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Evensong at Bleddfa

Divine music for the holy office of Evensong rose to the exquisite roof of St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa. The swelling of the mighty Compton Organ and the well trained voices of the Royal Holloway lifted the spirits of everyone there. Such was the event on 28th August at the Presteigne Festival.

The choir sang beautiful settings for the office and finished with an anthem, "Lighten mine eyes" by Bo Hansson.

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Out of Human Winter into God's Summer

It won't be long before the nights draw in and the warm clothes come out and the heating is turned up. Autumn colours will be pleasing to the eyes and the summer clothing of nature will give way to the sparse garments of winter.

In some ways our journey of faith goes through difficult stages. When I was a boy, Christianity, to me, was like winter, cold and wet, windy and drab. As teenage years came my way, I began to see the early shoots of faith, and colours came with new life, new aspirations dawned on my youth; my eyes were open to new horizons and I felt good. The summer of faith was warm and friendly. I made new friendships, and God, who had been distant and untouchable, was close and personal. I was bursting with energy and the discovery of summer fruits gladdened my life. The richness of Heaven became real to me and the cold winters of my past were gone for ever, to be replaced with the beauty and light of God's eternal Kingdom.

I don't normally write like this, but for some reason I felt, as this is one of my near last contributions to the *Beacon*, I wanted to say something a little different, but still reflecting my relationship with God.

Tuck yourself up for winter and may your summer be memorable.



John

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

– Francis of Assisi

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style.

– Maya Angelou

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

– John F. Kennedy



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Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

Before introducing our speaker in September Avril Hoyle described the Flower and Produce Show held a week earlier on Sept 5th. She thanked the organisers, particularly Mary Bufton whose idea it had been and the small group who made it happen so successfully. Avril said what a happy occasion it had been but pointed out that the number exhibiting was rather disappointing and that other members of the club had not turned up to look at the exhibits, when they might have stopped to chat over a cup of tea and cakes.

Attention then turned to the lengthy table of plants brought along by the speaker, Paul Green of Green Leaves Nursery from Newent, Glos. His plants, described as "Choice and Unusual Rare Plants" looked very inviting. As a speaker Paul was quite compelling as he walked up and down in front of us with numbers of pots of plants held to his chest while he demonstrated their attractive leaves or plant shapes and structures.

He invited us to make our observations and put our questions to him, as each plant in turn was described. We joined in readily and it was heartening that members were already growing some of his recommended named varieties and knew how they behaved in our locality. His knowledge of these unusual plants was deep and we learned much. There were plants with very dark leaves which needed a certain amount of sunlight to ensure they did not lose their intense colour. We discussed how to grow hydrangeas so that the ones with blue flowers gave of their best without reverting to white. He discussed which were safe against frost and which needed protection, and so much more to help them give of their best. Notwithstanding, he was ruthless when wielding secateurs and shears. A good salesman this and we were happy to spend our money on these treasures. Green Leaves plants will take a stand at Hergest Croft Plant Fair on Sunday October 11th.

There were only two entries in the competition for an arrangement of chrysanthemums with Rose Morris taking first place and Phyllis Pugh second.

The October meeting on Monday 12th is "A Neurotic Guide to Growing Vegetables" by Richard Fishbourne who has visited the club on several previous occasions to speak on composts and ponds. He describes himself as a naturalist and wildlife gardener, writer and environmental educator. Rosemary Naylor

News bulletins today usually begin with "Good evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



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The Bells are Ringing for Felindre W.I.

Eleven members attended our meeting on the 2nd of September. After the minutes were read and other matters were discussed we welcomed Catherine and Margaret playing hand bells. Usually there are three ladies but unfortunately the third lady had broken her wrist! It was decided to have backing CDs, so it worked out very well as one of the ladies also played the flute. After playing *My Favourite Things* on the flute, they then played two pieces from *Les Miserables* on the bells.

The bell ringing looked to be complicated as they played with TWO bells in each hand! After *Danny Boy* on the flute, then they returned to bells with *Irish eyes are smiling*, *Annie's Song* and *How Are Things in Gloom*.

It was then our turn, and we were given one bell each and a sheet of music; with our bell marked on the sheet. We played well attempted *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. (It helped as we all knew the tune.) Not too bad seeing none of us had played before!

We had about three tries then swapped bells and off we went again. Pretty good! We then had *Jerusalem* played on the flute, which gave us the opportunity to join in singing. A really enjoyable evening. Rhona gave the vote of thanks.

