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The image shows the 'Deposition,' removing Jesus from the cross.

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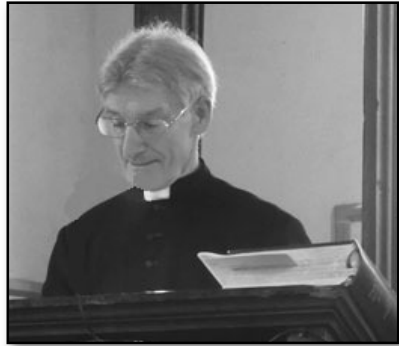
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Going and Coming and Opening New Doors

In May we are reminded of the departure (Ascension) of Jesus Christ to Heaven, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is God's way of keeping the continuity of His divine presence here on earth. Now Jesus is about to return home, and God intends to use the Church to fulfil His will, but the Church will need the Holy Spirit's help. On the strength of Easter, God begins to call many people to Himself and, in doing so, He converts them to His Son Jesus Christ.



You may remember I looked forward about 18 months ago and hoped we could see our Holy Communion congregations double in number. This was on the basis that people would come to believe in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and, as a consequence, join the church. We haven't seen this happen. I am not about to repent this exercise, but I am going to pray and work towards the same end. Please get in touch if you feel the same way as I do and together, through prayer and creative means, we will see God transforming people into Christians.

Easter past is always relevant today, when it comes to transforming people's lives for the good, in this life and in the life to come.

I wait to hear from you.

John

PS If we have to open new doors of opportunity, let's do it together and let's do it NOW.



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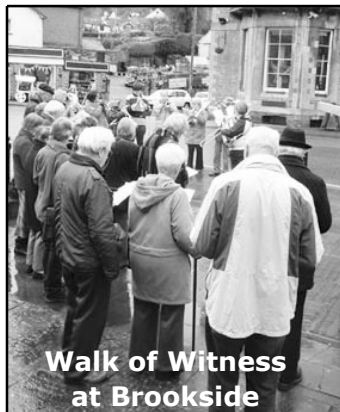
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Good Friday

Clergy carried a heavy cross through the streets of Knighton on the 'Churches Together' "**Walk of Witness**". Parishioners stopped at key places in Knighton like Brookside Square and the Clock Tower where the Knighton Silver Band accompanied our singing of traditional Good Friday hymns like "There is a green hill far away" and "When I survey the wondrous cross." Passers-by sometimes joined us. At each stop we read the Good Friday story of Jesus' crucifixion in short passages. A moving experience for all involved.



At our **Good Friday Benefice service at St David's** we meditated on the cross through art, music, and text. We considered five different artistic images of the cross: looking at colours (vibrant blues, white, even a pink halo), shapes (a huge cross floating above water), and characters (angels in attitudes of horror, Jewish people fleeing fire and destruction). We saw representations of Jesus himself; in one he wore a Jewish prayer shawl, in another blood spurted from his side, and in the final image he seemed to dance off the cross to the Easter resurrection. They included works of Salvador Dali, Marc Chagall, Simone Martini, Craigie Aitchison and John Reilly.



In between the images we heard the Bible story of Good Friday. The mood was kept somber through meditative music: Allegri's 'Miserere', Samuel Barber's 'Lamb of God', Jordi Saval playing 'On that Day of Weeping' on the viol, and Peter Tchaikovsky's 'Hymn of the Cherubim'.

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Open the Book – Easter

The children at Knighton School went to St Edward's for an assembly about Good Friday. They were quite sad, but delighted in the Resurrection story which the 'Open the Book' team told the next day at school. Three women came to the tomb early in the morning to bring spices to the body of Jesus. Instead they met an angel in white announcing the happy news that "He is risen!"



Scouting – Wander to Bolton

I was moved to Bolton to work from Rochdale but continued to live in lodgings and travelled every day. Eventually I bought a bungalow in Bromley Cross near Bolton and it was much easier going to work. There were bus services, also a train. I joined the Salvation Army there and worked with the Cub Scouts.



The premises were a large hall and a small hall, "underneath." I cannot remember where we stored equipment. There was a big park – Queen's Park – on the edge of the town centre where we went for outdoor games.

I left the Salvation Army and rejoined the Methodist Church at Bromley Cross. Scouting came to an end for me then. Later on I moved house to Salford where I was working, and for a while I walked to work. What a luxury.

I joined the local Methodist Church and became a leader in the Boy's Brigade. What a difference from Scouting. They had an annual camp which I now attended. The Methodist Minister was their chaplain.

Week nights consisted of P.T. I think there was drill as well and I think they earned badges. We attended "Church Parade" and walked around the local streets during the morning. From there, next month, I will write about leaving Salford to go to Presteigne and resuming Scouting.

George Linaker

Rogation-tide 10th - 13th May

Rogation means an asking of God for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather. The practice began with the Romans. A crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away winter with sticks.

