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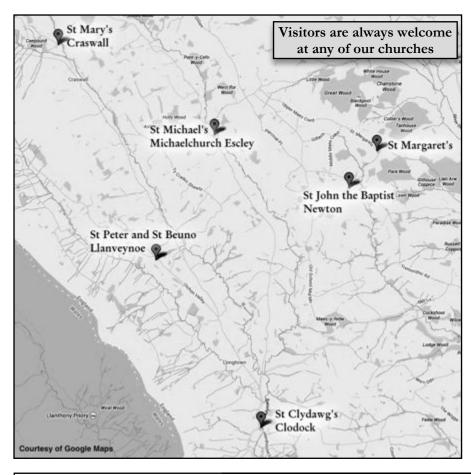
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From Revd Luci

Thank you to all who came to my licensing as Priest-in-Charge of the Black Mountains Benefice* on 9th October. We gathered to mark a new beginning, and whilst I came away with two pieces of paper to prove my ministry among you is legit, the service was not *just* about welcoming a new vicar but celebrating the start of a new chapter in God's story for our churches and villages. Many people were involved that evening, from the team who decorated the church, to those who read, sang, played the organ, presented symbols of ministry, led the prayers and offered excellent refreshments afterwards, reflecting perfectly the shared ministry we enjoy week-by-week across our churches.

And so, what happens next? Whilst I do come with some ideas as to how, as churches, we might broaden our welcome, deepen our faith and continue to serve our communities, the next few months will primarily be about getting to know you and listening to what is important to you. Just as we all have gifts to share, so I believe that God plants in each of us a piece of his vision for the world. So, if you see me, do come and say hello.

I'm always inspired by the natural world, and all around there are signs that nature is entering a period of consolidation. Leaves are quietly falling to enrich the soil which will sustain spring's growth. There's a quietness in the natural world as it prepares for what is still to come. I hope our listening to one another and to God over the coming months will lead to similar steady growth and new life.

Blessings

Luci

* The parishes of Abbeydore, Bacton, Craswall, Clodock with Longtown, Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kentchurch with Llangua, Llanveynoe, Michaelchurch, Newton, Rowlestone and Lancillo, St Margaret's and Walterstone are now working together as the Black Mountains Benefice. Revd Luci Morriss is Priest-in-Charge and Revd Geoff Holder is Curate.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND 7 DECEMBER Sunday 2nd November 2025

Old Testament Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 New Testament Ephesians 11:11-end

Gospel Luke 6: 20-31

Psalm 149 **Sunday 9th November 2025**

Old Testament Job 19: 23-17a

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end

Gospel Luke 20: 27-38

Psalm 17: 1-9

Sunday 16th November 2025

Old Testament Malachi 4: 1-2a New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel Luke 21: 5-19

Psalm 98

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Old Testament Jeremiah 23: 1-6
New Testament Colossians 1: 11-20
Gospel Luke 23: 33-43

Psalm 46

Sunday 30th November 2025

Old Testament Isaiah 2: 1-5
New Testament Romans 13: 11-end
Gospel Matthew 24: 36-44

Psalm 122

Sunday 7th December 2025

Old Testament Isaiah 11: 1-10 New Testament Romans 15: 4-13 Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

Psalm 80

PRAYER DURING THE WEEK

Morning Prayer at St Michael's, Michaelchurch.

Every Thursday morning at 08:45-09:15.

For more details, please contact Rev'd Luci on 07778 897809 or email <u>luci.borderlinkbenefice@outlook.com</u>

BLACK MOUNTAINS GROUP

Informal evening prayer for our communities, churches and everyone who lives and works in these valleys.

November Mondays at 5pm

3rd Craswall

10th St Michael's Ewyas Harold

17th Clodock 24th Kentchurch

Deanery Update

Remembrance Sunday

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of the services being held on Remembrance Sunday locally. There will also be a Reflective Service for Armistice Day on 11th November at Clodock Church at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these services.

Looking forward to 2026

We're currently looking at the priorities for mission for the coming year. We'll be focusing on a few projects in our key areas which are: Young People; Golden Valley Pilgrim Way; Local Communities and Developing Local Teams. If there's an area that you'd like to know more about or would like to share your skills in - do let us know.

"Thank You" Breakfast

A huge thank you to everyone who attended this event recently. It was great to see so many people there and wonderful to recognise the work that so many people do, in so many ways, to keep our churches and communities working well.