Our next meeting is on the 7th of October, and all are welcome. Why not give us a try and come along and enjoy a chat and a laugh together, with a cup of tea or coffee; we would love to meet you.

Pat Buckley

"Listening as Friends"

There will be an initial meeting about the development of "Listening as Friends" in the Everest Hall on 12 November at 6.30 pm. The speaker will be Daphne Simmons of Shropshire Council who has oversight of a number of initiatives in the county such as this.

Everyone is welcome.

Bleddfa Christmas Choir

The ad hoc Christmas Choir is beginning rehearsals in October. There will be 3-4 rehearsals with a break during the holiday season until the last week before Christmas. If you would like take part in this great festive occasion, please contact Graham George on 01547 550208





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Thank You

My last service as the Reader was a joyful celebration attended by parishioners from all of our churches – a great delight to me.

Thank you so much for organising such a fine service with poems (R.S. Thomas) and readings (Micah) and music (Steal Away to Jesus) I loved. AND thank you for your generosity in the gift of an art token. A money gift went to the Syrian Appeal.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. Psalm 16.5

- Laura Woodside-Jones

No Blaming the Computer!

George continues his report on his career in banking. In June 1952 his career was interrupted by National Service when he learned to type. After service in Kure, Japan, he returned to the bank in Southport in 1954.

I was no longer a junior! I helped to train one. I was put on 'ledgers', that is, recording customers' transactions as the paperwork of cheques and credits came in every day. I had an interesting diversion from the bank in Southport in that I was sent to a small branch in the suburb of Birkdale. There was just the man in charge – called 'Accountant' and myself. We were under the general supervision of Southport branch.

We were in the office during opening hours and had lunch there when there were no customers present. I had to go across the road for any extra food to a baker's shop! I used to travel by bicycle because there was no direct bus route from my home.

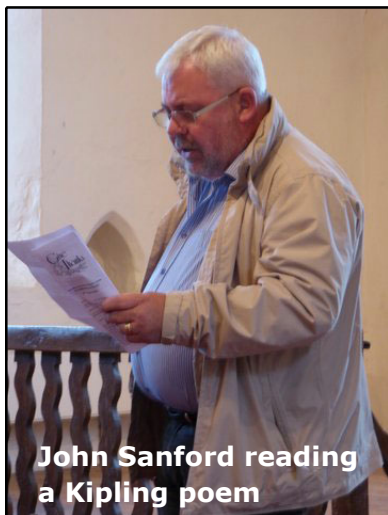
I was back in Southport after six months until the end of 1956. I was living at home, but then a great change came for me. I was posted to East Lancashire, the cotton town of Rochdale.

I had become an assistant Scoutmaster at my home church in Southport and I somehow got a message to a scouting person in Rochdale to ask him about lodgings. That is my next story!

George Linnaker

Benefice Farewell to Laura





**John Sanford reading
a Kipling poem**



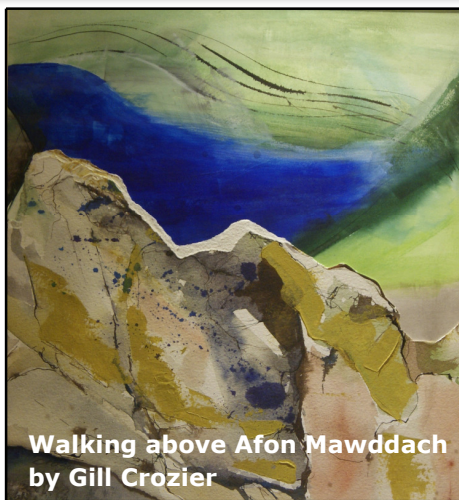
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Below: Two paintings
chosen by Laura from
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by Susie Cawley**

