

PARISH NEWS

OF

ST WEONARDS, GARWAY, ORCOP,
PENCOYD, TRETIRE, MICHAELCHURCH,
HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

AUGUST 2026



IF OUR FARMERS LOOK
A LITTLE STRANGE

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF
CLIMATE CHANGE

WHICH MEANS IT CAN
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SO BETTER NOT TO
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IN FACT IT REALLY
MAY BE BEST

TO GO TO WORK IN
SHORTS AND VEST

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PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHENFIELD BENEFICE

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Vicar's letter

I sat down to write this month's letter and realised I had absolutely no idea what to say. Normally, that wouldn't matter too much. I'd write a sentence, delete it, make another cup of tea, stare out of the window for a while, and eventually something would emerge.

This month, however, every idea seemed either far too serious or far too fluffy. I could have written about summer. Or holidays. Or gardens. Or cricket. Or the weather, which remains Britain's most dependable conversation starter. But none of those felt quite right.

So perhaps I'll simply admit something. I think we put ourselves under a surprising amount of pressure to have something worth saying all the time. Whether it's replying to a message, making conversation, posting online, speaking in a meeting, or writing a parish magazine letter, there can be a sense that we ought to have the right words ready.

As the years roll by, the more I appreciate people who are comfortable with not knowing. People who can say, "I'm not sure." People who can ask a genuine question. People who can simply listen without rushing to fill every silence. Faith, too, has taught me that there is no shame in not having all the answers. Some of the most important moments in the Bible begin not with certainty but with a question, an interruption, or someone wondering what on earth to do next.

So, this month's letter is simply a reminder—to myself as much as anyone else—that we don't always need the perfect words. Sometimes it's enough just to be present, curious, and open to whatever comes next.

My prayer for us all this month is that we will have the grace to live with open hearts, curious minds, and peaceful spirits.

And, for the record, I still haven't decided what I was going to write about.

Rev Angie x

CHURCH SERVICES ROTA FOR AUGUST

For any changes, please check the benefice website <https://archenfieldbenefice.org.uk/>

Sunday August 2 nd	10 am	Benefice Pet Blessing & Lammas Service	Garway
Sunday August 9 th	9.30 am	All Age Holy Communion	St Weonards
	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Orcop
Sunday August 16 th	10 am	Holy Communion	Hoarwithy
	6pm	Evening Service	Tretire
Wednesday August 19 th	7 pm	Compline	Garway
Sunday August 26 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion	Hentland
	11.15 am	Celtic Service	Garway
		NO SERVICE IN ST WEONARDS	NO SERVICE IN ST WEONARDS
Sunday August 30 th	10 am	Holy Communion	Tretire

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Sunday August 2nd
Garway Church
Lammas and Pet Blessing Service



10.00am
All are welcome

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11th August Chris Strange 07970614933

!!! Magazine News !!!

COPY DATE August 10th

6.00PM

VILLAGE PAGES

ST WEONARDS

I write as the heat rises and the countryside looks more like late August not July. Having spent a few roasting days in London I always return to St Weonards with relief at the quiet, away from quite so many people and traffic! As many people know, I am definitely a dog person, and I still find the increasing presence of dogs in large cities strange-for the dogs I mean. Standing at Paddington in the overwhelming heat, I did feel anxiety for a few dogs panting away, and of course the people who didn't pant but were wilting!

As a church, we were pleased to support Helen and her family at the funeral of her father John Shelton. A special request was made for the bells to be rung, and Peter Hellewell led his team provided that special sound. (See Carole's article about the joy of bell ringing)

Please note that on Sunday 9th August we shall have our usual communion service, but no service on Sunday 23rd to give our All Age team leaders a brief break, but I am sure that we will receive a warm welcome from Orcop at 11.15am.

Despite the extreme heat, we were delighted that so many people supported St Michael's Hospice by coming to another Open Garden at Treago. I think the cool of the wilderness and its sheltering trees is helpful in the heat and the house was cool for serving teas and house tours. £1,646 was the excellent final amount raised and we are looking forward to visiting Poplands and Harp Cottage gardens also in aid of the hospice. We are grateful to the Herbert family for allowing the invasion of their home and garden.

