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Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton**

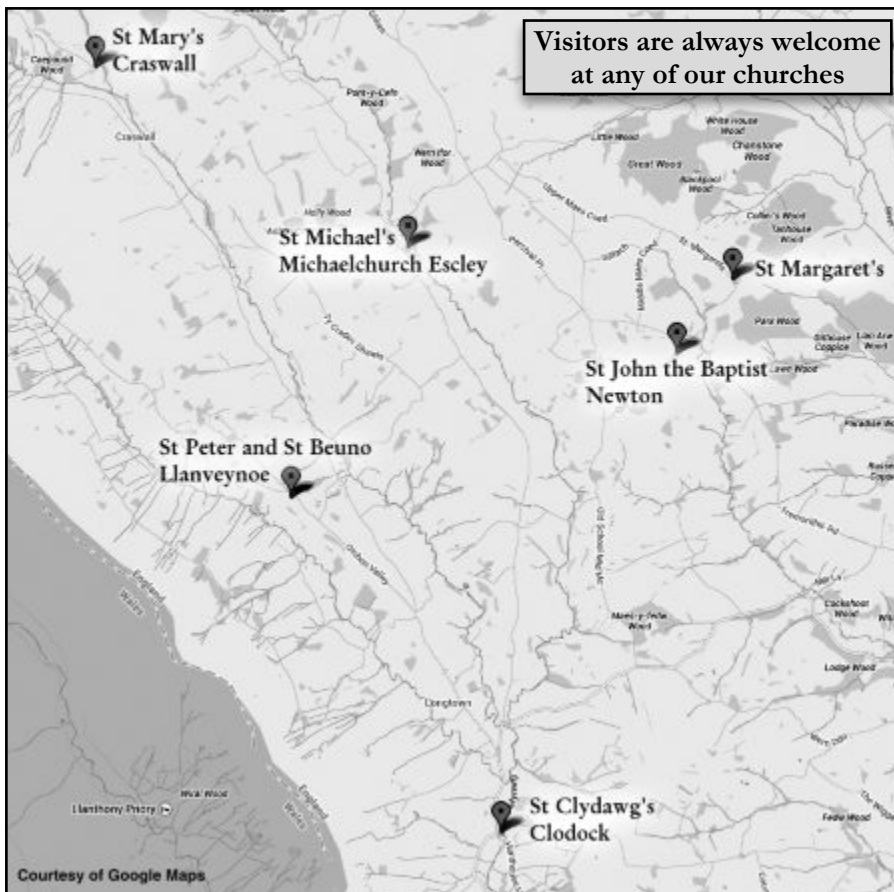


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From the Clergy

Dear friends

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray: ...on earth as it is in Heaven.

What is Heaven? Perhaps the first thing that comes to your imagination is a shining city in the clouds with big, pearly gates and Saint Peter ready to check the guest list for your name. Or maybe your brain starts playing the Belinda Carlisle song: *Ooh, Heaven is a place on Earth.*

Perhaps the simplest way to describe Heaven is 'where God is' and 'where we go when we die' – not necessarily a physical place that could be found on a map, but instead some place or state of things which is metaphysical – beyond the human state of being.

Although much of the Christian understanding of *the place of Heaven* comes from the apocalyptic dream described in *the Revelations according to John*, our greater understating of Heaven comes from the stories Jesus told, in which he would often begin: *the Kingdom of God/Heaven is like...*(a sower sowing seed; a mustard seed; a prized pearl; a woman searching for a lost coin; workers in a vineyard; a wedding party; a father celebrating the return of his wayward son; a shepherd searching for his lost sheep...and more)

From these stories, we come to learn that Heaven is where we are close to and loved by God, where we are valued and celebrated, where there is new life and forgiveness, and true acceptance. It is something to be sought after and prized, just as we are sought after and prized by God.

Through these stories, we also learn that not only is Heaven is our eternal resting place in God's loving presence, but also something which can bleed through to our lives in the current moment.

Heaven transforms us. It brings peace and order and justice, and an end to pain, conflict, sickness, and suffering. And, at the end, Heaven transforms death into eternal life.

When we pray, *on Earth as it is in Heaven*, we are asking God to usher in this Kingdom of Heaven, to weaken the barrier so that we may be as close to God as we will be in eternity, and so that Heaven may transform our lives for the better.

May Heaven be ever nearer to you today than it was yesterday, and ever closer to you tomorrow that it is today.

