

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes.....So we say "goodbye" to the "noughties" and "welcome" to the "teenies" or whatever the media conjure up for us to call the next decade! I know the purists will say the decade does not really end until the end of 2010. They may be right but I think we lost that one in 1999! I suppose every decade is pretty unpredictable but, by any account, the past decade has been extraordinary with 9/11, international terrorism, environmental challenges, climate change, the internet, MP Players & mobile phones to name a few of the major changes to our lives! What lies ahead? We can be sure there will be more changes, ever increasing change! Youngsters will take it in their stride especially as the digital revolution continues – its digital this and digital that! What of our lives round here? First impressions might be that we don't see much change but that's deceptive? Fewer continue to make a living from farming, more are engaged in hospitality and tourism, thankfully we still have our pubs though Churchstoke has lost one). Tuffins thrives, and our churches continue in being. But ...as our 2015 diocesan consultation reveals our population is getting older, much older, and many of our churches and voluntary bodies rely greatly on the goodwill, the time and effort of older people to keep them going. In April, I can reveal that I have been Rector here for ten years which gives me the opportunity to stock take and reflect on what's been achieved and what has not been! As we peer into the "teeny" years ahead (whatever shall we call the next decade?), I hope the 2015 process, Annual Church meetings in the spring and general conversations will spark a debate about our community life and the future of our churches? We have a total population of 900 adults supporting eight churches (our ninth Churchstoke has a population of 1200) and these churches and their ministries are going to need new and younger friends to look after them in lots of ways over the next decade. So I hope the teeny years will see some "coming of age" from new people, younger people to keep our rural communities and our ancient churches flourishing for the next generation! Happy New Year to everyone!

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 7 February Sexagesima

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion (CW) Hyssington

10.30 ALL-AGE SERVICE with Holy Communion Ratlinghope (David Jelves)

11.15 Family Communion Norbury

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (Rev Jo Evans)

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor

Wednesday 10 February Churchstoke HEALING SERVICE 7.00pm

Friday 12 February Myndtown St Valentine's Carol Service 6.30pm

Sunday 14 February Quinquagesima

8.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Ratlinghope

9.45 Holy Communion (CW) Wentnor

10.00 Morning Praise Hyssington

11.15 Holy Communion (CW) More

11.15 Morning Praise Churchstoke (David Jelves)

6.30 Evening Prayer Norbury

ASH WEDNESDAY 17 February

10.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Lydham

12 Noon Holy Communion Churchstoke (David Jelves Ministry of the Word)

Sunday 21 February LENT 1

8.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Wentnor

10.00 "Snead Holy Communion" Hyssington Methodist Chapel (Jon Price Extended HC)

10.30 ALL-AGE SERVICE More

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (David Jelves Ministry of the Word)

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Ratlinghope

Sunday 28 February LENT 2

8.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Norbury

9.45 Holy Communion (BCP) Wentnor

9.45 Morning Prayer Ratlinghope (Lay Led)

10.00 Hyssington UNITED SERVICE

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke (David Jelves Ministry of the Word)

6.30 Evening Prayer More

Sunday 7 March LENT 3

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Lydham

9.15 Extended Communion Hyssington (David Jelves)

9.45 Holy Communion (CW) Ratlinghope

11.15 Family Communion (CW) Norbury

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Churchstoke

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor (Barry Preston)

The Rector, Norman, wishes to thank all those who kindly gave him cards and gifts over Christmas.

"I am very sorry with all the busyness up to Christmas that I was not able to reply to all. I hope everyone understands and I warmly send seasonable greetings and best wishes to everyone for the New Year! At the time of writing, the year has begun with the sharpest winter for decades which I know has presented many challenges! However, it's been good to know that there has been a great deal of good neighbourliness and care for each other through these difficult times. However, I know some of the older generation are really quite pleased there has been a good old fashioned winter for a change. Congratulations to those who have their stories to tell of 1947! Well I was alive then... my first winter after being born in Ceylon, as it then was, somehow thanks to my parents I survived in a cottage on the edge of the Forest of Dean, no running water, water from a pump, Elsan, no electricity, nappies dried in the oven! Well today's rural children will have their stories of the 2010 winter to recall...in 2050 with global warming (?) and palm trees flourishing along the Onny they may tell their grandchildren about the days when there was snow! Well you can never tell what our weather will do ...God likes to surprise us in this and other ways!

