

# Roundabout our communities

JUNE/JULY 25

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



Local plumber Bill Moss with his dog Tinker

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# WELCOME

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WELCOME to the summer edition of our community magazine...and what a glorious start to summer we have had.

We have another packed edition with lunches, walks and music in the mix, as well as your photos from events last month. And, of course, church and parish news and some opportunities to lend a hand.

But first, as we come to the fourth anniversary of Roundabout, a round of applause for one group who have helped to secure our future.

Advertising is the lifeblood of our community magazine, and local traders who give us their support deserve a big thank you.

Now and again, we take a look at the stories behind the names, and this time we talked to Bill Moss, a highly sought after plumber and boiler engineer who lives right here in Kimbolton.

## BILL AND DAWN MOSS LOCAL THROUGH AND THROUGH

Bill and his wife Dawn were both born and schooled locally and over the years have been both successful and resourceful.

Bill trained as a plumber with Caldicotts' Builders, but after a couple of years decided to go solo. "I specialise in oil boilers because that's what most people have around here and I have a network of longstanding customers in and around Leominster."

They have done plenty more besides plumbing though. For fifteen years Bill and Dawn had a bike shop in Leominster, and for eight years they fostered small children, nearly twenty in all. They have two grown up daughters of their own Jo and Alex.

Both their families have long standing connections with the primary school and Dawn has been a Teaching Assistant there, but their passions are motorbiking, their animals and their pretty garden with views over the Yolk Brook. "We sell our eggs and our plants and we love spending time in the garden", Bill told us.

"We advertise in Roundabout, and other local magazines to make people aware that I am very local and reliable. Many of my customers are elderly and it's important that they feel safe."

"We like reading Roundabout too, and finding out more about the people and news in our community".

In this edition we also welcome two new advertisers, Fontura worktops and Tony Bolton who produces hay from Brook Farm.

## VE DAY AROUND OUR VILLAGES

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The Duke of York and our school were just two of the places that staged events to celebrate VE Day.

### VE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE DUKE OF YORK

A fabulous celebration of VE day was held at the Duke of York in Leysters.

With family photographs from that period and wartime memorabilia on display, a WW2 quiz and lively singing of wartime songs, the event closed with plates of spam sandwiches!

Our thanks to Lyn, Joy, Robin and Steve in particular for organising such a special evening.

Photo by Robin Wilson



### CELEBRATING VE DAY 80 YEARS ON AT KIMBOLTON PRIMARY

The whole school came together to mark 80 years since VE Day. Pupils and staff dressed in red, white and blue, and enjoyed a special assembly to learn more about this historic event. We even learned a song written especially for the VE Day celebrations! The day ended with a traditional afternoon tea outside, followed by classic outdoor games from wartime Britain. A truly memorable way to reflect on the past and celebrate together.







# EVENTS AND FREE EXHIBITION AT LEOMINSTER PRIORY 14 JUNE – 14 JULY CELEBRATING 900 YEARS OF LEOMINSTER PRIORY 1125 – 2025

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The exhibition and events will explore Leominster's amazing history, including the iconic Herefordshire School of Romanesque Art, the Priory as a place of pilgrimage, the Lost East End and its famous Ducking Stool. What did the Normans do for Leominster? In a display about the Bayeux Tapestry, find out what the Priory's last abbess had to do with 1066 and all that!

The exciting programme of events will include craft workshops, concerts, talks, walks, original community collaborations, school visits, and art works by local artists and students.

**A Norman Churches Open Day on Saturday 21 June 10 am – 4 pm** will include Yarpole, Eye, Orleton, Monkland, Ford, Hatfield, Pudleston, Bockleton, Leysters and Middleton-on-the-Hill. To accompany the day Rob Walker has produced a new illustrated booklet *The Normans in and around Leominster* which features the open churches.

A special Priory 900 Team Celebration Service, Sunday 29 June 2025, 10:00 am will take place at the Priory Church and will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' Picnic in the grounds. All welcome.

*Priory 900 is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, The Elmley Foundation, The Harley Charity, The Rowlands Trust, and The William A Cadbury Trust.*

## CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, LEYSTERS

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On 21st June, our historic church will be open as part of the Herefordshire Norman churches open day.

Visitors are very welcome between 10 am and 4 pm.  
There will be a display of pictures and photographs.  
Refreshments will be available between 2 pm and 4 pm.

