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From the Clergy

In August, Angie Kateley, our Curate, was ordained priest just as I celebrated thirty five years of that vocation in the midst of my fifty tenth year. There is a time for everything under the sun, and this seems a good time to reflect on being a priest.

I've served in NHS chaplaincy in a very busy London hospital, and through the move from a large psychiatric institution to community care. I've been a rural dean, team rector of large, rural multi-parish areas, and deep in the midst of time I was an innocent newbie in a cluster of parishes in rural Hampshire.

I've been supported to train in psychotherapy, and as a spiritual director. These led to a post as director of the London Spirituality Centre in the City, near Bank tube station, and locum director of the Marylebone Health and Healing Centre.

All of this has led me to the conclusion that what a priest needs is a deep sense of awe and ignorance. I may have endless post-nominals, registrations, and accreditations but awe and ignorance will do just nicely thank you very much.

St Paul puts it like this, "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have absolute faith so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

For me awe and ignorance is a complete contrast to the military tactic of shock and awe, technically known as rapid dominance, that is based on overwhelming force and spectacular displays of force to paralyse the enemy's perception of the battlefield and destroy their will to fight (OUP). Once upon a time the church was like that, a deeply flawed, narcissistic version of Ghost Busters.

Living in awe and ignorance is to see all whom I meet as wonders made in the image of God, whose lives, full of joys and challenges, are worth paying attention to. It's to remember that my words and gestures and actions take place in the midst of a great drama, about the details of which I know little or nothing. In our disordered society, building and cultivating relationships is the most significant thing we can do on earth.

People let us down. Wounds can cut deep. Some heal and some don't. We start where we are, and continue on this journey of answering the divine leading, and placing ourselves in a position to learn and grow. With love, awe and ignorance.

Mark Godson

AUGUST READINGS

Sunday August 7th

Old Testament	Genesis 15: 1-6
New Testament	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Gospel	Luke 12: 32-40
Psalm	33:12-end

Sunday August 14th

Old Testament	Jeremiah 23: 23-29
New Testament	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2
Gospel	Luke 12: 49-56
Psalm	82

Sunday August 21st

Old Testament	Isaiah 58: 9b-end
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New Testament	Hebrews 12: 18 - end
Gospel	Luke 13: 10-17
Psalm	103: 1-8

Sunday August 28th

Old Testament	Proverbs 25: 6-7
New Testament	Hebrews 13: 1 -18, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Psalm	112

Deanery Update

The weeks since the last article have been filled with firsts...

Grow Strong had their first residential weekend at the Longtown Outdoor Education Centre. Following canoeing, walking and archery they finished the weekend with a Forest Church celebration. We're now planning for the Autumn term with the first date set for 8th October. If you'd like to know more about this group for Year 6 and above – do get in touch.

Rev Angie Kateley, our Curate, celebrated her first service of Holy Communion at the beginning of the month at Michaelchurch Escley following her priesting at the cathedral.

We welcomed the first international visitors to the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way as the Girls' Choir from Wenatchee Valley who walked most of the route, singing Evensong in six of our churches. They loved the welcome they received from people along the way and meeting Prince Charles in Hay on Wye! They seemed to be blown away by the landscape and the food in each of the pubs too!

If you're reading this at the beginning of August, you may see more pilgrims walking as part of a collaboration with the British Pilgrimage Trust. If this inspires you to find out more about our beautiful and fascinating landscape and the secrets of the past it holds, why not come along to St Peter's Hub on September 7th at 7pm? We'll be holding an informal evening with an opportunity to listen, discuss, chat and enjoy the history around us.

There was a 50% increase in demand for the food boxes provided by the Food for Families project at the end of the school summer term. As well as financial and food donations, there are other ways to help including packing and transporting boxes. If this is something you'd like to get involved in, or for more details about anything that's going on in the Deanery, please get in touch.