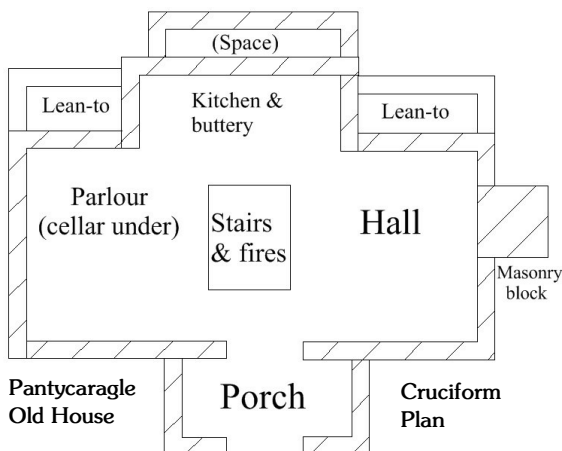


**Walking above Afon Mawddach
by Gill Crozier**

Margaret's Musings on Beguildy Houses

The Old House at Pantycaragle

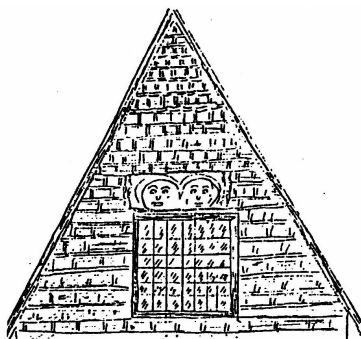
Pantycaragle was a late Elizabethan house from the 1580's of architecture and historical interest, standing on a possible moated site. The stone house was built by Morgan ap Maredudd Esq, a wealthy and influential landowner, whose family had lived at Llinwent, Llanbister for many generations. His ancestry has been traced back for six generations prior to him. Morgan ap Maredudd's life spanned major changes in housing from late medieval to the early modern period. He would have known open halls like Bryndraenog in his youth, and probably had inserted a chimney into the old hall at Llinwent, which later in life he left and moved to the new storeyed house at "Pantycaregl".



It belonged to a class of storeyed gentry houses of cruciform plan with a central chimney, a projecting porch and rear service wing. The parlour and hall were heated by the central back to back chimney, which also held the two spiral stone staircases. These lead from the base to the attic and spiralled the chimney. The back service wing held kitchens, a buttery

and a pantry. Pantycaragle was different to many houses built in this style because it had a gable-end wall of double thickness with a large space between. This is believed to have been a dungeon or gaol.

There were also on two corners of the house under the eaves, a head carved in freestone which were saved and can still be seen today, and at the other two corners, a curiously grinning gargoyle which has long since gone. There were also two flat faces in a stone above a window on the back wing. These have also been saved.(cont on p.15)



Back wing of 1580's House
Now on back of Panty House
Sketch done in 1911

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Pantycaragle (cont) The Bards (or Poets) were made welcome by Morgan ap Maredudd, and poems were composed by Lewys Dwnn in the 1590's, also Dr John Davies of Brecon wrote the greater part of his book of grammar of the Welsh language from Latin, which was published in 1592 while at Pantycaragle. He wrote of his hosts "The greater part of my book was thought of and studied while with Morgan Maredudd of Beguildy, where I had a great welcome with lavish provision of food and wine from the good man and the good lady."

Pantycaragle in 1903



Full of Eastern Promise

It is always a pleasure when Ian Burgins comes to give a presentation to **Ladies Guild** and we were not disappointed this month either. We travelled, as we sat in our seats, to the Far East, along the Great Wall of China, through the temples of Borneo and around the botanical gardens in Singapore, to name just a few of the places we saw. Ian knows his subject thoroughly and the slides were wonderful. By teatime we all felt we had been there with him (except the biscuits were Welsh).

Come and join us. Ladies Guild is open to all. For more information contact Margaret on 01547 529155.

October Flower – Marigold

Marigolds have been around for a long time. In 1552 herbal records show they were used to cure hiccups and anyone injured from being struck by lightning!

They are an everyday sight in modern day India where they decorate harvest festivals, weddings and funerals. Dried into a powder they are rubbed onto the exterior of village houses.

Marigolds are still commonly used as a medicinal herb. The flower is said to remedy the swelling of a wasp or bee sting when rubbed on the affected area. A lotion created from the flower is considered useful for sprains and wounds and inflamed eyes are said to benefit from water distilled from marigolds.

Information from "www.whatsmybirthflower.com"

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75g/2½oz crystallised stem ginger, finely chopped
350g/12oz soft light brown sugar
1 tsp salt
1 tsp ground allspice
750ml/1 pint 7fl oz red wine vinegar



Preparation method:

1. Place the beetroot, apple and red onion into a large pan.
2. Add the fresh ginger, crystallised ginger, brown sugar, salt and ground allspice.
3. Add the vinegar and stir to mix well.
4. Bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer for approximately one hour, stirring every now and again, until the beetroot pieces are tender.
5. Spoon into sterilised jars and seal. Keep refrigerated and use within four weeks.

