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October 2021



**The Parishes of Clodock & Longtown with Craswall,
Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton**

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From the Clergy

I was recently asked by a friend if I am enjoying my new curacy. Another friend dived in with, “She’s the curate of Narnia, what’s not to love about that?!” A slightly flippant comment, but with some truth in it. As I drive around the valleys and peaks of this glorious corner of southwest Herefordshire, I sometimes catch my breath as I take in the loveliness of my surroundings, and the beauty I see in the landscape is more than matched by the warmth and loveliness of the people. The gentle, melodic Herefordshire and Welsh accents, the natural rhythms of local life shaped by the land, rivers and topography, and the willingness of anyone and everyone to stop and have a chat – all these things give this curate from “off” plenty to thank God for every day.

As I look back over my diary, as well as the variety of services and important life events I’ve been privileged to observe and be part of, I’m reminded of all the adventures I’ve already had here. Here is just a taster: interviewing 99-year-old Ray in Dorstone about his passion for moths for an online service; the jovial community lunch party in Moccas village hall; a cosy PCC meeting in a cow shed at Tyberton; getting to know the lovely mums and their little ones at the Kingstone Stay and Play group; fascinating discussions at a church book group in Peterchurch; driving up into the Black Mountains for the first time to take part in the rainbow-filled flower festival service at St Margarets; a warm welcome at the Tea Set in Newton; selling raffle tickets at the Bredwardine Fete; spending the morning in Kentchurch with Clare and her intrepid group of novice woodcarvers as they work on a series of reliefs featuring the stories of Jesus on the Sea of Galilee; hanging out at the Peterchurch Hub; visiting the Cart Shed with Sarah, one of their volunteers from Abbey Dore. There is so much vibrancy and life in this deanery! Most of all, I have been moved by the privilege of conversations with people, some marked by melancholy and tears, a few full of pondering, many sprinkled with laughter.

We are living in a time that some have called the Age of Anxiety and perhaps many of us understand that only too well in our own lives. Fear, loneliness, isolation, sorrow: these things are never far away. God has never promised to take away our troubles, instead promising to walk alongside us through all the seasons of our life. I believe that God, whether you believe in him or not, believes in and cherishes you. I have seen the love of God reflected in the strength of community bonds here in our deanery, people walking alongside one another through sadness and joy.

How are you discovering the love of God in those around you, in the beauty of the earth, in the hope of his promise to be with us always to the end of time? Amongst the anxiety, there is hope.

Listen carefully with me, can you hear Aslan’s roar?

Rev Angie Kateley, Curate of Narnia

OCTOBER READINGS

Sunday October 3rd

Old Testament	Genesis 2: 18-24
New Testament	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16

Sunday October 10th

Old Testament	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15
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New Testament	Hebrews 4: 12-16
Gospel	Mark 10: 17-31

Sunday October 17th

Old Testament	Isaiah 53: 4-12
New Testament	Hebrews 5: 1-10
Gospel	Mark 10: 35-45

Sunday October 24th

Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 1-11
New Testament	2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5
Gospel	John 5: 46-47

Sunday October 31st

Old Testament	Isaiah 25: 6-9
New Testament	Revelation 21: 1-6
Gospel	John 11: 32-44

For the **October services**, please see the back page

Deanery Update

We are delighted to welcome Rev Cate Thomson as a new Rural Pioneer Priest in the Deanery. This means we now have four full-time priests in the Deanery and a Curate too. The Bishop will licence Cate on **18th October** and she will be living in Kingstone. Cate has joined us from a position as Assistant Curate, St Mark’s Broomhill and Broomhall, Sheffield. There will be lots of opportunities for you to meet and welcome Cate in the coming months.

One of these will be at **The Gathering** on **October 19th** at St Peter’s Hub, Peterchurch at 7.30pm. This Gathering will be a long-awaited opportunity to meet in person and we will be joined by the Archdeacon of Hereford, the Venerable Derek Chedzey. The evening will be an opportunity to share what’s going on within our Deanery and to plan for the future. We’ll also be celebrating the new Clusters that are forming. Clusters are parishes working together more closely with other parishes, either by building on existing relationships or forming new ones, to develop mission and ministry locally within the Deanery. Come along and find out more! There will also be an opportunity to join the meeting via Zoom – get in touch for the link.