Rogation-tide, now Christianised, arrived in England in the eighth century. A little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route – at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation was said, imploring God to send seasonable weather, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. This year Llangunllo will revive this old tradition:



Llangunllo Boundary Walk

A group of locals propose to walk the old Llangunllo bounds over a period of three days: **2, 3, & 4 May** with a bit of a celebration in The Greyhound on the final evening. We would like to hear from you if you're interested in joining us.

More details are available from:

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Recipe: Shallot Chutney

Roast in 200°C oven for 25 minutes: 450g peeled halved seasoned shallots drizzled with 2 tablespoons rapeseed oil and 1 tablespoon soft brown sugar.

Meanwhile mix the following:

250g *mixed cranberries and peeled chopped eating apples
2 cm ginger grated cinnamon stick
200ml red wine vinegar zest of orange
225g soft brown sugar

Simmer the mixture, stirring to dissolve sugar.

After approximately 10 minutes add:

50g raisins 200ml cider vinegar

Bring to a boil, cook for 10-15 minutes to thicken.

Add the shallots and pour into jars.



**Use re-constituted dried cranberries if fresh or frozen aren't available.*

From Mary Bufton and Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

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The Illegitimate Beguildy Vicar

Continuing on to 1400, there was a dispensation of Lewis Ap Meredudd, perpetual Vicar of Bugeilde by Pope Boniface IX "so that he may hold any mutual compatible benefices of any number and kind, with or without cure, etc." It is recorded that he already held a papal dispensation because he was the son of a married man and an unmarried woman and could be promoted to all, even holy orders, and hold a benefice even with cure. "His illegitimacy need not be mentioned in further graces."

An entry in 1497 states that Beguildy had become vacant by the deprivation of Sir Howell Madog, and that Sir Richard Melgwyn was collated to the Vicarage of Beguildy on 1 May. This was only until 1502, when he resigned.

19 October 1502, Sir David Cumayron collated to the perpetual Vicarage of the Parish Church of Beguildy. David Camarori was still Vicar of Bygildy in the years 1535/6.

The next date we have recorded for Vicars of Beguildy, was the 1760's. During the missing years the Church changed from Roman Catholic to Protestant due to King Henry XIII'S reformation. *(Taken from Radnor Society Transaction 1947 Medieval Radnorshire Clergy by E J Cole.)*

Margaret Harris

Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

March Meeting: Our speaker was Mark Paviour on “The Year Round Shrub Garden”. He lives fairly locally so although he showed slides of many different shrubs in bloom many of which were unfamiliar to some of us, he grew them all and claimed they would grow in this area.

He worked through the seasons showing that there is always something attractive amongst the shrubs, be it blossoms, fruit or berries, autumn colour, or even silhouettes after the leaves have fallen.



Evergreen Crinodendron

We learned that Rhododendrons don't have to be huge, there are lower growing ones. Conveniently some will drop their petals after flowering saving the tedious job of picking off dead blossoms.

If you like tassels hanging below the leaves there are more to choose from than *Garrya elliptica*. Try also *Stachyurus*, or for dangling lanterns there is an evergreen *Crinodendron*.

Referring to plants we might have supposed to be too tender for this country, he suggested if the tops in winter take a heavy battering, then don't dispose of the plant immediately. You should cut it back and the plant may sprout again from its root stock. Have patience, and choose a sheltered spot for it.

Mr Paviour and a colleague have started a nursery in Wigmore though it is not yet open to the public. He exhibits at plant fairs in this region.

The competition winners for a hellebore were; first Jean Price, second Phyllis Pugh and third Audrey Fox.

April Meeting: The speaker was Will Scott who had chosen to speak on “Tool Sharpening for the Terrified”

He came prepared with garden and kitchen tools to demonstrate the skill. We too had brought our tools to be sharpened while the chance was there.

To make sure he included the “terrified” part of his talk he insisted we checked out results of his demonstration by passing round newly sharpened knives, secateurs, shears etc asking us to feel the blades. Avril thought she knew where the first aid kit resided in the hall.

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On tackling the tools we had brought he would ask who had put away this or that pair of secateurs/loppers/shears uncleaned we all blamed husband/wife as appropriate.

There were many detailed instructions which I will omit but he convinced us we could easily produce a sharp cutting edge with the correct carborundum, oilstone, file as was suitable for the type of metal to be sharpened. But first it was essential to clear the sappy tissues which will have collected over many months on the blades to be sharpened. After that it was straight forward following the instructions he gave us. These seemed to be many so I will not elaborate.

Spades should not be sharpened as digging keeps the blade clean. It is the force used to dig which is required for efficiency, not a sharp edge.

The Competition was for a vase of spring flowers. The winners were first, Jean Price, second Margaret Brick and third Thelma Lewis.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 11 May. As Avril will not be available it will be a bring and share meal to follow.

Rosemary Naylor

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Welsh Names

ENID Derived from Welsh *enaid* meaning "soul" or "life". She is the wife of Geraint in Welsh legend and Arthurian romance.

