

Longtown & District Historical Society

Local historical events from 1st September, 2017

Friday 1st September, 2017

HARC Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas, HR2 6LA at 10.30am

Rhys Griffith on *Unearthing your Herefordshire Roots*

Short intro course, cost £6

Further info and booking: archives@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel 01432 260750

Monday 4th September, 2017

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

Professor Steve Edwards on

Rowland Vaughan of Turnastone (1588-1627) and the drowning of the Vowchurch Meadows

Members free, otherwise £3

Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Saturday 9th September, 2017

Brecknock Society and the Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates

'Justice and Joy': Breconshire Estates landlords & tenants

To be held at Stables Conference Centre, Penpont, Brecon 10.00am – 4.00pm

for more info <http://www.brecknocksociety.co.uk>

Saturday 9th September, 2017

The Shire Hall, Hereford – behind the scenes

Open 10.00am to 4.30pm Free entry, plus

Hereford Gilbert & Sullivan Society presents: *Trial by Jury*

Performances at 5pm and 7pm. In in No. 1 Crown Court

Tickets £5 from Old House Museum and HARC, Rotherwas, Herefordshire

To commemorate the bi-centenary of the Shire Hall

Tuesday 12th September, 2017

College Hall, Hereford Cathedral at 7.00pm

Prof. John Langton, St John's College, Oxford

1217 and All That? The Forest Charter and the Landscape

Considers the origin and consequences of the Charta Forestae, a reissue of clauses in the 1215 Charter omitted in the 1217 version

£10.00. Booking essential on 01432 374225; e-mail: library@herefordcathedral.org

Saturday 16th September, 2017

Longtown & District Historical Society from 12.00 noon all afternoon on Longtown Castle Green
Castle Project Celebration. Pageant, music and re-enactment on the Castle Green at Longtown.

Further info: Martin Cook, e-mail: martin@clodockmill.com

Sunday 17th September, 2017

Llanover Court Gardens open day

for further info: <http://www.llanover.com/gardens.php> and <http://www.llanovergarden.co.uk/>

Entry: £5 pp + refreshments.

The home of Lady Llanover, who did much to make Welsh culture respectable again.

Tuesday 19th September, 2017

Garway Heritage Group at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Chris Over on *Rotherwas House and the Bodenham Family*

Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.

Further info www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk tel 01600 772656

Thursday 21st September, 2017

Eaton Camp Historical Society at 7.30 in Eaton Bishop Village Hall, HR2 9QN
Margot Miller on *St Dubricius and the Celtic Kingdom of Erging* (Archenfield)
Free to members. Non-members £4 to include refreshments
Further info: Andrew Lifely 01981 250231 or Caroline Hanks 01981 250239

Saturday 23rd September, 2017

Longtown & District Historical Society

Pat Griffiths and Jean Prosser host talks and visit to White Castle & Cross Ash area.
Rescuing curious and ancient places in SE Monmouthshire: work of the Village Alive Trust Talk in Croft Barn at 1.30pm
followed by afternoon of visits to historic buildings rescued by the VAT on its final open day.
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Monday 2nd October, 2017

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

James Bisset on *Apple and Orchard history in Herefordshire and the part played by our unsung horticultural hero Thomas Andrew Knight* (1759-1838) author of the *Pomona Herefordiensis*
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 11th October, 2017

Ewyas Harold U3A at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, HR2 0EL at 2.00pm

Monthly meeting: Richard Jordan on *The Glenn Miller Story*

The rise and mysterious disappearance of the great American big band musician, arranger, and band-leader of the swing era and WWII.

Saturday 14th October, 2017

Welsh Georgian Society Study Day at St Michael's Centre, Abergavenny

Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Marches

Speakers: Dom Aldan Bellenger, Dr Hannah Thomas and Jeremy Knight

Cost: £30 to include lunch and refreshments

Further info, e-mail: gunterstudyday@gmail.com

Tuesday 17th October, 2017

Garway Heritage Group at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

David Vaughan on *The Little Book of Hereford*

Talk about the people, heritage and fascination of the County based on his recent book

Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.

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Thursday 26th October, 2017

Welsh Historic Gardens Trust Visit to Gliffaes Country house hotel, Crickhowell.

Guided tour of the grounds followed by lunch and a talk by

Kevin Karney on *The Life and Times of Garden Sundials*

For further info contact: Jonathan Reeves tel 01982 560205, e-mail jhwreeves@outlook.com

Saturday 28th October, 2017

Church Monuments Society Study Day in Brecon

Christ College in the morning; the Cathedral in the afternoon

Talks will explore the rich heritage of commemorative verse in Welsh and the survival of the traditional cross slab. Visit to remarkable tombs and misericords in the Chapel.

Brecon Cathedral (formerly the parish church, and before that the Priory of St John) is ledgerstone heaven. Restoration by Scott in the 1860s and 1870s saved an outstanding collection of early modern floor slabs including about 60 of the characteristic Welsh cross slabs. The cathedral also has medieval cross slabs and effigy tombs.