The Autumn series of Grow Strong sessions launches on **2nd October** at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre. This is open to those in Years 6-8. Get in touch if you’d like to come along...the other dates in this series are 6th November and 4th December.

There is now a landline telephone number for the **Deanery Office** which is **01981 620145**. As always, don’t hesitate to call if you’d like to find out more.

Other ways to keep in touch are via email **abbeydoredmc@gmail.com**: subscribing to our regular email update, visiting the **abbeydoredeanery.org.uk** website; or joining the growing throng of the Facebook Group – Abbeydore Deanery. Do connect and keep in touch, we’d love to hear from you.

Anne Lloyd

HARVEST FESTIVALS

St John’s Church, Newton

On Sunday 3rd October 2021 at 11.30 with Philip Wilcocks. We invite you to stay for lunch after the service but please reserve your place tel Mary P. 01981 510295 or, via **jane@hoppychops.plus.com** to ensure there is enough ham as well as quiches, salads, tatties, and puddings!

Donations for the HEREFORD FOOD BANK e.g. cash, dried or tinned food stuffs will be very welcome.

St. Margaret's Church, St Margaret's
Saturday 9th October at 6.30pm with Rev. Simon Lockett. A selection of harvest hymns and readings, followed by light refreshments. Please bring contributions for Hereford Food Bank.

St Mary's Church, Craswall
10th October at 11.00am with Rev. Luci Morriss, followed at 12.30pm by Harvest Lunch at Craswall Hall.

St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley
17th October at 11.30am with Rev. Mark Godson, followed by Harvest Lunch at Escleyside Hall.

St Bueno's Church, Llanveynoe
Llanveynoe's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday **24th October at 6pm** in the Church with **Rev. Preb. Frank Rodgers.** We would like to welcome you to this service, the first for two years. Please do bring any gifts of flowers, fruits or vegetables to the church, either early or on the evening. Frank Rodgers will be taking the service.

Afterwards, we will move on to Mountain Mayhem, to have a warming cup of tea or coffee before we go in to the Conference Room for what is now our Traditional Harvest Supper with all the fun of the Draw and the Auction.

There will be no tickets, but please book in with either Donald (01873 860298) or Peter (07974 920959) to secure your place. The cost will be £10 for adults and children under 12 are free, payable on the door. Cider and lemonade are included, but if you prefer, please bring your own wine. The Supper will be approx 8pm if you can't get to the Service but would like to join us at Mountain Mayhem.

ST CLYDAWG'S CHURCH, CLODOCK

31st October, 3.00pm – Songs of Praise

Come and choose your favourite hymns of personal significance, joyful, reflective or just ones that you love to sing.

The Retiring Collection will be shared between the six parishes in our Black Mountains Benefice.

Thanks

ST. MARGARET'S FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

A big **THANK YOU** to the flower arrangers, the refreshment providers, the musicians, all the helpers and everyone who came to the event. Almost £600 was raised for St. Margaret's Church.

Tim Williams

MICHAELCHURCH DUCK RACE & BARBECUE

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us on our special day, 28th August. The weather was lovely and fine and everyone worked hard to make it such a success. We raised the fantastic sum of £2,700 for the church.

Olive Howells, on behalf of St Michael's PCC

Forthcoming events

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Following the very successful and well attended September meeting of the Society, the second meeting will take place on **Monday 4th October.** Starting at the earlier time of 7pm, the first business will be a brief Annual General Meeting.

This will be followed by a presentation from Martin Cook entitled "This filthy novelty": clay tobacco pipes from Longtown. Martin invites members to bring their own clay pipe finds for identification. The meeting will take place in Longtown Village Hall. The cost of membership is £10 and guests are very welcome (£3).