EVAN Anglicized form of *Iefan*, a Welsh form of JOHN.

FFION Means "foxglove" in Welsh.

FFLUR Welsh form of FLORA



GARETH Welsh, English (British), Arthurian Romance. Meaning unknown. It first appears in this form in Thomas Malory's 15th century compilation of Arthurian legends 'Le Morte d'Arthur', in which Gareth was a Knight of the Round Table, the brother of Sir Gawain. Malory based the name on *Gahariet*, which was the name of a similar Arthurian character in French sources. It may ultimately have a Welsh origin, possibly related to *gwaredd* meaning "gentleness".

GETHIN Means "dark-skinned, swarthy" in Welsh.

Info from www.behindthename.com

Churches Together Events

Sunday 10 May Service for Christian Aid

11am Methodist Church, Victoria Road, Knighton

Sunday 17 May Hymns Workshop with Geoff Weaver

Hymns and their history, 3-4.30pm St Edward's, Knighton

Sunday 24 May Pentecost Service

10.30am St Edward's Church, Knighton

Led by Rev Pauline Long with Rev John Howard (Methodist District Chairman)



Time to turn in your collecting box for families in need in the Diocese. Some of the activities are parent & toddler groups, playgroups, after school clubs, playschemes & fun days, healthy family lunches, drop-in sessions, home visits, crèches, childcare, parenting course, arts and crafts.

Bring your box to Kath Harris, the Beguildy Shop, your church, or Revd John. If you don't have a box, contact John to obtain one.

If you want to find out what's wrong with a man or woman, elect them to public office.



Knucklas Castle Community Land Project.

The last **Work Party** on the 22nd March was a great success. A greenhouse donated by Phil & Rebecca Morris (many thanks!)

was collected in one piece from Llanfair Waterdine and carried up into position on the allotment field next to the beautiful bee and butterfly garden - now full of spring colour. (see pgge 26 for a colour photo)

The trees in the orchard were cleared of weeds and a new compost bin was built. Many thanks to all who came to help.

The first **Family Allotment Club** (run by Siggie & Jacky on behalf of Knucklas Youth Club) was held on the 4th of April. After an Easter egg hunt in the orchard, six children planted peas, potatoes and onions in their plots and lettuce and tomatoes in the Youth Club greenhouse. Many thanks to Tuesday Ash for helping out.

The next allotment clubs will be held between 11am and 1pm on the following dates (all Saturdays): 9th May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, (2nd August WILL BE ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY 2 - 5PM when there will be prizes for the best Youth Club allotment, games, stalls, music, tea, cake and much more) 5th Sept and the 3rd October.

Finally I would like to welcome our youngest Allotment holder - Alfie Hoyle who worked really hard on his own plot over the last week of the Easter holidays; he has made a fantastic start and we wish him all the best for the rest of the year!

Siggie Haynes



Carrying greenhouse down the lane



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Holy Days in May

- 1 Philip & James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius (373), Bishop & Doctor
- 4 Henry Vaughan (1695) Poet
- 5 Asaph (6th century), Bishop
- 8 Julian of Norwich (c 1417)
- 11-13 Rogation Days

14 Ascension Day

- 15 Matthias, Apostle
- 19 Dunstan (988) Bishop
- 20 Chad (672) Bishop
- 24 Pentecost (see page 25)
- 25 Bede (735) Doctor
- 26 Augustine of Canterbury (605) Bishop
- 28 Melangell (6th century) Abbess

31 Trinity Sunday



Ascension

Ascension: 40 days after Easter comes **Ascension Day**. During the 40 days following his death and resurrection Jesus appeared again and again to his disciples,.

Surely this is the most tender, moving ‘farewell’ in history. Luke records the story with great poignancy: “When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands – and blessed them.” From there he was taken up into heaven.

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: “they worshipped Him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.” (Luke 24:52,53)

Trinity: The Trinity is a major doctrine of Christianity: there is one God made up of three divine persons: God: the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

We are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Trinity Symbol

All Things New at Easter

Holy Week started with a **Palm Sunday** Benefice service at Beguildy, well attended by our churches. There was something special about the congregation, and we enjoyed receiving Palm Crosses. Here is one of the prayers:

*Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.
Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God; it endures forever,
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*



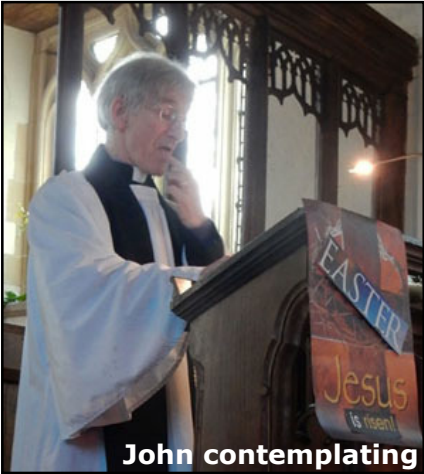
With an extra blessing of glorious weather, **Easter Day** was crowned with communion at all of our churches. Early at Heyope a good congregation sang those lovely Easter hymns like “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” with sunshine streaming through to our daffodils and Easter Garden. Rev John Hanna displayed an Easter poster proclaiming “He is Risen” and he sang us a new hymn “He has Risen.”

