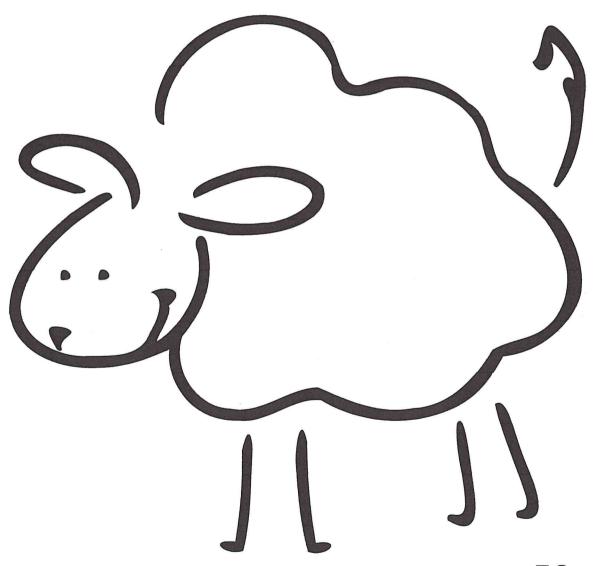
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Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kentchurch, Kilpeck, Llangua, Rowlestone with Llancillo, Walterstone and Wormbridge with St Devereux



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suggested contribution See p20

Easter and April Chapel and Church Services						
Thurs 28th	7pm	Dore Abbey	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion			
Good Friday	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Christians Together Meditation			
	6:15am	Dore Abbey	Greet the dawn around the fire pit			
Easter	9:30	St M's EH	Easter Holy Communion			
Sunday	9:30	Kentchurch	Easter Holy Communion			
and	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Easter with Communion - Rev Andrew Harter			
British	11:15	Bacton	Easter Holy Communion			
Summer Time	2:30pm	Kilpeck	Informal Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt			
begins!	3pm	Walterstone	Easter Celebration			
a cg///ci	6:30pm	Dore Abbey	Taizé chants, silence and prayer			
Wednes	day April	3rd 10:30 St Mi	chael's Ewyas Harold Prayer and Praise			
	EH Baptist Monthly Message, email or delivered - Rev Joy James					
Sunday	10:30	Rowlestone	Holy Communion			
7th	10:30	St M's EH	Holy Communion			
	6:30pm	Kilpeck	Evening Prayer			
Wednesday 10th 10:30 St Michael's Ewyas Harold Prayer and Praise						
	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Café Service in Hall - Jan Mitchell			
Sunday 14th	10:30	Kentchurch	Morning Prayer			
1401	6:30pm	Dore Abbey	Evening Prayer			
Wednesday 17th 10:30 St Michael's Ewyas Harold Holy Communion						
	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Service - Rev Jonathan Greaves See page 6			
Sunday	10:30	Bacton	Morning Prayer			
21st	10:30	St M's EH	Holy Communion			
	6:30pm	St Devereux	Holy Communion			
Wednesday 24th 10:30 St Michael's Ewyas Harold Prayer and Praise						
C	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Service - Bert Weenink			
Sunday 28th	10:30	Dore Abbey	Holy Communion			
	6:30pm	Wormbridge	Holy Communion			

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Dear friends

I hope you've had a chance to see the film Wicked Little Letters. It is based on a true scandal that stunned 1920s England. The story centres around neighbours Edith Swan and Rose Gooding.

It's a bitter sweet, dark comedy with an element of mystery. If you've not seen it, I won't give away any more of the story except to say that the attitudes of 1920s Littlehampton seem not that dissimilar to parts of merry old England today. My experience of the film was that for every "what?!?" there was an equal "ouch!". Like others of its milieu it evokes, and more often than not provokes, a response. Or at least it intends to but so enured are we, so made hard of heart by the supposed realities of the world, that you could sit through the whole thing and simply find it a comedy of errors.

In the Easter season, one so full of signs of new life all around us, we're so used to chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies, and to the somewhat weirdly wonderful things Christians get up to, that we shrug our shoulders, marvel at the health-defying Cadbury Creme Egg, and avoid as best we can the whole resurrection thing.

It's no surprise, really. Some of us are as incapable of accepting anything that doesn't fit our preconceived notions as were the people of 1920s Littlehampton.

Perhaps, though, like the audiences of Wicked Little Letters and the population of Littlehampton, we might just shift our perceptions, change our perspective and be open to the really real. Resurrections happen every Spring, in every act of forgiveness, in every making whole, in every reconciliation, every cycle of life.