A Nigella Lawson recipe on the BBC

Welsh Names

IWAN - Welsh form of 'John' and a Polish form of 'Ivan'.

LLYWELYN - Possibly a Welsh form of the old Celtic name

Lugubelenus, a combination of the names of the gods 'Lugus'

and 'Belenus'. Alternatively it may be derived from Welsh *llŷw* 'leader'. This was the name of several Welsh rulers, notably the 13th century Llywelyn the Great who fought against England.

Variant spellings -- Llewelyn, Llewellyn, Leolin, Llew (short form) -- are influenced by the Welsh word *llew* 'lion'.

LOWRI - Welsh form of 'Laura'.

LUNED - Variant of 'eluned'. In the Mabinogion, a collection of tales from Welsh myth, she is a servant of the Lady of the Fountain who rescues the knight Owain.

MABON - Derived from Welsh *mab* meaning 'son'. This was the name of an old Celtic god.

Info from www.behindthename.com



Beginnings at Bleddfa

The departure of Malcolm and Barbara Forbes, who did so much for St Mary Magdalene's, has caused a crisis in the management of our village church. Therefore we called a meeting on 14th September to discuss the future of the church in the context of the local community. The meeting was well attended by over thirty people, including members of the congregation, many people from the village and some who used to be church members but, although now living elsewhere, still have the future of Bleddfa Church very much at heart. It was also good to have the support of two new families, from Hundred House and the Old Rectory.

Rev'd John Hanna stated three needs: people to come to church, more income and practical help. There was much goodwill at this positive meeting and some useful suggestions and offers of help. A letter will shortly be distributed to everyone in Bleddfa to explain our thoughts on how the community and church can work together, including a form to tick, indicating how people can get involved in supporting our village church in practical ways and help to maintain it as a viable community facility.

Rosemary Hanna

Au Revoir Bleddfa

We were both touched by the very many gestures of kindness on our move from Bleddfa to our new home in All Stretton.

The sentiments on the inscribed plate which was presented to us in Church were especially kind.

Ten years in Bleddfa seem to have flown by and we take with us many, many happy memories of Church, Trust and village life, but most of all happy memories of the many friendships we have made not only in Bleddfa but also across the Church Benefice and beyond. We admit to a few withdrawal symptoms and it is comforting to know that we have not moved too far away and can easily come back occasionally.

We obviously will miss you all and send thanks and very best wishes to everyone we have got to know during a very happy period of our lives. You are most welcome to visit us if you are passing and we are at Roseleigh, Farm Lane, All Stretton, Tel 01694 723430.

Malcolm and Barbara Forbes

Bleddfa Patronal Festival

Feast of Mary Magdalene,
held on July 26th.



Julia & Madge



**Rev
Christobel**



Malcolm Forbes



Barbara Forbes



Rene Powis & Fay



Michael and Shirley Brown



**Trish
Parry**

Photos by Malcolm Forbes

Walking in September

Walking through heather to the Beacon



Walking towards Llanbister Common



Beguildy Harvest Festival

Friday, October 2nd


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Wed Oct 14. Wapley Hill Circular. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO359 621 Forestry Commission Carpark

Sat Oct 17. Kerry Ridgeway Circular. 10 miles moderate. Start at Exp 216 SO190 871 Carpark on Ridgeway.

Wed Oct 21. Shobdon Arches, Shobdon Hill Wood. 6 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO400 628.

Wed Oct 28. Purslow, Clunbury & Hopton Castle. 8 miles moderate, 120m ascent. Start at Exp 201 SO 361 810 The Hundred House Pub Carpark, Purslow.

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Madonna of Bruges

St David's Heyope Summer Lunch



The sun smiled at Heyope's Summer Lunch held on Sunday afternoon, 6th September. The Castle Inn served us a lovely Sunday lunch followed by a glorious array of homemade puddings from Church friends and members: pavlovas, bread and butter pudding, trifle, crumbles, summer pudding.

The raffle completed our luncheon, but perhaps the best part of the day was conversation with friends, old and new.

At our Summer Lunch the congregation at Heyope gave Laura this fine replica of Madonna and Child, by Michaelangelo. The original was bought in 1506 by a merchant from Bruges and bequeathed to the city.



