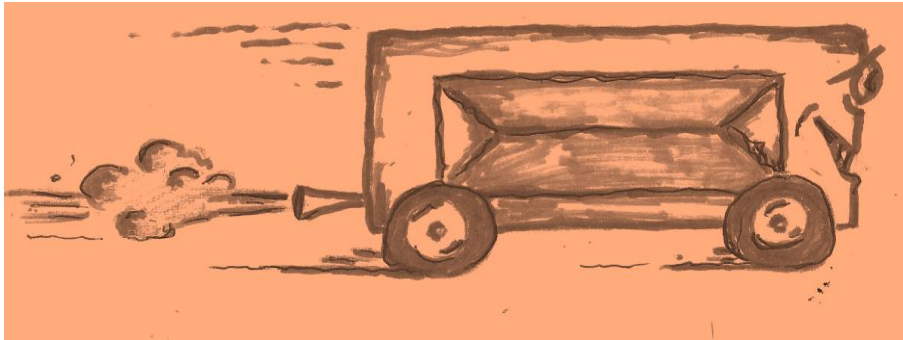


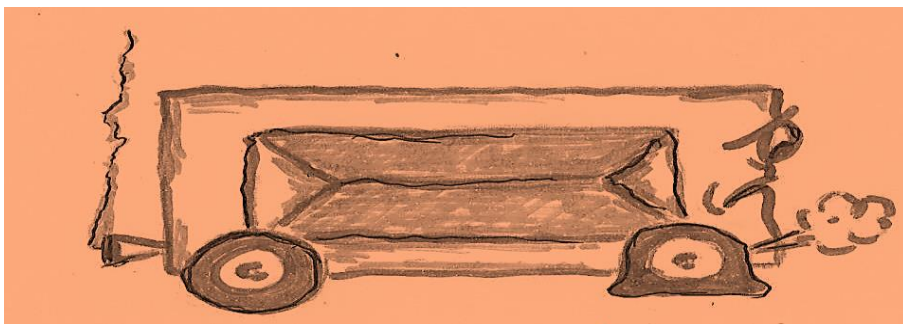
PARISH NEWS

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

JUNE 2026



A Swift Brick



A Not-So-Swift Brick

See below for more on Swift Bricks. All by Peter Garratt.

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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger. Otherwise call 101.

PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHENFIELD BENEFICE

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Vicar's letter

Thomas O'Malley is still learning what to make of the steady stream of callers to the vicarage. If the house suddenly fills with people he disappears entirely, only re-emerging when the last visitor has gone. But when individuals call round, he is becoming more gracious. He will often peek around the door to inspect people carefully, accept a fuss as though granting a royal favour, and occasionally even choose to stay in the room voluntarily.

I think human beings can sometimes be a little bit like that too. Not everyone finds larger gatherings easy. Illness, age, anxiety, caring responsibilities, exhaustion, or simply the practical realities of life can make it harder to come through the church door, even when people would very much like to remain connected.

One of the things I treasure most in parish life is being invited into people's homes. Sometimes those visits are centred around communion: two people in armchairs, a short prayer, bread and wine shared, and a cup of tea afterwards. Sometimes family, neighbours, or friends gather too, and an ordinary sitting room becomes a tiny congregation filled with conversation, laughter, memories, and grace.

Those moments remind me that community is usually built through kindness, presence, and the simple habit of showing up for one another.

June is a month when gardens fill with colour and people begin gathering outdoors again, across garden fences and around tables. In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and disconnected, perhaps one of the holiest things we can do is simply to gather — in churches, in kitchens, in gardens, at bedsides — reminding one another that nobody is forgotten, and that we belong to each other still.

The older I get, the more I suspect that much of life's real goodness is found not in grand occasions, but in small companionable circles: tea poured, prayers shared, chairs drawn close, and the reassuring knowledge that none of us walks alone.

