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From the Clergy

Dear Friends

This month we celebrate Harvest, a season for thanksgiving. We give thanks for the beauty of Creation; for the changing seasons; for the food we eat; for all those whose work and skill brought us these gifts; and for all the gifts and graces with which we serve each other.

Harvest has arrived this year during a time of uncertainty, anxiety, and change. Many among us will be worrying about household finances and the cost of living, about whether we will need to ration our energy or stretch the food budget just that bit further. In addition to this, our nation is adjusting to a new monarch and is processing the turmoil of emotions which have been stirred up and amplified by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II – not to mention the latest leadership shift in Number 10.

If you're struggling in any way, know that you are not alone. If you need help, don't be ashamed to ask. One of the greatest strengths of humanity is that, in times of trouble, we gather together to help those in need. One of the beauties of our rural communities is the concern and companionship that we feel for each other.

This Harvest, I am giving thanks for all those who have dedicated themselves in service of our communities: for the volunteers running foodbanks and other initiatives working to feed others (such as *Herefordshire Helpers* and *Food for Families*); for the caring neighbours who are keeping an eye on the people around them, quietly offering support and companionship during difficult times; for our shopkeepers and pub landlords, offering friendly conversation and a listening ear in familiar spaces; and for our places of calm and company – the churches, the cafés, the parks, the village halls, and all our other gathering places.

May you know the love and companionship of those around you. May this harvest of our communities remind you that you are not alone. May the peace of Christ calm you, enfold you in his grace, wrap you in his love, and surround you with his light.

And may God be with you, always. Rev Cate Thomson

OCTOBER 2022 READINGS

Sunday October 2nd

Old Testament New Testament Gospel Psalm

Sunday October 9th

Old Testament New Testament Gospel Psalm

Sunday October 16th

Old Testament New Testament Gospel Psalm 2 Kings 5: 1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2: 8-12 Luke 17:11-19 111

Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

37:1-9

Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18: 1-8 121

Sunday October 23rd

Old Testament	Isaiah 45: 22-end
New Testament	Romans 15:1-6
Gospel	Luke 4: 16-24
Psalm	119: 129-136
Sunday October 30th	
Old Testament	Daniel 7: 1-3,15-18
New Testament	Ephesians 11: 11-end
Gospel	Luke 6: 20-31
Psalm	149

Deanery Update

What might you do to make the most of October? An article I saw recently urged people to make the most of this autumnal month before winter really begins to set in. Some things within the Deanery that you might like to try are:

- Going to a Harvest Festival (if you didn't make it to one in September!)
- Making that call to find out more if you've been wondering about getting confirmed.
- Getting in touch if you're thinking about planning a wedding or christening.
- Contributing to a food bank or finding out how you can access it.
- Finding out about the various services and events we hold throughout each week.
- Walking part of the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way.
- Hedgerow Communion for the Autumn Equinox on October 21st, 4pm start at Llanveynoe Church.
- Letting us know if there's someone that you think might like a visit from one of our Pastoral Visitors.
- Joining our Facebook Group and/or signing up for regular updates to make sure you don't miss out on what's going on within the Deanery.

For more information contact: Anne Lloyd, Deanery Mission Coordinator 01981 620145 abbeydoredeanery.org oe email abbeydoredmc@gmail.com

Forthcoming events

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Our October Meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd October** at 7.30pm in Longtown Village Hall HR2 OLD

Jane Adams: Slavery. Political Reform and the Landed interest. The Example of the Cornewall Family

The Cornewall family built Moccas Court with the proceeds of slavery, a controversial issue today. Dr Adams is an active member of several Herefordshire Societies and is secretary of the Woolhope Club.

Membership costs $\pounds 10$, guests $\pounds 3$ per meeting, payable at the door. Contact **jerrypdavis@outlook.com** for details.



Whist Drives at Escleyside Hall Every Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October 7.45pm Admission: £2.50

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Next open on 5th October

Ornamental Grasses & Autumn Plants



TALK 7.30pm, Wednesday 5th October Escleyside Hall

Grasses really come into their own in autumn and winter. **Paul Green** (Green's Leaves Nursery) will take us through a selection. Paul's nursery specialises in rare and unusual plants – some will be available to buy after the talk.