For more information contact me:

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WENATCHEE TRINITY CHURCH GIRLS CHOIR ON THE GOLDEN VALLEY PILGRIM WAY

Today I am recovering from a week of walking the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way last with 18 North Americans compromising a Girls' choir, 4 Mums and their pastor Matt and his wife Julie, the choir leader. It was a blast. They took up their staffs, back packs and scallop shells with total enthusiasm. They sang Evensong in 6 of our Churches across the Deanery; they stayed the night in churches along the path and in one case slept in bell tents next to Craswall Church. Near Tyberton they received a holy well blessing and taught me to play wild volleyball in the hills above Michaelchurch

Esley. They loved the welcome they received from people along the way and meeting Prince Charles in Hay on Wye! They seemed to be blown away by the landscape and the food in each of the pubs. Whenever they were cooked for, they sang a thank you and in one case as our path crossed a garden, they sang a blessing over the crops.

I was so impressed with the way they used the silent walking and contemplative practice to reflect on their own journey of faith and they all kept a journal to record their feelings and reflections. What I did not expect from a group so young was their spiritual maturity especially in the way they disciplined one another. The sheer positivity was inspiring. One of them wrote these words in a letter and then ended with some words from Psalm 90.

‘What a divine honour to walk the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way, to know the land so intimately, to come face to face with the people of this place and to be your teammates in pioneering this beautiful vision you’ve shared. I cherish everything – our shared joy and growth, delightful ice cream, ‘wild volleyball’ (and frisbee), centring prayer amongst the oaks, and most especially a mystical holy well...’

Oh! Teach us to live well!

Teach us to live wisely and well!

Come back, GOD—how long do we have to wait?—
and treat your servants with kindness for a change.

Surprise us with love at daybreak;
then we’ll skip and dance all the day long.

Make up for the bad times with some good times;
we’ve seen enough evil to last a lifetime.

Let your servants see what you’re best at—
the ways you rule and bless your children.

And let the loveliness of our Lord, our God, rest on us,
confirming the work that we do.

Oh, yes. Affirm the work that we do!

Rev Simon

Thanks

BLACK HILL COMMUNITIES ART, CRAFT AND MUSIC EVENT

Our grateful and appreciative thanks to all Artists, Designers and Musicians who took part in this July event contributing support for the incoming Ukrainian Community in our area. The Exhibition and Performance in Longtown Village Hall gave us all great enjoyment and encouraged generous donations. As the result of sales, our raffle, and sustained by delicious lunch boxes provided by Gabriella, we were able to donate so far £905 to the work of the Black Hill Communities Ukraine Group.

Joyce Hwass

CLODOCK JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY UPDATE

We’re pleased to say that the cheque we finally sent to St Michael’s Hospice was for £3400, £300 more than we announced last month.

Sharon, Isobel and Beryl

ART FOR VETERANS AUCTION AND ART EXHIBITION

A4VH would like to thank everyone who generously donated and supported the successful Auction and Exhibition evening at Casa Lupu which made an amazing £2,000.

Anna Knight

RUTH DAVIES (PARRY)

The family of Ruth Davies(Parry) would like to thank all those who have sent cards, messages and donations since her death on June 12th. We would like to invite anyone who would like to come, to afternoon tea at Longtown village hall on Saturday September 24th. at 3 pm. You are welcome to come for a chat and to reminisce over Ruth’s life and her contribution to life in Longtown, a village which she loved

Forthcoming events

ESCLEY AND DISTRICT SPORTS FEDERATION

Tuesday 2nd August, 7pm

The Bridge Inn, Michaelchurch Esley:

Annual AGM for the Esley and District Sports Federation – all welcome.

Friday 9th September, 6pm

Cricket Pavilion, Michaelchurch Esley:

Family Rounders game for all at the pavilion.

Saturday 15th October, 7pm

Cricket Pavilion, Michaelchurch Esley:

Quiz Night The Autumn Quiz night is back with Dutch Auction, bar and food – £5 per person.

Saturday 12th November, 7pm

Cricket Pavilion, Michaelchurch Esley

Bingo Night Our first Bingo Night with cocktails, lots of prizes to be won – child friendly games, fun for all the family – don’t forget to bring your dabbers!

