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For more information please contact us on: 01432 377 587 or
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Bughill Flower and Music Festival



*From the evening service on Wednesday 2nd June at 7pm to
the closing service on Sunday evening 6th June*

Flower displays depicting the various 'Celebrations of Life' from 10am each day. High quality food and refreshment, Craft Stalls, Plant Stalls, Book Stalls, Preserves and much, much more, plus a separate tent with a variety of visiting demonstrators and speakers on a range of subjects throughout the day time. Evening concerts daily.

For more details contact Rick Shallcross: 01432 760273



**RSCM Hereford & South Shropshire Introductory
Rehearsal for the Diocesan Choirs Festival**

*15th June at Leominster Priory 7:30-9pm
(registration from 7pm)*

All are welcome to come and explore the music for this year's festival service. Choirleaders are especially encouraged to come and get to know the music they will be teaching to their singers under the expert tutelage of Geraint Bowen, who will be able to offer advice on vocal training and rehearsal technique. **Free of charge.**

For more details contact: Mrs Janet Wardle Tel: 01531 636114

**Diocese of Hereford Organists' Training Scheme
Tuesday 29th June 2010**

Workshop for organists: Baroque articulation and its relevance to organ music. The renowned baroque cellist, David Hatcher, along with DHOTS Director of Studies Hilary Norris, will demonstrate and explain how much the historically-informed playing of string instruments can teach organists about how to play baroque organ music effectively. A fine Nicholson organ at lugwardine is ideal for this style.

£10/£7 (DHOTS students, U-18, RSCM affiliated, HOS)

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A-Z of Churchyard Conservation

R is for Rooks and Rookeries

Rooks, *corvus frugilegus*, are those shiny black birds with thigh feathers like 'baggy trousers' and bare grey skin around their beaks. Often found nesting high in churchyard or village trees their close-knit colonies called rookeries can be huge. A site in Norfolk has up to 80,000 birds. Our interest and fascination with rooks apparently stems from the fact that they are highly intelligent and sociable birds. So clever that they are thought to rival non human primates in intelligence.

A Parliament of rooks describes their unusual behaviour of settling in large numbers in open fields with one rook appearing to caw loudly and continuously over the silent throng. From time to time, the other rooks call out, as if they're asking questions. Like a trial or a parliament.

Folklore tells us that it is considered lucky to have them nearby and unlucky to lose them. Something to think about if you are bothered by constantly cawing rooks in your churchyard rookery!

Caring for God's Acre, the conservation charity for churchyards and burial grounds, 01568 611154, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk