

WELCOME TO CHURCH HILL FARM

Here are a few things that you might need to know during your stay

DOORS

There is **one key** which locks the front door, the back door and the door to the outside bedroom from the outside only. From the inside there is a thumb turn knob so you can get out in an emergency.

LINEN AND TOWELS

All linen and towels are provided. There is also soap, bubble bath, shower gel and toilet paper in all the bathrooms. Extra toilet paper is in the cupboard under the sink in the downstairs toilet.

CLEANING MATERIALS

Cleaning materials are in the cupboard under the kitchen sink and in the utility room. There are brooms and a floor mop in the utility room and a vacuum cleaner in the cupboard under the stairs.

IRON

There is an iron and ironing board in the cloak cupboard just outside the kitchen

KITCHEN

If the AGA is on this is the nicest way to cook. There are two hotplates, an oven which is usually around 200 degrees Centigrade and a warming oven at the bottom. We don't usually put the AGA on until late autumn. If the AGA is not on when you arrive and you would like to use it, open the left hand door and turn the knob to the left to manual (little hand). IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 5 HOURS TO WARM UP SO YOU NEED TO BE PATIENT! If you arrive in the afternoon it will be ready for breakfast the next day. Please turn it off when you finally leave. You can, if you prefer, turn the knob to the right (AIMS). This will set the AGA to come on in the morning 7:30 – 11:00, go off during the day and come on again at 16:30 until 22:00.

If you use the AGA OVEN you should slide the vent on the chimney to the right and slide it back when you are finished. This allows any steam to be vented whilst you are cooking in the oven. Please slide the vent back when you are finished with the oven otherwise heat is lost up the chimney!

You may prefer to use the electric fan oven/grill and the electric hob.

Instructions for the oven are in the bottom drawer next to the oven. The handle for the grill is in the drawer above this one.

The extractor fan is to the left of the cooker and the switch is on the wall.

There is also a microwave and instructions for this are in the cupboard under where it is located.

DISHWASHER The dishwasher is pretty straightforward. Make sure the on switch is ON, press a button to select the type of wash and click the right hand switch to start the cycle. If TURBO is selected that will reduce the length of the cycle.

WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER

There is a washing machine and dryer in the utility room. The settings are straightforward. If you use the dryer please make sure to empty the left hand drawer which collects the water.

HEATING

The central heating control for the boiler is in the cloak cupboard just outside the kitchen. Please open the bottom section of the control panel and you will see three blue buttons. If you toggle these the display shows ON, ON until 23:00 (i.e. off at night) (and one other choice) on two heating zones the heating will come on. PLEASE DO NOT TURN ON THE HOT WATER AS THIS IS CONTROLLED VIA THE IMMERSION HEATERS.

We also have **underfloor heating** in the kitchen hallway, utility and downstairs toilet. This is set remotely on a schedule and there is no need to do anything.

The heating works in conjunction with two thermostats. One thermostat is on the wall outside the upstairs bathroom, the other is in the living room next to the dining room door. Both can be adjusted by gently turning. The thermostat will flash when the desired temperature is selected e.g. 20 degrees or 21 degrees. Once the flashing stops it will return to the actual temperature. The boiler will then come on only when required to boost the temperature. It is best to leave the dining room door open at night and shut the living room door. If the downstairs bedroom gets cold there is an electric radiator if needed.

HOT WATER

There are two immersion heaters – one upstairs in the cupboard outside the bathroom and the other downstairs outside the ensuite bathroom. These work mainly on solar so you don't need to touch them. Please just leave them on.

WOOD BURNING STOVES

There are also two wood burning stoves, one in the living room, the other in the dining room. They draw best if you use a firelighter or paper and kindling to start them, leaving the front door slightly ajar at first. Once the wood is alight keep the front doors closed with the vent fully open to the right or in the middle position. Please use the oven gloves provided to open and close the doors as the handles can get very hot! There is a supply of wood in the garage.

EXTRA LIGHT BULBS are in the drawer in the dining room. There are some games in the cupboard in the dining room.

TELEVISION

The TV in the living room works from a Freesat Box. You turn the TV on with one remote control then select your channels with the other. There is also a blu-ray DVD player

BOOKS AND DVDS

We have a large selection of books in the downstairs bedroom. We also have DVDs in the lower cupboard of the dresser in the living room. Please feel free to browse.

INFORMATION LEAFLETS

There are a large number of leaflets in the drawer in the dresser in the living room with information about the area.

INTERNET ACCESS

There is a wi-fi router in the small office space/bedroom just beyond the dining room. The access code is on the back of the router. The wi-fi connection is free of charge.

There is a wi-fi booster in the living room.

The network name is: **EE-T86N9R**

Password: **FHKqM6yYpVXnirTE**

You may also get a network name of EE-T86N9R-EXT when you are in the kitchen area. The password is the same. You may need to login to both networks to get seamless coverage.

MOBILE PHONES

From the house itself most mobile phones work pretty well. However, in the area in general, signals can be a bit hit and miss! Vodafone is the most reliable.