Scam Emails

We've had a report that scam emails are being sent, purporting to be from a member of the clergy team, requesting Amazon vouchers. Remember the team will never send emails requesting any form of direct financial contribution for themselves.

We would advise you to block the sender of these emails, report as spam/junk and delete the message.

For up-to-date information:

- Keep an eye on our website: abbeydoredeanery.org
- Follow our Abbeydore Deanery Facebook page or join our Facebook group
- Subscribe to our regular email update: http://eepurl.com/ggcfPi
- Get in touch with the Deanery Office on 01981 620145 or abbeydoredmc@gmail.com We are now open most mornings.

SALEM BAPTIST CHAPEL Llanwonog Lane, Longtown HR2 OLE SUNDAY SERVICES - 6.30pm

2 Nov Mr Graham Powell

REMEMBRANCE Revd Malcolm Lane 9 Nov

16 Nov **OLCHON PILGRIMAGE Revd Jonathan Greaves**

23 Nov Bring & Share 30 Nov Mr Wilf Prosser

OTHER

Wed 12 Nov 7pm Prayer & Praise

Sun 16 Nov Pilgrimage followed by Afternoon Tea 3pm

7pm Wed 26 Nov Creative Crafts

ALL WELCOME

For further information, please email longtownsbc@gmail.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT LLANVEYNOE

Rev'd. Geoff Holder conducted an imaginative and joyful harvest festival service at Llanveynoe on the 5th October. The church was topped up with fruit, vegetables and flowers and looked fabulous!

49 of us then enjoyed a sumptuous festival supper at The Cattle Barn (Mountain Mayhem), kindly supported by Vicki and Fred Phillips, and being entertained by the Black Hill Voices on excellent form once again. The Auction allowed us to send the Hereford Food Bank £98, the Draw contributed £126 to church funds, with a further £509 coming from supper receipts.

Many thanks to all who helped with the organisation, the church decoration, the delicious meal and the tidying up afterwards. An unforgettable evening of community spirit!

Peter Tribe, Churchwarden.

Thanks

ISOBEL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

A huge thank you for all the cards, presents and good wishes I sent £1050 to Midlands Air Ambulance but know lots also independently also made donations Thank you.

(See Cornewall Arms events in the next section)

NEWTON ST MARGARET'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Thank you to all who supported our October Harvest Auction in any way. So far, £185 has been raised for Farming Minds. Thank you to Serena (and her daughter!) who came to explain what this charity offers locally.

Forthcoming events

Longtown & District Historical Society 7.30 at Longtown Village Hall

3 November 2025

Professor Keith Ray will give us a presentation on "Herefordshire Archaeology - A Reappraisal"





Longtown Library is next open on

5 November 2.30 to 4.30pm

Cornewall Arms, Clodock



Thursday 6 November from 7.30pm

All welcome. Any queries please have a word with Isobel.

Bulbs, Corms & Tubers throughout the Year





7.30pm, Thursday 6 November 2025 Vowchurch Memorial Hall

Starting with the striking Arum italicum 'Marmoratum' in November, Ingrid Millington of Hillview Hardy Plants will guide us through a range of common and less familiar bulbs as well as exotics that give interest right through the year.

Non-members welcome: £5

https://escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club/upcoming-events

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT WI

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th November** at 7.15pm when we will host a tasting session of well known supermarket foods, including some festive ones, followed by a buffet supper. It promises to be a fun evening! New members always welcome. For more info contact 22philb@gmail.com. Visitors welcome at 8pm. A small donation to WI is welcome but not required.

Preparations are underway for our Sparkling Afternoon Tea on Sunday 16th November from 3-5pm in aid of Hereford Foodbank. A full sparkling tea will cost £10 to include a selection of sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, delicious homemade cakes, abundant tea and fresh coffee

plus a free glass of prosecco. or a smaller tea for £5, and lots of great raffle prizes in time for Christmas. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you!

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB – The final trip of 2025 November 13th Clark's Shopping Village, Somerset

Meet the bus at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.00am

For more information, please ring Hazel Pugh on 07767 372843

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD Thursday 13th November 7.30pm

AGM (briefl) followed by social evening with "Bring and Share Supper". Guests and potential new members are very welcome to join us.

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Meal at Mary Powell's. Please phone: Jane 07794920729 for further information.