The ordination service at Hereford Cathedral was a joyful event. It was a privilege to see our daughter Alex receiving the final blessing of her priestly vocation as many priests' hands were laid on her head, an ancient tradition. It was lovely to share the occasion with some of our own congregation who had come to share in this special occasion.

If you have family visiting this summer, you might consider going into Hereford to be part of the *Medieval Hereford Festival Sat 15 & Sun 16* based around the cathedral. It looks as though it will be great fun. Do look at further details on the Hereford Cathedral information at the end of the magazine.

For your diary: Harvest service and supper October 23rd 6.00pm.

November 14th for a benefice ceilidh at Garway Hall.

We wish everyone a good summer break and for our gardens and our farmers some rain.



More information on what is happening around our parishes is on the new website. <https://archenfieldbenefice.org.uk/>

On behalf of the St Weonards congregation, Fiona Mynors.

Bellringing and Beautiful Views

So how did it all begin? Way back in the early nineties when I was working as a pharmacist at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, I was talking to one my colleagues who happened to be a bellringer at Kidlington, Oxfordshire. Our conversations sparked my interest in bellringing and has subsequently shaped my future.

Some thirty years later I found myself in St. Weonards with a church tower on my doorstep along with a wonderful Tower Captain in the form of Peter Hallewell (the most patient man I have ever met!) Peter was conducting tours of the tower and looking out for new ringers. The stars aligned and my potential new hobby was about to begin.

It seemed scary at first, bleeding hands, fast moving ropes flying everywhere and it appeared to be quite dangerous. But with great tuition, support and encouragement I was able to persevere and was so glad I did!

Bellringing has turned out to be so much more than just ringing bells. Driving around the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire countryside to different towers (about twenty so far) has revealed the most amazing views. I've also seen some beautiful churches in picturesque settings and met lots of lovely people, all with different backgrounds but with the common bond of enjoying bellringing and the beautiful sound of

church bells. I must add that conversations are not all about bells, ringers are generally a very sociable bunch, and we talk about anything and everything 😊

Ringling has other benefits too; it keeps the brain active by learning new patterns and following moving numbers (much akin to my husband's obsession with hard Sudoku puzzles!) It is also good for physical fitness, walking up the steps to the tower is a workout in its own right.

The people who run the sessions and their helpers have been fabulous; they are great teachers and provide fantastic support especially when confidence is low. When things go well and the bells sound good it is a great feeling of achievement. It is so nice when we get good feedback on our ringing.

I have been fortunate enough and honoured to be able to ring at weddings, a funeral, choral evensong, church fetes and many events in the church calendar. We have also rung in the New Year at Orcop Church followed by a glass of cheer. As ringers we become part of an extended team engaged in a highly addictive pastime and enjoy helping each other become better ringers.

Bellringing opens doors to a more enriched life and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for a new hobby.

Carole Day, St. Weonards PCC secretary.

Coffee Morning St Weonards Village Hall

Thursday, 13th August, 10am-12 noon.

Enjoy your coffee, homemade cake, and a raffle.

Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Just turn up.



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Gwyneth Williams

Date for your diary. Afternoon Tea, Saturday 12th September 3pm - 5pm St Weonards Village Hall.

GARWAY

Garway Church

August 2nd at 10am Lammas and Pet Blessing Service

This lovely service has become a Garway staple and a firm favourite on the church calendar. Do come and bring your pets, however large all small for a blessing, and stay for tea and cake afterwards.

August 18th at 7pm Compline evening service

Part of our regular summer months' services. Compline is a short reflective service. A bit of peace after busy day.

August 23rd at 11:15am Celtic service

Our Celtic service this month will be on;

Tracy Somerville, church warden

Sending best wishes to Jean Godding, from Garway Cross, who at the time of writing was in Hereford Hospital. Jean, one of our Parish News distributors, is very much missed and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Ruth Maskell

Garway Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Tuesday 4th August 10.30am

In Garway Village Hall

All welcome for beverages and homemade cake

Also on the agenda will be information about the school's blankets for Uganda project and the chance to crochet a square!