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

3 Feb Snead; 10 Feb Ratlinghope; 17 February No Service ; 24 February Norbury; 3 March Lydham

All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes.

AT THE CHURCHES

The Local Ministry Team runs a **Prayer Line** which is like the School Snow Line. You phone the first number and we phone several volunteers to pray for any worrying situation you feel you need help with. Prayer request number: contact 0782 7750 665. The Local Ministry Team members are Anita Bright (Wentnor & Myndtown), David & Mary Hardham (Ratlinghope), Oliver Goode (Norbury), Trish Macmullan (Snead); Janet Wilcoxon (Lydham & More), David Jelves (Churchstoke), Jon Price & Rev Norman Morris. Margaret Walsgrove (Hyssington) attends too. Preb. Graham Earney retires in the spring and the diocese welcomes Rev John Daniels, currently part-time Ministry officer for Bradford diocese and a parish priest in the diocese as the new Diocesan Local Ministry officer.

The campaign to restore **Richard Munslow's impressive grave** at Ratlinghope is on course. Contributions are still welcome! Please contribute so we can get this project underway in the spring! We need to raise £900 and so far we have about £250. Just to remind you ...from the last magazine, "Sin-Eaters were men

who attended funerals and as part of the funeral ate bread to release the deceased from his or her sins. Mr Munslow was reputed to be the last Sin-Eater in Shropshire and is buried at Ratlinghope churchyard. From WikipediaA local legend in [Shropshire, England](#), concerns the grave of Richard Munslow, said to be the last sin-eater of the area:

"By eating bread and drinking ale, and by making a short speech at the graveside, the sin-eater took upon themselves the sins of the deceased". The speech was written as: "I give easement and rest now to thee, dear man. Come not down the lanes or in our meadows. And for thy peace I pawn my own soul. Amen". This grave is at Ratlinghope and is now sadly in a ruinous state though in its prime, the grave stone, really a monument was a very unusual one. "

All are welcome to contribute. **Please make cheques payable to "Ratlinghope PCC"**

It must be said that Sin-Eating is bizarre and interesting, adding local colour! We can be sure Mr Munslow's restored grave will attract visitors but the Rector is not so sure that sin-eating should be revived as it's the church through its priests that extends Absolution for our sins!

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Friday 5 February

"Tutored Wine Tasting" with Myndtown Wines

In aid of Norbury Church

7.30pm

Venue: Shutlocks Wood

£10 ticket for Wine Tasting,

(followed by wine & cheese)

With a plate for donations - Raffle.

Contact: Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244

Please book early! All welcome!

FRIDAY 12 MARCH

"Myndtown Quiz" QUIZ OF THE YEAR!

Snead Church v Myndtown Church

7.30pm "Three Tuns"

Teams of Four, £20 per team, Small Auction & raffle prizes to be won! Prize Winners Trophy

To book Tickets contact: Malcolm Corfield 01588 650205

In aid of Myndtown & Snead churches.

The **Bible Study Group** Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! The plan is to begin to study a St John's Gospel now in the New Year. Contact: The Rector 01588 650244.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday 17 February and we will be having parallel courses - : **an afternoon LENT COURSE at Churchstoke & an evening one at Wentnor.**

We shall follow the **NEW 2010** York Course – **When I Survey...Christ's Cross and ours"? - A** Challenging topics! – with taped comments by Rev John Bell, General Sir Richard Dannatt, Canon Dr Christina Bazter, with closing comments by Rev Dr Colin Morris.

All are welcome to come to all or any of the sessions.

Wednesday evenings 7.30pm 24 February, 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, & 24 March

Wentnor Rectory:

There will also be a Wednesday afternoon Lent Group meetings studying the York course at **Churchstoke** (at Pentreheyling House) run by David Jelves & Jon Price . (please ring David & Jo Jelves for details 01588 620434) **Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm 24 February, 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, & 24 March**

There are Lent Bread & Soup Lunches for Christian Aid every Friday from 12 Noon at BC Methodist Hall

On Saturday 28 March there will be a **Children's Activity Day – Craft Day** - at Norbury Village Hall, organized by the Rector, Sue Cooke and the Sunday Stars Team 10.30 – 2.30pm –

The day is always a good one. The day will also include our famous World famous
EGG ROLLING Contest at 2.30pm - always great fun!
Children are welcome – 5-11 year olds - with teenagers welcome as helpers - under fives
with a parent/carer, please. £1 per child (£2 per family)
Bring hard-boiled eggs & pack lunch/Drinks provided.