Resurrection is change that, in the short run, looks like death. But in the long run looks like life. Our funeral services sometimes begin with "Life is not ended. It is merely changed." Quite hard to get our heads around in that moment; not so hard to wrap our hearts around in the end.

Mark

ABBEYDORE, BACTON & EWYAS HAROLD

BIG THANKS TO EWYAS HAROLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A very big thank you to the children and staff of Ewyas Harold Primary for a fabulous Easter Celebration service held at the packed church on Thursday 21 March. The wonderful Year Two led the celebrations by telling us the whole Easter story, and all of the children delighted their audience with poems and songs (and some expert dance moves). An extra shout out to the newly formed Toot Band who blessed us with their splendid playing, including a joyful rendition of Mamma Mia. The church family here wish you all the joys of Easter and all the resurrection hope of the season. Rev Angie X



KILPECK, WORMBRIDGE & ST DEVEREUX

KILPECK

Rather spoilingly we have had two Communion services in the last two months led respectively by Cate and Mark. Many thanks to both. The services were quite well attended.

All the electrics have now been fixed so we have light!

KENTCHURCH, WALTERSTONE & ROWLESTONE KENTCHURCH



On **Sunday 12th May** our service will be a Celebration of the bells here at St Mary's with a quarter peal being rung before the 10.30 service.

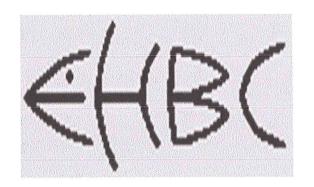
After the service we are inviting everyone to join us for a picnic in the churchyard to celebrate the 50 years anniversary of the bells being changed from a ring of five to a super ring of six. Historic records give mention of medieval bells being present here as far back as 1552 and five of the bells still used date back from the 1730's.

Sadly this will be Rev Angie's last service with us before she leaves our parishes in July but she won't be far away as she has been appointed Priest in Charge of St. Weonards and neighbouring parishes. We wish her all the luck in this step of her journey and we look forward to seeing you at our Bell Sunday service.

Full details will be in the May magazine.

Chapel Services see page 2

Following the Chapel Service on **21st April** there will be a 'Bring Your Own' lunch with discussion about the future of EHBC, starting at 12 noon.



Weekday Groups

Tuesday Tunes the Chapel 9 April 3pm
O Sew Simple Baptist Hall Thursday 11 April 10-12 noon
Fellowship Group Baptist Hall Tuesday 23 April 3pm

You are most welcome to join us for any of the above

If you would like further information our contact details are on the back cover.

April with the **MADLEY METHODISTS**

Brampton Road, Madley HR2 9LU

7th at 6pm Rev'd Sheila MacInally

14th at 6pm Adrian Williams

21st at 3pm Chapel Anniversary

28th at 6pm Local arrangement

shropshireandmarches.org.uk/churches-old/south-area/madley.html

Robert Dewar writes "Golden Valley Llamas take day-guests or those staying in our holiday cottages for llama treks (see p32 for details - editors), but March saw the llamas participating in several non-commercial activities. First up, was a llama trek for a children's charity. Six friends bid for the trek and helped raise funds for a small foundation which has been so helpful for a young person in the village.



Four llamas attended the opening of the new Ewyas Harold Craft Centre. They took visitors for short walks outside the centre behind The Memorial Hall and were particularly happy with the long, lush grass in their pen.

It was a busy weekend for the herd as they participated in the Palm Sunday procession from St Michael and All Angels. In the church, four llamas strode up the nave to turn and face the congregation, where they were blessed before being allowed to depart and go home for their elevenses!" TEA TIME CLUB shared a final celebratory meal on Thursday 21st March. It began over eighteen months ago, after Covid, when we were all concerned about rising prices. It grew into a warm, safe place of fellowship, companionship, fun and delicious food. One young mother said that it had been a lifeline for her, whilst she was going through some of the worst times of her life. Lasting friendships have been made.

Now, for various reasons, the need is not as great as it was.

It is good to keep listening to God. He guided us to do this and is now telling us to stop.

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Thank you so much to everyone who helped, by praying, financial support or cooking.

DEANERY UPDATE

Grow Strong Anyone in Year 6 or above at school is very welcome to come along to the next session, which will be at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre on **Friday April 26 between 6 and 9.30pm**.

Hedgerow Communions These involve yoga, meditation, sharing bread and wine, silence, poetry and ritual. Why not join the next one on Sunday May 5 at Snodhill Castle at 2pm and give yourself the opportunity for a time to pause, attend and celebrate.

Looking further ahead...