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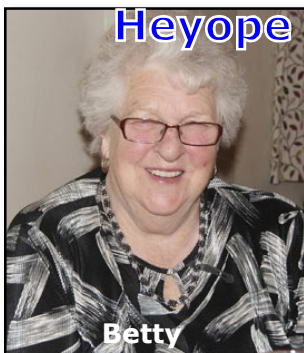
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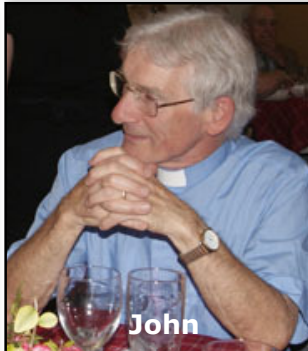
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- *Rode Rock*
- *Speckledy*
- *Sussex White*

Llanfair Waterdine WI

A busy month again. We have enjoyed an evening of New Age Kurling; some were better than others! It was fun. We helped to steward the WI exhibit at the Llandrindod Wells Victorian Festival. As usual it looked very effective and we met some interesting people. An event we really enjoyed was a lovely afternoon at Llandrindod outdoor Bowling Club. It was a glorious day and we were made very welcome and given some excellent tuition and a very welcome cuppa!

We were delighted with our success in the WI section at the Knighton Show and now have a very elegant cup to look after until next year. Several members also had some good results in other classes.

Sadly our Speaker for September passed away but Julia Roberts came to speak to us about KINDA, the Knighton Initiative for Dementia Awareness. Her explanation of the difficulties of various forms of dementia and how we can help in practical ways in our day-to-day lives helped us to understand what it means for all concerned. Several members have had experience as carers and were able to offer useful contributions to the open discussion.

On Friday 2nd October Val Tyler will give a talk on "Tudor Costumes". As always visitors are welcome to join us for the talk and a light supper. We meet in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine at 7.30pm. In November we will be holding our AGM.

- Ann Harroway

Llanfair Waterdine Flicks in the Sticks

Saturday October 17th – *Testament of Youth* (12a)

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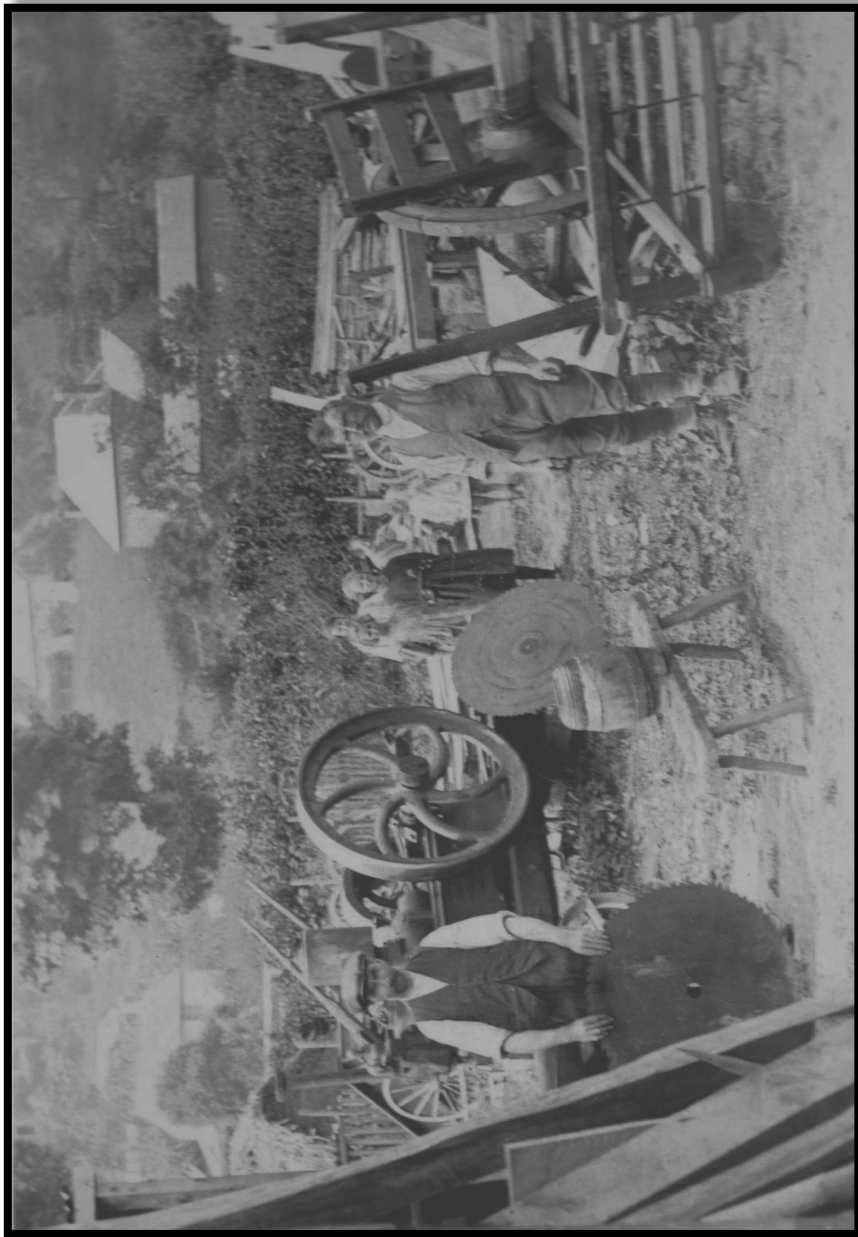
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Llangunllo Wheelwright, 1926 or 1928. *Left* Mr Arthur Lewis; *Right* Mr Richard Faulkner.
Lugg Valley Saw Mills.
- *From Henry Morgan's collection.*