Vases of daffodils adorned the windows at Beguildy Church with lilies on the altar. The “He is risen” message emphasized our believing by faith. John bid a fond farewell to Peggy Corbett as it was her last Sunday with us before moving. We are all most grateful to her for all her work and loving actions through the years.

Bleddfa Church was beautifully decorated for Easter. Rev Christobel Hargraves gave a lively relevant talk about manic Mary Magdalene (Jesus had cured her of seven ‘demons’). BUT in the most unlikely way he chose her, not only a woman, but a lowly one to boot, as the first witness to his resurrection. The Easter prayers expressed our care and concern for the Yemen and Syria.

A light inside a stone tomb greeted parishioners at Llangunllo in the evening. The plain cross from Good Friday was now adorned with white lilies. Rev Christobel Hargraves brought eggs – real ones and chocolate. If we are to gain new life at Easter, we have to be willing to break an egg now and then – perhaps our own stubbornness and resistance, our doubts and fears – to release the spirit. Mary Magdalene, after all, was a “bad egg” in society’s eyes. But God chose her as he also chooses us. We sang a new hymn with a Celtic lilt, ending in “The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on me his glorious love.”

Easter at Heyope



John contemplating



Daffs by church wall



Robert



Judy



Easter Garden



Chris and Paul



Easter Tomb

Easter Evening at Llangunllo



Melissa



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Easter at Beguildy



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Pascal Candle



Rabbouni

Easter morning

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene who clings to him. He says, "Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father."



Spring clean-up at Heyope



New greenhouse on allotments



Ramblers on The Black Mountains

Contemplating the Art of Peter Clare

◀ This picture appears in the Via Lucis (the Way of Light). There are three scenes shown here: the two angels with halos, Jesus as the gardener, and the encounter of Mary with Jesus. It is based on John 20.11-18:

Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb where Jesus body had lain, but he isn't there. Instead two angels in white appear. They ask her why she is weeping.

Then she see Jesus, but she doesn't recognise him; she assumes he is the gardener. He asks her why she is crying. Then she realises who he is and calls him "Rabbouni" (which means 'Teacher').

She clings to him, but he says to her "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Pentecost – May 24

Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, occurs exactly 50 days after Easter.

Ten days before at his Ascension Jesus told the apostles that something big was going to happen in Jerusalem. And so they waited praying together for several days. And then on that morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

The image shows Revd John's stole (scarf) which has the flames of the Holy Spirit rising from the Bible, with the dove representing the Holy Spirit.



John's Stole

Knucklas and District Notes, 2015

St. David's Church, Heyope: Lent finished with the weekly group, which had gathered at the Vicarage in Knighton, feeling that there could well be regular meetings for fellowship and mutual encouragement, on a benefice-wide basis, in the months following.

A quite moving and multi-faceted service of meditation was held on the afternoon of Good Friday in the church, followed, for some, by attendance at the Llanfair service of music and poetic narrative in the evening.

Then Easter Sunday was celebrated with a quite joyful morning communion service.

It will now be the season of Easter until Ascension Day, on Thursday May 14th. Pentecost follows on Sunday 24th. This is also part of the Spring Bank Holiday week end.

Our Church Magazine advertisers continue to prove their worth to all who avail themselves of the fine services which they offer.

It is good to have Judy North back to health and vigour again, especially as she is our organist. It is also encouraging that Mary Wilding is making an excellent recovery after a serious operation. Both have been missed.

Churches Across the Teme: The churches of Shropshire and Herefordshire, but specially South Shropshire, are putting a great deal of effort, and even money, into encouraging people to visit their wonderful array of beautiful and historical churches. Forty thousand brochures have been produced by the Shropshire Churches Tourism Group, featuring more than one hundred churches. The Bishop says that this is not only about history or architecture but that 'SCTG is about churches and churches are about the Christian faith'.

A festival breakfast at the Everest Hall, to which all are invited, is due to take place from 09.00 to 11.00 hours on May 16th. in aid of Llanfair Arts and Gardens.

Revd. Diana Hoare, vicar of the Middle Marches Benefice for some six years, says how sad and disappointed she is to be forced, by ill-health, into retiring so young. But she takes comfort from the fact that Jesus finished his earthly ministry in his thirties."It is through the breaking open of the physical form that the light and glory of spiritual reality is able to emerge in our human physical dimension", she writes.