In the spring it will be ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING TIME!

Our Annual Church Meetings are very important. All PCC members and all other members of our congregations and beyond are warmly encouraged to attend. Our lovely churches need lots of support from their parishioners! As I said last year and say above, we always need new officeholders and PCC members from time to time, so if you're not involved yet, this might be your year! These annual meetings are happy occasions and we really need everyone to attend! We would love to hear your ideas and views, please.

I am trying to sort out the dates for the nine churches 2010 APCMs – **please could PCCs, particularly secretaries, let me know if these dates are suitable – hopefully confirm dates next month?**

We have to work round various lambing regimes....

Monday 8 March Ratlinghope 7.30pm the Coppice
Wednesday 7 April More 7.30pm Wentnor Rectory
Thursday 8 April Lydham 7.30pm venue TBA Rectory?
Friday 8 April Snead 2.30pm Lower Snead
Friday 9 April Hyssington 7.30pm Cefn Farm
Monday 12 April Wentnor 7.30pm Wentnor Rectory
Tuesday 20 April Churchstoke 7.00pm St Nicholas Church
Thursday 22 April Norbury 7.30pm Lea Farm, Norbury
Friday 25 April Myndtown 8.00pm Handless Farm

As reported last month, the Wentnor PCC discussed **the need to maintain the new churchyard** which inevitably, as time moves on, is being used more and more. The decision was taken to employ a part-time gardener to tend the new churchyard with Dave Marpole kindly mowing the grassy area. There will be an expense involved. The Rector has already been informed that there are families who would be willing to donate annually towards the cost of employing a gardener. We continue to make a general appeal to annually contribute to a New Churchyard Maintenance Fund. If you would like to help, please be in touch with the Rector or the Church Wardens, Barry Preston and Dave Marpole.

HERE AND THERE

On a lighter note sometimes **Church Notices** go wrong in magazines. The second instalment follows....
Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children (probably meant to help crippled children)

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered
This evening at 7.00pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin (!!!)

The pastor would be appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7.00pm Please use the back door.

The School drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the Church Hall on Friday at 7.00pm. The congregation is invited to this tragedy.

"Weight Watchers" will meet at 7.00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped my Pledge – Up Yours!"

A Youth Diocesan Event called "GRASP" is taking place at St Barnabas Church, Hereford, on Sunday 28 March 7 – 9pm

GRASP is an event aimed at young people from year 10 (age 14) up to student age. There is a lively mix of music led by a live band, interviews, games, a talk and discussion. Young people are warmly invited to attend. We have taken groups down to Hereford to events like these before and they have been much

enjoyed. Also the dates for the next two events are listed below so you can get them in the diary early.
Sunday 20th June 2010 & Sunday 21st Nov 2010

Myndtown Combined Parish Council

The Parish Council now has a new web address www.myndtown.org.uk In due course it is hoped that the website will provide information relevant to the Parishes. It is also hoped to set up a business directory on the site for local businesses, be they plumbers, electricians, b&bs, gardeners or anyone running their own business locally. If you would like your contact details and maybe a link to your own site in the directory, please send your details to philip@myndtownwines.co.uk. The bigger the directory the better for everyone and it is an ideal opportunity to have a web presence, so please do contact us.

Myndtown Combined Parish Council 2010

Meetings: Norbury Village Hall 7.30pm Mondays 8 March; 10 May; 5 July; 6 Sept; 8 Nov.

Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

GONE MISSING! Lower part of the triptych blue Display Board? Anyone any idea where it's gone?
Please let the Rector know 01588 650244

Age Concern Lunches for those 60 & over at The Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12 Noon for 12.30pm SECOND Weds in the month – **NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 10 February** – to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 BY 3 December AND third Tuesday in the month, **NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 16 January** please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280.