Green Garway Book Group

***Code Dependent* by Madhumita Murgia**

This is an eye opening and enlightening investigation into how people around the world are being affected by AI already. From the Uber driver who can't find out why he isn't getting correct payment because no one understands the algorithms that have been set within the software. Doctors becoming lazy and too reliant on the software to make more bespoke diagnoses. Women whose images are being used without their knowledge in deep fake porn that is easy peasy to generate using AI software, and low-wage workers employed to teach AI to regulate social media platforms that will ultimately take their jobs away This is a scary and illuminating lesson in how AI development needs to be contained.

The book was first published in 2024 and it's shocking that some of what is highlighted is already out of date. The genie is well and truly out of the bottle, and we had a good discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of AI. Some of us felt the book was a little repetitive but it is well worth a read despite its bleak content.

Rating: 3.5 / 5

Next Group: Monday 10 August - *A Month in the Country* by J L Carr (classic fiction)

A damaged survivor of the First World War, Tom Birkin finds refuge in the quiet village church of Oxgodby where he is to spend the summer uncovering a huge medieval wall-painting. Immersed in the peace and beauty of the countryside and the unchanging rhythms of village life he experiences a sense of renewal and belief in the future.

Julie Hudson

First of all, we at Garway Live would like to thank all of you, who have supported us in our attempts to provide top class live entertainment for the village, as well as contributing to the running costs of the Hall. We have also brought “National Theatre Live” as a way of letting people see live performances from the London stage in the comfort of our Hall.

We are currently assembling our programme for the Autumn through to the Spring period. The season starts off with a “N.T.Live” performance of “Les Liaisons Dangereuses” starring Leslie Manville and Aiden Turner on Friday September 11th, doors open at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 start, admission is still only £10. We are also aiming to get a wide variety of musical genres so that there will be something for everyone.

Graham Bevan

Garway Fun Day and Dog Show

29th August from 2pm on the common

Music, good food, stalls and heaps of fun for young and old.

Teddy Bears’ Picnic theme with teddy tombola and a teddy zip wire children bring your teddies!



Scarecrow competition – time to start getting creative – bring them to the common on the day for judging!

Lots of classes in the dog show – bring your dog!

Competition tent – bring your creations, culinary or artistic for all to enjoy.

GARWAY FUN DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH 2026 SCHEDULE FOR COMPETITION ENTRIES

Children’s Section: (Free to enter)

Up to 5 years

1. 4 decorated biscuits
2. A decorated boiled egg
3. A pasta necklace
4. A facemask from paper plate

6- 10 years

5. 4 decorated cup cakes
6. A poster on Saving Energy
7. A garden on a plate
8. A painting of a pet

All Entries to be brought on the day to the display tent between 12.30 and 14.00. The tent will then be closed for judging at 14.00. Please put names (and age for child entries) on back of entry or inside an envelope.

11-16 years

9. A funny photograph with a caption
10. A picture of my pet (any medium)
11. 4 chocolate brownies
12. Something I have made from recycled materials.

ADULT SECTIONS

Produce Section – 50p per entry.

13. Longest Runner Bean
14. Biggest Marrow
15. 3 Courgettes
16. 5 tomatoes
17. 3 carrots
18. 3 cut Dahlias
19. 5 cut Garden Flowers in a vase
20. Best single Rose
21. Flower arrangement—a table centre, not using oasis no bigger than **45cm x 45cm x 45cm**
22. Flower arrangement—in a teacup

Cookery Section – 50p per entry

23. 6 Plain scones
24. 6 Chelsea buns (hand-made dough)
25. Victoria Sandwich – made with 3 eggs, raspberry jam filling, no icing, no sugar on top.
26. 6 Jam tarts
27. A jar of chutney
28. A jar of soft fruit jam
29. A jar of stone fruit jam
30. A jar of lemon curd
31. A jar of honey

Handicraft Section – 50p per entry

32. A piece of embroidery (not bigger than A4 size)
33. A knitted garment
34. A crocheted Christmas Decoration
35. A photograph – my favourite tree
36. A painting in any medium, Still Life
37. A Garden on a plate (why should the children have all the best things?)
38. A cushion cover—any medium

Garway Heritage Group 15 Sept - The Newport Medieval Ship / Dr Toby Jones

www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

ORCOP

Orcop Church Spring Clean

Huge thanks to everyone who helped with and worked so hard for the spring clean of Orcop church on Saturday 13th June. The church now looks wonderful and is sparkling clean. It was an enjoyable morning of working together, chat and cake and will hopefully become an annual event. Thank you!