Cornewall Arms, Clodock Race Night

This fun event will be returning to the Cornewall from

7.30pm on Sat 15 November

Profits to Midlands Air Ambulance







Come and Sing Choruses from Handel's Messiah Saturday 29th November 10am - 2pm Dore Abbey

Led by Roger Langford

£20 - BYO music

Dress warmly. Hot water bottle filling service! Hot drinks at the 9.30 registration

Stop at 12 for hot soup, bread and cakes (donations for Abbey)

More information and to book: 07974 834072 or singing4handh@gmail.com

EMBRACE ME – A CONCERT OF SONGS OF LOVE Black Mountains Barns Saturday November 29th from 7.00pm Tickets £10-£33

We welcome you to an intimate evening of live music with Noga Ritter and Bjorn Wray-Gough, celebrating the release of their debut collaboration EP Embrace Me.

Join us in the warmth of the barn, surrounded by nature and beautiful acoustics, for a night of music created only with voice and bass, raw, sensual, and deeply human. These songs explore love in all its shades: letting go, surrendering, and opening to the moment. Soaring vocals meet rich jazz harmonies, with the bass weaving groove, melody, and texture into one.

As part of their UK launch tour, which includes shows in London, Bristol, and Brighton, this concert offers a rare chance to experience their new music in a uniquely intimate setting.

Tickets: £20 and (£10 for children under 18 and concessions). doors will be open from 6.00pm and wine will be available to buy by the glass and free soft drinks

https://embracemeconcert.eventbrite.co.uk

Join singer-songwriter and workshop leader Noga Ritter for an inspiring and playful vocal workshop that celebrates connection through rhythm, movement, and song.

Through movement, breathing, and vocal exploration, we'll reconnect with our bodies and discover a freer, healthier way to use our voices and express ourselves. We'll explore groove through body percussion and movement, learning a cappella songs from around the world, singing in different languages, and discovering the dances and rhythms that go along with the music.

For all further details and directions please go to: https://blackmountainsbarns.co.uk/events/whats-on or ring Sophia: 07970038355



£5 Entrance includes tea or coffee and a mince pie

Come and enjoy stalls selling local crafts and produce



If you would like a stall please ring Sylvia on 01873 860609









Local Newsround

CAT'S BACK FELL RACE / RAS CRIB Y GARTH Sunday 12th October 2025

This race was held for the 2nd time at Mountain Mayhem's base at Craswall to raise funds for Longtown Mountain Rescue Team.

53 runners tackled the new 11.7 km course which was the second race in the South Wales Winter Hill series. Although conditions were relatively dry under foot, the patchy hill fog and tough climbs made this a challenging route. Cows were an additional challenge for a couple of runners...but all made it to the finish line safely.

Congratulations to Jonathan Ford who ran strongly and established the inaugural course record in a time of 49:19 and Briony Latter, first female, who came home in 1:01:35. All prize categories were represented from Juniors to the Over 75s!

Walkers on the ridge may have heard Alpine cow bells ringing to provide encouragement before they saw runners looming out of the mist.

The route, local hospitality and event organisation received some excellent feedback from runners from as far afield as Weston Super Mare, Pembroke and even the Isle of Skye!

A big thank you to Fred and Vicki Phillips of Mountain Mayhem for providing a superb venue for the event, to the landowners and Black Mountain Graziers for permitting the event to take place and especially to all the marshals from Longtown Mountain Rescue Team and the local community for enabling the event to happen. Mike Fawcett, Race organiser Longtown MRT

VOWCHURCH & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

As autumn is upon us and the leaves begin to fall, we would like to offer a gentle reminder that it is the responsibility of landowners to keep roadside ditches clear. If you are able, and willing, to clear the drainage grates near your property,

this would also help to keep water off our roads. Many thanks for your continued support.

Balfour Beatty should have, or will be shortly, topping up the grit bins ready for the coming winter. The Parish Council also holds a local stock of salt available for collection. If you are unable to obtain further supplies from Herefordshire Council, please contact the Clerk to arrange a suitable collection date.

It is great to see that the new noticeboards are being well used. Please remember to adhere to the Parish Council's Open Noticeboard Policy:

- Only notices publicising activities and events, or statutory public documents, from non-profit and non-political organisations may be posted.
- Notices must relate to activities or events taking place within the Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council area or its immediate neighbours.
- The organisation/person responsible for issuing the notice must be clearly identified on the notice.
- Please refer to the Parish Council website for the full terms and conditions.