LANDLINE

The phone number at the house is 01600 719954.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND BARBECUE

There is a large charcoal barbecue in the garage and some extra outdoor chairs in the bakehouse (small shed) opposite the front door.

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT



There is a charger at the rear of the property. This is for use for both occupants of Church Hill Farm and High View Barn. Please ensure that access is clear when not in use so others can access it. If you would like to use the charger please text me and I can tell you how much your charge has cost and I will invoice you accordingly. There is a fast charger at the Premier Inn in Monmouth which is on the right hand side just before the roundabout and next to the Shell Garage where there are also fast chargers. It is a short walk from there into town and the charge takes about 40 minutes.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Please put any biodegradable matter in the bin marked compost. There are six bins – plastic bins for bottles, two dustbins for cans and recyclable plastic, a dustbin for card and paper and two bins for everything else. Please put all waste food in the compost bin.

MANY THANKS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DO FEEL FREE TO CALL ON 07771 932 957. IF WE ARE AROUND WE CAN POP IN, IF NOT WE CAN ADVISE YOU ON THE PHONE.

Hope you have a great stay!

Christine and Max Steuer

DIRECTIONS

CHURCH HILL FARM, PENALLT, MONMOUTH, NP25 4AW

SatNav: 51°47'35.9"N 2°41'47.0"W

01600 714006 / 07771 932957 (mobile) this is the number for Christine and Max Steuer Email: chrissteuer@btinternet.com

01600 719954 - this is the number at Church Hill Farm

Via M4 from London

Take M48 exit (shortly after the M5 exit at Bristol) across the old Severn Bridge and exit after the bridge onto A466 to Chepstow and Monmouth.

Continue on A466 past Chepstow racecourse and about one mile later take the B4293 on the left just after the Piercefield Pub.

Continue on this road for approx. 9 miles. You will go through Devauden, Llanishen and Trelleck. About one mile after Trelleck you will see a sign for Penallt. Turn right here taking the left fork (the right fork goes to Whitebrook). Follow this road (now single track) bearing left after "The Farm" and then immediately right until you come to a T junction - now turn right.

Via A40 from Oxford

If you are travelling from Oxford the A40 via Gloucester is probably a lot easier as Monmouth is on the A40 too. You can avoid Cheltenham on this route by taking the A436 / A417 via Birdlip or you can go through Cheltenham if you prefer. Both can be slow in the rush hour!! After you cross the Severn at Gloucester follow the signs to Ross on Wye and stay on the A40 after that to Monmouth. (If you prefer you can take the scenic route through the Forest of Dean by turning off the A40 onto the A4136 at the village of Huntley which is half way between Gloucester and Ross. Here there is a traffic light and sign to Monmouth. When you arrive in Monmouth using this route you turn left immediately after crossing the Wye and this will bring you back onto the A40). At Monmouth take exit to Trelleck. At the next junction bear left and within a half mile bear left again onto the B4293 up the hill towards Trelleck. Almost at the

brow of the hill you will see a turning off to the left to Penallt. Turn left here. Continue up this road bearing left until THE FINAL PART ♦ ♦ ♦

From North via M5/A40 Monmouth

At Monmouth take exit to Trelleck. (from Ross on Wye just before the tunnel and from Newport just after). At next junction bear left and within a half mile bear left again onto the B4293 up the hill towards Trelleck. Almost at the brow of the hill you will see a turning off to the left to Penallt. Turn left here. Continue up this road bearing left until THE FINAL PART ♦ ♦ ♦

Take M4 to Newport and exit J24 onto the A449/A40 to Monmouth

Continue to Monmouth and exit to Trelleck immediately after the tunnel. At the mini roundabout by the Shell Petrol Station bear left and within a half mile bear left again onto the B4293 up the hill towards Trelleck. Almost at the brow of the hill you will see a turning off to the left to Penallt. Turn left here. Continue up this road bearing left until THE FINAL PART ♦ ♦ ♦

THE FINAL PART ♦ ♦ ♦ Now take the second left turn signposted to PENALLT OLD CHURCH. (N.B. Do not go into Penallt Village. If you pass the sign indicating the entrance to the village you have gone too far.) Drive for 1.7 miles – you will now have the forest on your left and fields with black sheep in them on your right at Sunnybank Farm. Then, on your left, you will come to a **forest track**. At the end of this track there is a footpath sign to "Livox Wood and Troy" and a sign for "Church Hill Farm" "High View Barn" and "Jackstone". Turn left up this track and when you get to the outbuildings continue straight ahead. *Do not take the left fork*. Do not be put off by the state of the track, it is perfectly fine provided you go carefully and provided you do not drive a low slung sports car. The house is at the end of the track.

Note that if you go too far you will come to Penallt Old Church where there is a phone box. The track to our farm is 400 metres up hill from the church.