Sarah Griffiths

A Message from the Village Hall Committee

Following our recent AGM, we wanted to update the community on the activities taking place at Orcop Village Hall and to share details of our upcoming social events. We are also pleased to announce that the hall is now Wi-Fi enabled, making it an even more versatile venue for community groups, meetings and private hire.

One of the committee's key priorities is maintaining and improving the hall building. We are currently exploring grant funding opportunities to replace the hall's windows and doors. These improvements will help increase energy efficiency and ensure the hall remains a welcoming, comfortable and sustainable community facility for many years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Village Hall Committee for their continued commitment and hard work. We are a small group of volunteers, and the responsibility of managing and maintaining the hall is considerable. The time, effort and dedication given by committee members throughout the year is greatly appreciated and is essential to keeping the hall running successfully for the benefit of our community.

We are always keen to welcome new members, whether you would like to join the committee or simply lend a hand from time to time. Fresh ideas and new volunteers are vital in helping us organise events and activities that are relevant, enjoyable and worthwhile for everyone.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supports the hall by attending events, hiring the venue, volunteering, fundraising or simply offering words of encouragement. Your continued support helps ensure that Orcop Village Hall remains an important asset at the heart of our community.

We look forward to welcoming you to the hall soon.

Kind regards, **Peta Long**

What's On at the Hall

Mondays: 6-7pm Gentle Qigong Stretching and Breathing and Exercises – for increased flexibility and balance. £4 per session. Contact Gill Bannerman: 01491580685

Wednesdays, 3rd Wednesday of the month: Coffee Morning – 10.30am to 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Community Lunch (run by OWLS) The community lunch is held 3rd Wednesday of each month. From September. The next lunch will be held on Tuesday 2nd September.

Thursdays: Table Tennis – new players are always welcome.

The hall is available for Hire from £11 per hour, minimum of 2 hours.

Dates for Your Diary: Sat 10th October Apple Pressing Festival. Saturday 28th November Christmas Bazaar

Orcop Fete

Monday August 31st 2026 2.00pm

Orcop Parish Hall

Stalls including cakes and preserves, plants and produce, bric a brac, books, tombola, games, raffles, ice-creams, refreshments and more.



Pre fete quiz sheets available. Contact Julia Garlick Tel 01981 580515

Tables welcome.

Free Admission, Ample parking, disabled access

Everyone welcome

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCOYD

Record numbers of people joined us on the 21st June for our annual *Midsummer service at Michaelchurch* – thank you all for coming along and making it such a very special event in our calendars.

As I write this, feasts are being prepared around the villages for a *Progressive supper* – more of that next month.

Our next event in the Parish is our Cream Teas at Michaelchurch Cottage on Sunday 30th August 2.30 to 5pm. Lots of delicious scones and cakes and cream and jam so do please come and join us for a break and a catch-up with old and new friends. There will be a produce stall for which contributions are welcome, and you can stock up on the goodies that others have, and you don't!

Next for the diary – 2nd October 2026 Harvest Drinks party at Old Manor House, Pencoyd 6 to 8 pm

SERVICES: The August evening service will be at **Tretire at 6.00pm on Sunday 16 August**.

Also at **Tretire** on the morning of **30th August at 10.00 am** we will be holding the '5th Sunday' service on behalf of Archenfield Benefice. A sunny morning at Tretire is always uplifting and I hope you will find time to join us.

Looking ahead a little, to encourage you to make a note in diaries: **Harvest** Festival will be celebrated in our Parish on **Sunday 4th October at 10.00am at Pencoyd** combined with our turn to host the first Sunday Benefice service.