Saturday 24th December, 5pm

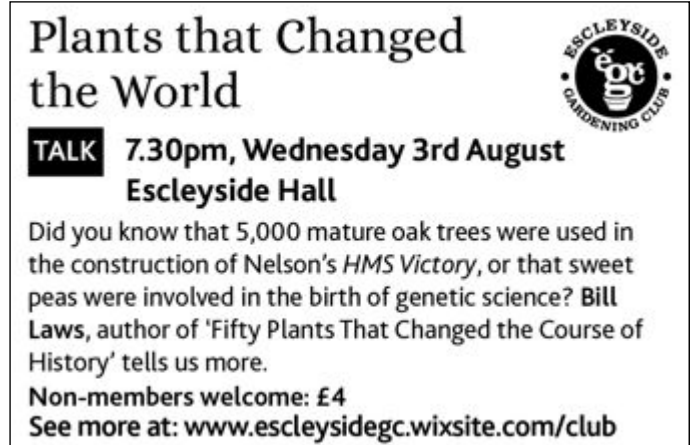
Cricket Pavilion, Michaelchurch Esley

Christmas Eve carols at the Pavilion Come and join us for the annual sing along, some festive cheer and a special visitor with gifts for the children. *Kirsty Stewart*



Longtown Library
now open,
Every first Wednesday of the month
2.30 - 4.30 pm
Swap books, tea and chat!

Next open on 3rd August




Plants that Changed the World

TALK 7.30pm, Wednesday 3rd August
Escleside Hall

Did you know that 5,000 mature oak trees were used in the construction of Nelson’s *HMS Victory*, or that sweet peas were involved in the birth of genetic science? **Bill Laws**, author of ‘Fifty Plants That Changed the Course of History’ tells us more.

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





CRASWALL LLANVEYNOE PILGRIMAGE
Saturday 6th August

3pm start at Craswall Church

concluding with a short service at Llanveynoe Church

Details:

geoff.holder@live.co.uk or **cleatonfamily@btinternet.com**

Concerts for Craswall

Sunday, 7th August 2022 at 3.30pm

HOPE CRAMSIE, classical guitar

St Mary's Church, Craswall

An exceptional talent, local Golden Valley guitarist **Hope Cramsie** presents a wide-ranging programme of music by Mudarra, Dowland, Bach, Barrios, Assad, Tansman, Presti and Dyens.

Having recently graduated from the Royal College of Music in London, Hope will continue her studies this September at the Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel with acclaimed international guitarist Antigoni Goni.

Pre-concert meals are available at The Bulls Head or post-concert pizzas and refreshments at Chapel House Farm next door. Pre-booking for either is essential.

Full details and tickets on our website

More information/tickets from our website

<https://concertsforcraswall.org/concerts>

or the box office tel: 01981 510112



LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

Our **9th August** meeting will be held at the Cornwall Arms in Clodock. Afterwards we will have our annual bring and share Summer Supper.

The report on our meeting on 12th July can be found on the next page. *Libby Davis*

BARBECUE AT THE CORNEWALL ARMS
& fun in the sun

7 August from 12.30 onwards

Everybody welcome

Bring your own meat (or veg), plates and cutlery.

Bread, salads and puddings will be provided.

Proceeds to **Longtown Village Pride**



LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

Two meetings are scheduled for August, both in Longtown Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm:

Thursday 11 August

Thursday 25 August

Outing to Aberystwyth, Thursday 15 September

Enjoy the last of the summer on a day out in Aberystwyth, with its stunning beaches, cliff railway, National Library of Wales, shops and art galleries.

The Thursday Club is organising a trip on 15th September, and is able to offer some places to non-members. If any non-members would like to go, please contact Hazel or Pauline by 31 August. A deposit of £10 will be required. The fare will be £20.

The coach will leave Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30, and Longtown Hall at 9.50 approximately.