### **DABBLERS**

The art group is going from strength to strength as we all continue to develop skills and confidence.

In June we will have another go at plein air drawing and painting. Let me know if you'd like to join us.

### **THE WOOLPACK**

The Woolpack donates knitted items and raises funds for local charities. We are now knitting in preparation for the Tenbury Agricultural Society Show (2nd August). We will have a stall again raising funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. On sale will be knitted blankets, baby clothes, toys and gifts. Please come along and support us.

Heather Shield

Just a reminder to let you know that following the success of the previous lunches we are having a

**MIDSUMMER PICNIC LUNCH**  
**On Sunday June 22nd**  
**At BOCKLETON CHURCH**  
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### **BOCKLETON AND HAMPTON CHARLES BEATING THE BOUNDS**

Bockleton and Hampton Charles 'Beating the Bounds', will take place on 14th September at 10.00 am. For further details contact Bruce on 01568 750344.



We are holding a Coffee Morning to raise money for The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT). This is the only charity dedicated to helping anyone in the UK affected by retinoblastoma, a rare form of eye cancer. The charity provides lifelong support, raises awareness and funds vital research.



Two of our grandchildren have been affected by retinoblastoma and the family were supported by CHECT during difficult times, so this charity means a great deal to us.

Please come and join us on **Saturday 21st June, 10.30am – 12.30pm** at Upper Grantsfield  
Tea, coffee, cake, raffle and flowers!  
We look forward to seeing you,

Brian and Penny Morris

#### **HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB**

Our next meetings are garden visits so we hope the weather is kind!

**On June 17th at 2.30pm** we are going to Hare's Orchard at Moreton Eye for a guided tour of the 3acre wildflower meadow as well as other garden areas. Meet at KVH to car share at 2pm please.  
Cost £13 (for NGS) to include tea/coffee and cakes.

**On July 12th at 2pm** our visit is to The Grove near Presteigne. This is a 7acre garden divided into large defined areas and has over 200 varieties of trees. Meet at KVH at 1.15pm to car share please. Cost £13 (also for NGS) to include tea/coffee and cakes.

There is no meeting in August but there are plenty of other NGS gardens to explore! For more details contact Wendy Pridie 611398

## **HAMNISH NEEDS HELP**

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After a quinquennial, five years' update on the state of the church structure, it was agreed there is a lot to be done!

If anyone would like to donate towards ongoing repairs or could help clean up around the church please get in touch. We have had complaints about the state of the churchyard grass, but I'm afraid we have to rely on it being mowed just once a month. Des Hall 01568760665..... Any help would be much appreciated.

## KIMBOLTON WI

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On 12th June we are hosting a Curry Evening, (fundraiser) and are looking forward to welcoming guests from our neighbouring WIs at the village hall.

On 10th July our meeting will be based in Leominster for a guided walk. We will be hearing about some of the town's history. The walk will start at the slightly earlier time of 7pm.



### COFFEE MORNINGS KIMBOLTON

Village Hall 10.30–12 noon

June 11th              Raffle in aid of Great Ormond St. Children's Cancer Appeal.

July    9th      Riding for the Disabled Holme Lacy, Herefordshire

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS KIMBOLTON AND HAMNISH

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Tuesday 1st July  
Tuesday 2nd September  
Tuesday 7th October  
Tuesday 2nd December  
Tuesday 6th January 2026  
Tuesday 3rd March 2026

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## EXCITING TIMES AT OUR SCHOOL!

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The last couple of weeks have been full of excitement. Not just our VE day celebrations but plenty of achievements too.

### **Lorry-Naming Competition – We Have a Winner!**

We're delighted to announce that Chester, one of our pupils, is a winner in the Herefordshire Council and FCC Environment competition to name the county's new fleet of recycling and waste collection lorries. Chester's brilliant name, 'Lamborgreenie' will now appear on one of the twenty eight lorries travelling across Herefordshire!



### **Silver Award from the Woodland Trust**

Our school has won the Silver Award as part of the Woodland Trust' Green Tree Schools Scheme by the Woodland Trust!

This award recognises our commitment to sustainability and outdoor learning. A special mention goes to Class 1, who played a key role in helping us achieve this milestone. Their recent visit to Queenswood Arboretum included a 'Signs of Spring' nature hunt, and back at school, they've been busy looking after our forest school area, helping to protect it for wildlife and future learning.