And – keep the date free for Saturday 14 November – when we will be holding a Benefice Ceilidh at Garway Village Hall. Music, dancing, food, some drink and most importantly fun. More details to follow. There are a number of people undergoing medical treatments in the villages presently and I encourage you to keep them in thoughts and prayers.

Hugs to all,

Elizabeth, Churchwarden



Cream Teas Sunday 30th August '26

Michaelchurch Cottage
St Owen's Cross, HR2 8LD
2:30 pm to 5pm

Take a walk around the hamlet of
Michealchurch, visit the ancient little Saxon
church and enjoy a cup of tea with home
made scones and cake

+Produce Stall

In aid of Tretire & Pencoyd Churches



HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

ALL SYSTEMS GO!

Since the announcement in May that the National Lottery Heritage Fund had awarded the PCC a £178,000+ Development Grant to restore St Catherine's Church in Hoarwithy, the PCC has been given 'Permission to Start' the project and is now busy advertising for a Project Co-Ordinator and for the Lead Consultant(architect) to help complete this first phase of the restoration project. We hope to have these two vital consultants in place by September. Our thanks go to the NLHF and to the many volunteers in the village who are supporting the PCC to bring this exciting project to fruition.

Antonia

SONGS FROM THE SIXTIES!



Hoarwithy Singers gave us a programme of memorable songs of the 60s which were enjoyed by a pretty full church who were served refreshments during the interval. Our thanks to Jayne, the singers, volunteers who served the refreshments etc. and those who provided them.

A marvellous £875.00 was donated to "The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust".

A very worthwhile and enjoyable evening

Peter Pember, churchwarden

Book Review

Somewhere a Boy and a Bear, The Remarkable Life of A. A. Milne and the Legacy of Winnie the Pooh, by Gyles Brandreth

For the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Winnie-the-Pooh," Gyles Brandreth chronicles the life of its creator, A. A. Milne. (1882 – 1956). I caught this book on audio, read by the author whose gentle and cultured voice perfectly captures the style of the era and class in which Milne lived, as well as imparting Brandreth's passion for the author, which shines from every page.

The book is shot through with the shadow of the two world wars, in both of which Milne served; and also that peculiar buttoned-up reticence of the era's upper middle classes which hampered intimate relationships and tainted Milne's relationship with his own son Christopher, upon whom Christopher Robin is based and whose toys form the basis for the animals in the Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

A.A. Milne is so well known for his stories and poems for children that few are aware that he started his professional life as a writer of plays, which achieved success both in Britain and America. He also wrote the *Red House Mystery*, a piece of detective fiction that became very popular at the time. Prior to this he was editor of Punch magazine, and he was somewhat puzzled by the success of his children's poems which are in essence very simple, with predictable rhymes. But to people brought up during the 50s, as I was, they are irresistible. I was never quite sure that I understood them, but how well I remember *They're Changing Guard at Buckingham Palace* in its musical version which flooded the airwaves from our ancient highly polished wooden wireless set during *Children's Hour* or *Two Way Family Favourites*.

There is something irresistibly appealing about the poems and stories – not sickeningly whimsical but grounded in the puzzlement of children about the adult world and written with a relentless gently up-beat charm. It is hard to equate these with the troubled man from whose pen they flowed. Family relationships were strained – he did not get on with his older brother Barry and they barely spoke; he worshipped his brother Ken with a single-minded resolve and was devastated when he died; he found it hard to express love for his son, and the passage about their goodbye when dropping him off at boarding school causes a shudder. Sadly, Christopher and his father were more or less estranged for a large chunk of their lives, Christopher eventually tiring of being the boy in the book – it was troublesome to him at school where he was teased, and by his early 20s he had had enough and felt that his childhood had been exploited. The rift was strengthened by Christopher's marriage to his first cousin on his mother's side, Lesley de Sélincourt, the child of his mother Daphne's brother from whom she was estranged. However, he did eventually accept his father's substantial financial legacy which he used to fund care for his own daughter, who had cerebral palsy, and to establish a charity for people with disabilities.

Milne's skill as a playwright again came to the fore in his later adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* for the stage as *Toad of Toad Hall*, which is still performed today, often at Christmas.