Non-members welcome: £4 See more at: www.escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club

LONGTOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to invite you to our **Open Day** on **Thursday 6th October 2022**, between 9:15am and 11.45am. Please come and visit our vibrant, flourishing school. We look forward to meeting you then.

ST MICHAEL'S HARVEST FESTIVAL 9th October at 11.30am Followed by lunch at Escleyside Hall Tickets available, Adults: $\pounds 10$ – Children $\pounds 5$ Olive 01981 510228, Chris 01981 510693

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

The next meeting of the club will take place on **Thursday 13th October** in Longtown Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm. New members are always welcome

Visit to Oakchurch Farm Shop, Staunton-on-Wye, Thursday 27th October. There may be places available for non-members. If anyone would like to join us for some early Christmas shopping, please get in touch with Hazel or Pauline:

Hazel Pugh 01873 860803, Pauline Jones 01873 851782 jonespauline@pobroadband.co.uk

HARVEST AUCTION INVITATION

Newton St Margaret's Women's Guild invites you to a Harvest Auction in aid of Hereford Food Bank Thursday 13th October 2022 at 7.30pm Newton Parish Room HR2 0QR

Not just fruit and veg but ARTS, CRAFTS and CAKES, too.

Do come and bring your friends! Any donations gratefully received. Light refreshments will be provided. Tel 07794 920729 for further information.

Concerts for Craswall

THE LAEFER QUARTET

Saturday October 15th 2022 at 5PM St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley

Widely regarded as one of the most exciting and dynamic saxophone quartets currently performing in the UK, the Laefer Quartet are roundly acknowledged for their 'mercurially brilliant playing.'

Multi-award winners, their wide-ranging programme is both varied and diverse, crossing musical continents and genres. It explores the saxophone quartet from the earliest piece written for the quartet formation by Belgian composer Singelée, right up to the present day with South African composer Clare Loveday and American composer David Maslanka with his beautiful and exhilarating Recitation Book.

As well as these original works for the instrument, the quartet will explore transcriptions of works by Ravel, Stravinsky and Nyman – each piece brought to life by the vibrant and engaging colours of the saxophone quartet.

So, whether it's Stravinsky's Circus Polka, written for the ground-breaking collaboration between George Balanchine's ballet company and the Barnum and Bailey Circus, or Thierry Escaich's boundary-pushing Tango Virtuoso, with its 'tango nuevo' style so popularised by Astor Piazzolla, you can expect a truly thrilling performance!

Further details and to book go to

https://concertsforcraswall.org/concerts/

or call 01981 510112 Registered Charity Number 1092005

Hedgerow Communion Autumn Equinox Friday October 21st



Autumn equinox walk from Llanveynoe to Longtown and back (4 miles); with an option of calling into The Crown Inn! (2 miles)

Meet at Llanveynoe Church for a 4pm start.

Hedgerow Communion happens by an unsuspecting hedge, in nature with the Trinity and the non-human community. it involves sharing bread and wine, silence, reflective music and poetry. Sermon free each event will usually include a walk an activity, and may well end up in a pub. Disconnect from the digital and the institutional. Explore connecting with Divine presence and the self. Bring your own spirituality. It's for all comers, but we welcome especially seekers, questioners, doubters, lovers of life and radicals.

Further details email simon2020@zohomail.com

HARVEST SUPPER AT MARY POWELL'S In aid of Church Funds Friday 21st October at 6pm Upper Newton Farm HR2 0QU <u>Please</u> – it is essential to book your place. Phone Mary, tel 01981 510295 or email jane@hoppyhops.plus.com Cost £10 for 2 courses and coffee. Bring your own wine. Donations of produce welcome for Hereford Food Bank at our HC Service on 16 October 2022 or bring to this supper.

LONGTOWN VILLAGE PRIDE (LVP) AGM

LVP is a well-established group of volunteers who work to improve and maintain the environment around Longtown, particularly Broome's Garden and the Castle grounds. We are a friendly group and are always keen to welcome new members. You can find out more about what we do by visiting our Facebook page: Broome's Garden and Longtown Village Pride. Alternatively, you can email the address below and ask for our leaflet.