Pensioners' Table Tennis! Well anyone wanting a good game! Often taking place Mondays at Norbury Village Hall 2- 3pm Resuming in September Contact The Rector 01588 650244

Local public transport?

DIAL-A-RIDE Wentnor to Bishops Castle & back every Friday pick-up 10.00am Wentnor Church & Wentnor Shop (can stop at Norbury) return 12.45pm from Tuffins BC.

SHROPSHIRE LINK ring 01743 210368 – need to make a booking a day or two before.

Find out what is going on across the **Hereford diocese** at the website at www.hereford.anglican.org - have a look at the Noticeboard. For details of service times at the Cathedral, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the cathedral website www.herefordcathedral.org.

Our heartfelt condolences the family of **Max Evans** and all at "The Crown" Wentnor on the grievous loss of little Max before Christmas, aged one. The family put together a very moving funeral service for Max at Wentnor Church and so far over a thousand pounds has been raised in his memory for "Handstand" and "The Meningitis Trust". May Max rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our sympathies extend to the family of **John Neville Williams** (53) who died from cancer and who had a funeral service in Churchstoke, followed by burial at Hyssington. Though from Worcestershire he had family links with the Hamers of Hyssington. John or JJ or the "pigman" was a remarkable person, extremely active, sporting, playing rugby at a high level, and who was one of the world's authorities on the rearing of pigs. He was a Consultant to the Russian Ministry of Agriculture for many years. His farming career began at Baschurch, moved to Worcester with Cotswold pigs, then ran a farm in Warwickshire before co-ordinating pig production of 20 farms in Banff He advised on pig production in the Philippines before undertaking major work in Russia, increasing production from 3,500 per week to 20,000 in three years. He also did consultancy work with a group of international vets in Yorkshire. As his father said at his funeral in Churchstoke, "His passing will leave a big hole in our lives and the world of pig farming (but) I am proud to be the father of what I consider to be a legend."

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! From the Deanery Magazine The Bishop of Hereford debated the merits of Competition, Alan Denyer was concerned that the £14m cut being imposed on Shropshire County Council could see the closure of Stonehouse, the Rural Dean announced that Rev Dr Dick France would soon be the new Rector of Wentnor and the Rev Eileen Lloyd would be taking over the Bucknell group, BC was having a successful time installing new kneelers, Mainstone was busy felling pine trees, Churchstoke saw CADS performing the first pantomime for four years with "Snow White and The Seven Dwarves", Trinity Hospital Chapel at Clun was being refurbished, & Clungunford was hard at work raising money to restore the church Tower,

Christenings:

Iris Amelia Bridge 28 November Myndtown
Indra Anthony Mason 29 November Myndtown
Reuben George Barker-Jones 13 December Wentnor

Funerals:

Margot Callender Daniel (94) Friday 4 December More
John Williams (53) Saturday 5 December Churchstoke
Max Evans (1) Wentnor Wednesday 23 December Wentnor
Louie Margaret Patricia Macaskill (98) Wentnor

Norbury & District WI: Thursday 11 February Speaker: PAMELA ROBERTS-POWIS “Stories of the River Severn” Hostesses: Jenny Burdett, Christine Mansell, & Mary Atkins; Flowers: Kate Robinson
Competition: Old photograph of the River Severn.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 18 February: Speaker: Mrs Angela Smith: “Antiques and How They Came To Be” Discussion about member’s own Treasures Taken on the Night Competition: Make as many words of three or more letters from Antiques; Teas: Margaret & Marion

Onny Valley Social Club: Usually meeting at Norbury Village Hall; .Social gatherings & outings for the over-fifties: well worthwhile – do join! Contact: Pat Varcoe 01588 650204 New members welcome.

NEW YEAR PARTY (was postponed) Alan Claque & Val Littlehales; 2 February 2.00pm Talk by Dr Howell; DAY TRIPS 21 April Stratford upon Avon; 19 May Forest of Dean & River Trip.