Kindly do not remove any Parish Council notices, as some are required by law to be displayed for a specific period.

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

This month Longtown & District WI welcomed Nick Vaughan, a teacher at a local Hereford school and keen cyclist to talk about his epic journey cycling 1,000 km solo along the Western Front in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.

His talk included photos of numerous cemeteries and memorials for soldiers of many nationalities along the route. The striking similarity between them was the neat rows of endless crosses and pristine white headstones stretching into the distance, like an army of dead soldiers standing to attention in the silence. This will be a familiar sight to those who have visited any war graves, the silence broken only by skylarks or birdsong. A very moving experience, remembering the sacrifice of these brave soldiers but also that we do not seem to learn from history and the futility of war!

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

As we move through the autumn term, our children have been busy exploring, learning and enjoying a wide range of exciting experiences both in and out of school with Learning Outside the Classroom as usual, a big part of Michaelchurch life.

Acorn Class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) had a fantastic day at Barry Island as part of their Seaside topic. The children enjoyed splashing in the sea, building impressive sandcastles, and topping off the day with a well-deserved ice cream treat! It was a joyful and memorable experience that brought their learning to life in the most delightful way.

Our Pre-School children visited Growing Local in Belmont, where they explored the garden and learned all about vegetables and how they grow. They discovered the importance of soil health, picked fresh produce, and even got to taste some of it! The day ended with a lovely story session, making it a perfect blend of hands-on learning and fun. A great day out for our youngest learners!

Oak Class had the pleasure of attending a performance by the Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo at Fairfield High School, organised by Concerts for Craswall. Accordionist Iñigo Mikeleiz Berrade and saxophonist David Zucchi captivated the children with lively dances and shimmering contemporary pieces. For many, it was their first time experiencing these instruments, and their excitement was clear to see. A truly inspiring musical journey!

Meanwhile, Sapling Class (Years 3 and 4) had an unforgettable day when the Rainforest Roadshow came to visit! The children learned all about the rainforest, the people and animals who live there, and the threats these vital ecosystems face. The highlight for many was getting to hold a real tarantula! It was a fascinating and educational experience that sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

After half term, Oak Class (Year 5 and 6) will be heading to Techniquest in Cardiff to visit the planetarium as part of their Science topic about Space. We're all looking forward to this exciting trip, which promises to be both educational and awe-inspiring. Plus they will get to go hands-on with all the other amazing exhibits at Techniquest!

Also after half term, it will be all hands on deck as we begin rehearsals for our much-loved Walking Nativity in December. Children will be learning the script - a new and exciting one for this year – and songs, and we can't wait to share this special event with you all.

If you like the sound of Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-School and feel it's the kind of place where your child could flourish-whether they're pre-school or school-aged-please get in touch, we'd love to show you around! Email us at admin@michaelchurch-escley.hereford.sch.uk or call on 01981 510208 - we'd love to show you around!

We're always keen to hear from people who might be interested in supporting our school as a governor. If you think you could contribute to life at Michaelchurch Escley, please get in touch via the email or phone number above. We;d love to hear from you!

Louise Crocker Headteacher

Concerts for Craswall

Music Comes Alive for Local Pupils!

On October 10th ahead of their concert with Concerts for Craswall, the Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo – Spanish accordionist Iñigo Mikeleiz Berrade and Canadian saxophonist David Zucchi – brought the magic of live music to over 120 Year 7 pupils from Fairfield High School and 28 Year 6 pupils from Michaelchurch Escley and Peterchurch Primary Schools!

From lively dances to shimmering contemporary pieces, the duo showed just how expressive and versatile the accordion and saxophone can be. Pupils listened, offered their thoughts on what they were hearing, and learned as the Iñigo and David shared insights about their instruments and performed a captivating programme spanning classical, folk, and modern styles.

The excitement didn't stop there! 15 lucky Year 7 students got hands-on experience in a hilarious and informative workshop, trying out the saxophone and accordion for themselves and discovering the joys (and challenges!) of performing.

Describing the afternoon as "great fun", for many, it was their first time experiencing live classical music up close. A huge thank you to lñigo and David for bringing such energy, skill, and joy to our schools.

Concerts for Craswall is proud to continue bringing world-class musicians to local schools-sharing the magic of live music and hopefully inspiring the next generation of performers and listeners across our community.