Around the Area: The General Election takes place on Thursday May 7th., with voting , as of now, only for those personally registered. The venue is Knucklas Community Centre. Most of the local candidates have been in touch, with visits from canvassers, leaflets etc. For many, it will be a relief not to keep hearing the leaders of the political parties all attempting to outbid one another, and not to see any more leaders in hard-hats or kitchens, trying to identify with “hard-working families” or attempting to look natural eating street-food.. However, it has been said that we get the politicians we deserve; around here, the issues tend to be more local and candidates tend to be seen at farmers’ markets and the small-town high streets - the contacts are more personal. The A.M. Elections for the Welsh Assembly are due to take place next year, also in May.

Meanwhile, the allotments are positively a hive of activity with youngsters also showing quite a bit of ownership and interest.

The weather has been somewhat dismal in the earlier spring but gave it us a fabulous Easter with Welsh resorts such as Llandudno, Aberystwyth and Porthcawl packed with holidaymakers and trippers, a sight not seen for many a long year. Knucklas also saw its fair share of visitors in holiday mode, several very enthusiastic about this area. Other parts of the world have not been so fortunate, not least the U.S. with freezing temperatures in the late winter/early spring as far south as Texas, followed by terrifying tornados in the mid-west.

Our local Community Centre continues to offer a wonderful facility under the excellent Management Committee (all voluntary, of course) which meets monthly: a successful pre-Easter Bingo Evening took place there and many regular activities are on offer, including Church Benefice Meetings, Beguildy Community Council meetings, Presteigne and Borders Floral Arts Society, Ladies’ Guild, Short Mat Bowls, Youth Club etc. It also has an excellent range of recycling skips which are a convenient means of earning money for the work of the Centre. The childrens’ play-area has recently been resurfaced.

Some local residents will remember Melvyn and Judy Martin, who, with their son Matthew, were previously residents at The Parc, Knucklas. They are now settled in Bromyard whilst, Matthew, I understand, lives in Birmingham but has a career in the City of London.

Farewell to Kevin Thompson of Glyndwr as he moves to Knighton. Welcome to Shirley from New Zealand, Bea Freeman’s companion/helper.

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Take-off for Felindre WI

Rhona, our president, welcomed eleven members. We have now booked our visit to "Tesco" at Llandrindod Wells on the 4th of August for a tour and a buffet. Members are preparing for their visit to Anglesey to the "Toll House" where the first WI began. We are looking forward to and planning the County Show on the 9th May. The draw for the trip to the garden party at Buckingham Palace was made and the lucky winner was ... Rebe Brick. The competition for the best Holiday photograph was won by Frances 1st, 2nd Sue 3rd Rebe, 4th Rhona. The raffle winners were: Flowers - Sue, Mystery prize - Pat.

It then became time for us to welcome our speaker Ian Burgin with a talk about "Your Flight ". After service in the Royal Air Force for twenty years, Ian went on to explain about all the necessary safety checks carried out on Aircraft before take off. He further explained what air traffic control is, its function, and the various maintenance procedures. We then understood why air travel is one of the safest ways to travel. A most interesting and informative talk So... Bon voyage and Happy landings!

Our next meeting is on May the 6th. The talk will be on Graphology given by Anne Cummings. As always all are welcome.

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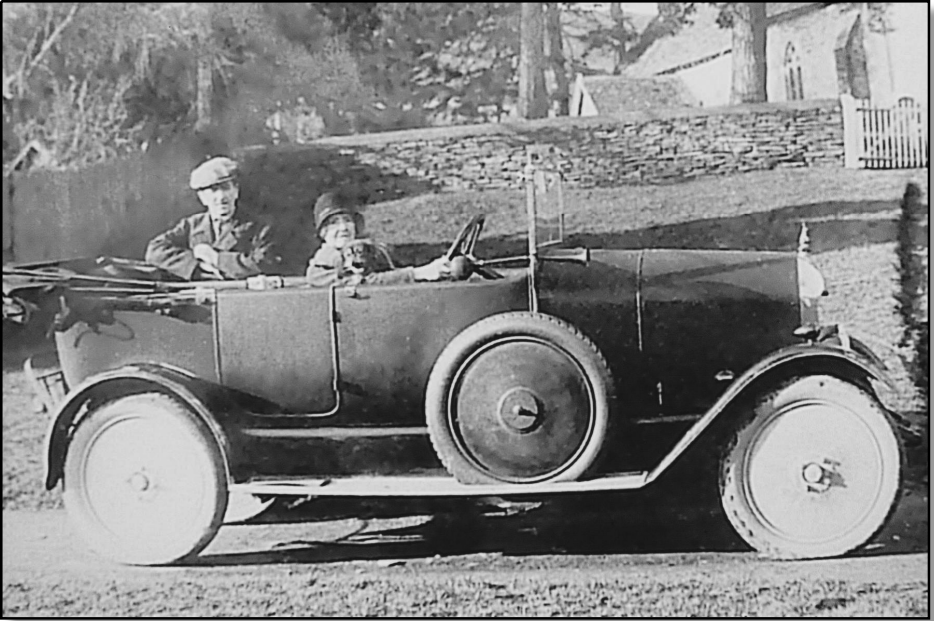
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This photo was taken in front of Bleddfa Church, circa 1925. In 1924 Bleddfa Church sold the Rectory to Bessie May Davies (the driver) and her brother, Cecil David Hallam Williams in the back seat. She sold it later to John Williams.