If you, or someone you know, would value a visit at home or in hospital, whether for communion, prayer, or simply a chat over a cup of tea, please do get in touch: revangiekateley@gmail.com or 01981 345044

Rev Angie x

CHURCH SERVICES ROTA FOR JUNE

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

Sunday May 31 st	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion, Pencoyd
Sunday June 7 th	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion, Orcop
Sunday June 14 th	9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	All Age Communion, St Weonards Holy Communion, Orcop
Wednesday June 17 th	7.00 p.m.	Compline, Garway
Sunday June 21 st	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion, Hoarwithy Summer Evening Prayer, Michaelchurch
Sunday June 28 th	9.15 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion, Hentland All Age Worship, St Weonards Celtic Service, Garway
Sunday July 5 th	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion, Hoarwithy

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Garway Hill Methodist Chapel

Sunday 14th June 3pm - Rev'd Phil Summers - Holy Communion
Sunday 28th June 3pm - Rev'd Sheila MacInally

Sunday June 7th
Orcop Church
Benefice Communion
10.00am
All are welcome

Prescription Collection



15th June Christine Davies 01981 580 129

!!! Magazine News !!!

COPY DATE June 10TH PLEASE 6.00PM

On Swifts and the Art of Bricklaying

(The Cover Story)

Many readers will already have twigged that the word “swift” in the cover cartoon refers not to high velocity motion, but to the wonderful migrant bird of that name.

I had expected the swifts to have arrived by the time I would be writing this. They have not yet turned up here, but I expect they will arrive soon, attracted by the recorded screams that we broadcast daily. As this is the third year of their annual visitations, they have thoroughly inspected the nesting box, and we are hopeful that they will nest in there this year.

Turning now to the “swift brick”, this is a very simple “fit and forget” solution that replaces a standard brick to provide permanent, maintenance-free habitats for declining swift populations. As of 2026, swift bricks are a high priority in UK planning policy to combat the 68% decline in the common swift population since 1995. While not yet a universal legal requirement via Building Regulations in England, they are increasingly mandatory via local planning conditions and are being integrated into the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

If you are having any building works done on your property that involve bricklaying, please consider installing a swift brick. They are cheap and easy to install, with negligible visual impact. Swift bricks should be installed at least 4-5 meters above ground level, ideally just under the eaves on north, east, or

northeast-facing walls to avoid direct sunlight. They require a clear, unobstructed flight path for birds to swoop in.

Finally, returning to a less serious note, has it occurred to you that a female swift who sets up home in one of these is an itinerant bricklayer?

Peter Garratt

VILLAGE PAGES

ST WEONARDS

We were delighted to welcome Revs Sarah and Simon Cawdell to our All-Age Communion last month. As a parish we have been supporting them in their work in Gulu in northern Uganda. To demonstrate the importance of working in a community, as living stones, Sarah got everyone to help build a dry-stone wall. With laughter, everyone contributed, and it was agreed that farmers in the congregation were particularly skilled!

Simon continued the theme of working together with a series of slides about the work in Gulu. A chapel was built in a very short time for the Janani Luwum Theological College where Sarah was principal. Simon led the development of fertile land for growing coffee which would provide a regular income for the community. An acre was cleared, fertilised and planted, all by hand. It is hoped biennial cropping will provide six tons of coffee per acre. None of this could happen without a clear vision and all sharing the workload.

Before they left Uganda, the continuity of the shared vision was ensured so that the work would carry on. Simon compared this to how we can be as a church community working together and sharing the vision of God's love.

At the Annual Parish Church Meeting in May, parishioners and PCC members gathered together to share good news from our parishes and to carry out the necessary legal requirements for running our churches. The annual reports and finances are published, and church officers are elected. The new website, generously run by Elizabeth Malcolm, has plenty of information which includes the reports, and a calendar with all our services and events.