Yours in faith, Revd Cate

JULY READINGS – Details of services for July and August can be found on the back page.

Sunday 2nd July

Old Testament	Jeremiah 28: 5-9
New Testament	Romans 6: 12 - end
Gospel	Matthew 10: 40-end
Psalm	89, 1-4, 15-18

Sunday 9th July

Old Testament	Zechariah 9: 9-12
New Testament	Romans 7: 15-25a
Gospel	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
Psalm	145: 8-15

Sunday 16th July

Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 10-13
New Testament	Romans 8: 1-11
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23
Psalm	65

Sunday 23rd July

Old Testament	Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19
New Testament	Romans 8: 12-25
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
Psalm	86: 11 – end

Sunday 30th July

Old Testament	1 Kings 3: 5-12
New Testament	Romans 8: 26-39
Gospel	Matthew 13: 31-33,44-52
Psalm	119:129-136

Deanery Update

Thanks to all those who attended the Gathering in June. It was good to share news of various ways to make a difference in our community.

We heard about the launch of the Repair Café in the Golden Valley; the first session takes place at Kingstone Church on Saturday 1st July from 10am until 1pm. They're going to take place on the first Saturday of each month and in August they'll be in Ewyas Harold, moving to Dorstone in September. For more details get in touch via gvrepaircafe@gmail.com

Our Prayer team also gave an update as we reach the halfway point of the Year of Prayer. One thing we'd like everyone to think about is how we might create special prayer places within or outside our churches. If you've got any ideas about this, let us know. Remember that there is a regular time to Pray for Ukraine at Eaton Bishop Church every Saturday morning between 9 and 10am where everyone is welcome.

A weekly teatime club is held every Thursday at Ewyas Harold. Anyone who would like to come and share a hot meal is very welcome. So that we can make sure that there's enough, let us know if you'd like to book a place for you and your family. The Food for Families project is currently collecting donations and funds so that food boxes can be distributed in time for the summer holidays. If you'd like to help with this in any way, please get in touch.

It's a very busy summer with lots of weddings and christenings taking place. If you'd like to discuss being married or having your child christened in one of our churches we'd love to hear from you.

The usual services continue each week. There's such a wide variety to choose from...why not come along?

Contact Details

For any enquiries about anything mentioned here and what's going on in and around churches within the Deanery, get in touch with the Deanery Coordinator, Anne Lloyd on 01981 620145 or abbeydoredmc@gmail.com.

Thanks

FUND-RAISERS

Though it was intended for pleasure rather than profit, the Newton St Margarets coronation day party managed to make a surplus of £320, which has been split between the churches of the two parishes. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make it such a success. *Matthew Engel*

The spring edition of The Bridge Inn quiz, held as usual at the Ecsleyside Hall, raised £430 for Michaelchurch School's library project. The autumn edition is provisionally

scheduled for Sunday 1 October. Anyone not on the mailing list for this twice-yearly event who would like to be kept informed is welcome to email. *Matthew Engel*

Forthcoming events

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AGM, Monday 3 July, 7.30PM
Longtown Village Hall HR2 0LD

Members wishing to put an item on the agenda at the AGM should contact jerry@davis@outlook.com.

The AGM will be followed by a talk by club Chair, Miriam Griffiths, on “The Old Olchon Baptists”. Hidden away in the Black Mountains, the Olchon Valley and Capel-y-finn were important centres of the early Baptist movement. Guests welcome (£3).

The July outdoor visit is likely to be to Hay Castle. Non-members wishing to go need to contact Jeremy for details.

Longtown Library
now open,
Every first Wednesday of the month
2.30 - 4.30 pm
Swap books, tea and chat!



5th July
Please see the important notice on page 5

How to Make Use of Herbs

TALK 7.30pm, Wednesday 5th July
Escleyside Hall




Drew Speller will talk about designing, planting and maintaining a herb garden. Drew is a trained horticulturist specialising in herbs. He runs a successful gardening business and owns a smallholding, *Twelve Acres*, in Wales.

Annual Membership: £15 Non-members: £5
See more at: www.escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club

SONGS FOR SUMMER

Hay Community Choir
Directed by Fiona Evans
Friday, 7th July, 2023 at 7.30 pm
at the Church of St Clydawg, Clodock



Tickets £12.50

Supporting Air Ambulance and Clodock Church
Available from <https://clodock-church.ticketlight.co.uk>
or from Genevieve on 018733 860769 / 07816830159

Hay Community Choir is delighted to be singing in Clodock Church on **Friday, 7th July at 7.30 pm** with their Musical Director Fiona Evans, and will present an evening of music guaranteed to set feet tapping and raise a smile. We will be working on songs from around the world,

gospel, light jazz and folk. There will be opportunities to sing along.

