide on future activities, talks and events. This month we will try to locate a local site, which is suitable for wildlife protection/ gardening as an on-going practical activity throughout the year.

Perhaps you want to encourage more wildlife so here are some ideas for spring. When mowing the lawn, collect the clippings, dry them off and put them in a dry, out of the way corner of the garden. This could then become a place for a queen bumblebee to start a colony or for slow worms to nest. Hedgehogs will be emerging from their hibernation, so leave some food out to help them build up their strength – cat or dog food, chicken based in jelly is good! It's also the time of year that garden birds need to prepare for breeding so put out calorierich food like sunflower hearts, fat balls or suet nibbles.

A sub group will work on mapping the Leominster central area, which will include green spaces large and small, the river and streams and specific wildlife areas of interest. It would be good if villages in North Herefordshire tried out a similar project for their areas as it will inform councils for their biodiversity strategies and also assist with planning decisions. If you are interested in helping out with the mapping project or working on a local site to make it wildlife-friendly please contact us LeominsterAreaBranch@gmail.com

Diana Emes Communications Secretary





Raymond Treasure still enjoys his gardens at Stockton Bury after forty years

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Input your email address on the website to receive news on forthcoming events and local issues



## 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.

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### EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES APRIL & MAY 2025

Sunday 6 April <i>Lent V</i> Sunday 13 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St Luke, Stoke Prior St Bartholomew, Docklow St Dubricius, Hamnish		
Thursday 17 April <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	19:00 Holy Communion with Foot Washing	St Mary the Virgin, Humber		
Friday 18 April <b>Good Friday</b>	12:30 A Focus on the Cross 14:00 A Focus on the Cross	St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore St Michael, Bockleton		
Saturday 19 April Holy Saturday	12:00 A Service of Reflection 20:00 Easter Vigil Eucharist	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill The Priory Church, Leominster		
Sunday 20 April <i>Easter Day</i>	09:00 Easter Holy Communion 09:15 Easter Holy Communion 11:00 Easter Holy Communion 11:15 Easter Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish St Luke, Stoke Prior St Andrew, Leysters St Leonard, Hatfield		
Sunday 27 April <i>Easter II</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St James the Great, Kimbolton St Mary the Virgin, Humber St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore		
Sunday 4 May <i>Easter III</i> Sunday 11 May <i>VE Day</i> <i>Commemoration</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 10:00 VE Day Service 10:00 VE Day Service	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St Luke, Stoke Prior St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield		
Sunday 18 May <i>Easter V</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:00 Morning prayer 11:15 Holy Communion	St Michael, Bockleton St John of Jerusalem, Ford St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle		
Sunday 25 May <b>Rogation Sunday</b>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St James the Great, Kimbolton St Mary the Virgin, Humber St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore St Andrew, Leysters		
A midweek Holy Communion Service is hosted at Hennor House every Tuesday at				

Holy Communion Service is hosted at Hennor House every Tuesday at 09:30 Includes tea/coffee afterwards - all welcome! Website https://leominsterpriory.org.uk/eastern-parishes.php Facebook https://www.facebook.com/EasternParishes

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#### APRIL

- 2 Stockton Bury Gardens open
- 9 Kimbolton coffee morning 10.30–12 Village Hall
- IO Kimbolton WI Breathworks Mindfulness 7.30 VH
- 11 Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill quiz and supper 7pm
- 14 Bockleton Parish Hall AGM 7pm
- 15 Hamnish Gardening club 7.30pm Tamsin Westhorpe
- 17 Kimbolton Plant Sale. 10-2pm St James' Church

#### MAY

8	Kimbolton WI Music and magic evening 7.30pm VH
9	DEADLINE ROUNDABOUT JUNE/JULY
14	Kimbolton coffee morning 10.30-12 Village Hall
18	MAA Open Day 10-4pm TF11 8UR
20	Hamnish Gardening club 7.30pm Janelle Quitman
31	Leysters' talk and organ recital. 3pm St Andrew's church

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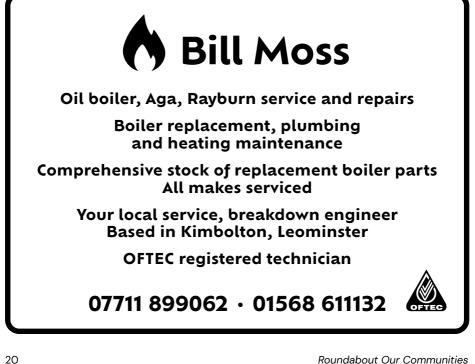
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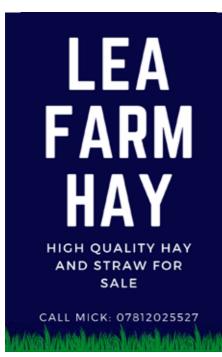
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