As a gardener, I definitely feel the impact of global warming. Planning for an Open Garden when roses are such a feature becomes more problematic each year. After cold, then extreme heat and now as I write a cold wind, the roses have plenty of buds and some have bloomed. However, I will dead head them non-stop so that the ***Open Garden on Sunday afternoon June 7th at Treago*** will still have plenty to see and smell!

We are delighted that *We are Farming Minds* will have a stall to share information about their important work.

We look forward to seeing you on June 7th.

On behalf of the St Weonards congregation, Fiona Mynors.

Treago Castle Open Gardens

Tractors, vintage cars, standing engines

Sunday 7th June, 2.00pm

Family day out

Formal rose garden, castle tours, skittles, wilderness wood trail, superb teas, grand draw, (including Duchy Hamper).

We are Farming Minds Stall

Entrance: £3 adults, children free.

Treago is signposted from St Weonards off the A466. HR2 8QB

Proceeds to St Weonards Church. *Assistance dogs only please!*

Coffee Morning St Weonards Village Hall

Thursday 11th June, 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

Diary date: Sunday 12th July Open Gardens The Poplands and Harp Cottage HR2 8PL on in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Open 11am to 4pm, refreshments available all day

GARWAY

Garway Church

On the 9th of May, Garway church held the Archenfield Arts Festival. The sun was shining, as it always seems to be for this event, and friends from near and far gathered together to share music, song, stories and poetry.

Our thanks to everyone who came, enjoyed and participated, and made the whole day so wonderful. Even the honey bees that had swarmed from Church House, gave their own outstanding performance on their way to establish a new hive.

A huge thank you to Hilary Smallwood for orchestrating this lovely event, and to the Garway Spice Girls and everyone who helped to make it such a success.

If you haven't yet been to the Archenfield Arts festival, keep your eyes out for it around the second Saturday in May next year. You will not be disappointed.

Service Dates: June 17th 7pm Compline service.

This is a lovely evening service to end the day.

28th June 11.15am: Celtic service.

We are hoping for beautiful weather for our service on the 28th June, as we are planning to worship outside service followed by a bring your own picnic. Garway church and churchyard are beautiful places to spend a little time enjoying the peace and quiet beauty that it offers. There will be tea, coffee, cold drinks and cake to go with your picnic. A lovely way to enjoy a summer's day

Tracy Somerville, churchwarden.

Update on the rebuilding plans at *Education for All Morocco*



Many of you will have attended the Moroccan fundraising evening, back in the autumn of 2023, following the earthquake damage to the five girls' hostels in the Atlas Mountains, south of Marrakech. These hostels were built so that teenage girls from remote villages could access secondary education, previously restricted to boys.

I'm just back from a visit and met Maryk, the inspirational Dutch lady, who has overseen the house mothers from the start in 2016. Following the earthquake all 200 girls were miraculously safe, and all eventually traced, surviving because their own homes were small and isolated. All five purpose-built hostels were severely damaged with four needing to be demolished and just one repaired.

Progress on the rebuilding is much delayed, but nevertheless temporary accommodation has been rented and all girls are receiving the same help with their school work, support from volunteers and with some creditable exam results. So our Garway funding will have gone towards maintaining their good works, and there are funds still available for building works once consents and agreements are in place.

Why the rebuilding delays? Unimaginable disruption to daily life, some families leaving the mountains and staying with relations in the big cities, and government hesitating on whether to rebuild their educational establishments, change or adapt them, etc., etc. It is easy to be cross about government delays, but the trauma of the event still pervades those who witnessed it. www.efamorocco.org

John Bothamley May 2026

Garway Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

June 2nd in Garway Village Hall at 10.30am

Join us for homemade cake, coffee and tea
and good company



Marianne Piper from the Bridges Centre in Monmouth will also be dropping in to talk about dementia awareness.