We will also sing the recently collaborated piece which we wrote together. Based on the four elements and inspired by gaelic Back Free Church Psalm singing this piece received its world premiere at the Hay Festival. The pianist will be Alan Davies. **Refreshments will be available.**

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT WI

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th July 2023** at Longtown Village Hall: WAR HORSES!

A talk by Graham Langer on the little known story of the cavalry on the battlefields of WW1 – and of the 100 mile Centenary ride to commemorate the liberation of Mons.

Meeting starts 7.15pm; talk starts 8pm Visitors welcome £4.
Anna Mason, Programme Secretary

NEWTON ST. MARGARET’S WOMENS GUILD

July Meeting

Thursday 13th July 2023: Outing to Hellens Manor HR8 2LY for the Textile Bazaar. Meet there for coffee at 11am. *Any one is very welcome to join us.* Phone 07794920729 for further information or if you would like to share a lift.

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club has resumed a full programme of visits for the first time since the pandemic. As always we can offer some places to non-members

Outing to Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Thursday 20 July

The coach will leave Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30. The cost will be £20 for the coach, and £12.15 for admission to the centre, for adults over 65. Bookings must be made and paid for by 12 July. If you would like to join us or to know more, please contact Hazel Pugh on 01873 860803, or Pauline Jones on 07903150588, jonespauline@pobroadband.co.uk

The next outing will be to **Weston super Mare on Thursday 17th August** and will cost £20. The coach will leave Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30.

There will be a regular club meeting on 6th July at 2pm in Longtown Village Hall.

CRASWALL BARBECUE AND DRAW

Saturday 22nd July at 5.00pm

All the usual stalls and competitions; burgers and hot dogs, cake stall and plants and produce, the milking competition and many more

This year the proceeds from the Barbecue and Draw will go towards replacing the antiquated electrical wiring in the church.

FEAST of the TRANSFIGURATION

Craswall to Llanveynoe Pilgrimage

3.00pm start at Craswall Church

Saturday 6th August

This year the pilgrimage will be led by Rev Luci Morris. We will walk from Craswall Church past the Bull’s Head and up to the green lane leading on to the mountain and eventually to the Cat’s Back car park where we will follow foot paths across the fields to Llanveynoe Church. We will conclude the Pilgrimage with a short service. Total walking time is roughly 2 1/2 hours and we hope that with the earlier start time and weekend date this year that it will be a more family-friendly event and even afford time for an early evening picnic at Llanveynoe.

Concerts for Craswall

Saturday August 12th at 5pm
St Mary's Church, Craswall
FLUTES AND FRETS
Present "It's About Time"

Join the Flutes & Frets Duo on a journey through the centuries as they present a chronological programme that showcases how music and instruments have transformed over the past 500 years.

A unique ensemble of members Beth Stone (flute/historical flutes) and Daniel Murphy (guitars/lutes/theorbo), Flutes and Frets are passionate about showing the versatility of the flute and plucked instruments combination.

Their aim is to play all types of music on the instruments that were in use at the time of composition to bring awareness of the sounds that composers of every era would have intended their audiences to hear.

Covering a wide scope of repertoire ranging from renaissance all the way through to contemporary, they produce a very special sound palette.

Their programme will feature works by Dowland, Eccles, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Villa-Lobos, Piazzolla and Corea amongst others.

Tickets: £15 adult £7.50 student

Full programme details and tickets, please go to <https://concertsforcraswall.org/shop/> or call 01981 510112.

EVENTS FOR AUGUST
CORNEWALL ARMS BAR-B-Q

With a Grand Duck Race at Clodock Mill by kind permission of Martin and Jill.

Sunday 13th August from 12.30 onwards.

Everybody welcome.

In aid of Longtown Village Projects.

VITAL SPARK

Summer Concert from the West Gallery of Clodock Church on **26th August** at 7pm.

LONGTOWN SHOW

A fantastic day out for all the family

Saturday 19th August

Local Newsround

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

Every year, outside hospital, there are over 30,000 cardiac arrests in the UK with a survival rate lower than one in ten. However, if a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes those survival rates go up to between 50-70%.