The Gathering Tuesday 2 July at St Peter's Hub. This will be preceded by a mini pilgrimage from Dorstone. Everyone is welcome – a chance to get a taster of The Golden Valley Pilgrim Way.

For up-to-date information:

Keep an eye on our website: *abbeydoredeanery.org*Follow our *Abbeydore Deanery* Facebook page or join our
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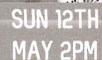
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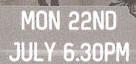
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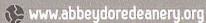
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MON 19TH AUG 6PM

EWYAS HAROLD



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The Michaelmas Singers meet every Monday afternoon, 3-4pm in St Michael's Hall, Ewyas Harold.

We sing a wide variety of folk, old and new, spirituals and praise songs, either unaccompanied or to classical guitar. Sight reading is useful but not necessary: much more important is your own enjoyment, so come and try us out!

All voices are welcome.

For more information, contact Frances Phillips franjphillips@gmail.com 07857 694 107

Singing

in Ewyas Harold. at St Michael's Church Hall

Tuesday evenings during term time $7.15 \sim 9.15 pm$ Simple rounds and $3 \sim 4$ part harmony songs from around the world, joyful and sacred to uplift your soul and bring voices of any age and ability together.

You're very welcome in this friendly group. We don't perform ~ we are singing for the joy it brings...

Sliding scale £10 ~ £5

Contact Frances Keenan: 01981 240605 frances Dwyrdweb.com for more details

Ewyas Harold Craft Centre

The centre is now officially open and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy our cafe and browse our Gallery which is full of beautiful artworks and crafts that are available to buy as gifts or a treat for yourself.



Our opening hours are:

Wednesday - Sunday 10am-4pm

We currently have a fabulous exhibition of wedding dresses on display, covering many decades. It's a fascinating look at how fashions and traditions have changed and also a wonderful look back into history, including lots of entertaining wedding day stories.

Our upcoming courses are:

Saturday 13th April

Polymer Clay - Faux Stitched Jewellery, Buttons and More with Sally Boehme



Saturday 20th April

Painted Birdhouses with Rhona McKillop

To book ehcraftcentre.org.uk or email ehcraftcentre@gmail.com

Orcop Hall Craft Workshops

Felting with Mandy Nash Saturday 13th April 10 - 4.30 £55

Learn how to convert fluffy wool fleece into a hardwearing and functional bag. All materials and equipment will be provided but students need to bring at least two old towels and a plastic bag to carry their work home.

Weaving 2 days with Carey Godwin Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th May 10 - 4 £100 (£95 if booked before 20th April)

Each participant will learn how to set up a Rigid Heddle Loom and weave a scarf length

piece of fabric to take home. All materials and equipment will be provided and are included in the course fee.



Basket Weaving with Frances Keenan Friday 14th June or 12th July 9.30 - 5 £60

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Come and learn how to weave a beautiful round basket using local willow. All materials will be provided.

All materials and light refreshments are included in the course fees.

To book, or for more information, contact Gill Bannerman gill.bannerman@outlook.com

Grosmont and District Gardening Club

Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm Grosmont Town Hall

A Productive Year in a Small Greenhouse - a talk by Nick Morgan



Guests £5 – members free



Spring Plant Fair

Wednesday 24th April 1030-4
BROXWOOD COURT near Pembridge HR6 9JJ

A special day for gardeners!

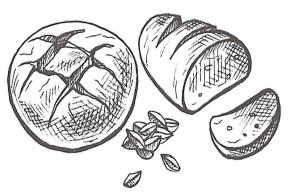
Discover beautiful, interesting and unusual plants. Meet producers of garden-related products and explore the stunning and rarely opened Broxwood Court garden and arboretum. Specialist horticultural talks from 1pm.

Lunch and refreshments on sale all day.
All proceeds to The Cart Shed



Frances Keenan Bread Maker

I started baking before I can remember, with my mother, making yeast bread. I would watch her heaving away on an enormous lump of dough making the table creak as she pushed and pulled, while I tried to do the same to a little lump...



About 20 years ago I started trying to master the art of sourdough bread making in a freezing cold farmhouse in France. It's been quite a journey, discovering how to create bubbles in bread! Now I bake the loaves in my home in Ewyas Harold where I've lived for the last 15 years bringing up three daughters.

I source my flour as locally as possible - Simon Dale grows wholemeal, rye and spelt grains in Much Dewchurch, Em and Keith grow wheat at Felin Bettws near Pandy, and the white flour I use is from Shipton Mill in Gloucestershire.

I'm interested in using and combining the more ancient wheat grains that are far less glutenous than some of the modern varieties. These can be more easily digested, especially with the added element of the sourdough, using the wild yeasts that are around us.