GARWAY VILLAGE HALL
PRESENTS

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Green Garway Book Group

***Our Oaken Bones* by Merlin Hanbury-Tenison**

Struggling with PTSD from his time serving in Iraq and suffering loss in their personal lives, Merlin Hanbury-Tenison and his wife Lizzie leave London to return to the family farm Cabilla in Cornwall for some much-needed solace from their ancient rainforest.

The healing power of being in this ancient woodland is something they feel should be shared, so instead of continuing with more traditional farming, they establish The Thousand Year Project, a charitable organisation aiming to re-establish vast tranches of woodland throughout the UK.

Not only is this a beautifully written memoir that is so touching and gentle, but it's also a rallying cry to farmers, government and us all. We need to wake up and realise the potential we can release for everyone's benefit by encouraging farmers to consider that they are custodians of land and not just providers of food.

We were very fond of Merlin's intrepid father, referred to as 'the old explorer' and the description of the old oak tree at the end of the book, a provider of life to so many other species, is completely heart-warming.

Although we acknowledged that you have to have a certain amount of wealth to be able to embark on this sort of project, we found this book positive and uplifting and if you enjoy the writing of Guy Shrubsole and Robert Macfarlane you will totally love this.

Rating: 4.5 / 5

Next group will be Monday 8 June to talk about Code Dependent: *Living in the Shadow of AI* by Murgia Madhumita

A riveting investigation of what it means to be human in a world changed by artificial intelligence, revealing the perils and inequities of our growing reliance on automated decision-making

Julie Hudson

Beware!

Now contentedly enjoying what remains of my ninth decade, my thoughts dwell on the hardcore of kind generous people with whom I share the parish of Garway, a connection stretching back some sixty-five years.

Notwithstanding my longevity I regard myself as being extremely fortunate to have my faculties in such good order, enabling me to confidently deal with those odious individuals from despicable foreign call centres who express an unhealthy interest in my bank account details.

Quite recently my false sense of security brought me back to the real world. I had a phone call from a man who had obtained my contact details regarding two books on Garway Hill and The Monnow Valley in which I had played a significant part in publishing. Claiming to be a schoolteacher from Bristol with a lady friend who was renovating a property up Sun Lane, Garway Hill, I foolishly invited these outwardly respectable people to visit my home.

Completely ignoring the 'Red Flag', I allowed them to take the books on the understanding that they were on their way to Monmouth where they would obtain £25 and return to settle the debt. Needless to say, I never heard from them again. The only memento of their visit being a beige scarf belonging to the woman, of foreign appearance. The moral of this narrative can only be, "never judge a book by its cover!"

Brian Thomas, *The Noke, Garway*

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

www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Fun Day August 29th on Garway Common

Scarecrow Competition



For all the family
Thinking caps on!
Who will yours be?!

ORCOP

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dorcas Davies. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

We look forward to a busy month of June, with services and events as advertised separately.

Margaret Fletcher, Churchwarden

Church Flowers and Cleaning - "Great Spring Clean" Saturday 13th June,

Co-ordinated by Sarah Griffiths and Dexi Gorman (more details below).





THE GREAT ORCOP CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

The “Spring Clean” event will take place on Saturday 13th June, starting at 10am with a “deep clean” until about 12am. Volunteers are requested to bring their own materials and equipment.

The cleaning activities will be followed by:

12-1pm Snack lunch and socialising for volunteers.

From 1pm: As a further reward for volunteers, we’ll round-off our Spring Clean and lunch with a celebration of TREES. David (poetry) and Joris (cello) will present a programme ranging widely across the arboreal landscape with musical improvisations and the beloved cello music of JS Bach.

