



HCTG – New Year 2017

AGM 2017 Put the date in your diary now at Llangarron Church. 11am – 3pm 16th March 2017. Details of

exciting programme coming soon.

Brochures in your churches

Always make sure you have copies of our **HCTG** brochures in your churches and in local tourist attraction too (eg. local pub or other eating places). If you need more brochures then contact as below) and we can arrange delivery/collection. Do not keep them if you are low, the important thing is visitors get them in their hands.

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HCTG Website – we need your help

www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk is the on line global promotional tool for HCTG.

The website is working for HCTG 24 hours a day and is viewed by local, national and overseas visitors. All will have a wide range of reasons for visiting **YOUR** church.

Currently **75%** of all internet browsing is by **MOBILE** phone with this in mind there is a need to improve the 'functionality' of the HCTG website, create a gallery of moving images and improve the layout for **YOUR** church page on the website.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to achieve this. Is there an individual/s in your congregation/parish (maybe a grandchild/young person) who could take a maximum of **6 mobile phone photos**? These could include may be of - the position of the church in the landscape; festivals/events; the village/hamlet and where appropriate any special (for example historical, seasonal, cultural, architectural, monumental) features. We have exterior photos of all HCTG member churches.

In anticipation of your help and with a big thank you. Please send photos by email to -

jenny.beard@btopenworld.com

New Committee members wanted

HCTG is looking for some new committee members to help coordinate the group for the following couple of years. We usually meet at Belmont Abbey in an afternoon with tea and cake! New people bring new ideas or just ask questions the old members have not thought to ask. New people bring about change and new ideas without actually realising it sometimes. If you could give a bit more time to promoting Herefordshire's churches then please email jennyhad@hotmail.com and if you want a chat before commitment then just ask.

Handy Hints for happy visitors

We are looking for volunteer churches to host a half day happening for members next year. If we get several around the county we can hold these 2 hour bonus days within travelling distance of lots of people, making them as local to you as possible. These will be low key and low or no cost, practical ideas and suggestions that could work in your church. Host churches would just provide a cup of tea for us all and show off their lovely building too! We anticipate 2-4pm or 10-12am get-togethers, first one sometime early in 2017 or April for brighter weather. We are working with Shropshire Churches Tourism Group too. Volunteer your church as a venue now - contact secretary@discovershropshirechurches.co.uk

Learning Coach Trip 26th April 2016

Following on from the success of our 2 coaches last year to Berrington Hall and other Herefordshire churches and the Ironbridge Gorge Museums and nearby Churches in Shropshire, HCTG is currently working on a trip to several churches in the Golden Valley. Everyone who attended previously gave very positive feedback and we all agreed we had learned a lot from other organisations. The date is set and we are pursuing an organisation we think you will enjoy but is yet to be confirmed – watch this space!

We hope to keep the price as before at £25 which includes coach, guided tours and lunch. To book contact: annicalver@gmail.com