All of the ingredients I use are organic apart from the sea salt and I use Garway Hill spring water.

I supply the Ewyas Harold Village Store and Locks Garage on Tuesdays with fresh bread. And on Wednesdays I bake a range of breads including 100% spelt, seeded spelt and rye, granary, wholemeal, and white with rye. These I sell direct to my customers or through the Arkstone Mill veg boxes.

If you're interested in ordering bread direct from me please contact: frances@wyrdweb.com or 01981 240605 and I'll send you my bread list.

Prices range from £2.50 for a 400g White and Rye to £4.25 for an 800g 100% Spelt loaf.

I love talking about bread and the magic of mixing flour and water and time to make something so delicious, but I also love feeding people something so wholesome and good!

FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

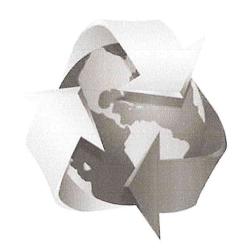
Recycling Saturday 27 April

10-12 noon

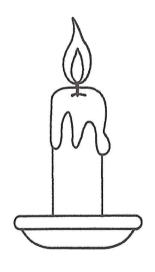
At the surgery carpark

We can recycle:

- Aluminium foil
- Printer cartridges
- Biros and felt tip pens
- Compost bags or similar
- Black plastic (not PET)



Please keep items separate



We will also be collecting candles, and used ends, to send to the **Swindon Humanitarian Aid Project** (SHAP). They are making trench candles to send to Ukraine and also creating large blocks of wax that are made into candles by volunteers there. Huge areas of the country are regularly without electricity. SHAP have already sent well over 30 tonnes of candles.

https://www.shapuk.org/candles-for-ukraine

Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council Saturday 20 April 10am-1pm

Open meeting at the Kemble Centre to canvass local opinion for the formation of a plan for possible uses of this building (the old Catholic church) and its land.

Everyone is invited to come and have a look, meet the team and share their thoughts and visions.

GOLDEN VALLEY REPAIR CAFÉ



Saturday 6 April Kingstone Church 10.00 -12.30

To be sure of seeing a repairer, please book in your item in advance by **emailing gvrepaircafe@gmail.com or phoning Bill Giles on 07967 910666**We expect to be able to offer repairs of small electrical appliances, wooden items, clothing (repairs not alterations), bicycles and knife sharpening (£2 an item for knife sharpening).

Multiple and diverse items repaired - do feel free to ask!

If you just turn up on the morning we will do our very best to get you to see a repairer but that may not always be possible.

If you don't have anything to repair you can still come for a drink, a piece of cake and a chat.

Repair Café on the first Saturday of each month

- **4 May Ewyas Harold Craft Centre**
- 1 June Dorstone Village Hall

Save your broken items for repair—don't just throw them away!



EWYAS HAROLD COMMON and BUTTERFLY RESERVE

Maintenance Work

Saturday 20 April 10 am

Meet at the northern Cwm Hill end of Ewyas Harold Common adjacent to the top cattle grid (GR SO382302).

Approach from Abbeydore off the B4347 at GR SO384306.

Bring gloves, hand tools, lunch and a drink.

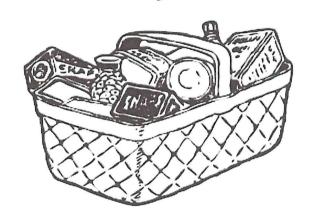
Come for all or part of the day, whatever you can manage.

This will be the last chance until the autumn.

Contact sue@2youngs.co.uk

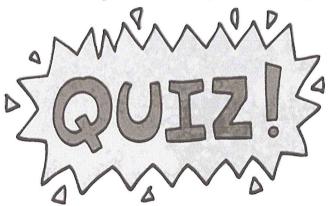
A HUGE thank you to everyone who gave money or food to FOOD for FAMILIES to help with the Easter holidays. 16 deliveries were gratefully

received by families with children at Ewyas Harold school.



KILPECK VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 27th April 6.30pm



Baked Potato Supper (Choice of fillings)
Teams up to 6 players £10 per person
Licensed Bar Prize Draw

To book tickets:elltel.morrison@googlemail.com 07585 334651

Community Coffee Morning

Last Tuesday in the month 10.00am-12 Everyone welcome

Watch out for - CAR BOOT SALE & INDOOR TABLE SALE coming soon

Friends of St Michael's Church Ewyas Harold 100 Club

We are pleased to announce the results of the March Draw

1st Prize of £93.00 Judith Webb

2nd Prize of £55.80 Robert Peate

3rd Prize of £37.20 Michael Sage

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LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

May 18th 2pm Spring Fayre at Longtown Village Hall

May 30th Trip to the Mumbles

July 25th Trip to Aberystwyth

Aug. 22nd Venue to be decided

Sept 19th Trip to Stratford upon Avon

Oct 17th Trip to Wychbold Garden Centre

Nov 14th Shopping trip - venue to be decided

The coach will leave Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30.