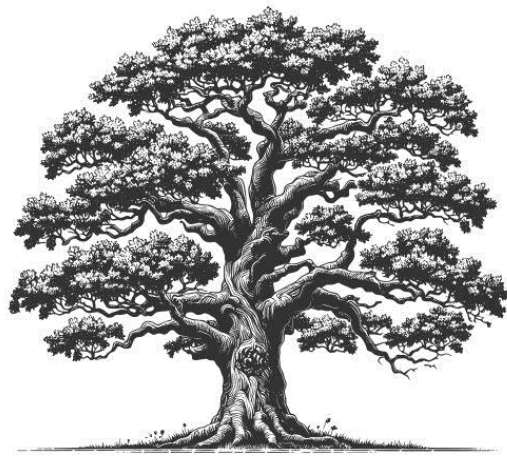
ORCOP CHURCHYARD BINGO

The annual bingo in aid of churchyard maintenance was held on Friday 24th April. It has raised over £600 to date, with the expectation that more might come in. A lot of work goes into organising this event and our thanks go to Julia Garlick and her team, those who donated prizes and those who attended, ensuring it was a success.

Parishioners and visitors alike appreciate the exceptional setting and diligent maintenance of the churchyard.

However, this comes at a cost of about £1500 per annum.

If you would like to make a donation towards this cost, please email Julia: juliagarlick@btconnect.com



TREES IN MUSIC AND POETRY

Poems by David Donaldson with BACH and improvisations by Joris Boon (Cello)

Orcop Church: SATURDAY 13th June at 1pm

Entrance free: ALL welcome

(Contributions towards the maintenance of the church would be gratefully received)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ORCOP VILLAGE HALL

**Orcop Village Hall Monday 22nd June
7:15 PM**

All residents are warmly invited to attend.

This is an opportunity to have your say on issues about the hall, ideas for fund raising and how the hall can be utilised for local events.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Peta Long

Coffee Mornings Orcop Hall

All are welcome: big or small; old or new,
on the THIRD Wednesday of each month from 10.30 – 12.30

June 17th.

Do come and join us for some lively conversation and community companionship!

Peta Long

Community Lunch
Wednesday June 3rd Orcop Village Hall

All are welcome to join in the community lunch. The cost is £10 for a two-course meal and hot and cold drinks. There will be a small raffle. If you have special dietary requirements, please let me know 01981 241310.

There will not be community lunches in July and August, the next one will be held on the first Wednesday of September.

Jane Lockhart

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCLOYD

It was fun celebrating Communion at Tretire on 3rd May and thank you to all those who joined us and took part in all sorts of ways.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed hosting a '5th Sunday' service at Pencoyd and hope that as many as possible will have joined us.

The Annual St Michael's, Michaelchurch service will take place on Sunday 21st June, and I invite as many as possible to join in this rather unique gathering in our ancient little church in the hidden valley. In keeping with tradition this is the longest day of the year – so even if the sun is fighting some clouds, it will be light. As ever please dally with us for a short while following the service for wine, soft drinks, nibbles and a catch up with old and new acquaintances.

Looking ahead we have now finalised plans for the Parish Progressive Supper. Starting at Pencoyd and ending at Michaelchurch, three different hosts for three different courses, with wine and soft drinks included. ***Saturday 11 July is THE date***, and we invite you to book tickets as soon as you can as numbers are limited. And don't be put off by concerns of driving or driving a night we are ready to ensure that everyone who wants to can take part.

Thank you everyone, for all your support and help keeping the Churches and community together.

Love

Elizabeth, Churchwarden

HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY



The Parochial Church Council of Hentland and Hoarwithy has received initial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Hoarwithy Vision Project, it was announced today. Made possible thanks to National Lottery players, the project aims to secure the future of St Catherine's Church through urgent repair planning and the development of a sustainable programme that will help more people enjoy and engage with its heritage.

Development funding of £178,784 has been awarded by the Heritage Fund to help the PCC progress its plans to apply for a full National Lottery grant of £1.4M at a later date."

We would like to give a big thanks to all who have helped us this far and to those who will be continuing the journey with us.

Peter and Jeff, Churchwardens

Book Review ***Orbital* by Samantha Harvey**

Definitely read this 2024 Booker Prize winning novel. It is a gem.

