

**Exhibition  
Open Daily**

14 June - 14 July  
10am - 4pm

## **Programme of Events & Exhibitions at Leominster Priory**

Celebrating 900 years since the refounding of Leominster Priory by Henry I in 1125, the exhibition and events will explore Leominster's amazing history – including the Priory as a place of pilgrimage, the iconic Herefordshire School of Romanesque Art, 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!

### **CRAFT WORKSHOPS • CONCERTS • TALKS • WALKS**

With original community collaborations & artworks by local artists and students of Hereford College of Arts.

For more info, head to  
[www.prioryarts.org.uk](http://www.prioryarts.org.uk)



## **NORMAN CRAFT AND EXPERIENCE DAY** Saturday 14 June 10am-4pm 'The Great Norman Stitch Up'

Norman crafts for all ages, including stitching, sculpture design, badge making, calligraphy, stone-masonry, selfies, make a mini-monk. Refreshments available. **FREE**

## **DANCE** Saturday 14 June 7pm 'The Great Norman Ceilidh'

Dance the night away with a traditional Ceilidh with a Norman twist. Booking essential. Light buffet and bar. **£15**

## **CONCERT** Sunday 15 June 7pm 'Choral Classics from the Three Counties'

Leominster Choral Society perform classics by Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Holst, Parry and Wesley. **£18, Under 18s free**

## **MUSIC, DANCE AND STORY**

### Wednesday 18 June 7pm '900 Years of Leominster and its Priory'

Celebrate with a unique collaboration of Passamezzo Early Dance, Leominster Morris, Priory Choir and History Society. **£5**

## **DRAMA** Thursday 19 June 4.30pm 'Moving Stones'

Schools performance telling the story of the renewal of the Priory over 900 years with puppets, dance and song. **FREE**

## **TALK AND WORKSHOP**

### Friday 20 June 11am-12.30pm 'Plants, Medicines and Life in Medieval England'

Florist and bee-keeper Janelle Quitman describes monastic gardens and the fundamental importance of plants. With floral workshop: herbal posies and flower circlets. **£5**

## **WALKS** Every Wednesday 2pm, every Saturday 11am Exploring Leominster's History – a guided tour with Leominster Heritage Guides

Find out about Norman town planning and the history of Leominster's streets. The fully accessible walk-and-talk of up to 90 minutes begins outside Leominster Information Centre, 11 Corn Square. Tickets from Leominster Information Centre, tel 01568 616460 (accompanied children free). **£5**

## **RHYMES AND CHIMES** Saturday 21 June 10am 'Poetry Reading and Bell Ringing in Sound and Sculpture'.

Enjoy 'A Told Tale' with Poet Catherine Swire (recently featured on Radio 4) performing poems about bells and weaving. Joined by Leominster Priory Bellringers, and artist Jackie Morris. **FREE**

## **NORMAN HISTORY** Saturday 21 June 10am-4pm 'Norman Churches Open Day'

Visit Norman churches in the villages around Leominster as illustrated in Rob Walker's new booklet 'The Normans in and around Leominster'. Bells, refreshments and more – see website. **FREE**

## **TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH** Monday 23 June 6pm 'Norman Art and Architecture in North Herefordshire'

Rob Walker will bring the Norman heritage of the area to life in his talk based on his new booklet. **£5**

## **CRAFT** Thursday 26 June 10am-12pm 'Illuminated Letter Art'

Join ECHO Art Project for a free workshop illuminating letters in Norman style! All ages welcome for colouring, painting, glue and glitter and découpage. **FREE**

## **GUIDED TOUR** Thursday 26 June 10am-4pm 'Norman Treasures'

Rob Walker, architectural historian, will lead a tour of six of North Herefordshire's best Norman churches, starting at Leominster Priory. Booking essential. **£25 including transport, £15 without.**