Season Finale:

A Dazzling Night with the Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo!

Concerts for Craswall's 2025 season ended on a high note on October 11th with a truly memorable performance from the Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo-accordionist Iñigo Mikeleiz Berrade and saxophonist David Zucchi.

The duo's imaginative programme took the audience on a journey through centuries and styles: the brilliant Overture from *Powder Her Face* by Thomas Adès, the lyrical *Spanish Dances* of Enrique Granados, Aileen Sweeney's shimmering Mirrie Dancers, and Ravel's elegant Le Tombeau de Couperin to close the first half.

After the interval, their interpretation of the Flute Sonata in G minor (attributed to J.S. Bach) was fresh and poised, followed by Bartók's dynamic *Dance Suite* and the exuberant *Water Butt: Lovers' Snorkel* by Alex Paxton.

The evening finished with a burst of tango fire-Astor Piazzolla's *Pedro y Pedro* – performed as an encore to a well-deserved ovation. It was a fitting finale to a wonderful year of music-making: adventurous, joyful, and full of artistry.

Huge thanks to all who supported our 2025 season: we can't wait to welcome you back! Thanks also to the volunteers, donors, advertisers and many others in the community who help make these concerts a success allowing the charity to support a number of wider community projects.

More info on these community donations and our 2026 programme can be found on our website www.concertsforcraswall.org

Round and About

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Firstly, we have to apologise for the delay in getting the car Park resurfaced.

This was not our intention, but hopefully, now that all issues are resolved, we will soon have parking spaces.

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

Please note new times for the yoga

Hatha Yoga is being held every Tuesday, 10 -11.30 am, and every Wednesday 6.30 pm -8.00 pm

Parish Council meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-9 pm

WI First Thursday of every month from October to March, 2-4 pm

Dementia Matters Here(Fordshire) is pleased to introduce the **Peterchurch Memory Café** at **Peterchurch Village Hall**, which will run once a month on the **third friday of every month** from **10.30** am-**12.30** pm.

Village Art Club

Starts again every Monday 7.00 pm - 9 pm from 8th

September and every Wednesday, 1.30 pm -3.30 pm from 10th September.

Website www.peterchurchvillagehall.org

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

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. We always welcome new groups!

We are looking for anyone who would like to join the Village Hall committee. We meet on the second Tuesday of every other month.

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.

THE HUB @ ST PETER'S, PETERCHURCH

The Hub @ St Peter's, Peterchurch is a Reaching Communities project which includes a Café, NHS Health Visitor Hub and branch of Hereford Libraries all within a working church. For further details see www.hubcommunity.org, email info@hubcommunity.org or call 01981 551143.

The Hub Café @ St Peter's at Peterchurch opens 4 days a week, Tuesdays to Fridays from 11am to 2pm. We have jacket potatoes, quiche, soup, cakes, puddings, hot and cold drinks (plus a specials board on Wednesdays and Thursdays) all to eat in or take away. Lunch bookings are advisable for groups of 5 or more. Breakfasts are served on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Pre-school Play takes place on Thursdays from 9-11am for under 5s and their Parents or Carers. Admission is free! Have your baby weighed and chat to the Health Visitor from 10-11am at the Well Baby Clinic drop-in. The Café is open so you can treat yourself to drinks and snacks.

Youth Café is every Thursday for 11-16 year olds from 5 to 7pm. Admission is free! Discounted food and drink are available and there is plenty to do – ping pong, card games, arts, crafts, music and comfy sofas. Please email info@hubcommunity.org if you are interested in joining.

The Hub's Bell Tower Library is now open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm, also on Fridays from 11am to 3pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.

Peterchurch Community Choir: You can join this friendly group on Mondays from 6.30pm to 8pm during term time in the church or online. Contact Joy on 07903 675012 or email peterchurchcommunitychoir10@gmail.com or contact her

The Inspire Lunch – The next lunch in aid of St Peter's Church is on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12.30pm with 2 courses, (inc vegetarian choice) followed by coffee or tea for £14 with an optional £1 raffle for a free lunch when you come next. For further information please contact Pam Savage on 01981 550669.

Stillpoint Meditation takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7-8pm in St Peter's church. It is open to all and there is no admission charge. For further information please email simon2020@zohomail.com or call 01981 250245.