Our AGM will be held this year on **Tuesday 25th October 2022** at 1, Castle Cottages Longtown at 7.00 pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend. If you are interested and/or would like to attend and are new to LVP please email the address below to receive the agenda and papers for the meeting. Liz Kidd (Secretary) lizkidd2003@yaboo.com

FAIR OAK CIDER OPEN WEEKEND, 22 & 23 OCTOBER

The horse-drawn cider mill at Fair Oak, Bacton, HR2 0AT, will be open to visitors on **Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23**, from 10 am until 4 pm.

Visitors will be able to watch Tommy, the Gypsy Cob from Llanigon, crushing apples in the mill, with the help of his owners and the team of cidermakers working the old press.

Cider made last autumn will be available to taste and buy – including our single variety ciders, Dabinett and Brown's, our Whisky Barrel cider, our popular Sparkling, and our Fair Oak cider brandy: Herefordshire's answer to Calvados. Also on show will be the documentary film made by David Bishop, *Horse-powered in Herefordshire*.

Admission is free. Donations to the Laurie Engel Fund for Teenage Cancer Trust are welcome.

For more information call Hilary Engel, 01981 241 210

Sarah McQuaid

In concert at Escleyside Hall Sunday, 4th December (postponed from 9th Sept) Doors open 7:00 for 7:30 start



Born in Madrid (to a Spanish father and an American mother), raised in Chicago and holding dual Irish and

American citizenship, Sarah McQuaid has made England her permanent residence since 2007. Her sixth solo album *The St Buryan Sessions* was recorded and filmed live in the beautiful medieval church of St Buryan, not far from Sarah's home in rural West Cornwall. Released in October 2021 on CD and limited-edition double LP, it features stunning solo performances by Sarah on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and floor tom drum, her lush, distinctive vocals echoing through the soaring space. A playlist of videos from the sessions can be found on Sarah's YouTube channel.

More details at Arts Alive

Tickets for sale at artsalive.co.uk or by calling 01981 510116 Adult: £12 – Child: £6 – Family: £30 (September tickets honoured)

Local Newsround

ST MICHAEL'S DUCK RACE AND BARBECUE

The Duck Race and Barbecue was held on 27th August at the Bridge Inn, Michaelchurch Escley by kind invitation of the family. The sun was shining and with a nice lot of helpers to sell ducks, draw tickets, flowers, cakes and produce, skittles, cups of tea, and various competitions everything went well. Tommy was waiting to steer the ducks on their way and Beth and Becky where waiting anxiously to catch and bag them. We were so lucky to have enough water to hold it.

Winning ducks were:

1st prize: 249, Jacob Londesborough

2nd prize: 451, Julie Howells

3rd prize: 1460, Les Whittal

4th prize: 1043, Eileen Bristow, Michael and Ruth

Last duck home: 1139, Dominic White

I think with the draw as well there was about $\pounds 2,200$ made. A wonderful result, thank you all very much.

Olive and Rosie

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer seems a long way off and we are now well and truly settled into the autumn term. For some of our children, the new year began with a sleep-over at school. The extremely hot weather just before the end of the summer term, forced us to postpone a camping trip and sleep-over at school until the first week back after the summer holidays. However, when the day came there were thunderstorms forecast! As tents in the middle of fields and thunder storms are not an ideal combination, we decided that our campers should join the younger children sleeping in the hall. Not that it spoilt their fun – in fact, the children had a brilliant time.

Oak Class have also had a fab start to the new term, getting stuck in with some field work for their Rivers topic. During the summer, their teachers posted them a letter from the Michaelchurch Explorers Club, inviting them to join an expedition to search for the source of the river Monnow.

And so it was that the children and their teachers set off from 'Old College House' in Craswall (thank you Lorna!), for the flanks of Hay Bluff. After struggling on for many weeks (well, an hour) the intrepid explorers were finally able to witness the exact spot where the mighty River Monnow gurgles out of the hillside. Geography come to life!

Our preschool have had a lovely start to the new school year and are comfortably settled into their new setting. The classroom, previously occupied by Oak Class, makes a perfect preschool and the children (and staffl) are extremely happy there. Our 'Stay and Be Curious' group for 0-5yrs resume again on the 27th Sept. Look out on our Facebook page, or contact admin (01981 510208) for more details.