Thank you to all our pupils and staff for their hard work and enthusiasm. We're now aiming for Gold!

### **Mini London Marathon Challenge**

Recently every pupil took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon, running 2 miles. Some managed over 5 miles by the end of the week! All participants received a certificate and a special medal for their fantastic effort and determination. Well done, everyone!



## AND FINALLY.....

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Our AGM will be in September, the exact time and date will appear in the next edition. We hope plenty of you will come along to have your say, or learn more about how we put Roundabout together, distribute and most importantly fund it.

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.

As ever we love to hear from you. Our addresses are:  
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[www.middletonandleystersgroupparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.middletonandleystersgroupparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES JUNE & JULY 2025

Sunday 1 June Ascension	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Morning Prayer 11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St Luke, Stoke Prior
Sunday 8 June Pentecost	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield St Andrew, Leysters St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Sunday 15 June Trinity	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 22 June	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 Bartholomew, Docklow
Sunday 29 June Priory 900 Celebration	10:00 Leominster Team Service	The Priory, Leominster
Sunday 6 July	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St Luke, Stoke Prior
Sunday 13 July	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield St Andrew, Leysters St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Sunday 20 July	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 27 July	09:00 Holy Communion * 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 18:00 Evening Prayer	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 09:30**

*Includes tea/coffee afterwards – all welcome!*

**\* Patronal Festival Service**

Website <https://leominsterpriory.org.uk/eastern-parishes.php>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/EasternParishes>

### **Leominster Team Ministry**

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### **Team Vicar | Eastern Parishes**

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All telephone numbers are 01568 unless shown otherwise.

## Parish Councils

<b>Bockleton</b>	Chair: VACANT	
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<b>Kimbolton</b>	Chair: Ed Rollings	750476
	Clerk: Annabel Beaumont	kimboltonclerk@gmail.com
<b>Leysters &amp; Middleton on the Hill:</b>		
	Chair: Edward Chandler	750433 chandler.leysters@gmail.com
	Clerk: Clare Halls	750257

**Local Councillor (Upton Ward):** John Stone 01584 711227

## Vicar and Churchwardens

**Reverend Mark Long Rural Dean and Team Vicar**  
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<b>Leysters</b>	Heather Shield	750040
<b>Middleton</b>	Robin Moseley	750226
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<b>Kimbolton</b>	Denise Burston	07868 349136
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## CALENDAR

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### MAY

- 20 Hamnish Gardening club 7.30pm Janelle Quitman  
31 Leysters' talk and organ recital. 3pm St Andrew's church

### JUNE

- 11 Kimbolton Coffee Morning VH 10.30-12 (Children's cancer)  
12 Kimbolton WI Curry Evening (fundraiser) 7.30pm  
14 Leominster Priory celebrations and exhibitions 'til 14th July  
17 Hamnish Gardening Club visit Hare's Orchard 2.30pm  
21 Norman churches' open day (including Leysters) 10am-4pm  
21 Coffee morning Upper Grantsfield, Childhood Eye Cancer  
10.30-12.30  
22 Bockleton Church Midsummer picnic from 12.30pm

### JULY

- 1 Kimbolton&Harnish Parish Council Meeting 7pm VH  
9 Kimbolton Coffee Morning VH 10.30-12 RDA Herefordshire  
10 Kimbolton WI Leominster guided walk 7pm  
12 Hamnish Gardening Club visit The Grove Presteigne 2pm  
12 Hamnish Summer Sounds in the Orchard...VH  
6pm onwards

### AUGUST

- 16 Bockleton show

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Kimbolton Rifle Club's team came first in the North Herefordshire Air Rifle League 2 recently and Will Mears had the best average. Connor Reno also received a medal. The Team scores are gathered over the winter months when they meet in the Village Hall and they are likely to be promoted into League 1 for the new season.

"We would love to be able to enter two teams next year", said Des Hall.

Anyone interested in joining when they start again in October, should contact Des Hall on 01584 760665.

### **KIMBOLTON PLANT FAIR**

The Annual Plant Fayre in Kimbolton church was a great success again this year raising £830. Thanks to everyone who helped and of course those who came along too.



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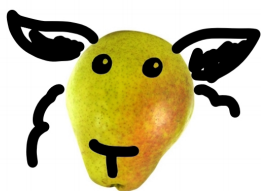
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