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

There will be a **Planning Meeting on Thursday 7 October at the Woodlands Coffee Shop, Pontrilas, at 12pm.** Any members who would like to join the committee for the occasion will be very welcome, but please let us know by **3rd October** at the latest so that we can send in lunch orders.

At last, we look forward to welcoming members back to our first meeting since March 2020 on **Thursday 14th October, in Longtown Village Hall, from 2pm to 5pm.** We shall get in touch with further information, as necessary, before that date.

Hazel Pugh, 01873 860803

Pauline Jones, 01873 851782 / onespauline@pobroadband.co.uk

Concerts for Craswall

Saturday October 9th at 5pm

THE MAGNARD ENSEMBLE

St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley HR2 0JW

Following on from the sell-out success of our last two concerts, we invite you to join us for an evening of first-rate music with the exuberant **Magnard Ensemble.**

This ensemble is an exceptionally lively and enterprising wind quintet – flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn. Their programme blending original pieces with new arrangements. Humour and joy abound.

From a playful start with Zemlinsky's "*Humoreske*", the Gallic charm of Jacques Ibert, right up to the contemporary vibrancy of György Ligeti's "*Bagatelles*" and Paul Patterson's witty, folk influenced "*Westerly Winds*", this will surely be an exciting evening of exceptional wind playing.

Previous holders of the Chamber Music Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music, the Ensemble have also been selected artists for Making Music, the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust, the Tillett Trust Young Artist Platform, the Tunnell Trust, and the Nicholas Yonge Society.

'A hugely gifted ensemble of the younger generation, the chemistry between the five young players is magical, the maturity and sensitivity of their playing is a delight!' [Composer Paul Patterson]

Further details and tickets available at
<https://concertsforcraswall.org/live-music/>
or call 01981 510112.

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

On **12th October** we will welcome a speaker from the "Severn Freewheelers", a group of advanced motorcyclists providing a free out-of-hours courier service carrying medical essentials between hospitals in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, North Wiltshire and Herefordshire. They also run a 4x4 vehicle to supply blood products to the Midlands Air Ambulance service.

Visitors are welcome at 8pm followed by refreshments at 9pm – cost £3.

Libby Davis

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

Thursday 14th October 7.30pm

Vowchurch Memorial Hall

All are welcome to our **Harvest Auction**. Please do bring produce, home made cakes and crafts to auction on the evening and be prepared to put in a few bids!

The money raised will be donated to Jamie's Farm. Ruth will be present to answer your questions about the work they do.

Refreshments available. For further information tel 07794 920729.

MICHAELCHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

17th October

11.30am at the church, followed by

HARVEST LUNCH

1.00pm at Escleyside Hall. Tickets available soon

Michaelchurch Flicks in the Sticks

Escleyside Hall, HR2 0PT

Wednesday 20th October, 2021

Join us for **"THE LAST BUS" [2021, cert 12a]** directed by Gillis MacKinnon and starring Phyllis Logan and Timothy Spall.

This is the tale of pensioner Tom who travels from John O'Groats to Lands End using his free bus pass. He carries his wife's ashes in a small suitcase to take her "back home". His journey is described by the people he encounters on this expedition. A heart-warming evening is promised!

Doors open 7pm. BAR. Film will start 7.30pm

Tickets available beforehand through ARTS ALIVE or, on the door with exact cash.

Adult £5.00; Child £2.50 Enquiries 01981 510 116

We will endeavour to provide as safe an environment as possible for this event to include socially distanced seating but we encourage you to wear a face mask etc.

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 **Monday 25th October 2021** at 1, Castle Cottages Longtown at 7.30 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@yahoo.com

Does Family History Matter? Does History Matter?: Travelling through time with the awkward squad

A talk in St. Margaret's Church by John Baxter on **Thursday 28th October starting at 7.00 pm**

An examination using examples from one family history of the relationship between family history sites and the value of History in the curriculum.