Llangunllo W.I. Meeting

Our September 8th meeting took place at the home of Isabel Morris, who had plenty of room for our basket making friends from the Gleanings Centre, Minsterley, to demonstrate the art of willow-weaving.

In the main event of the evening John Hart showed us the different types of baskets that can be made, and some of the rules of threading the willow properly to make a sound basket. Many members had a go at this, and John, who is an entertaining speaker and a great folk singer, got us all to join in his favourite song "Country Life", while we worked, and ever since then we have all been singing this darned song in our heads, and every verse ended with "Rambling in the New Mown Hay".

Isabel Morris got her own back by getting John and Yvonne to join in a rousing rendition of "Jerusalem", in true W.I. tradition, and all in all we did rather more singing than basket weaving and with rather more success! A great time was had by all. You can contact John and Yvonne Hart for further information on 01743 891412.

In the business section of the evening, the Program of Events for 2016 was agreed, and the final procedure for the Ladies Night, a joint event with Whitton W.I. on Sept 17th was communicated.

The meeting and demonstration was followed by a tasty supper provided by members. For more information on our W.I. program, contact Shirley on 550555. Visitors are welcome.

Jenny Williams

Ladies Night

Whitton and Llangunnlo WIs joined together on Thursday 17th September, to celebrate the WI Centenary. The event was held in the Ballroom of the Knighton Hotel. It attracted approximately 100 local ladies, who enjoyed a very special evening. It was attended by our local Mayor Chris Branford; Kath Graham, Chair of Powys Radnor WI; Ann Jones, the Welsh Chair; and Amanda Willday, Chair of Powys Montgomery WI.

Everyone was treated to Champagne cocktails and canapés on arrival. Then there were demonstrations of Big Knitting by Ida Davies, Flower Arranging by Karon Duggan, Photographic Landscapes by Jeffrey Hammond, and Bee keeping by Teme Valley Bee Keepers. The Hotel suppliers had generously sponsored the event, and provided cocktails from Coors Brewery and Chase (Cont on page 35)

Willow Weaving



John willow weaving



Karen and Isabel having a 'go'



Jenny and Joan



Ladies' Night



Bleddfa Harvest Festival

Friday, 9th October
7pm



TICKET AT THE GATE : ONE POUND

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Ladies Night (Cont) Distillery, Radnor Hills sparkling water, Freshpac coffee, and Patisserie from Delice de France. Paul Field gave a demonstration of Garnishes from different decades over the last 100 years. We are grateful to Kate Mohammed and her friends, who gave us the entertainment of a musical background throughout the evening. It was a very special and memorable evening.

Our next joint WI event will be on Thursday 15th October at Llangunllo Community Hall at 7.30pm, when we will be tasting Monkland Cheeses. The Whitton Harvest supper will be on Friday 31st October, at 7pm. The tickets are £10, and the entertainment will be by Idris and Geraint. All are very welcome.

Helen Skipworth, Secretary of Whitton WI.

Knucklas and District Notes

St. David's Church, Heyope: Recently we have only had a monthly service at Heyope but members of the congregation have been able to enjoy visiting other churches in the Benefice. We are shortly expecting the start of minor renovations to the church building, including redecoration of the interior.