New members are always welcome – further information from Hazel Pugh, 01873 860803 or Pauline Jones 01873 851782; **jonespauline@pobroadband.co.uk**

NEWTON ST MARGARET'S WOMENS GUILD

Thursday, 11th August: Early evening visit to Black Mountain Botanicals in Michaelchurch Escley for tour and talk about gin making with gin tasting. Non members are welcome but phone Jane tel 0779492729 for precise time. Cost £8 per person. *Jane Hopcraft*



DANIEL NORMAN, TENOR AND HUW WATKINS, PIANO

Sunday, 14 August at 3.00pm (doors open 2.30pm)
 Dorstone House, Dorstone HR3 6AW

A wide ranging selection of songs performed by an extraordinary musical partnership in the beautiful music room at Dorstone House

A4 BRASS QUARTET

Tuesday, 23 August at 7.00pm (bar open from 6.00pm)
 The Castle, Hay-on-Wye

This dynamic quartet of principal players from some of the UK's top brass bands play an eclectic and accessible programme of music for all ages and musical tastes

Tickets and full programme details at **www.haymusic.org**

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT SHOW IS BACK
SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2022

A warm welcome awaits all when visiting Longtown and District Show. After a few years of being unable to hold the show, our committee have been working hard and are gearing towards the return of the 77th Show which is packed with entertainment for the whole family.

We have: horse and pony classes, dog classes, livestock classes, vegetable/flower/handicraft and produce classes, vintage car/tractor displays, speed shear, children's sports, craft stalls, trade stands, variety of food/drink stalls with licensed bar, bale pitch, children's activity area and so much more. We are excited to announce the "Wye Valley Axemen" will be joining us as our main ring attraction with two displays throughout the afternoon. Following the show, there will be an "After Show Dance" that evening and the following afternoon (Sunday) "After Show Buffet Lunch" (ticket only) to include entertainment for all the

family. If you would like to book a trade stand or stall, please contact the show team as we do have some space available. We extend our thanks to the landowners, committee members, volunteers and stewards who combined, all make this wonderful show happen.

We look forward to seeing you at the show, gates open from 8am on the 20th August!

For more information, please email us on **longtownshow@outlook.com** or contact:
Andrew Christopher – 01981 510240
Sally Bigley – 07966 968290
Amanda Howells – 01981 510264

**LLANVEYNOE HARVEST FESTIVAL AND
DONALD'S 60 YEAR CELEBRATION**

18 SEPTEMBER AT 6 P.M.

Please put the date and time in your diaries today! Llanveynoe's traditional Harvest Festival is back! And afterwards, Mountain Mayhem have kindly agreed to host the equally traditional Harvest Supper, with raffle and auction in aid of the Hereford Food Bank ... we will be in touch with our usual marvellous helpers to arrange the decorations, donations of produce etc.

Main course, delicious puddings, cider and lemonade provided: bring your own wine. Cost £15 for adults, children £5 on the door.

And that's not all ... **Donald Phillips** clocks up an amazing **60 years as Churchwarden** in 2022; we will celebrate this at the Supper with some stories and reminiscences (mostly true!)

It will be a very special occasion; one not to be missed!

Peter and Pamela Tribe



Starts at 2.30pm, Duck Race at 5.00pm.
Cake, Plants, Skittles and various competitions to enjoy. Draw with lots of prizes
1st prize £50.

VITAL SPARK CONCERT

Saturday 27th August at 7pm in Clodock Church

Last year our annual Vital Spark concert was a victim of covid closures, but the singers don't want to miss out on their regular visit to the Clodock Church west gallery. They are West Gallery Singers who present an uplifting mixture of church and folk music which dates from the times of Thomas Hardy when often raw local musicians and singers came into conflict with the vicar and church authorities. Do come and enjoy what promises to be a very enjoyable evening. There will be refreshments.

No charge, but there will be a retiring collection to support Clodock Church and Building Schools in Uganda.



Sarah McQuaid

In concert at Esleyside Hall

Friday 9th September 2022

Doors open 7:00 for 7:30 start

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

More details at Sarah McQuaid in Concert : Arts Alive

Tickets for sale at artsalive.co.uk or by calling 01981 510116

Adult Ticket Price: £12 Child Ticket Price: £6

Family Ticket Price: £30

Local Newsround

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

At our meeting on July 12th, we welcomed Jessica Fish, the Therapy Co-ordinator at Jamie's Farm. Jess gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the work that is done at the farm with disadvantaged children between the ages of 11 and 16. We learned that the residential programme at Jamie's Farm combines farming, family and therapy to build self-esteem, and help the children to realise their full potential. We all appreciated the life changing benefits that Jamie's Farm offers and several members expressed an interest in volunteering.