Talk and discussion will last no more than an hour. Retiring donations for St. Margaret's Church

Apples and Pears for Cider and Perry



TALK

Wednesday, 3 November 2021

7.30pm, Longtown Hall

Tom Oliver makes his eponymous ciders and perries on his family's farm at Ocle Pychard. He will tell us about the fruit varieties he grows, and the wild yeast fermenting process he uses. Tastings.

Non-members welcome: £4

See more at: www.escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club

Local Newsround

LONGTOWN GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on September 15th in Longtown Village Hall. There were 19 members of the public present, who were allowed to speak on local matters.

The Police reported that there had been a couple of break-ins in the area, and they were keen that anybody who saw a suspicious looking vehicle should take the registration number and report to them. They passed on the information about Neighbourhood Matters and encouraged people to sign up to hear about ongoing incidents and what they are doing in the community (neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk). They also reminded us of signing up with herefordshire.gov.uk for alerts to crime incidents in the area.

Councillor Guy has emailed the list of the location of Defibrillators in the area :

- The Crown Inn Longtown (Adult and paediatric pads)
- St. Beuno and St. Peter's Church, Llanveynoe (Vestry)
- St. Mary's Church, Craswall
- Craswall Village Hall
- Walterstone Village Hall,
- Lower House Farm, Llanveynoe (Wild by Nature). This has adult and paediatric pads.

Notices will be going up to advise where these are located.

The Parish Council would like to welcome anyone who wants to apply to join the Council. Please contact : clerk@longtown-gpc.org.uk for information.

Our next meeting will be on **October 20th at 8pm** in Longtown Village Hall.

Pamela Tribe, Councillor

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

There are very few positives about Covid and what has happened in the last 18 months or so, but, I have found one. This Autumn term at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre School we are all really appreciating some aspects of school life that we had previously taken for granted, for instance; we are together again at playtimes and choosing who to play with – not always friends from our 'bubble'; we are having assemblies again altogether; we can sing again; the staff can make a cup of tea in the kitchen without worrying about a 'one-in-one-out' system. The children are smiling!

I feel children at Michaelchurch, in general, are incredibly resilient and have all been amazing through the trickiest of Covid times. In fact, they have all continued to smile – but it does feel this term, their smiles are larger and warmer now. I am keeping my fingers (and toes) crossed that we can get through this academic year with much less disruption.

It was been an incredibly busy start to the new year however. Oak Class (the Year 5 and 6 children) have already visited Cadbury World and Sapling (Year 3 and 4) and Acorn (Year 1 and 2) both have trips planned in the next couple of weeks. Squirrel Class (preschool and YR) are flourishing and busier than they ever have been. We've welcomed our record number of Year R children this year and preschool is already very busy. The new preschool 'hub' that was built over the summer has been a big hit and the whole early years area offers amazing facilities for the children.

On a different note, we are on the lookout for a new co-opted governor. Do you have some spare time and would like to be more involved with the school? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the school office (01981 510208) for more details.

There certainly feels a fantastic buzz around school this year. I have a great feeling that this year will be another amazing year at Michaelchurch and we are all looking forward to having lots of fun and adventures with the children. If you have any questions or want to get in touch, please don't hesitate to call or email us – 01981 510208 or admin@michaelchurch-esccley.hereford.sch.uk

Louise Crocker, Headteacher

BLACK HILL, BLEAK SUMMER

(Radio 4; first broadcast on 27 July)

Very few people I have spoken to have listened to this documentary or even heard of it. In it, David Howard (himself from Craswall of course, and now a journalist and broadcaster) recalls how the 2001 outbreak of foot and mouth disease affected the farmers and inhabitants of Craswall. The broadcast is available on BBC Sounds for a year. Well worth listening to.

Pauline Jones

CRASWALL YOUNG FARMERS

Herefordshire Federation held a Rally at the end of July, where Craswall came 4th overall.

At our recent AGM we elected our new Chairman, David Pritchard, our secretary is now Phil Powell with Lewis Lloyd as our Treasurer.

By the time this goes to print, Meg and Bonnie will have taken part in the National Cookery finals at the Autumn Flower Show, well done girls.