As a new defibrillator has been installed outside the Cornwall Arms those positive statistics now apply to the residents of Clodock.

This has been made possible by fund-raising events and the generous contributions from local individuals and organisations.

A demonstration on its use will take place on **Monday 10 July** at 7pm in the Cornwall Arms.

NEWTON ST. MARGARET'S WOMENS GUILD

Thank you to all those that supported the PLANT SALE (10/06/23) in any way; donating plants, making cakes and coming along to buy! Just over £200 was made.

At our last meeting (08/06/23) Margaret Warsap described her time as a student nurse in the 50s at Barts Hospital – celebrating its 900th anniversary this year! We think she gave us the milder version of life then, but we are grateful to her for entertaining us with anecdotes about bed pans, cockroaches and that notorious night-sister “Jane.”

THANK YOU, Margaret.

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the beginning of, what is turning out to be, a cracking summer. The past few weeks have been filled with exciting activities and enriching experiences for our pupils at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-school. We are thrilled to share some highlights with you.

Preschool Visit to The Coop Play Café

Our Preschool children recently had a delightful adventure at The Coop Play Café located at Arkstone Court. It was an extraordinary opportunity for them to indulge in free-flow, open-ended play in a new and exciting setting. The children's creativity and imaginations were truly brought to life as they explored various play areas and engaged in interactive activities. They had a wonderful time, building new friendships, and creating lasting memories. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at The Coop Play Café for providing such a fantastic experience for our little ones.

Hay Festival – A Literary Delight

Our older KS2 children, aged 7 to 11 years, had a marvellous time at the Hay Festival. This annual event is something we always look forward to, as it allows our pupils to immerse themselves in the world of literature. They had the unique opportunity to listen to three incredible authors, who shared their thoughts and experiences on the art of writing and their incredible adventures. It was a wonderful chance for our children to witness, first-hand, the thought processes that go into crafting captivating stories. We believe that this exposure will inspire their own creativity and passion for writing.

More recently, our day was filled with excitement and friendly competition at our annual Highland Games-themed Primary School Sports Day. Under clear blue skies and basking in glorious sunshine, our pupils eagerly participated in the Highland Games-inspired Sports Day. The atmosphere was electric as children from Year 6 all the way down to Preschool took part in various traditional Scottish events. The games began with the footrace, where pupils dashed across the field and around the school, giving it their all to secure victory. The caber toss and shot putt events allowed our children to showcase their strength and coordination, as they hurled objects with precision and power! However, the true spirit of camaraderie and teamwork was felt during the highly anticipated tug of war competition – we even managed to get the parents involved in a highly competitive Parent's Tug of War Match!

With the hot weather in full swing, our children worked up quite a sweat throughout the day. To celebrate their efforts

and to cool down, each child was treated to a refreshing ice lolly at the end of the event. Smiles of joy and satisfaction could be seen on their faces as they savoured the icy treat, bringing a perfect end to a fantastic day.

Looking ahead, our Year 5 and 6 children have an exciting week planned. They are eagerly anticipating their upcoming activity week, which promises a range of adventurous exploits. From caving to canoeing, horse riding to paintball, karting to roller skating and mountain biking, our pupils will embark on thrilling experiences that will test their physical skills and provide ample opportunities for teamwork and personal growth. We are confident that this action-packed week will create lasting memories for our students and further develop their confidence and resilience.

We are also fully in the swing of our rehearsals for Matilda the Musical, which will take place at Michaelchurch Court on Wednesday, July 19th. Keep an eye out for posters advertising this event – everyone is welcome!

Finally, we are always happy to show families around the school and preschool. Although some year groups are full, we do still have some spaces and are always happy to chat to prospective new families. Please contact the office – 01981 510208 or admin@michaelchurch-escley.hereford.sch.uk – to have a chat and book a time to pop in!

*Gary Crocker
Deputy Head Teacher, Michaelchurch Escley Primary School
01981 510208*

LONGTOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL.

Hello from the stunning surroundings of Longtown Community Primary School and Pre-School.

There have been plenty of activities keeping us happy and busy.

Mid May saw our Year 5 and 6 children pack their bags and head to the gorgeous Welsh coast on their residential activity trip. The children literally threw themselves into the coastering, body boarding and archery and then chilled with evening walks on the beach.

Over the June half term break we have had stunning new playground markings installed and the children are now enjoying driving around the new road circuit, playing hopscotch and much more.