Afternoon Tea will be on Tuesday 11th November at 3.30pm at the Café at The Hub @ St Peter's, it's only £12 per head but please remember that booking is essential so call 01981 551143 or email info@hubcommunity.org



PETERCHURCH MONDAY CLUB

September started with a trip to the Mumbles and also a visit to Cyfarthfa Castle and museum. I have heard that, despite the weather, it was a good day out and the sun shone when everyone was at the Mumbles.

We had a meal at the Boughton, which we must thank Kay and Mark for putting up with us.

Once again, I have some sad news to report Sue Verrill has sadly passed away. She was a strong supporter of the club and was a regular visitor. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends at this sad time.

We will be holding our normal Remembrance service on the 10th of November. After that, it will be all systems go for Christmas.

We have now started trying to organise our Christmas shopping trip to Cardiff, which proved very popular last year, even if some of us didn't get to see the German Market.

With all of the lovely weather we have had, it seems odd to be talking about Christmas.

This is a friendly little club that is run at Peterchurch Village Hall every Monday, serving tea and Coffee.

Everyone is welcome to pop in between 10 am and 12 pm.

If you feel like coming, please do. You are not obligated to come every week, but I know you will always get a friendly welcome, and it's a great way to make new friends.

We are always looking for volunteers, and if you feel like you would like to help us as a volunteer, please ring Sarah on 07774457887 or pop in, and you will be very welcome. 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

Run a micro business?

What to start a business?

Want to network?

Come and join an inaugural

Gathering

Tuesday 4th November at 8.30am Longtown Village Hall

A whirlwind of fun business tips and tricks, through your enterprise journey. Whether you haven't started or been in business for 50 years you are welcome to join.

Cost? That's your choice – a donation to the value of what you have gained for your enterprise!

> To register call or message Christine on 07875 384439

Saturday 1 November 10.00 - 12.30 EWYAS HAROLD St Michael's Hall



Repairs undertaken on:

- Soft toys, dolls clothes, toys
- Clothing (repairs not alterations)
- Small electrical items
- Small pieces of furniture/wooden items
- Bicycles
- Knife/small tool sharpening (£2 minimum donation per item)
- Other items repaired—please ask

Café serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. No need to have a repair to come along and enjoy the café.

ALL WELCOME - come along and see what we get up to! To book an item for repair contact: gvrepaircafe@gmail.com **GRVC 07776 511501** and leave a message

Future Repair Café:

Dorstone Village Hall



William Howard - Piano

Saturday, 8 November at 7.00pm. St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye.

Renowned pianist William Howard, founder of the Schubert Ensemble, plays music by Janáček, Schumann, Ravel, Chopin and a world premiere by Howard Skempton who will be present.

Programme details and tickets at www.haymusic.org Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau and the door if still available. A limited number of free tickets for under 25s are available.

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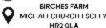


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Hopes Hygge Hug

You are very welcome to join us every Thursday at Hopes: check out our noticeboard for what's happening each Thursday between 6 and 7pm.

We are delighted Liz Knight will be popping down one night to sign books with a tasty tipple involving sloes. Nina from Black Mountain Botanicals will be allowing us to warm up with Los Cafeteros, if you haven't tried it yet you must join in.

One evening we will have a food bank collection, a selection will be kept for Black Hill Communities Network for local need, if not needed it will then go to Hereford Food Bank.

Join us every Thursday in November, 6-7pm lights out, candles lit and twinkly light on with a Free warming drink, nibble and chat.

Hopes adventures out of the shop

Never get to our shop in the hills, well we are out for a few adventures in the next few weeks, please come say 'hi' and tell your friends and family to say 'Hi'.

Friday 24th October - Vowchurch VH for Black Hill Arts Launch Event

Saturday 29th November - Orcop VH for a lovely Community Christmas sale

Tuesday 2nd December – Garway VH for the Spice Girls Christmas Soirée

Wednesday 3rd December - Longtown VH Christmas Shopping event (Raising funds for this fab community space)

November excitement

- ★ Stay warm outside with some of Marion's knitted items, from pocket hats to head or neck warmers she really does have something for every occasion.
- ★ Grab some local diced venison, make the stew using up veg in the freezer making room for pots of delicious ice cream.
- ★ Time to top up your Vitamin D now the sun is not around so much!
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- ★ Grab a hardback notebook and start writing your autumnal poetry

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They are being collated and checked as I type this week and will come out the first week of November; this year we would really appreciate them back by Wednesday 3rd December at the Christmas Fair in Longtown Village Hall. If you want an organic turkey, please phone Christine now to track one down!