Here is a link to a video of what the track looks like;

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1ESBX21qdu/>

RESTAURANTS AND PUBS IN THE AREA of MONMOUTH

PENALLT

THE PIG AND APPLE AT HUMBLE BY NATURE

UPPER MEEND FARM, PENALLT NP25 4RP

<http://thepigandapple.co.uk/>

Monday - Tuesday Closed

Wednesday - Saturday 10:30 - 20:30 Sunday
10:30 - 16:30

BOAT INN

www.theboatpenallt.co.uk

01600 712 615

The Boat Inn, Lone Lane, Penallt,
Monmouthshire, NP25 4AJ

THE BUSH INN

Located in the village of Penallt – recently re-opened after a long closure. Check at the pub for reservations.

www.thebushpenallt.co.uk

TRELLECH

THE LION

www.lioninn.co.uk

The Lion Inn, Church
Street, Trellech, Monmouthshire, NP25 4PA
Telephone: 01600 860322

ROCKFIELD

THE STONEMILL

www.thestonemill.co.uk

The Stonemill, Rockfield, Monmouth,
Monmouthshire, NP25 5SW

01600 716273

WHITEBROOK

THE WHITEBROOK

www.thewhitebrook.co.uk

[Whitebrook, Wales NP25 4TX](#)

01600 860254

1 STAR MICHELIN

LLANDDEWI SKIRRID

WALNUT TREE INN

www.thewalnuttreeinn.com

LLANDDEWI SKIRRID, ABERGAVENNY,
MONMOUTHSHIRE, WALES NP7 8AW UK

TEL: 01873 852797

CROSS ASH

RESTAURANT 1861

www.18-61.co.uk

CROSS ASH, NEAR ABERGAVENNY, NP7 8PB

0845 388 1861

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The Barn at Severn & Wye

Chaxhill
Westbury-on-Severn
Gloucestershire
GL14 1QW

<https://severnandwye.co.uk/>

T 01452 760191
reservations@severnandwye.co.uk

CLEARWELL

TUDOR FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT

www.tudorfarmhousehotel.co.uk

High Street | Tudor Farmhouse Hotel, Clearwell
GL16 8JS, England

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SKENFRITH

THE BELL INN

www.skenfrith.co.uk

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Monmouthshire, NP7 8UH

01600 750235

TRIP ADVISOR HAS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST

<https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/restaurants-g552009-monmouth-monmouthshire-south-wales-wales.html>
<https://www.visitmonmouthshire.com/>

SUPERMARKETS AND SHOPS IN MONMOUTH

WAITROSE

110-114 Monnow Street, Monmouth NP25 3EQ

Open 7:30 am to 9 pm (8 pm Saturday) Sunday 10 am-4 pm

LIDL

Redbrook Road, Monmouth NP25 3LY

Open 8 am to 8 pm except Sunday 10 am-4 pm

COOP

Rockfield Road, Monmouth NP25 5AU

ONLINE DELIVERIES FROM TESCO, WAITROSE, SAINSBURY'S

www.tesco.com

www.waitrose.com

www.sainsburys.com

There are a number of shops along Monnow Street and Church Street including Boots, Superdrug, Home Bargains, Majestic Wine, Vision Express, Boots Opticians, Milletts and a number of independent boutiques selling gifts and clothes.

There are a couple of independent butchers – Hancocks and the Gourmet Butcher in Church Street

There are numerous charity shops and quite a few coffee lounges and a few local restaurants, pubs and other eateries.

At the top of the town is the church, castle and museum as well as the Tourist Information Office located in Agincourt Square.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

Amber Cars

Stable Cottage Goldwire Lane, Monmouth ·
01600 712200

Kenny's Taxis

2 Russell Place, Monnow Street, Monmouth ·
07828 882432

Mr Taxis

26 Elstob Way, Monmouth · 07449 809820

Ace Taxis

Monmouth, Gwent · 07754 174596

Rockfield Cars

5 Brook Crescent, Monmouth · 01600 709980

Monnow Taxis

07968059409

EMERGENCIES

Dial 999 for ambulance, police or fire

If you need a doctor you can call one of the following numbers:

Chippenham Surgery (next to Waitrose)

01600 713811

Dixton Surgery (on Dixton Road)

01600 712152

If you have an emergency and can get to Accident and Emergency by car the nearest hospital is

Nevill Hall Hospital in Abergavenny

Brecon Road, Abergavenny NP7 7EG

01873 732732

It is about 40 minutes by car.

Or dial 999 for ambulance, police or fire

VETS

Drybridge Veterinary Clinic 01600 712206

2A Wonastow Road Monmouth

Abbey Veterinary Clinic 01600 711511

2A Drybridge Street, Monmouth

ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

<https://www.visitdeanwye.co.uk/things-to-do/searchresults?sr=1&facgrp=CHILDREN>

<https://www.visitdeanwye.co.uk/things-to-do>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-wales/monmouthshire-and-gwent/monmouth>

<http://www.abergavenny.org.uk/things-to-do>

<https://www.visitwales.com/destinations/south-wales/bye-valley-and-vale-usk/things-to-do-and-around-abergavenny>

[Village Walks — Penallt Village Website](#)

<https://www.visitmonmouthshire.com/>