Some of our Juniors are going on to represent Club, County AND West Midlands Area at the National Jump Rope Finals at Staffordshire County Showground on the 2nd October. We wish them well.

We are holding a 'New Members Evening' on Thursday 7th October at Craswall Village Hall at 7:30pm. There will be lots of activities happening to show those who are interested, what CYFC is all about.

If you wish to get in touch, please email: phillip_blackhill@live.co.uk or text: 07468 411649.

Phil Powell, CYFC Secretary

Round and About

VOWCHURCH

The Village Pub

Thursday October 7 from 7pm at Vowchurch Hall.

Vowchurch Country Market

Saturday October 30 10am - 12 noon at Vowchurch Hall.

Harvest Supper

CANCELLED due to concerns about rising Covid rates.

VAT50

September winners were: Stanley Wilson (£50) and Simon Whitfield (£20).

Pilates at Vowchurch Hall

Tuesdays from 6pm. Contact

hannahmthomas@hotmail.com.

Bowls

Wednesday October 6, 7 - 9 pm, Vowchurch Hall.

Vowchurch Hall is available for parties, weddings and events as well as meetings and presentations at very reasonable rates.

Enquiries to Jane Wheatley on 01981 550791 or www.vowchurchturnastonehall.co.uk

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL – WE ARE BACK!!!!

The hall is now open again for bookings. We have a few things happening in the hall over the next few months:

Why not come for Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason 10.30am - 11.15 am and 11.30am - 12.30 am Starting Thursday 2nd September. She is also running a dance exercise class in the evenings from Thursday 7th October. Please look out for posters.

Why not try your hand at painting with the Village Art club which is holding classes every Monday evening 7.00- 9.00pm starting Monday 20th September.

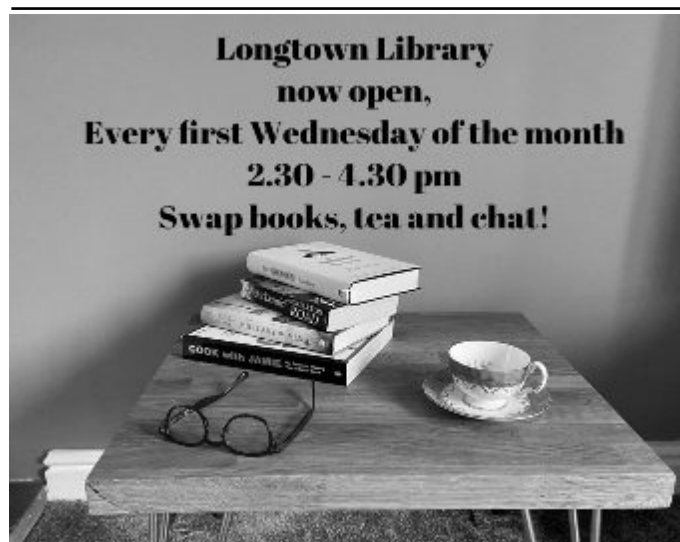
Day Centre is open again every Monday morning for Tea, Coffee and a chat 10am - 12pm.

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.)

Notices and Advertisements



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For more information

Email clodock.watch@gmail.com or see Isobel

Black Hill Community Radio

Black Hill Community Radio will begin broadcasting again on Saturday October 30th, 10.00am.

Tune in to hear from your village hall committee, to listen to some more community 5 tracks and to marvel at some of our young writers.

Read on and see if you recognise yourself!

Are you are a young person about to embark on your Duke of Edinburgh award, or someone who would love to know more about the technical side (recording and editing) or someone who has an idea that they think would contribute to community life.

If so the Team would welcome you with open arms.