Sixteen chapters chronicle the sixteen orbits of the world that a space station makes in a twenty-four-hour period. And in each chapter are snippets of the lives of the astronauts and the impact of the new world view that comes from distance, epitomized in the first spacewalk out of the station where "*her left foot [was] obscuring France, her right foot Germany,*" and her "*gloved hand blotting out western China...*"

"The planet is shaped by the amazing force of human want, which has changed everything, the forests, the poles, the reservoirs, the glaciers, the rivers, the seas, the mountains, the coastlines, the skies, a planet contoured and landscaped by want."

Throughout there is a sense that the author takes comfort in her growing awareness of her own insignificance, brought into focus by the view of earth from space.

"Our lives here are inexpressibly trivial and momentous at once We matter greatly and not at all. To reach some pinnacle of human achievement only to discover that your achievements are next to nothing

Philosophy and contemplation are interspersed with fascinating nuggets of factual information: flames in zero gravity are almost perfectly spherical (who knew that?); and the Russians and Western nationalities have separate segments on a space station, including different designs of toilet.

And thus politics inserts itself into this new world view even though it is thousands of miles from earth. *"The hand of politics is so visible from their vantage point that they don't know how they could have missed it at first. It's utterly manifest in every detail of the view – politics has sculpted and shaped and left evidence of itself everywhere If only politics really were a pantomime. If politics were just a farcical, inane, at times insane entertainment*

"Because who can look at man's neurotic assault on the planet and find it beautiful? Man's hubris. A hubris so almighty it's matched only by his stupidity. And these phallic ships thrust into space are surely the most hubristic of them all, the totems of a species gone mad with self-love."

The author's gentle celebration of the human spirit coupled with a sense of real despair invades every word of this book and ends with a plea: *"Can humans not find peace with one another? With the earth? Can we not stop tyrannising and destroying and ran-sacking and squandering this one thing on which our lives depend?"*

The writing is compelling, but if I have one criticism it is that the author falls into the trap of separating out humankind from the rest of the living world as peculiarly evil, as though we are somehow different from all other species with whom we share the instinct to multiply and survive, when in fact we are the only species who has finally stopped and questioned what that survival instinct is doing to the world and its many plant and animal inhabitants.

Hilary Smallwood

Garden Notes

My garden has been invaded by trifids – admittedly very beautiful trifids but they are stomping all over my borders. These are self-seeded *Ammi majus* which have popped up wherever I have spread my homemade compost. I am reluctant to pull them out yet as they are such strong healthy plants and I love their dainty flowers. I just wish they would pop up in more appropriate places!



The garden is full of colour from the flowering shrubs – we have white and purple lilac trees, deep pink Weigela, gorgeous magenta *Rosa rugosa*, the soft pinks of two different Deutzia, a lovely Viburnum with its lacy white flowers, three different broom - apricot, red, and orange and brown - and the pretty two-tone flowers of *Rosa mutabilis*. The pear and apple blossom has finished and tiny fruits are beginning to form.

For about ten years we have enjoyed a very beautiful clematis which has done surprisingly well in a very shady part of the garden. This is *Clematis integrifolia* 'Juuli' which is a lovely compact plant with gorgeous blue flowers and creamy anthers. It has been stunning every year until now. This year it sent up its usual strong shoots to around three feet and then just as dramatically they all died. I have no idea what caused its demise, but I cut it down to the ground and it has started to send up new shoots. To console myself I bought a new clematis –, which has pink-striped flowers similar to 'Nelly Moser' but is a much more compact plant. The first flush of flowers in late spring should be double or semi-double with a second flush of single flowers in late summer.



