

Roundabout our communities

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



Local gardener to help landscape new surgery site
L-R Partner GP Crispin Fisher with horticulturalist
and Chelsea judge Tamsin Westhorpe

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WELCOME

WELCOME to October and as drought gives way to rain, we celebrate harvest as well as hearing from one of our farmers about the challenges of working the land.

We have an account of the exciting Kimbolton Hamnish cricket match, and the amazing result for the Midlands' Air Ambulance charity and we catch up with your summer fun.

Now we have loads of autumn events coming up and we welcome another new advertiser, Pickles and Co Luxury Dog Boarding based in Bockleton.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Perry Wood Farm, who are no longer selling direct to the public but we are delighted that Ed Rollings will continue to be on our management committee.

But before all that the hot topic.... we have good news about the long-awaited new Ryeland surgery, and are thrilled to have a first-hand account of the fifteen-year journey that has led to this amazing new facility being built on our doorstep.

And, we find out how a local gardener and RHS judge is helping in the final stages.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP SET TO DELIVER FIRST CLASS CARE WITH TIP TOP FACILITIES

It's not been easy, but after fifteen years of planning, negotiating and re-organising, a local GP partnership will finally move into a slick new surgery early in 2026. It promises major improvements for around 20,000 local people.

Crispin Fisher, one of the partner GPs at Ryeland Surgery told us;

"We are so grateful that Frank H. Dale Ltd. (Steel) our current landlords, have supported us all the way, as have our NHS partners and now together we are nearing completion of our new home. It is the first new build on the development of the old Dale site in Porters Mill Close and although we have had a few delays we hope to begin the move early in the New Year"

"We shall have 72 parking spaces and there will be an independent pharmacy on site too. We looked at six sites in and around Leominster but in the end the Chief Executive of our NHS Integrated Care Board for Herefordshire and Worcestershire came personally for the assessment and we all agreed this one is the best on every level."

"We would love a neighbourhood hub where all the primary care teams, could sit alongside each other and our GPs, but for the time being there isn't the money for this. However, our new building does have some scope for expansion."

"As part of the development plan the two original surgeries in Westfield Walk, Marches and Westfield, have already merged very successfully, and we now have a thriving practice, Ryeland, equipped to offer first class patient care."

"We now have 17 GPs, three nurse practitioners and three paramedics too, all ready for the big move"

"Our reorganised team is very keen on training and we are now one of a very few practices in Herefordshire to take students from the Three Counties Medical School. as well as student nurses and junior doctors too. With this focus on training, we are assured a motivated team and the pick of the best new doctors to qualify."

"At the moment we cater for almost 20,000 patients and we have an open list. Our Bodenham surgery and dispensary, which is GP partner owned, will be unchanged."

"Our new home will be in marked contrast to the current buildings in Westfield Walk and we are confident it will be fit for the future in every way. We even have a dedicated 'red zone' with its own entrance, in case we have another pandemic or major virus outbreak"

"Now, as we plan the final stages of our project in readiness for opening, we are delighted that Tamsin Westhorpe at Stockton Bury Gardens has agreed to undertake our landscaping to further enhance the site. "

"We hope local people will offer their support through our Patient Participation Group too."

"It's an exciting prospect for us all"

Tamsin said; " I am thrilled to have an input on the planting. The landscaping sets the scene for patients and staff and we hope to encourage lots of pollinators with scented plants and make it feel calm and welcoming for everyone."

Roundabout will bring you more news of the opening when it is available but until then the partners have asked that we all contain our curiosity and do not visit the site, as access is limited.

Keep up with all their news at www.ryelandsurgery.co.uk or follow them on facebook

STOCKTON BURY GARDENS and BARN CAFE CLOSE FOR THE WINTER ON SEPTEMBER 28th. They will reopen in April.

Our front cover picture shows Ryeland GP partner Crispin Fisher and Tamsin Westhorpe at Stockton Bury

HOWZAT! ANNUAL BATTLE BETWEEN LOCAL TITANS THE BEST EVER.

What an amazing day! This year's charity cricket match was the best ever!

Blessed with fabulous weather and a truly admirable desire to support this irreplaceable charity, we had almost a hundred and fifty spectators who watched, cheered and jeered, as the two teams battled their way to this year's thrilling result.

The banners and bunting, the Midlands Air Ambulance marquee and staff, cider and beer, everyone basking in the beautiful sunshine. The delicious cricket teas fortified the players and spectators alike, bringing the wonderful community-spirited support to fever pitch, and, although Hamnish sailed past a hundred, the stronger Kimbolton side once again prevailed.

The tally now stands at 4:1 to Kimbolton.

The result of everyone's great efforts was a thumping sum: in excess of £2,500 and with generous donations still arriving the final total will be approaching the astonishing £3,000 mark!

We all will know of friends and neighbours in our parishes who have had to use this fully charity-funded, life-saving service and just how invaluable it is.