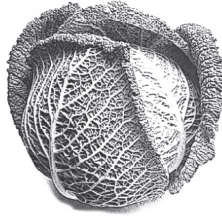
There is a Celtic cross and kerbstone of granite with lead lettering to “John William for nearly 20 years Rector of this Parish. At rest April 2nd 1922.” He was perhaps the father of the brother and sister shown here.

**If the stars should appear but one night
every thousand years how man would
marvel and stare.**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Knighton Walking May Bank Holiday Weekend 2-4th May

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Over three days there will be several guided walks to choose from: By popular request: geocaching-the thrill of the hunt for treasure in the wilds. Who was Offa and have you really discovered his Dyke? – walk and learn with our expert path officer. (This walk will complement the official opening of the new exhibition in the Offa's Dyke Centre on Saturday May 2nd). Two routes of historic discovery and reminiscence: how much do you know of Knighton's varied past? A walk on the wild side: discovering our local flora and fauna. As well as couple of good long walks, along perhaps less familiar routes, taking in the stunning landscape of the Welsh border countryside. Something then for all abilities and interests. For more information and programme please visit www.visitknighton.co.uk or telephone the Offa's Dyke Centre on 01547 528753

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A KNIGHTON HISTORY WALK (1-2 miles, gentle) led by Jim Saunders and Norman Thorp

Sunday 3rd May

A WALK ON THE DYKE (6 miles, moderate) led by Rob Dingle the Offa's Dyke Path Officer

A KNIGHTON WILDLIFE WALK (3 miles, easy) with Joan Payne of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust

LOWER KNIGHTON (1-2 miles, easy) with Town Crier Derrick Price

Monday 4th May

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Llanfair Waterdine WI Italian Style

The April meeting of the WI was well attended and members were pleased to hear about the bowls team's success in reaching the Federation knockout final. Plans were discussed for ways in which we could celebrate the national centenary of the movement and a number of members hope to attend the Powys Radnor live screening of the AGM in Llandrindod Wells. We are glad of the opportunity to send a member to the Albert Hall in London to observe the AGM itself. Plans are under way for our entries into the County Show in May and we hope to take part in the Federation Quiz. All in all a busy time ahead.

We enjoyed a comprehensive visit to Italy when Ian Burgin took us on "A not so Grand Tour." His impressions of Italy while working there showed some of the famous facts and sights in a different light.

Next month – May – we look forward to finding out about ourselves through graphology with Anne Cummings. If anyone wishes to join us we will be glad to see you at 7.30pm at the Everest Hall on Friday 1st May for the talk and a finger buffet supper. Please feel free to bring a sample of your handwriting.

Ann Harroway

League of Friends Donate to Charities

The Knighton Hospital and Community League of Friends have recently donated a substantial sum of money to 5 different charities in Mid-Wales.

- The East Radnorshire Day Centre in Presteigne
- The Knighton Branch of the Macmillan Cancer Support Group • The Bracken Trust in Liandrindod Wells
- St Michaels Hospice in Hereford
- Hope House Childrens Hospice Nr Oswestiy

A total amount of £50,000 has been divided equally to each of the five worthy charities. At a recent presentation ceremony held on Wednesday 8 April at Knighton the Chairman of the League of Friends, Mr Graham Benbow, spoke of the responsible work the members are involved in by accepting the various gifts and legacies and later in the distribution of these assets to the Knighton Hospital and the other various deserving organisations in the area.

He went on to say that it was the unanimous decision of all its members to donate this substantial sum of money to these five different charities and expressed what wonderful work and care they all provide and the effect they have on the lives of so many less fortunate individuals in our area both young and old. (continued overleaf)

The representatives of the five charities all responded and thanked the Knighton Hospital and Community League of Friends for its very generous donation which would be gratefully received and used.

May Flower – Lily of the Valley

The Lily of the Valley is also known as Our Lady's Tears or Mary's Tears from Christian legend. It was believed that these names resulted from the Virgin Mary's weeping during Jesus' crucifixion. Another legend says they resulted from tears from Eve after Adam pushed her out of the Garden of Eden.



In France, Saint Leonard, a brave and fearless soldier, chose to live the life of a hermit in order to spend his days communing with God. The legend says these woods were also where a dragon named Temptation lived. The two had an encounter where the fire-breathing dragon demanded Saint Leonard leave the woods and ended up burning down his hut. Battles ensued and eventually Saint Leonard drove the dragon deeper into the woods until it disappeared. A lot of blood was spilled in these battles and the legend says poisonous plants grew where the dragon's blood sprinkled the ground and Lilies of the Valley popped out of the ground wherever Saint Leonard's blood was spilled.