Following Milne's death Disney got their claws into the franchise and turned the Winnie-the-Pooh stories (or versions of them) into seriously lucrative cartoon films.

The book does feel authentic, as Brandreth is a long-time friend of Christopher Milne and had access to both conversations with him and family papers.

If the book did nothing else, it reminded me of the enduring charm of Milne's poems and took me back to the originals for an indulgence of nostalgia.

Hilary Smallwood

Garden Notes

Phew! Isn't it hot? The poor garden is looking parched, the soil is rock-hard and the hydrangeas are wilting badly. I am wilting too; too much to do anything to rescue the garden. My own enthusiasm for hydrangeas is backfiring on me.

For someone who has a love-hate relationship with roses, I plant more of them than you might expect. In the front garden is a small white rose which, despite my dreadful pruning, always flowers well all summer and is disease-free. This is one of the Flower Carpet roses, which despite its name is not a carpet but a neat little bush around 18" high. It has been so reliable that I have planted a group of three pink ones nearby and a red one in the rear garden. I have previously mentioned the lovely *Rosa* 'Sally Holmes', which despite not seeming to know whether it is a shrub or a climber, is well worth growing. All the rose growers tell you that it is a strong-growing shrub growing to 1.2m high. David Austin does describe it as very large shrub, but none really say that it is a climber. Ours is! It is now almost completely hidden by a large escallonia, but it seems determined that we see it and has sent up long shoots into the adjacent conifer. Large clusters of flowers have emerged from the conifer at a height of 20 feet. The flower trusses are huge, and it flowers perpetually from early summer to autumn. The pale apricot buds open into large single white flowers flushed peachy-pink with showy golden stamens. Just beautiful.

I couldn't resist stopping to admire and photograph the large planting boxes in Monmouth the other day, especially the three closest to the Old Bridge. They have been planted by the Town Council with pollinator-friendly sustainable plants in lovely combinations of blue, pink and purple, using herbaceous perennials such as *Penstemon*, *Perovskia*, *Gaura lindheimeri*, various salvias including *Salvia* 'Hot Lips' and dahlias. They are very pretty and the bees are obviously loving them; so much better than the bedding schemes that councils used to do.

Handing over the cultivation of the tomatoes and peppers to my husband's care seems to be paying off. While other people are saying that their tomatoes are not doing very well this year, his are thriving. We can't put it down to any magical compost as he used compost from our own compost heap - although of course I always maintain that our compost is superb!



Wilting in the heat yesterday and wondering when I would be able to plant some pinks that were sitting on the garden table next to me, I was delighted when a hummingbird hawk-moth came to visit them. It used its extra-long proboscis to gather nectar from deep within the flowers, hovering all the time like a little hummingbird. I have seen them before, but I always get a thrill every time one visits.

Julie Davies

Hereford Cathedral Events August

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Oon Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August there will be multiple tours running from 11am - 4pm as part of the Medieval Hereford Festival weekend

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For the diary: h.Art herefordshire art week 5-13 September. A celebration of local creativity.

Chuckle Corner

We are indebted to Caroline Penn for a splendid collection of chuckles assembled by her late father. They are of the highest quality and if they are published all at once I fear someone might die laughing, so here are just three for starters:

1. **Enter new password**
'chicken'

Password must contain a capital
'chickeniev'

2. **I cleaned the TV with antivirus wipes....**
I lost BBC News, Sky News and Channel 4 News.

3. **PROPAGANDA – is what cockneys do when they really look at something.**

Thank you Caroline and I hope your father is chuckling with us from on high!

Here are a couple more home-grown ones:

Switzerland is a wonderful country, and the flag is a plus.....

My grandmother is over 80 and still doesn't need glasses. Drinks right out of the bottle.

Peter Garratt

Watching Wimbledon, an umpire on an outer court said rather curtly, *Ladies and gentlemen, only open bottles of champagne at the change of ends.* Only at Wimbledon would champagne be so much trouble!