Libby Davis

CRASWALL YFC UPDATE

First of all an apology for missing last month's update.

We had a fantastic Rally, coming second overall. A good portion of our members went on to represent County at the Royal Three Counties Show in a variety of competitions, including Stockjudging, Photography, Shearing, Poultry Boning and Jointing, Junior Exhibit, and the classic soapbox race.

Craswall, along with Teme Valley, represented Herefordshire at the National Finals in "Farm Safety Skills" on the 9th July and came 2nd.

Our first meeting of July saw many of our juniors doing an egg whisking competition in preparation for the Junior Field day at the end of the month at Hereford Livestock Market.

We have been out with the pikes providing "Guard of Honour" at the weddings of two past members recently. Adam Price and Verity were married on the 28th May and Charlotte Watkins married Will Jones-Davies on 25th June. Congratulations to both couples.

We are in preparation for our AGM in August before we start our 75th anniversary year in September.

Phil Powell, Craswall YFC Secretary
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MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a year! I can't remember what I wrote at the opening of my final newsletter entry last July – the second school year that was seriously disrupted with Covid – but it was probably along similar lines! The end of school year is always extremely tiring (even without Covid), and every year we prepare ourselves as best as we can for it, but I really do feel this year – particularly this final term – has been the most challenging and tiring I've ever had as a teacher.

Covid and OFSTED have certainly featured highly in the reasons for this exhaustion, and it certainly hasn't helped having a mini-heat wave and 'the OFSTED phone call' on the penultimate day of term! OFSTED accepted a deferral request thankfully, so our end of year celebrations for Year 6 were not disrupted!

All of this following the sudden and devastating loss our family suffered of Felix, Gary's son and my step-son, at the end of April. However, our hearts have been warmed and Gary and I have been overwhelmed by the incredible support, understanding and love we have received from the whole school community. We feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing 'family'. The staff in particular have been fantastic. Everyday this term seems to have thrown up a new staffing challenge (with most of us catching Covid!) yet everyone has simply rallied around and found solutions which have allowed the school to not just keep functioning, but to continue to provide exciting and rewarding experiences for the children. It has also been fantastic to welcome our Ukraine families in the last few weeks. They have all been amazing and are settling in so well.

There are always mixed feelings at this time of year however, as we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. We wish them all the very best of luck (not that any of them will need it) and can't wait to hear about their adventures in their new schools. Fortunately, we don't have to say goodbye to any staff this year, which is wonderful news!

Despite all the challenges this year, we have not sat back and taken the easy path. The opportunities the staff have offered to the children this year have been fantastic and there have been so many highlights. One of the reasons these experiences are possible is that the children are so brilliant. Their resilience, curiosity and 'have-a-go' attitude makes all these things possible. I could fill ten more pages looking back over the year, but I won't! Just briefly, some highlights that jump into my mind are:

- The Oak Class residential to London
- Planting an oak tree for the Queen's jubilee with the Deputy Lieutenants of Herefordshire
- The wonderful 'Stay and be curious' group for our 0-5 friends and adults
- The brilliant 'Selfish Giant' performance at Michaelchurch Court
- Many amazing sporting achievements – especially the netball competition in March (winning one match 8-0!) and winning the School Games Bowl trophy in hockey
- Our successful 'cultural well-being' day

- High quality swimming lessons from Miss Cook and Miss Matthews
- Mountain bike ride to Hay from school (for a Shepherds Ice Cream!)
- Our traditional Walking Nativity in the village

So that's why we're all tired – as I know the children are too! They need their summer holiday as much as we do and I wish everyone a very relaxing, fun and safe summer. Hopefully the settled weather will continue and we'll all be able to enjoy time outside with friends and family – or just quietly with a good book (that's what I'm hoping for some time for!).