Churchstoke Mothers Union: Contact: Olive Fitzhugh 01588 620698 The **Mothers Union** has a scheme to provide holidays for families in need – any recommendations, please contact the AFIA Holiday Organizer at the Mother’s Union 01432 373306 or email: mothersunion.hereford@surefish.co.uk

Churchstoke “Over-Sixties”: Meet alternative Wednesdays 3.00pm Churchstoke Community Hall contact: Jay Frank 01588 620081

.Age Concern: please contact **Mrs. Janet Brandon** on 01588 650232 – your Age Concern Parish Link – who will also be pleased to help.

FLOWERS/CLEANING Winter Greenery in Lent, please Wentnor:

24 January & 31 January: Mrs R Jones & Mrs P Bevan
7 February & 14 February: Mrs R Bright & Mrs A Bright
21 February & 28 February: Mrs R Bright & Mrs A Bright

Ratlinghope

31 January & 7 February: Mrs C Buxton & Mrs K Hughes
14 & 21 February Mrs S Cusack & Mrs J McNamara
28 February & 7 March Mrs A Littlehales & Mrs J Pinches

Norbury:

February Mrs L Pinnock & Mrs J Pinnock
March Lent

Lydham: February Mrs M Denwood March Lent

More February & March Lent

NOTICEBOARD

Want a Magazine?

Know someone who would like one? Please encourage sales & distribution! Please contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jane Frank 01588 620711 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)
Myndtown Combined Parish Council Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 10.00AM – 12 NOON - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros- please support our village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible!

Run up the Flag! Here’s an offer to everyone in the Wentnor Group of parishes and beyond - every man, woman and child - those living in Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, More, Lydham, and Snead - mark your birthday, pet’s birthday, wedding, anniversary, exam success, passing your driving licence, whatever, by having the Union Flag or St George’s Flag flying from the Wentnor Flagpole - pay only £1 to the Benefice account which supports all the churches. The flag could fly for you! Any day of the year!
Contact Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244.

Bus enquiries: **0870 241 2 216** National Rail Enquires: **08457 484950**

Hall Bookings: Norbury 650660 Anita (or if need be Rev Norman Morris **650244**) – **Lydham 638737** – **Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197 - do use our halls!**

Norbury Village Hall: Tables, chairs, hostess trolley, crockery, & boiler available for hire 01588 650660

The Rector is always available to discuss Wedding and Christening dates at any time

Office Hour: Saturday morning at The Rectory 9-10am. Tel: 01588 650244.

House Communion is available to anyone who cannot easily get to Church.

Photocopying at The Rectory: 5p per sheet – reductions for longer runs.

Bishop's Castle Dial-a-Ride and Community Car scheme: Available for individuals or groups regardless of age or disability. All journeys must be pre-booked. Volunteer drivers and escorts urgently required for this worthwhile community service. Contact: Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350.

Ludlow Assembly Rooms Live Event Listings, Feb 2010

Wed 3 February, 7.30pm

Poetry Café

Bring your own or your favourite poems to read and discuss in convivial company. The theme for February is *Travelling*.

Thursday 4 February, 7.30pm

Ludlow Art Society

Shirley Bonas BA (Hons), President BWS

The Moving Figure – a workshop, materials provided

Tickets: £2 members, £3 visitors

An open invitation is extended to visitors to attend these monthly meetings.

Membership is open to all interested in the visual arts. For more information visit

www.ludlowartsociety.org.uk Annual membership £15

Wednesday 10 February, 7.30pm

Civic Society Lecture

Simon Buteux, archaeologist

The Reader's House – history and restoration

Open to all, tickets available on the door. £2 members or £3 non-members

Become a member for £12 a year and receive the free magazine

Call John Bowles 01584 874 373 for more information. www.ludlowcivicsociety.org

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 February, 10am – 4pm

Annual Mega Booksale

Thousands of second hand books, plus CDs, videos and DVDs, all at absolute bargain prices. All donations are very welcome to the Assembly Rooms but please, *no deliveries until the week of the sale*.

Admission £5 before 11am, 50p for the rest of the day

Friday 12 February, 7.30pm

City of London Sinfonia

One of the UK's leading professional orchestras plays Bartók, Mozart, Finzi and

Haydn, with Karen Geoghegan (bassoon soloist). www.cls.co.uk

£15 (£14 concessions).