Reception children have also settled into school well and are thoroughly enjoying school life. The majority of our new reception intake have come to us straight from our own preschool and it is lovely to see how quickly they have settled in.

If you are interested in sending your child to primary school or pre-school at Michaelchurch, we have an open morning on the **Tuesday 18th October** 9.30-11.30am and we would love to show you around

Notices and Advertisements

BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS

Following the recent tragic death of 40-year-old cancer campaigner, blogger, broadcaster and former teacher Dame Deborah James from bowel cancer public awareness has been raised of this disease which, if caught early, can be so much more easily treated and cured.

As local GPs we're really keen to encourage people to take up the opportunity to get screened as it helps diagnose cancers early and really does save lives.

Bowel screening uptake is lower than the national average in several parts of the South and West Herefordshire Primary Care network Area.

The bowel cancer screening test (FIT) is a simple stool (poo) sample test which looks for blood in the stool, which can be an early sign of bowel cancer. It is able to detect even tiny traces of blood that are not visible to the naked eye.

Bowel screening test kits are sent out to everyone in England aged 60-74 who is registered with a GP. The program slowly being expanded to everyone over 50.

Bowel screening is for people who don't have any symptoms – if you notice a change in your bowel habit to looser stool (poo)/ constipation, blood in the stool, weight loss, a lump in your tummy, excessive tiredness or tummy pain contact your GP. They will discuss your symptoms and arrange appropriate tests for you.

We know that sometimes at the moment it can be difficult to get through to your GP. If you are concerned you have symptoms which may relate to cancer let the receptionist know as this can help get you the right appointment as quickly as possible.

If you need a replacement kit or are over 75, you can ask for a kit to be sent to you by phoning the bowel cancer screening helpline on **0800 707 60 60**. For more information see **cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/bowel-cancer**

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- Dr. Edwina Gallagher (Alton Street Surgery)
- Dr. Susan Das (Pendeen Surgery)
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Mrs Alex Price, Practice Manager Golden Valley Practice The Surgery, Ewyas Harold Hereford HR2 0EU

CLODOCK SKETCHBOOK CIRCLE

We are approaching the end of our first year and have enjoyed getting our interpretations of the subjects onto the pages of our books and discussing them at our monthly meetings.

The next circle will be starting in January of next year with the same format. This time meetings will be on the First Tuesday of every month, and we will take a break in the summer. We would like to welcome new members. If you would like to see what we have done over the last year and the fantastic variety of ideas and creations, please join us at **8pm on Tuesday, 1st November** for our last chat and book swap. If you wish to know more speak to Isobel in the Cornewall Arms.

LEWIS GILBERT AND THOMAS GEORGE CHARITY

The village charity owns four fields in Longtown which are rented to raise income.

By tradition and since the early c17, funds are donated on December 21st to needy causes in the village.

If you would like to propose a recipient, please get in touch with the secretary by 11th November.

All contact and transactions are conducted confidentially. Bob Burson, bobburson@btinternet.com, 01873 860313



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Furthermore we have an exciting series of once monthly Saturday morning workshops planned with Sophia and Hanneke, focussing on different aspects of your life and health where yoga, relaxation and yoga therapy will greatly benefit you.

If you are interested in joining the yoga classes and/or this exciting new programme, do contact us at **info@blackmountainsbarns.co.uk**. We can then add you to the mailing list for regular updates through a newsletter. Or call Sophia: 07970 038355 or Hanneke 07951 277747.

DARE I MENTION CHRISTMAS CARDS?

On Friday, October 21st 2022, there will be a Coffee Morning at Eva Morgan's home at 14, Hawthorn Rise, Peterchurch, HR2 0RQ, from 10.30am until 12.30pm when, as in previous years, you can buy Christmas Cards sold in aid of St Michael's Hospice, have a coffee or tea & biscuits, chat with friends, old and new and it would be good if you would make a donation for your coffee to St Peter's Church here in Peterchurch.

After that there will be a poster showing the choice of cards available on the Hub website or you can email me on **evaannmorgan42@gmail.com** to make your choice and pick the cards up from me at home or at The Hub Café on Wednesdays between 11am and 2pm, or phone me on 01981 550282 and call round to see me and choose your cards.