Fiona Mynors, editor

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

AUGUST

- 4 Garway Coffee Morning
- 10 Green Garway Book Club
- 13 Coffee Morning, St Weonards
- 15 Medieval Festival, Hereford
- 16 Medieval Festival Hereford.
- 29 Garway Fun Day
- 30 Cream Teas, Michaelchurch
- 31 Orcop Fete

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Flicks in the Sticks Garway.
- 5 – 13 H-Art
- 12 Afternoon Tea St Weonards
- 15 Garway Heritage group

OCTOBER

- 10 Apple Pressing Festival.
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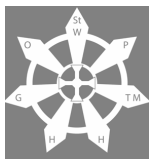
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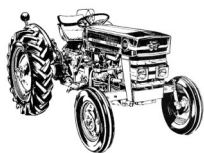
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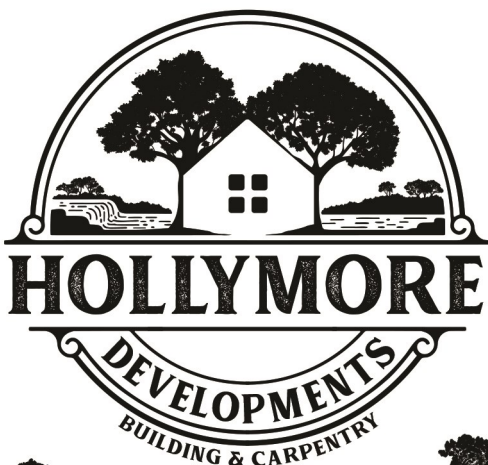
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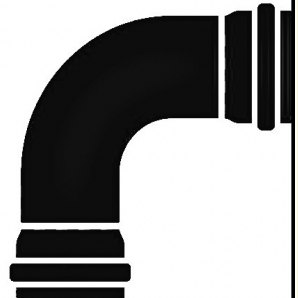
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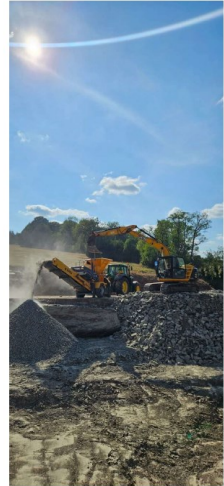
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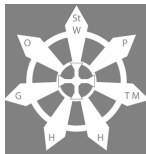
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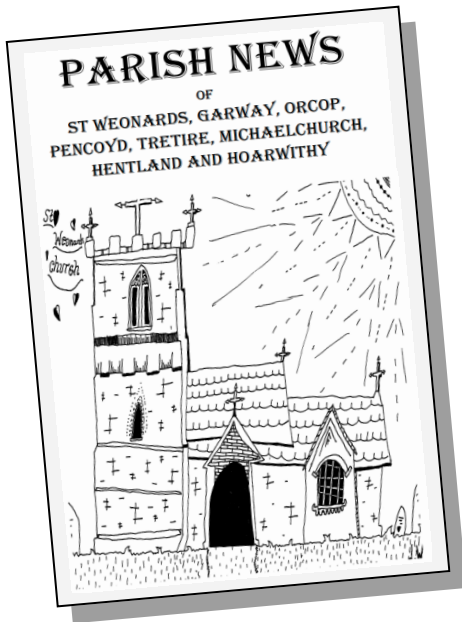


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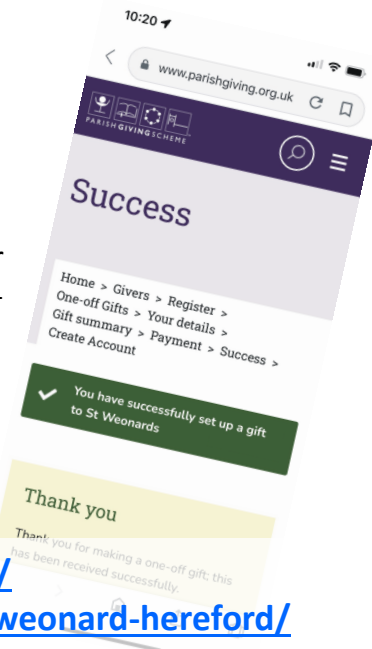
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