Friday 12 February – Sunday 14 March

A Hayward Gallery Touring exhibition

Peter Blake: Alphabet

A set of bold and colourful silkscreen prints, one for each letter of the alphabet, produced by the artist in

1991, together with some of Peter Blake's rarely seen pictures from private collections. *The exhibition will be opened in person by Sir Peter Blake, 12 February, 5 – 7pm.*

Saturday 13 February, doors open 9pm

Grand Fancy Dress Valentine's Ball

With Ricky Cool and the Hoola Boola Boys. Dress up to the nines and enjoy a fantastic night out dancing to one of our best local bands – there's a prize for the best costume.

www.rickycoolandthehoolaboolaboys.com £10 (£9 concessions).

Sunday 14 February, from 2pm

Crazy Golf

Putt your skill to the test over 9 holes of crazy golf suitable for all the family.

The course should take about 15 minutes to complete. £1 (50p concessions)

Sunday 21 February, 10am – 2pm

Tabletop sales

Hassle-free way to sell surplus items and unwanted gifts at this monthly indoor sale. Tables cost £6, to book contact Chris on 01584 813704.

Bargain hunters – this is your chance to pick up some great finds!

Tuesday 16 February, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Family Samba Drumming workshop

Lay down a funky Latin beat in this fun drumming session – beginners welcome.

All ages from 8+. £5 (£4 concessions)

Monday 15 – Friday 19 February

Half Term Fun – Let's Party!

Lots of things to make and do for ages 3+ including hair braiding, fruit cocktails and a tots' dance party.

The half term film is *Where the Wild Things Are* (PG), on every afternoon from Saturday 13 to Tuesday 16 February. Full details on our website or ask Box Office for a leaflet.

Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February

Ice Rink

A half term special - for three days the Auditorium is turning into an Ice Rink! It will be an eco-friendly rink made of state-of-the-art synthetic ice. The whole family can join in and there are boots to hire from child's size 8 to adult size 12. There'll be music and video projections, and loads of fun. These sessions are very popular, please book in advance. £5 per hour. www.iceskatinguk.co.uk

Wednesday 17 Feb		Thursday 18 Feb		Friday 19 Feb	
2 – 3pm	7 yrs or under	2 – 3pm	7 yrs or under	10 – 11am	7 yrs or under
3 – 4pm	8 - 11	3 – 4pm	8 - 11	11 – 12 noon	8 - 11
4 – 5pm	11 - 15	4 – 5pm	11 - 15	12 noon – 1pm	11 - 15
5 – 6pm	12+	5 – 6pm	12+	1 – 2pm	12+
6 – 7pm	16+	6 – 7pm	16+	2 – 3pm	12+

Friday 19 February, 8pm

Blame Kenny

Covers rock band playing loud, energetic music to get up and dance to, from classic Stones numbers to Elbow and Arctic Monkeys. The group's solid rhythm is laid down by drummer George Barnett, who won *Young Drummer of the Year 2008*.

£5 (£4 concessions) www.myspace.com/blamekenny100

Saturday 20 February, 8pm

Cara Dillon

One of the most original and stunning singers of traditional music. Whether she's singing her native songs of lost love and emigration, or original compositions, you will be hard-pressed to find a more emotive and captivating performer.

www.caradillon.co.uk £14 (£12 concessions).

Wednesday 24 to Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm

The students of Ludlow College proudly present

The Boyfriend

Set in 1926 in a Finishing School on The French Riviera. The Carnival Ball is coming and the girls must find the perfect costumes (and boys) for the sparkling night. Welcome to the carefree world of the roaring twenties! www.ludlow-college.ac.uk £7 (£5 concessions).

Wednesday 3 March, 7.30pm

Poetry Café

Bring your own or your favourite poems to read and discuss in convivial company. The theme for March is Wrongdoing.

Friday 5 March, 1 – 4pm

Carpentry workshop

Learn basic carpentry skills, using reclaimed wood to make a bird box. Suitable for age 16+. This workshop will take place at the Friars' Walk workshop, Ludlow.

Please book by Friday 26 February. £12 www.furniturecheme.co.uk

Friday 5 March, 8pm

Love and Taxes

This new live literature piece recalls, using fiction, song and film, the brave days of defiance against the introduction of the Poll Tax, and the friendship and human stories that changed the political landscape in England. www.kindandgenerous.weebly.com

£6 (£5 concessions).

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