You can let us know by telephoning 01981 240248 or emailing admin@blackhillcommunityradio.org.uk

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01873 280028

Events Planner

Wed	3 November	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: <i>Apples and Pears for Cider and Perry</i> , Tom Oliver, Longtown Village Hall
Sat	4 December		Alaw in concert, Escleyside Hall (courtesy of Arts Reach for Flicks in the Sticks)
Fri	17 December		Craswall Young Farmers Panto Longtown Village Hall
Sat	18 December		Craswall Young Farmers Panto Longtown Village Hall

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team
Peterchurch Police & Fire Hub, Hereford HR2 0RU. 01981 550253

PC 3687 Jeff Rouse 07870 150972

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053 919

peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Contact: 101 ext 4820 – Email: goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk





01873 860 444

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

World post Day Saturday 9th October, post international Christmas cards to arrive early or send best wishes to a much missed friend up the road. With your permission we would like to mark on a world map where all the letters are going from our little Longtown Post Office on the 9th October. Would be great if we could send a smile to every continent.

Autumnal treats, we are so excited with many new items and old favourites on our shelves. Excitingly we have new dusty pink mixing bowls ready to mix your favourite crumble topping. Locally made Beamer designs wooden boards to share evening treats with friends, may we recommend adding Wild by Nature farmhouse salami and pepperoncino to your sharing board

Circular economy is a great concept, where there is no/little waste in the economic system rather than a linear economy where waste is produced at the end. Examples in our little store: MacNeil's smokehouse, we return packaging to be reused; Neal's Yard Creamery, when switching to Fletchers milk for their delicious cheeses they stopped using a courier and deliver direct to us every Thursday; and just over 50% of all our refill service products come in 20l containers that go back via our suppliers so we are only buying the liquid to retail.

Ice cream pop up 'til Halloween, our Shepherds scoop ice cream continues on Fridays and Saturdays 2-4pm. Whilst it is still warm, treat yourself, meet a friend and enjoy a chat between scoops of ice cream.

Christmas order form, we were expecting a quieter Christmas this year after so much lovely support last year. However availability this year is going to be tricky for any retailer and producers with packaging shortages, so if you know you want Runner Bean Chutney from Three Fruity Ladies, Honeycomb ice cream from Rowlestone and Black Mountain roast coffee beans all boxed and collected in one place the week leading up to Christmas please think order form, available for perusal, inspiration and planning the end of October.

LONGTOWN POST OFFICE

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

Christmas Posting Dates

(in alphabetical order)

Africa	Wed 8th December
Asia	Wed 8th December
Australia	Mon 6th December
Austria	Thur 16th December
Belgium	Sat 18th December
Canada	Mon 13th December
Caribbean	Wed 1st December
Cyprus	Fri 10th December
Czech Republic	Mon 13th December
Denmark	Thur 16th December
Eastern European	Sat 11th December
Far East	Wed 8th December
Finland	Mon 13 December
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Germany	Thur 16th December
Greece	Sat 11th December
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Ireland	Thur 16th December
Italy	Mon 13th December
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Malta	Fri 10th December
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Netherlands	Thur 16th December
New Zealand	Mon 6th December
Norway	Thur 16th December
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Portugal	Thur 16th December
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Calling all philatelists buy your copy of Monthly Gibbons is now available along with the NEW Batman special stamps

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Tue	05 October	7.45pm	October Whist Drive, Escleyside Hall. £2.50. Profit to Hall funds.
Wed	06 October	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: <i>How to take care of yourself in the garden</i> , Alexandra Probert. Longtown Village Hall
Thu	07 October	12.00 noon	Longtown Thursday Club planning meeting, Woodlands Coffee Shop, Pontrilas
Thu	07 October	7.30pm	Craswall Young Farmers, New members evening. Craswall Village Hall
Sat	09 October	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Magnard Ensemble, St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley
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Tue	12 October	8.00pm	Longtown & District WI: Severn Freewheelers
Thu	14 October	2.00 - 5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club, Longtown Village Hall
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Tue	19 October	7.45pm	October Whist Drive, Escleyside Hall. £2.50. Profit to Hall funds.
Wed	20 October	7.00 for 7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks, Escleyside Hall: <i>The Last Bus (12a)</i>
Mon	25 October	7.30pm	<i>Longtown Village Pride AGM</i>
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