The flower is a symbol of humility and the sign of Christ's second coming. It is also believed to give men the power to envision an improved world.

The flower is also called May lily, May bells and 'muguet' in French. Bulgarians know it as 'momina selza', which translates to 'lass's tears.'

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Sat May 2. Knighton Walking Weekend – Stanage Circular. 8 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 284725, Offa's Dyke Centre.

Wed May 6. Knighton – Evenjobb O.D.P., 8 miles moderate, Linear walk: Start at Exp 201 SO 284725 Offa's Dyke Centre, Knighton.

Wed May 13. Clun, Bury Ditches. 6.3 miles moderate, 335m ascent. Start at Exp 201 SO 302811, Clun Memorial Hall carpark.

Sat May 16. Lingen, Willey Hall, Stapleton. 8 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 365672 by Lingen Church.

Wed May 20. Wilderhope Manor. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 217 SO 545929 Wilderhope Manor.

Wed May 27. Bryngwyn Hill & Red Hill. 7.5 miles moderate, 2 ascents. Start at Exp 188 SO 188504.

Sat May 30. Wigmore Loop. 10 miles moderate. Start at Exp 203 SO 415690.





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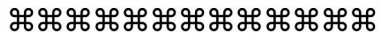
How many languages can you speak? We all speak English but most of us know at least a few words in more than one language. I bet you know some French, even if it is only 'bonjour' or 'merci', perhaps you know some Urdu, Spanish or Polish too.

There are so many languages in the world we couldn't hope to learn more than a few of them – but Jesus knows our language... He can speak everyone else's language too. His gospel can be translated into every possible dialect and tongue because, whatever words are used, that gospel is the same. It is for all people, everywhere. Jesus speaks to everyone in His own language.

P - QUIZ

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter P - can you find them all?

1. Paul wrote to the people of this town.
2. The Roman Governor who washed his hands.
3. Where the last book in the Bible was written.
4. Short stories Jesus told.
5. Goliath was one.
6. What Amos and Hosea were.
7. To begin with he was called Saul.
8. The Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses.



Where would you look for a lost vicar?

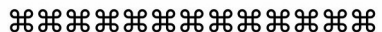
The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

What is wet, round, and taste of peppermint?

Water Polo.

What did the policeman say to the naughty frog?

Hop it.



ANSWERS: 1.Philippi 2.Pontius Pilate
3.Patmos 4.parables 5.Philistine
6.prophets 7.Paul 8. Pharaoh

Teme Valley YFC – Panto Time

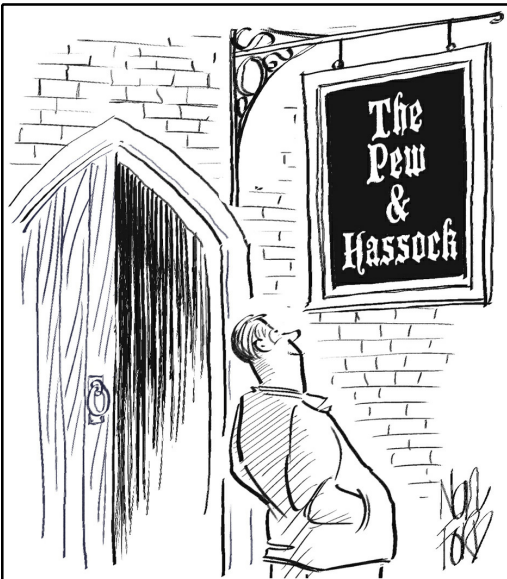
Teme Valley YFC recently took part in the Radnor Federation Pantomime competition held at the Albert Hall, Llandrindod during February half term. The panto was entitled 'Robin Hood' written and produced by Brian Thomas and gained 5th place overall and won the Abbey-cwm-hir Hall trophy for the best set. Ieuan Thomas was nominated for the best performance aged 17-21, Alfie Reynolds was nominated for best actor under the age of 13, and Jamie Thomas was nominated for best musician under 26. Scenery was made by Glyn Griffiths, Johnny Lewis, Helen Barrett and Edward Harris (EJ). Costumes and make Helen Reynolds, Caroline Duthie, Jayne Harris, Emma Swancott, Sandra Morgan, Julie Bevan and Fiona Jones. Lighting Carl Gerrard and Jonny Rowlands.

The club would like to thank all parents and helpers that contributed to this performance and are very grateful for all your help.

Ella Harris made the trip down to Swansea to take part in the All- Wales Junior member of the year on March 7th, Ella came 35th overall. Elizabeth Swancott took part in the All Wales public speaking weekend held on the Royal Welsh

show ground on 21st March in the situations competition and came 8th.