Now that our Vicar, Revd John Hanna, has announced his own retirement with effect from early January, we face the prospect of being part of the East Radnorshire Ministry Area, sharing three clergy, based in New Radnor and Knighton, with thirteen other churches.

Our Harvest Festival is planned for Wednesday 7th October, from 7pm, with cheese and wine to follow the worship.

Across the Teme, the Llanfair Singers, greatly enjoyed their 'bring and share' party, rescheduled from earlier, due to sickness. The nine churches of the Middle Marches Benefice are very much on the lookout for a suitable priest to replace Diana Hoare, and hope to be interviewing any time now.

In a recent edition of the Ithon Valley church magazine, The Trumpet, their priest, Revd Andrew Perrin writes: "we are called to demonstrate God's love in the way we behave together, by how we pray, support, encourage, forgive and welcome each other". He quotes from 1 John Ch 4 "if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us".

Around and about: The community of Knucklas has been quietly getting on with life, amidst a world, and especially Europe, that seems to be in turmoil, with far-reaching questions hanging over us all: how does any country cope with the huge number of people migrating towards western Europe? How can we achieve a common and united policy amongst the European nations? (cont on p 37)

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How can we distinguish between refugees from persecution and economic migrants? Why can we not sort out the civil wars and hatreds which are causing all this? And, closest to home of all, how would we cope with refugees in our own community, in our own house? These issues seem to dwarf the problems/successes of the Labour party, and even the rejection of most of the planned wind-farm developments for northern Powys.

Meanwhile, clubs and organisations locally are very much 'in gear' and catering for people way beyond our immediate area. The fortnightly 'Makers and Crafters' and the monthly Ladies' Guild are two that keep thriving. Also worthy of mention is 'Folk Down the Track' which celebrates its fifth year. This flourishing set-up combines the virtues of live musical performance and a good sing-song, with plenty of custom for the Castle Inn and other rural businesses, along with increased use of our local railway service. So, well done, Siggys and friends, for this creative idea which has made such a difference. As far as Knucklas is concerned, the revised railway timetable happens to fit into this monthly event rather well.

The Heart of Wales railway line continues to celebrate its 150th year of operation. Our famous viaduct was built shortly before and a recently-erected plaque beside it gives some historical details.

Sport is quite high-profile at present with the Rugby Union World Cup taking place in various parts of the UK, including the, soon to be renamed, Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. This is just at a time when Rugby League is attempting to spread its popularity further south from its north of England stronghold!

UK athletes did well in Beijing at the World Championships. Soccer is currently high on many peoples' agendas too, with Wales, for a brief period, being rated above England, as both advance towards next year's U.E.F.A. Cup Finals early next summer in France. Local professional teams also did well last season with Shrewsbury Town now promoted to Division One of the Football League, with Cardiff City doing quite well in the Championship and Swansea City in the Premier League. Wrexham, meanwhile, never to be discounted, are riding high in the Vanarama League.

With a lot of nasty illness around at present, it is good to record some splendid recoveries from injuries. Examples of this are: Jill Smith, of Mill Bungalow, a second hip replacement, Margaret Clugson, a broken arm and Kathrine Mussellwhite of Heyope, a double(!) knee replacement. A fond 'farewell' to Ann Morrell and Terry, who have moved from Glyndwr to Clun. - Robert Forbath

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Her strong Christian beliefs led her to help all those who needed it: she said, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."

Despite international pleas for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. The night before her execution, she told the Revd. Gahan, the Anglican chaplain who gave her Holy Communion: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."

In the Anglican Church, 12th October is her commemoration day (this year 13th Oct. Also this year Nurse Cavell is featured on a special £5 coin to mark the centenary of the war.



PROPER POORLY

In the Middle Ages certain saints were associated with particular ailments, and became known as patron saints for people suffering from those illnesses. Can you guess who you might have asked to pray for you...

If you had toothache?

Dentista Apollonia Peter

If you had a migraine?

Aspren Aspirin Anthony

If you had a sore throat?

Blaise Flannel Godelina

If you had sore knees?

Neale Gangulphus Sebaldus

Worst of all, if you got the plague...

Agricola Adrian Quirinius

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Doctor, Doctor I feel like I'm biscuits!

You mean the square ones?

Yes!

The ones you put butter on?

Yes!

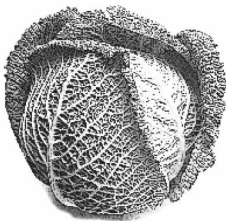
Oh, you're crackers!