The MAAC is extremely grateful for our support and send a huge thank you to all the organisers, players and spectators. Well done to you all!
Gordon Keane



Woolpack knitters have recently celebrated ten years' together by handing over £900 to the Midlands Air Ambulance charity too.

CELEBRATING HARVEST IN MIDDLETON WITH BEER, BREAD, AND HISTORY

On Friday 3rd October Harvest will be celebrated at St. Mary the Virgin church with Beer and Bread 6.30 pm. After the service there is a buffet too.

Then on Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm there will be a fun filled evening with a Harvest Auction at the Duke of York pub. All donations of fresh produce and preserves will be gratefully received on the night in aid of the Church.

CHURCH WARDEN FOR ALMOST HALF A CENTURY, ROBIN MOSELEY SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON FARMING HIS ANCIENT LAND

Robin Moseley was born on his farm, Moor Abbey in Middleton-on-the Hill. His parents bought these ancient lands in 1947. His grandparents had farmed on Lord Cawley's estate before that.

Moor Abbey was once part of Leominster Priory and is a precious landscape. It even has the original sixteenth century bell tower and moat. The farm has almost 250 acres including 20 acres of woodland. Robin is church warden and this harvest time he shares his thoughts on farming.

"My grandparents were influenced by Lord Cawley who was a keen environmentalist and very knowledgeable. However, changing weather patterns, and political decisions make farming today quite challenging. The recent drought was an example."

"We have a natural reservoir for the house and farm which was helpful. I have 50 cows, Hereford, Belgian blue and British blue with a Limousin bull. They managed quite well as they found shade in the woodland and we had a surprisingly good calving."

"We have 100 acres of hay but the quality was 30 - 50 down and we have had to supplement their feed. This is old established grassland and we used to get government support for that, and for other environmental improvements but the future is uncertain. At the moment lamb and cattle prices are good but we shall see what the future holds. Before the drought came that long, wet winter which was very poor for arable, as the newly planted seeds became rotten."

Having lived here all his life (he went to school in Leominster), Robin is surprisingly resilient.

"I am always busy on the farm and but since I became church warden in 1981 there hasn't been anyone yet to take it over, so I just carry on".



Robin Moseley, 44 years as Church Warden at Moor Abbey Tower

POPPIES FOR SALE AT HAMNISH COFFEE MORNING

Once again, we are having our Poppy sales in the Hamnish Village Hall with coffee and cakes on the 25th October at 10am–12midday.

This charity is in conjunction with the British Legion who support all our Armed Forces' personnel when they have been injured, mentally and physically, during conflict.

Please support this very important charity, we need our Armed Forces in these troubled times.

Last year the staff and children at St. James' Kimbolton School and The Stockton Cross Public House gave so generously to this charity and I want to thank them. Hopefully they will repeat their generosity this year.

If you are unable to attend the coffee morning and would like to obtain a poppy just ring me on 01568611068 and I will deliver one to your home.

Liz Brasnett

HAMNISH GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is on 16th September, when David Griffiths will demonstrate and talk about Practical Propagation. We meet at Hamnish village hall, tea and coffee are served from 7pm and the talk begins at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome, free of charge, for the remainder of 2025, so we hope members will bring a friend along. This is a good opportunity to find out how to make more of a favourite plant for free by propagation at home.

The competition title is 'Grown for the kitchen', plenty of scope there!

On October 21st we have booked lunch at 12.30 for 1pm at the Riverside Inn, Aymestry. The menu will be available at the September meeting and also will be emailed to members.

On 18th November Pip Smith will give a talk entitled 'The beginner's guide to garden design', and the competition is 'Five lovely leaves'.

Wendy Pridie

St Michael's Church, Bockleton, Tenbury Wells

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BOCKLETON DATES

Harvest Supper – Friday 10th October 8pm
£8.00 to include two-course supper. BYO drinks.

Quiz night – Friday 31st October 7pm
£8.00 to include light supper. Bar available
Fancy dress optional!

New Bingo Date – Friday 21st November Doors open 7pm 'eyes down' 7:30
Christmas Skittles – Saturday 6th December 7pm

BOCKLETON BEAST FUN RUN 2025 CANCELLED

Sadly, Bockleton Beast Fun Run has had to be cancelled on October 25th.
However, we will be back next year, all being well.
May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the helpers who
make the event such a success. Rosemary Coupe

THE BOCKLETON SUMMER SHOW was a resounding success, blessed
with sunshine and many visitors. Thank you to all those hard-working
organisers and competitors, the judges and, of course, all those who
attended. We look forward to welcoming you to next year's event. Fiona
Foster, Bockleton PCC secretary.

BOCKLETON 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the two £50 winners of the September draw.
The winners were No 53 – John & Kay Hawes and No 81 – Rob & Hazel Banks.