The cost will be £20.

Non members of the Club, of any age, are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Hazel Pugh on 01873 860803.

Golden Valley Probus Club

continues to meet in an informal and sociable way. Over 30 members, partners and guests joined together at The Temple Bar Inn, for a two course lunch.

And more recently, members were entertained by two local speakers: Keith Prosser of Collins Engineering and Terry Bayliss of Farmers First; each speaking of the opportunities in establishing their respective businesses and the ongoing challenges in the current climate.

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday 23rd April 10.30 at The Memorial Hall, Ewyas Harold.

The Club (of retired men) is looking for new members who can contact the club secretary John Beattie on **07905 885445** or look at the Club Web Site **goldenvalleyprobus.org.uk for** further information.

Monnow Ballet School offers lessons for children and adults in Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall each Saturday term time. Children learn the Royal Academy of Dance syllabus and are given the chance to take exams which are rewarded with certificates and medals. Some students choose to audition for extra ballet classes at



national ballet schools - some are associates with Elmhurst, Royal Ballet School, Ballet Cymru and Ballet Academy Cymru. Whatever their ability or commitment everyone is nurtured and all progress is really celebrated.

Currently there is space for Primary (age 5-8) 10:45am and Grade 2 students (age 8 plus) 10am

Adults attend bright and early each Saturday at 9am and do a gentle Silver Swans class, suitable for all ages and abilities, either for technique or just fitness and balance. It is a fun group currently looking for new members to add to the 40 other Swans that Monnow ballet teaches in villages around Herefordshire and Monmouthshire. All welcome to attend a trial class and see if it suits. Optional ballet theatre trips and end of term coffees.

Monnow Ballet is about ballet for everyone. The Ewyas Harold children and adults were invited to dance at Abbeydore Fete last summer to tremendous applause - even more popular than the pretty amazing cream teas! - and some also chose to be part of the whole school production of Cinderella at Christmas. The children were a fabulous mix of dancing pumpkins and horses with footmen, and our Swans were the travelling tango troupe.....needless to say all brought the house down!

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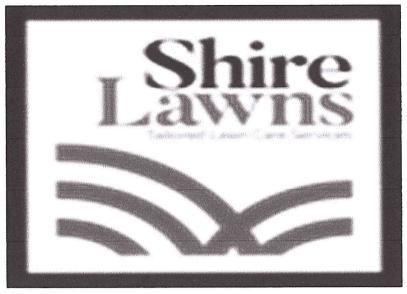
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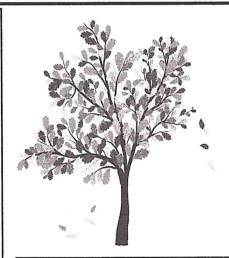
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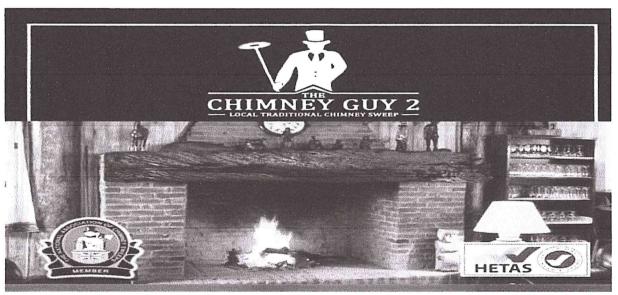
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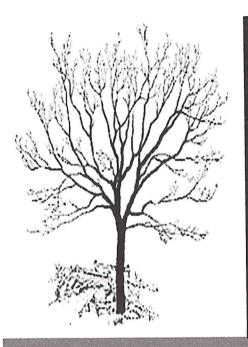
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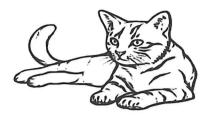
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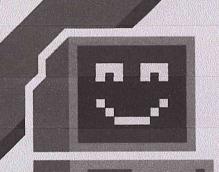
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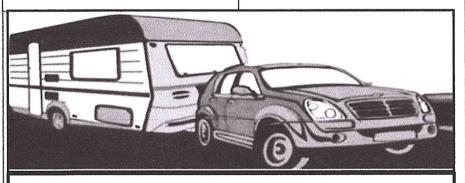
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