We have recently welcomed Grace from Mini First Aid, who trained every child in school in an appropriate level of first aid. From Pre-School to Year 6. The children had a super session learning about calling for help, head bumps, bleeds and much, much more.

We are holding training in school for our staff, parents and local community on how to use our Defibrillator. If you are interested in coming along please contact the school office.

We look forward to a sunny Sports Day and Leaver's Assembly in July, culminating in an end of year festival, expertly organised by our wonderful PTA.

Happy Summer to all of you, from all of us at Longtown!

VOWCHURCH & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent annual meeting Mr Evan Williams was co-opted to fill the Councillor vacancy for Michaelchurch Escley.

The Parish Council still has a vacancy to represent St Margarets – Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make long-lasting change? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If so, we need you. You must be 18 years of age or over, be a local elector or for the previous 12 months been an owner or tenant of any land or premises in the council area or within 3 miles of the area. The Council meet 10 times per year in either Vowchurch & Turnastone Memorial Hall or Newton Church room. If you are interested and would like any further information, please contact the Clerk.

This is a great time of year to get out and walk the many public footpaths in our area, please make use of them and report any problems via the Herefordshire Council website at <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-public-right-of-way-problem> or, if you are happy to do so cut back any overhanging branches or vegetation yourself, this would be a great help to our volunteer footpath officers.

The Parish Council would like to thank the group of 12 volunteers who recently spent time clearing the VO61 in Vowchurch making it accessible again for use. *Linda Cowles
Parish Clerk, 01544 321906. vowchurchparishclerk@hotmail.com*

Round and About

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

For all you Gardeners, Bakers and all round Crafters, don't forget our annual Summer show will be taking place on July 29th.

We are looking for people to come and join us with ideas for what can take place in the Village hall. Please feel free to come to our meetings and have your say.

Monday Club every Monday morning 10am-12pm Pop in for Tea/Coffee and a chat.

Why not come for Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason? Every Thursday morning 11.30 am-12.30.

Hatha Yoga is being held every Wednesday 7pm -8.30pm.

The Village Art classes are held every Monday evening 7-9pm and Friday Morning 10am-12pm.

Parish Council meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Our website is now up and running: peterchurchvillagehall.org

The new booking form is now on the website along with what's happening at the Hall.

We are looking for people who would like to join our Committee. Peterchurch Village Hall is a community building, run by a small committee of dedicated trustees. It is the ideal venue for local events, and is available for hire from £10 an hour. As well as hosting many a birthday party, the hall has a few regular user groups including Parish Council every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We always welcome new groups!

If you wish to hire the hall or have any other inquiries, please call any of these numbers:

The Booking Secretary (Sarah) - 07774 457887

The Chairman (Brendan) - (01981) 550 482

The Hall - (01981) 551 162 (Please leave a message if you are unable to reach anyone on the numbers above.)

VOWCHURCH AND TURNASTONE MEMORIAL HALL

Have a look at our Facebook page and like us!
[Facebook.com/vowchurchturnastonememorialhall](https://www.facebook.com/vowchurchturnastonememorialhall)

Browse our website vowchurchturnastonehall.co.uk and leave your details to receive occasional emails about upcoming events.

VaT50 Monthly Draw

June winners: Number 109 Paul and Jane Rose £50, Number 64 Gary and Anette £20.

Pilates at Vowchurch Hall Tuesdays at 9am till 10am and 6pm till 8pm Contact: hannahmthomas@hotmail.com

Taiji Contact: janefleet88@gmail.com

Vowchurch Market resumes in the autumn Next one 23rd September 2023

Bowls at Vowchurch Hall resumes in the autumn Contact: Richard Stokes rtastokes@hotmail.co.uk

Village Pub at Vowchurch Hall resumes in the autumn

Apple Juicing at Vowchurch Hall resumes in the autumn Meet with others to juice, bottle and pasteurise. Contact Graeme Deas graemedecas@hotmail.com 07726

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HELP IF NEEDED If you need help or know of any resident of the parish of Vowchurch who may need support, food delivered, prescriptions collected or other help please contact Jane Wheatley at the number below.

Bookings Vowchurch and Turnastone Memorial Hall is available for parties, weddings and events as well as meetings and presentations at very reasonable rates. For further information contact: janeheatley@gmail.com 07880 505761 or check out the website.

THE MONDAY CLUB

Formerly the Golden Valley Day Centre

As you may have noticed we have changed our name and have decided to go with the Monday Club, which is what most people call us.