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LONGTOWN VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

7th December 2022

To book a stall please contact

Sylvia Davies on 01873 860 609



Rising costs catch up

No-one seems able to recall when the suggested donation for a copy of the newsletter was set at 50p. It was well before my term as editor began in 2014 and the feeling is that it was actually quite some time before that, maybe as long ago as 15 years or more.

We've held back on increasing the suggested donation for quite some time on the basis that we'd prefer it to be a single coin and recognise that the next step up is £1. However, with rising costs affecting both printing and distribution, especially over such a time span, 50p no longer even covers the cost of one copy, so it is with regret that we're taking this step.

Please see the inside front cover to changes in regular subscription costs, but note that having the email copy delivered still remains at £6 for the year. Mark Ewins, Editor



Round and About

GOLDEN VALLEY DAY CENTRE

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We offer our sincerest condolences to her family at this time.

After the excitement of the last few months we have finally had a quieter time although you wouldn't think so if you're passing on a Monday morning. We have welcomed a few new visitors and it's lovely to see everyone chatting and laughing.

Unfortunately I have to mention the sad passing of Jenny Maund. She was a long standing member of the Day Centre and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. Our condolences to Derek and the family.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you feel like you would like to help us as a volunteer please ring Mrs Kath Gaze 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.

Feel free to drop in on a Monday between 10am and 12pm and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Day Centre every Monday morning 10am-12pm. 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

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VOWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Harvest Supper Vowchurch Hall Friday October 21 7pm. 3 course dinner, bar, music, maybe a little dancing. Bring friends and make up a table or join in the throng. Tickets £15 pp, children £5. Email vowchurchhall@gmail.com or call Jane on 01981 550791 or 07880 505761

The Village Pub Thursday October 13. Doors open 7pm

Vowchurch Market Saturday October 29 10am - 12 noon

SaveTheDate November 11 7pm Vowchurch Hall: Talk by Peter Jinman '*My life as a vet and other stories*'. VaT50 September winners were: Jane Wilmot Smith (\pounds 50) and Cliff Mawby (\pounds 20).

Tajii currently on a break.Contact janefleet88@gmail.com Pilates at Vowchurch Hall, Tuesdays 9am- 10am and

6pm - 8pm. Contact hannahmthomas@hotmail.com Bowls Wednesday 7pm Wednesday October 5th.

Contact Richard Stokes rtastokes@hotmail.co.uk

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: Late night Thurs: Saturday: Sunday (May - Oct): (Nov - April): Bank Holiday Mondays 7.30 am - 5.30 pm 7.30 am - 7.00 pm 7.30 am - 4.00 pm 10.00 am - 2.00 pm 10.00 am - 12 noon 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

16th October – UK Coffee Week

Black Mountain roast is based just up the road, we stock their range of ground and bean coffee and can get larger quantities on request.

Come and join us enjoying coffee anytime, you can have a take away coffee for $\pounds 2.49$ or your container refilled for $\pounds 1.99$. You can sit outside or drive to your favourite mountain spot.

Thank you - Calor Gas bottles

From our request for empty gas bottles three of you have came to our aid. Thank you very much so far one bottle is on its way to a new home.

Fresh fruit and vegetables

We have a delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. 11am onwards on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, if you are looking to buy in bulk please ask us to quote. Wanting an earlier collection we can also use two other suppliers for a pre 8am collection also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Shop all by yourself

Want to be in our shop all by yourself or with a friend? We can make that happen every Sunday afternoon or Wednesday evening you can book to have the shop to yourself.

Christmas charity cards have arrived so if you want to peruse them ready to start writing to international friends and colleagues just ask we have them stored away.

LONGTOWN POST OFFICE

Saturday 9am ~ 11am & Monday to Friday 10.30am ~ 3.30pm

New transformer stamps

Will this be the last collection with the Queen's head on? Get yours at our Post Office.

Barcoded Stamps have arrived to Longtown Post Office

Non-barcoded stamps will be phased out but will remain usable until 31st January 2023. Customers are encouraged to use their non-barcoded stamps before this date.

£20 and £50 notes

After 30th September these notes can be paid into a bank account only and are no longer legal tender. (You can pay into your personal and business account at the Post Office)

Pay your bills at our Post Office If an invoice has a barcode on it, it is likely it can be paid at the Post Office when you want, using cash, card or cheque (except Welsh Water). Keep track and you can pay your council tax, BT, Water, nPower, at the Post Office on a day you choose.