Charge for the day £17.50 for CMS members, £22.50 non-members includes admission, and refreshments.

Further Details from Prof Madeleine Gray 5 Wellington Street, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7LP or e-mail:

madeleine.gray@southwales.ac.uk

Monday 6th November, 2017

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
Tim Bridges, Hereford Diocesan Buildings Support Officer on
The glory of our local churches in art and architecture.
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 8th November, 2017

[Ewyas Harold U3A](#) at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, HR2 0EL at 2.00pm
Monthly meeting: Gavin Davies on *Lyons Wakeman – an uncommon soldier*
Sarah Rosetta Wakeman was one of hundreds of women who disguised themselves as men to fight in the American Civil War. The letters that Wakeman wrote home were preserved by her family and later published. They give a unique picture of what it was like to undertake and maintain such a masquerade.
Further info at <https://u3asites.org.uk/ewyas-harold/events>

Tuesday 21st November, 2017

[Garway Heritage Group](#) at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall
Tim Ryan on *The Severn Ferry Crossing at Aust*
Talk about the ferries between Beachley and Aust from 1931 – 1966
Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.
Further info www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk tel 01600 772656

Thursday 23rd November, 2017

[College Hall, Hereford Cathedral](#) at 7.00pm
Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
The Slow Journey of Women's Rights: from Magna Carta to President Trump
Organised in conjunction with Amnesty International
£10.00. Booking essential on 01432 374225; e-mail: library@herefordcathedral.org

Monday 4th December, 2017

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
Douglas Wright, *Under the Black Hill. Past times of the people of Craswall, Longtown and Llanthony.*
Showing of archive films ingeniously interwoven and enlivened.
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Tuesday 12th December, 2017

[College Hall, Hereford Cathedral](#) at 7.00pm
Chris Woods, Director, National Conservation Service
Magna Carta as material culture
Practices and procedures used to protect the Nation's copies of the Magna Carta
£10.00. Booking essential on 01432 374225; e-mail: library@herefordcathedral.org

Wednesday 10th January, 2018

[Ewyas Harold U3A](#) at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, HR2 0EL at 2.00pm
Monthly meeting: Stuart Wilson on *The Lost City of Trellech*
Trellech was one of the major towns of medieval Wales, In 2005, as a young archaeology graduate Stuart privately bought a field in which, he was convinced, were remains of the lost medieval town. In 1288 Trellech was a larger town than Cardiff or Newport but now is a small village, Stuart will relate his excavations and discoveries.
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Tuesday 16th January, 2018

[Garway Heritage Group](#) at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall
Dr Ann Benson on *A History of Troy House*
About the architecture and grounds of a remarkable Tudor estate
Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.
Further info www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk tel 01600 772656

Monday 5th February, 2018

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
MEMBERS' EVENING: Castles Project Results with Martin Cook and Neil Kidd
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 14th February, 2018

[Ewyas Harold U3A](#) at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, HR2 0EL at 2.00pm
Monthly meeting: Christine Hope on Hopes of Longtown
How the business started and developed and her Nuffield farming scholarship into Rural Enterprise.
Further info at <https://u3asites.org.uk/ewyas-harold/events>

Tuesday 20th February, 2018

[Garway Heritage Group](#) at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall
Jonathan Harrington on *A Brief History of Agriculture in the Herefordshire-Welsh Borders*
Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.
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Monday 5th March, 2018

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
Frank Olding FSA, *The Archaeology of Upland Gwent*
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Tuesday 20th March, 2018

[Garway Heritage Group](#) at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall
Stuart Wilson on *Trellech: the Forgotten City*
Results of the long series of excavations of this lost Monmouthshire settlement
Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.
Further info www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Monday 2nd April, 2018

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
William Gibbs, *Antiquarians and artists of the Llanthony Valley*
(including Nathaniel Buck, Paul Sandby, JMW Turner, John Warwick Smith, Sir Richard Colt Hoare, John Sell Cotman, Eric Gill, John Piper and Edward Burra)
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Tuesday 17th April, 2018

[Garway Heritage Group](#) at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall
Steve Edwards on *Rowland Vaughan and his 17th Century Water Meadows Project*
Vaughan lived at Vowchurch 1580-1615 experimented with rowning grassland in spring to encourage early growth of grass, publishing this in *Most Approved and Long Experienced Water works* (1610)
Free to GHG members, £4 for visitors, incl refreshments.
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Monday 14th May, 2018

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
Rupert Otten: *Recusancy in Abergavenny and the Gunter Mansion project*
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Monday 2nd July 2018

[Longtown & District Historical Society](#) at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
AGM followed by Professor Julian Thomas:
Dorstone Hill : Neolithic 'Halls of the Dead ' : the story unfolds
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

If you would like to be taken off this circulation list, or know others who would like to be added, please let me know

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