June marked the start of our 10th Anniversary and I for one can't believe that it was 10 years ago when we were sitting in our garden and thinking about how we could work it but, from that date to this, it has gone from from strength to strength. I must pay tribute to all our volunteers who over the years must have poured thousands of cups of tea and coffee, served meals and supplied draw prizes, so THANK YOU everyone who helps keep us going every week.

We had a BBQ supplied by Ogelby's Butchers from Hereford I will provide more details next month.

Unfortunately we cancelled our trip to the Small Breeds Farm at Kington but hopefully we will go at a later date.

Our numbers have grown in recent months to around 40 people every Monday but if you feel that you would like to pop in you will be made most welcome. You don't have to stay long but I'm sure that once you've been you may find yourself coming again! We really are a very friendly bunch, if somewhat noisy.

We have now gone back to our normal opening times of 10 am -12 pm.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you feel you would like to help us as a volunteer please ring Mrs. Kath Gaze at 01981 550579. You don't have to do it every Monday; we are happy with any time available. It's just making Tea and Coffee.

Notices and Advertisements



LONGTOWN LIBRARY

Needs two community-minded people to keep it alive.

Once a month for two hours.

I will be stepping down from August.

For further info contact Sue on 07745 227808

Michaelchurch Duck Race & Raffle **26th August Bridge Inn**

The Annual Duck Race and Raffle will be held at The Bridge Inn
(by kind permission of Mick & Ricky)
26th August 2023, starting at 3.00pm.
Ducks will float at 5.00pm

HAY Music

Friday, 7 July at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
The Castle, Hay-on-Wye
THE AMARYLLI DUO
Elizabeth Pallett, Lute and theorbo and Hannah Grove, soprano.
'Shakespeare's Musicke'. Based on his texts, compositions by composers of Shakespeare's day.

Friday, 28 July at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm)
St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye
ROLF HIND, PIANO
One of Britain's foremost pianists plays pieces by Schumann, Ravel, Messiaen, Hind, Adams, Debussy and Janáček.
Tickets and full details at www.haymusic.org
Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau



*Clodock's Creatures
Under the Sea*

August Bank Holiday weekend
Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th of August

*Make and display a sea creature within Clodock
where it can be seen from the road*

Entry open to all, each creature
must be securely displayed within Clodock,
with the property owner's permission
Entries: £5 per creature

*All entries to be in place and registered at
The Cornwall Arms by 6pm on Friday 25th*

Voting, Barbecue, Raffle
from 12:30pm
at The Cornwall Arms
Sunday 27th August 12:30pm

In Support of Midlands Air Ambulance



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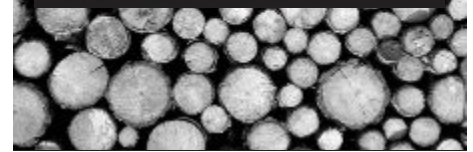
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 11.00am Michaelchurch Morning Worship

Sunday 16th July

9.30am Craswall Morning Worship
 11.00am Newton Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd July

11.00am Michaelchurch Group Holy Communion

Sunday 30th July

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August 2023

Sunday 6th August

9.30am Llanveynoe Morning Worship
 3.00pm St Margaret's Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August

9.30am Clodock Morning Worship
 11.00am Michaelchurch Morning Worship

Sunday 20th August

9.30am Craswall Holy Communion
 11.00am Newton Morning Worship

Sunday 27th August

11.00am Clodock Group Holy Communion

EVENTS PLANNER		Please see https://blackhillcommunities.net for events further ahead	
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Wed	05 July	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Wed	05 July	7.30pm	Esleyside Gardening Club: Drew Speller, <i>How to Make Use of Herbs</i>
Fri	07 July	7.30pm	Hay Community Choir Concert, Clodock Church
Tue	11 July	8.00pm	Longtown & District WI. Graham Langer, <i>War Horses</i> . Longtown Village Hall
Thu	13 July		Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Outing to Hellens Manor, Textile Bazaar
Thu	20 July		Longtown Thursday Club outing to Slimbridge Wetland Centre
Sat	22 July	5.00pm	Craswall Barbecue and Grand Draw, Craswall churchyard
Sat	29 July	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle
Wed	02 August	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Sun	06 August	3.00pm	Craswall to Llanveynoe Pilgrimage, Craswall Church
Sat	12 August	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: <i>Flutes and Frets</i> . St Mary's, Craswall
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