Changing your mobile phone?

You can always top up your mobile phone credit at Longtown Post Office, plus we have sim cards if you are going eco and buying a preloved phone.

Taking a last minute opportunity to travel or go on a work trip, you can pick up 20 Euros upwards at Longtown Post Office immediately and any other travel currency can be ordered for collection safely at the Post Office

Save time, use our Post Office as your bank for personal & business accounts

Using your bank card you can pay cash into most personal and business bank accounts Using a personalised paying in slip you can pay cash into your personal and business bank accounts Using a personalised paying in slip and an envelope you can pay cheques into personal and business accounts.

Sadly no posties are based at ours, so if you want to chase a letter or parcel please call Royal Mail Hereford on 01432 346100



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		CTOBER & NOVEMBER	•	ctober 30, 2022	
2	ctober 2, 2022		3:00pm	St Margaret's	Celtic Evening Prayer
9:30am	Llanveynoe	Holy Communion			
		last month's magazine)			
3:00pm	St Margaret's	Harvest Service	Sunday November 6, 2022		
Sunday Oc	ctober 9, 2022		9:30am	Llanveynoe	Morning Worship
11:00am	Clodock	Harvest Service	3:00pm	St Margaret's	Holy Communion
11:30am	Michaelchurch	Harvest Service & Lunch	Sunday No	ovember 13, 2022	
Sunday Oc	ctober 16, 2022		9:30am	Clodock	Morning Worship
11:00am	Craswall	Harvest & Lunch	10:50am	Michaelchurch	Remembrance Service
3:00pm	Newton	Holy Communion	Sunday No	ovember 20, 2022	
Friday Oct	tober 21, 2022		9:30am	Craswall	Holy Communion
6:00pm	Harvest Thanks	giving at Upper Newton Farm	11:00am	Newton	Morning Worship
Sunday Oc	ctober 23, 2022		Sunday No	ovember 27, 2022	
11:00am	Michaelchurch	Group Holy Communion	11:00am	Clodock	Group Holy Communion

Ост &	Nov E	VENTS PLANNER	Please see https://blackhillcommunities.net for events further ahead
Mon	03 Oct	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Dr Jane Adams, The Cornewalls of Moccas
Tue	04 Oct	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Escleyside Hall
Wed	05 Oct	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Wed	05 Oct	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: Ornamental Grasses & Autumn Plants, Escleyside Hall
Thu	06 Oct	9.15-11.45am	Longtown Primary School Open Day
Sun	09 Oct	From 11.00am	St Michael's Church Harvest Festival and Lunch
Tue	11 Oct	19:45pm	Whist Drive at Escleyside Hall
Thu	13 Oct	2.00-5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club
Thu	13 Oct	7.30pm	Harvest Auction, Newton Parish Room
Sat	15 Oct	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Laefer Quartet, St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley
Sat	15 Oct	7.00pm	Escley and District Sports Federation, Quiz Night. Cricket Pavillion
Tue	18 Oct	9.30-11.00am	Michaelchurch Escley Primary School Open Day
Tue	18 Oct	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Escleyside Hall
Fri	21 Oct	4.00pm	Hedgerow Community Autumn Equinox walk, from Llanveynoe
Fri	21 Oct		Harvest Supper at Mary Powell's
22 8	23 Oct	10.00am - 4.00pm	Fair Oak Cider Open Weekend
Tue	25 Oct	7.00pm	Longtown Village Pride AGM
Tue	25 Oct	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Escleyside Hall
Thu	27 Oct		Longtown Thursday Club, visit to Oakchurch Farm Shop
Sat	29 Oct	10.00am-Noon	Longtown Village Pride, Longtown Castle
Tue	01 Nov	8.00pm	Clodock Sketchbook Circle. Sketchbook viewing and chat
Wed	02 Nov	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Mon	07 Nov	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Andy Johnson, Sir John Oldcastle
Sat	12 Nov	7.00pm	Escley and District Sports Federation, Bingo Night. Cricket Pavillion
Sat	26 Nov	10.00am-Noon	Longtown Village Pride, Longtown Castle

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