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Sunday	2 November		8:45	Michaelchurch Escley	Morning Prayer	
9:30	Llanveynoe	Holy Communion	Sunday	7 December		
15:00	St Margaret's	Evening Prayer	9:30	Llanveynoe	Morning Prayer	
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer	15:00	St Margaret's	Holy Communion	
Thursday 6 November			18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer	
8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer	Thursda	y 11 December		
Sunday	9 November	- '	8:45	Michaelchurch Escley	Morning Prayer	
10:50	Michaelchurch	Remembrance Sunday Service	Sunday	14 December		
Tuesda	y 11 November	•	11:00	Michaelchurch Escley	Holy Communion	
19:00	Clodock	Reflective Service for Armistice Day	18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer	
Thursday 13 November			Thursday 18 December			
8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer	8:45	Michaelchurch Escley	Morning Prayer	
Sunday	16 November	3 3,1	Friday 1	9 December		
10:30	Clodock	Black Mountains Benefice Service	18:30	Craswall	Carol Service	
		with Bishop Richard	Sunday 21 December			
Thursda	ay 20 November		9:30	Llanveynoe	Christmas: Carols, Coffee & Croissants	
8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer	16:00	Newton	Carols and Mulled Wine	
Sunday	23 November	3 3,1	Monday	22 December		
11:15	Michaelchurch	Holy Communion	18:00	Clodock	Carol Service	
Thursday 27 November		Tuesday 23 December				
8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer	15:00	St Margaret's	Family Carol Service	
	30 November	Morning Prayer	Wed 24	December		
9:30	Craswall	Holy Communion for Advent	21:00	Michaelchurch Escley	Holy Communion for Christmas Eve	
15:00	Newton	Advent Carol Service	Thursda	Thursday 25 December		
13.00	14000011	Advent Caror Service	10:00	Clodock	Holy Communion for Christmas Day	

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EVENTS PLANNER				
Mon	03 November	7.30pm	Longtown & Dist. Historical Society: Prof Keith Ray, Herefordshire Archaeology – A Reappraisal	
Tue	04 November	7.30pm	Craswall Whist Drive, Craswall Village Hall	
Wed	05 November	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall	
Thu	06 November	7.30pm	Another Night on the Tiles! Scrabble at The Cornewall Arms, Clodock	
Thu	06 November		Escleyside Gardening Club: Bulbs, Corms & Tubers, Vowchurch Hall	
Tue	11 November	7.15pm	Longtown & District WI. Taste testingLongtown Village Hall	
Tue	11 November	7.30pm	Craswall Whist Drive, Craswall Village Hall	
Thu	13 November	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: AGM and Bring & Share supper. Newton Church Room	
Thu	13 November		Longtown Thursday Club. Outing to Clark's Shopping Village, Somerset	
Sat	15 November	7.30pm	Race Night at The Cornewall Arms	
Sun	16 November	3.00-5.00pm	Longtown & District WI, Sparkling Afternoon Tea. Longtown Village Hall	
Tue	18 November	7.30pm	Craswall Whist Drive, Craswall Village Hall	
Sat	22 November	7.00pm	Charity Race Night, Michaelchurch Escley Sports Pavilion	
Tue	25 November	7.30pm	Craswall Whist Drive, Craswall Village Hall	
Wed	26 November	6.00-9.00pm	Christmas Market, Michaelchurch Escley Sports Pavilion	
Sat	29 November	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle	
Sat	29 November	7.00pm	Embrace Me – a concert of songs of love. Black Mountains Barns	
Mon	01 December	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Matthew Engel, <i>The Way We Were</i>	
Wed	03 December	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall	
Wed	03 December	7.00-9.00pm	Christmas Shopping Fair, Longtown Village Hall	
Tue	09 December	7.15pm	Longtown & District WI. Longtown Village Hall	
Thu	11 December		Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Christmas Meal	
Wed	24 December	5.00pm	Carols at the Pavilion, Michaelchurch Escley Sports Pavilion	
Wed	24 December	5.00pm	Carols at the the Castle, Longtown Castle	
Sat	27 December	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle	
Mon	29 December	7.00pm	Old English Carols by Candlelight, with Vital Spark at Clodock Church	

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