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Answers: 1. Apollonia 2. Aspren (honestly!) 3. Both Blaise and Godelina 4. Gangulphus 5. all of them

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Diary for October 2015

- 2 HARVEST FESTIVAL, 7pm Beguildy.
Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall 7.30pm. Val Tyler: "Tudor Costumes".
- 5 Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
- 7 HARVEST FESTIVAL, 7pm Heyope.
Felindre WI, 7.30 Felindre Village Hall. Sue Russell: "History of the Herbaceous Border"
- 9 HARVEST FESTIVAL, 7pm Bleddfa.
- 10 Apple Day, Knucklas Community Orchard. 2-5pm
Ceilidh, Knucklas Community Centre, 7pm.
- 12 Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30.
- 13 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 15 Llangunllo WI. Monkland Cheeses. Llangunllo WI invited to join Whitton WI at Llangunllo Village Hall, 7pm.
- 18 Gravel Chapel to host Llangunllo Church, 6.30pm.
- 19 PCC Meeting at Knucklas Community Centre, 7pm.
- 20 St David's Ladies Guild, Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30pm. Sue Williams: "Walk to Everest Base Camp."
- 25 BRITISH SUMMERTIME ENDS.
Knighton & District Concert Society, St Edward's Church Hall, 3pm.
- 27 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 29 Folk Evening, Castle Inn, Knucklas, 7pm onwards.

Holy Days in October

- Oct 5 Francis of Assisi (1226)
Oct 6 William Tyndale, Translator, Martyr
Oct 9 Cynog (5th century), Abbot
Oct 13 Edward the Confessor (1066), King
(see cover)
Oct 15 Teresa of Avila (1582) Teacher of the Faith
Oct 17 Ignatius (c117) Bishop & Martyr
Oct 18 Luke, Evangelist
Oct 23 James of Jerusalem, Bishop & Martyr
Oct 29 Simon and Jude, Apostles
Oct 31 Vigil of All Saints



St Luke (Great Orme)

October Readings		Readers
Oct 4 Trinity 18	Job 1.1; 2.1-10 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-1 [Mark 10.2-16]	<i>Beguildy</i> Carol Peregrine John Sanford
Oct 11 Trinity 19	Job 23.1-9, 16, 17 Hebrews 4. 12-16 [Mark 10.17-31]	<i>Heyope</i> A Edwards R Forbath
Oct 18 St Luke	Isaiah 35.3-6 2 Timothy 4.5-17 [Luke 10.1-9]	<i>Bleddfa</i> T.B.A. <i>Beguildy</i> S Sanford J Peregrine
Oct 25 Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55.1-11 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 [John 5.36b-47]	<i>Heyope</i> Judy North Laura Woodside-Jones.

Services at Haydn's Chapels in October 2015

Date	Maesyrhelem	Pound	Gravel
Oct 4	10.30 Service	2.30 Communion	6.30 Communion
Oct 11	6.30 Service	11.00 Service	2.30 Family Service
Oct 18	6.30 Service		
Oct 25	6.30 Service	2.30 Service	11.00 Service

Pound Harvest: 2nd 7.00 Preacher: Rev Jenny Gerrard, Llanidloes

Gravel Harvest: 9th 7.00 Preacher: Rev Ifor Williams, Erwood

Maesyrhelem Songs of Praise: 18th 6.30pm

Knucklas Baptist Chapel

Oct 11 6pm Songs of Praise at St Edwards, Knighton

Oct 16 (Fri) 7pm HARVEST SERVICE

Oct 25 6pm Rev M Rich (Communion)

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Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.**

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Matthew 28.16-20 New International Version (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Go!

Matthew 28.16-20

Peter Clare



Church Services in October 2015				
Date 2015	Beguildy St Michael's	Heyope St David's	Llangunllo St Cynllo's	Bleddfa M Magdalene's
Oct 2 Fri	7pm Harvest Leigh Spicer			
Oct 4 Trinity 18 <i>Green</i>	11am Morning Worship & Baptism J.H.			8.30pm Compline JH
Oct 7 Wed		7pm Harvest Linda Watson		
Oct 9 Fri				7pm Harvest JH
Oct 11 Trinity 19 <i>Green</i>		6.30 Evensong JH		
Oct 18 St Luke <i>Red</i>	11am Holy Communion Leigh Spicer		6.30pm Evening Worship	11am Holy Communion JH
Oct 25 Bible Sunday <i>Green</i>		11am Holy Communion JH		



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