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October 8th	Raffle for Blink for Sight savers
November 12th	Raffle for Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

KIMBOLTON RIFLE CLUB

We start our new season on the 22nd of October at Kimbolton Village Hall at 7pm. All welcome, come and 'have a go', everything provided, just turn up. Contact number Des on 01568 760665.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

At our Poppy coffee morning in Hamnish Village Hall on Saturday the 25th of October 10 am –12pm we are also collecting Christmas shoe boxes. Please bring boxes and small items to put inside.
Contact number Des on 01568 760665

KIMBOLTON WI

Our next meeting is on 9th October and is a talk from Jane Sampson, 'The History of Estée Lauder'.

Then on the 13th November, Caroline Gilbert is giving us all a 'Practical Felting' session!

December's meeting is our annual Christmas party which is always a lovely evening in the village hall with good food, usually a Christmas quiz, and some carol singing.

Kimbolton WI is thriving and has been enjoying a wide variety of activities recently.

In July we had a fascinating walking tour around Leominster with its rich history being taught to us along the way, and of course an obligatory drink in a local hostelry to conclude the evening!

September was an evening visit to Leominster Museum, again SO much history and interest about our town and its people throughout history

Our WI has also had several impromptu or additional meet ups of members.

These include the forming of a book club, an afternoon visit to St. Michael's Hospice Gardens and a summer afternoon at Stockton Bury Gardens for cake and a catch up during August.

We are always happy to have visitors to our meetings at a modest charge of £5 a session. So, if you think you like the sound of anything and would like to 'try before you buy', come and join us for a meeting one evening. Warm welcome assured!!

For more information contact Alison Alderson on 07929179042

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EASTERN PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2025

Friday 3 October	18:30 Harvest Festival	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill
Sunday 5 October	09:15 Holy Communion 14:00 Harvest Festival & Tea	St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St John of Jerusalem, Ford
Friday 10 October	19:00 Harvest Festival & Supper	St Michael, Bockleton
Sunday 12 October	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:00 Harvest Festival 11:15 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish St Leonard, Hatfield St Andrew, Leysters St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Thursday 16 October	19:30 Harvest Service & Auction	The Duke of York (Middleton)
Friday 17 October	18:30 Harvest Festival & Auction	St Leonard, Hatfield
Sunday 19 October	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 26 October	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Harvest Festival	St James the Great, Kimbolton St Mary the Virgin, Humber St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore St Bartholomew, Docklow
Sunday 2 November <i>All Saints Day</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 09:15 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion 16:00 All Souls Service	St Mary, Middleton-on-the-Hill St Peter, Pudleston cum Whyle St Luke, Stoke Prior St Leonard, Hatfield
Sunday 9 November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10:50 Remembrance Service 10: 50 Remembrance Service	St Andrew, Leysters St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Sunday 16 November	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 23 November <i>Christ the King</i>	09:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion * 11:15 Holy Communion 11:30 Holy Communion	St James the Great, Kimbolton St Andrew, Leysters St Mary, Hope-under-Dinmore St Mary the Virgin, Humber
Sunday 30 November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	10:00 Holy Communion	St Dubricius, Hamnish

A midweek Holy Communion Service is hosted at Hennor House every Tuesday at 09:30

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 8 Coffee Morning Kimbolton VH 10.30–12pm
- 9 Kimbolton WI History of Estee Lauder VH
- 9 Harvest Auction Duke of York pub 7.30pm
- 10 Harvest Supper Bockleton 8pm
- 18 Jumble Sale Bockleton Parish Hall 2pm
- 21 Gardening Club lunch at Riverside Inn Aymestry 12.30pm
- 22 Kimbolton Rifle Club VH 7pm
- 25 Coffee Morning, Poppies/Christmas boxes 10–12pm Hamnish VH
- 25 Rag Rug workshop Leysters VH 10–4pm
- 31 Quiz Night Bockleton 7pm

NOVEMBER

- 12 Coffee Morning Kimbolton 10.30–12pm
- 13 Kimbolton WI Practical Felting. VH
- 14 Quiz and supper Middleton and Leysters VH 7pm
- 18 Gardening Club Pip Smith 7pm Hamnish VH
- 21 Bingo Bockleton 7pm

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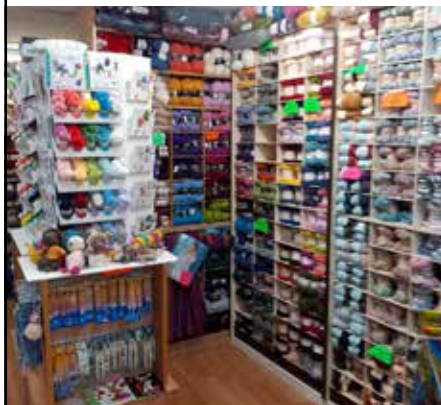
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