Louise Crocker, Headteacher

Round and About

VOWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Vowchurch Market Saturday August 27 10am - 12 noon
VaT50 July winners were: Rupert Marlow (£50) and Jane Wheatley (£20).

Tajii classes are held at St Margarets during the summer months, Tuesdays 10 - 11am, and will return to the hall in the Autumn. Contact janefleet88@gmail.com

Pilates at Vowchurch Hall, Tuesdays from 6pm. Contact hannahmthomas@hotmail.com

Bowls returns in the Autumn. Contact Richard Stokes rtastokes@hotmail.co.uk

The Village Pub will re-open in the Autumn

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
janewheatley@gmail.com

www.vowchurchturnastonehall.co.uk

GOLDEN VALLEY DAY CENTRE

July has not only brought us some very hot weather but also another trip out.

This time we had a trip to Aberystwyth where everyone hopefully had a great day beside the seaside.

Our first trip out in over 2 years was to Goytre Canal. I will let you have some details of both in the next issue.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Village Hall Flower, Produce and Craft show which was held on the 30th July.

We are always looking for volunteers and if you feel you would like to help us as a volunteer please ring Mrs Kath Gaze 01981550579. You don't have to do it every Monday; we are happy with any time available. It's just making Tea and Coffee.

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

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Day Centre every Monday morning 10am-12pm

Why not come for Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason every Thursday morning 11.30 am-12.30.

The Village Art Club every Monday Evening and Friday Morning.

Hatha Yoga is being held every Wednesday 7pm -8.30pm

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm. If you feel that you would like to come and join us it would be great to hear your ideas.

As well as hosting many a birthday party, the hall has a few regular user groups, including Parish Council every 3rd Tuesday of the month, and 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

THE FITZWILLIAM STRING QUARTET FSQ @ HAY Y GELLI

September 9th – 11th 2022

A weekend of inspiring and diverse chamber music with performances by The Fitzwilliam String Quartet, The Greenwich Trio and The Hill Quartet – and some folk music!

Tickets available on line @ www.thefitzwilliamathay.com or Wern Wen, Craswall, Hereford, HR2 0PP Tel: 07768 020129

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LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

Hello

My name is Liri Filippini. I have been living in Stroud, sharing a house with my best friend Sabine for over 10 years now, which has been working out very well. However, the house we have been living in has now been sold and *we are urgently looking for a pet friendly, two or three bedroom house, converted barn or cottage to rent in a tranquil location, close to nature.*

Sabine is an artist and a semi-retired Reiki teacher and healer and I am working as an Anthroposophic Therapeutic Art Practitioner at the Glasshouse College in Stourbridge and the Sheiling School in Thornbury. I am used to commuting and we are open to move to any nice area, anywhere in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire or the Malvern Hills.

We would be ever so grateful if you could help us to find our new home.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you so much for your support and kind regards,

Liri

07786 582908 / liri.filippini13@gmail.com

SURVEY: INSTALLING CAR CHARGING POINTS AT VILLAGE HALLS

Local rural charity, Community First, and Share Energy Consultants are carrying out a project aimed at exploring the issues related to installing car charging points at village halls in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The project will look at the nuts and bolts of installing car charging points, solar panels and batteries at halls. Aiming to make the best use of off demand power, renewable energy and supporting electric community vehicle schemes to help with rural transport challenges.

As part of the project we are collecting opinions from individuals in areas around village halls in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Please can you consider circulating this survey in your local newsletter or bulletins and hopefully filling in the form yourself.

No personal information will be shared from the surveys or used in any marketing.

The link to the SHORT electronic survey is here:

<https://forms.gle/ohHRbhn8L1X24JAJ8>

The survey will close in mid September and the more information and views we have about this issue the better will be our advice and support for village halls when they are considering installing car charging points.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Richard Timney

Community Buildings Officer at Community First in Herefordshire and Worcestershire



Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:	7.30 am - 5.30 pm
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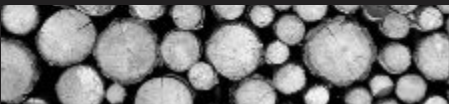
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