Buying dog food at the feed store, I spotted such a pretty combination of plants for sale that I had to stop and check the labels. Surprisingly the plants were still alive – how many stores have racks of plants outside and never water them? There were the white spires of *Veronica gentianoides* 'Tissington Spire', the dark orange of *Geum* 'Fiery Tempest', and the pretty blue of *Polemonium* 'Bressingham Purple' or to give it its proper name - *Polemonium yezoense* var. *hidakanum* Bressingham Purple ('Polbress') – now there's a mouthful. The whole group looked so pretty that I imagined planting a large patch of all three intermingled to give the effect of a medieval flowery mead. The deep orange of the geum contrasts beautifully with the sky-blue flowers and purple-bronze foliage of the Jacob's Ladder and the white spires of the veronica add contrast in shape. A similar effect could be achieved with blue salvias instead of the Jacob's Ladder. I am beginning to wish I had bought them all – ah well, more plants to add to the wish list.

Julie Davies

Hereford Cathedral Events June

Wed 3 June, 10 am – 12.30 pm The Hereford Cathedral Broderers have designed beautiful bookmarks inspired by the artwork of the Hereford Gospels. A selection of materials will be on hand and all cathedral visitors are invited to participate. Free with recommended donation. Booking not required.

Gala Organ Concert – Roger Sayer Tuesday 9 June, 7 pm entitled *Interstellar: From Space to Earth*, as part of this year's summer organ recital programme.

Tickets £12 (students £5). Book via cathedral website, in person or at the ticket desk (01432 374 202).

Unlocking the Magic of the 48 Preludes and Fugues of J. S. Bach. Friday 12 June, 7 pm Dean Emeritus, Michael Tavinor, presents '*Unlocking the Magic of the 48 Preludes and Fugues of J. S. Bach*', illustrating his talk with excerpts played both on the piano and on our famous Father Willis organ, with a large screen erected in the Nave to display hand and footwork.

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Tuesday 30 June, 1.15 pm. Lunchtime Organ Concert –Recently appointed Hereford Cathedral organist **Andrew Reid** will perform.

Root to Fruit Garden Festival: Date: **Saturday 6 June 2026**. Location: Steiner Academy Hereford, Much Dewchurch. Cost: Free Entry and Parking! Time: 10.30am – 4pm

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When visiting the excellent Black Country Museum last week (ideal for a family with plenty of demonstrations and a small fair with rides!) we caught a traditional double decker bus around the site with a real conductor and dingling bells. At the end of a long and happy day we caught the bus and decided not to climb upstairs. We told the conductor that we would sit downstairs. With a chuckle he replied, 'Sorry we don't have any down stairs!'

What kind of socks do gardeners wear? Garden Hose.