## **SERVICE** Sunday 29 June 10am '900th Celebration and Patronal Festival Service followed by Team Picnic'

All welcome to this service celebrating 900 years since the Norman refounding, followed by cake, Norman games and a bring-your-own picnic. **FREE**

## **CONCERT** Sunday 29 June 7pm 'Music for a Norman Priory'

A cappella group Border Voices sing music from the reigns of Henry I to Henry VIII with medieval instruments. **FREE**

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY** Monday 30 June 10am-12.30pm 'Hidden Histories'

Mix of short talks, artistic presentations, discussion and cake. Including Leominster's famous Ducking Stool, Ælfgyva the mystery woman in the Bayeux Tapestry, and the voice of women in society. **FREE**

## **TALK** Tuesday 1 July 6pm 'The Story of our Streets; How Leominster Developed'

Malcom Mason, Curator of Leominster Museum, will explain how the town grew and why it is laid out in the way that it is. **£5**

## **TALK** Thursday 3 July 6pm 'Restoration of the Norman Priory in the Nineteenth Century'

Illustrated talk by Rob Walker on the restoration led by Gilbert Scott. **£5**

## **CONCERT** Friday 4 July 7pm 'French Connections'

Hilary Norris (organ) is joined by Stuart Essenhigh (principal trumpet, English Symphony Orchestra) for a programme demonstrating the continuing influence of our French neighbours on English music including Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Widor. **£10, Under 18s free**

## **PRIORY SUMMER FETE** Saturday 5 July 2pm

Enjoy an afternoon of traditional stalls, games, tower tours, refreshments and Tenbury Town Band. **FREE**

## **PLAINSONG WORKSHOP AND SERVICE** Sunday 6 July 6pm 'Compline by Candlelight'

All welcome to this meditative service. To sing in the choir, book via our website for a workshop at 4.30pm. **FREE**

## **TALK** Monday 7 July 6pm 'The Role of Reliquaries'

Hereford Cathedral Archivist, Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe gives a short introduction to the Cathedral's Becket Reliquary giving context to the Priory's history as a place of pilgrimage. **£5**

## **TALK AND TOUR** Friday 11 July 6pm 'The Lost East End and the Old Priory Buildings'

Fr Guy Cole and Neil Ramsay give a talk and tour of the Lost East End, followed by celebration of the Town Council's work on the Old Priory (funded by Historic England & Community Ownership Fund). **FREE**

## **PLAY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE** Saturday 12 July 4pm '900 Years and Beyond'

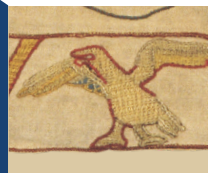
An entertaining event involving song, dance and drama performed by community groups bringing key moments of the town and Priory's history to life. **FREE**

## **TALK AND BOOK SIGNING** Sunday 13 July 4.30pm 'How to build a Priory'

Author and stone-mason Andrew Ziminski discusses how and why you build a Priory. Signing of his new book 'Church Going'. **£5**

## **CRAFT** Every Friday

Join the ECHO Weavers to experience this ancient craft – on small looms, spinning wheels and tapestry. No booking required. Drop-in. **FREE**



# Exhibition Opening Times

The 'Priory 900' and community exhibitions are open every day from 10am - 4pm. Leominster Priory is a working church and some special services may be scheduled at short notice. Please check the calendar on our website before you visit. As some school group visits and workshops will be taking place during opening hours, you may also want to check for quieter times to visit.

## Tickets



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TICKETS

To book tickets for events, scan the QR code or go to our website [www.prioryarts.org.uk](http://www.prioryarts.org.uk), or visit the Leominster Information Centre, 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP, Tel: 01568 616460

## Parking & Access

The main car parks in Leominster are all just a few minutes walk away. Nearest Pay & Display parking is in Broad Street Car Park. There is almost no parking in the Priory area, but disabled visitors can be dropped off at the church door by driving through the gates on Church Street and exiting through the gates into The Grange.



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