The club are at present having a break for lambing before preparations for the Annual Rally get under way which is to be held at The Hendre by kind permission of the Harris family on June 13th.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

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Cast members, producer Brian Thomas, costume maker Helen Reynolds, scenery makers Glyn Griffiths, Jonny Lewis, Edward Harris, lighening Carl Gerrard and Jonny Rowlands

**How far away the stars seem,
and how far is our first kiss,
and ah, how old my heart.
- William Butler Yeats**

Beguildy and Heyope 200 Club results

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Diary for May 2015

- 1 Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall, 7pm. Anne Cummings
“Graphology” - bring a sample of your handwriting.
- 2-4 Beating the Boundaries of Llangunllo Parish (see page ???)
- 5 Beguildy Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm.
Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
- 6 Heyope Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm.
Felindre WI. Felindre Village Hall. Anne Cummings “Graphology”
- 7 Llangunllo Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm.
- 8 Bleddfa Church Committee Meeting at Old Rectory, 7pm.
- 9 Family Allotment Club at Knucklas Allotments. 11-1pm.
- 10 Christian Aid Week starts. Churches Together service for Christian Aid, 11am
Methodist Church in Knighton
- 11 Teme Valley Gardeners’ Club, Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30pm.
- 13 “Makers and Crafters (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 17 Hymns Workshop with Geoff Weaver, 3-4.30pm, St Edward’s, Knighton.
- 19 St David’s Ladies Guild, 7.30 Knucklas Community Centre. Ian Burgins
“New Zealand.”
- 21 Folk Evening at the Castle Inn Knucklas, 7pm onwards.
- 23 Llangunllo and Gravel Duck Race, Bank’s Bridge, 3pm.
- 24 Churches Together Pentecost Service at St Edward’s Church, Knighton,
10.30am. (see page 18)
- 27 “Makers and Crafters (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.

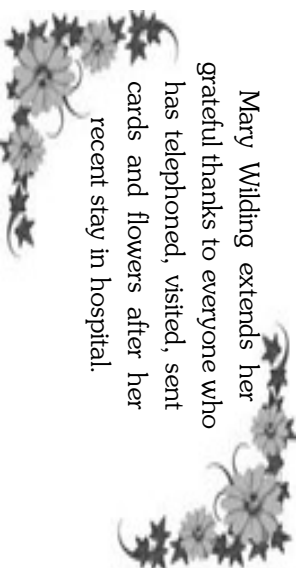
Services at Haydn’s Chapels in May 2015

Date	Maesy rhelem	Pound	Gravel
May 3	10.30 Service	2.30 Communion	
May 10	10.30 Communion	11.00 Service	6.30 Communion
May 17	6.30 Service	2.30 Service	2.30 Family Service
May 24	10.30 Service		6.30 Service
May 31			6.30 Service
United Service: Gravel 31st 6.30pm			
Action Team at Maesy rhelem: 3rd 10.30am			

Readings	Beguildy	Heyope	Llangunllo	Bleddfa
May 3 Easter 5	Genesis 22.1-18 Acts 8.26-40 [John 15.1-8]	M Rickerby J Sandford		
May 10 Easter 6 Rogation Sun.	Isaiah 55.1-11 Acts 10.44-48 [John 15.9-17]		Ann Edwards Judy North	M Forbes H Howcroft
May 17 Easter 7 After Ascension	Ezekiel 36.24-28 Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 [John 17.6-19]	J Peregrine S Sandford		
May 24 Pentecost	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Acts 2.1-21 [John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15]		Judy North R Forbath	Peter Lane M Forbes
May 31 Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8, [9, 10] Romans 8.12-17 [John 3.1-17]			

Knucklas Baptist Chapel
 May 10th 6pm
 Mrs Sue Wilson & friends
 May 24th 6pm
 Rev M Humphreys (Communion)

Mary Wilding extends her
 grateful thanks to everyone who
 has telephoned, visited, sent
 cards and flowers after her
 recent stay in hospital.



Llangunllo's annual

Charity

(Raising funds for
Gravel Chapel &
Llangunllo Church)



Duck Race and Barbecue 2015

3:00 p.m. Saturday 23rd May
at Banks Bridge






A great family event,



(whatever the weather!)



New games and
attractions
this year.

Church Services in May 2015				
Date 2014	Beguildy St Michael's	Heyope St David's	Llangunllo St Cynllo's	Bleddfa M Magdalene's
May 3 Easter 5 <i>White</i>	11am Holy Communion JH			8.30pm Compline LWJ
May 10 Easter 6 Rogation		6.30 Evening Worship JH/CH		11am Holy Communion JH
May 17 Easter 7 Ascension	11am Morning Worship JH			
May 24 Pentecost <i>Red</i>		11am Holy Communion JH		11am Morning Worship LWJ
May 31 Trinity <i>White</i>	Llangunllo Benefice Songs of Praise 6.30pm Young Farmers			



Seville – Giraldis Cathedral Tower
(originally a Moorish Tower)

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