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JUNE

- 2 Coffee Morning, Garway
- 6 From Root to Fruit Garden Festival, Steiner Academy.
- 3 Community Lunch, Orcop
- 7 Open Gardens, Treago Castle
- 8 Green Garway Book Club
- 11 Coffee Morning, St Weonards
- 12 Open Gardens for the Hospice, The Poplands and Harp Cottage
- 13 Great Ocrop Church Spring Clean
- 13 Trees in Music and Poetry
- 17 Coffee Morning, Orcop
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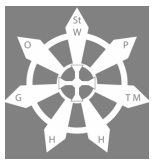
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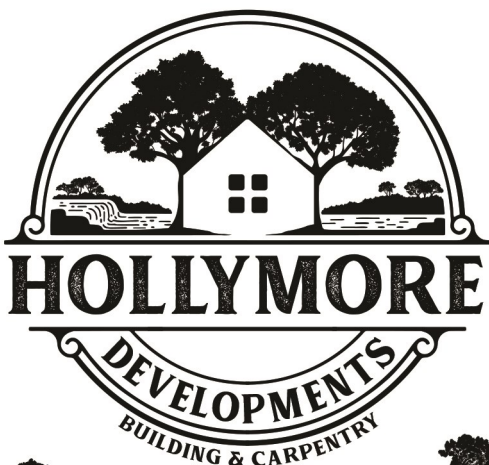
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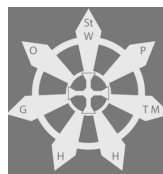
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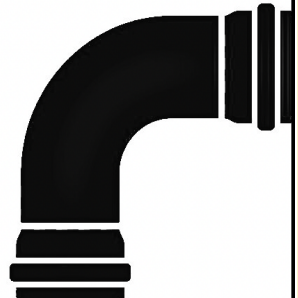
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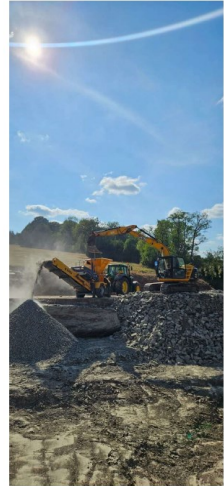
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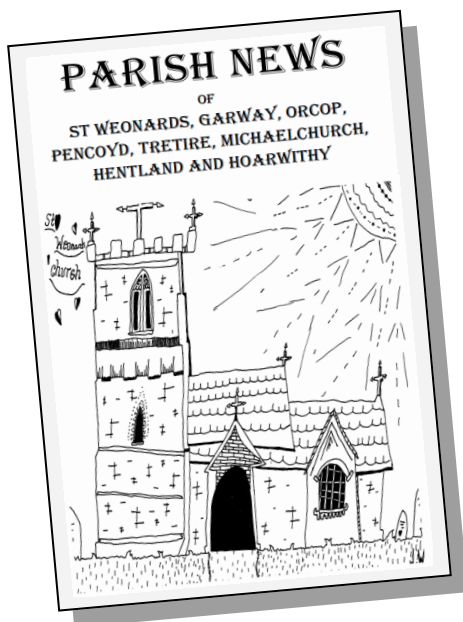


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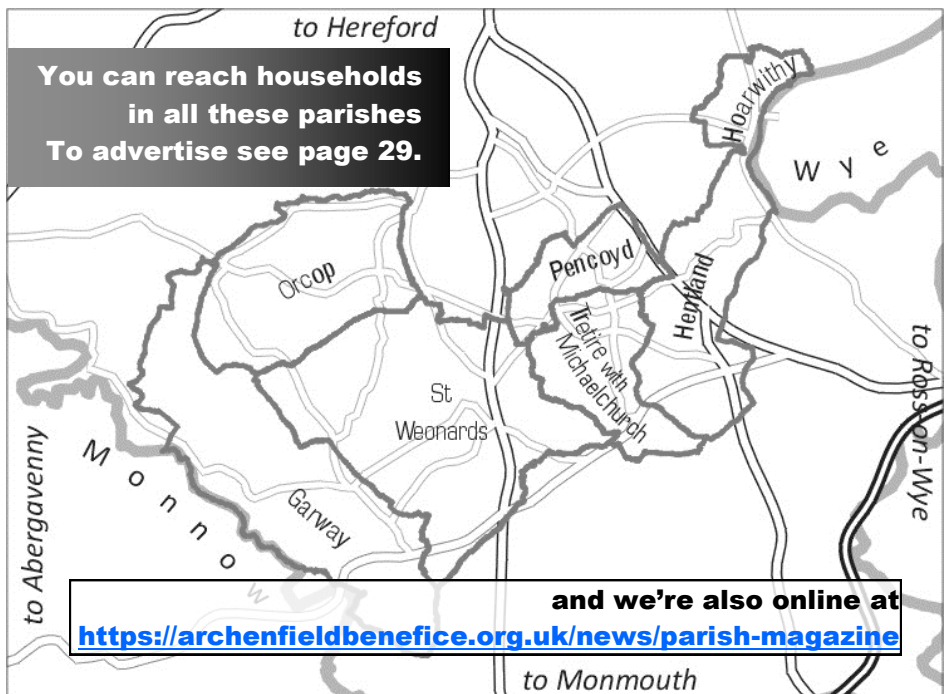
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