

# The Beacon

June 2015

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*Cover:* St Peter looks rather skeptically at St Paul as they sometimes differed about keeping the laws of Jewish rituals. St Peter holds keys because Jesus said "I will give you the keys to the kingdom" [Matthew 16.19] after Peter declared that Jesus was the son of the living God. Peter wears red as a symbol of his martyrdom; he was hanged upside down. His other hand is held in benediction. St Paul holds a book which represents the letters in our New Testament attributed to him, many written from prison. He also holds a sword as the agent of his martyrdom; he was beheaded in Rome.

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## **"House Group"**

There are posters in each church regarding the launch of our "House Group", as from Wednesday 20th May and fortnightly thereafter during the school term.

As you will know, in the early church, Christians met in each other's houses for fellowship, prayer, faith instruction and Holy Communion. Eventually church buildings were erected and these activities moved into them. Over time these spiritual activities became formal and in some situations church growth became stagnant and the vitality of the church became in need of renewal. In present day Christianity, the inclusion of "House Groups" alongside Sunday worship has seen the coming back into the church of a spiritual freshness which has led to growth and spiritual awareness.

I want to encourage as many of you as possible to support these "House Groups". The first of our House Group sessions took place last month at Victoria House at 7.00 pm. The venue and timing etc can be changed to accommodate our various situations. In these groups we will try to achieve a sense of belonging, friendship and fellowship, faith learning from scripture, and prayer. And, God willing, the benefit of gathering like this will encourage us to go out into our communities and be better Christians as we witness to our faith in God and care for the needs of others.

I look forward to seeing you all in our House Group situation as well as at church on Sundays.

*John*



## **Ministry Area Inaugural Service**

**28<sup>th</sup> June, St Edward's, 10.30**

The 14 churches in our Ministry Area will meet together for the **first** time at Knighton. Linda Watson will have been ordained Deacon at Brecon Cathedral the day before. She will be introduced to us, as she will be assigned to work in our 14 churches!



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## Margaret Harris' Musings

*Following on from last month, I note 1760's should have been 1660's, as I have been unable to find any reference to Vicars between 1535/6 and 1665.*

Rumour has it, that **John Du** (Black Jack), was born in this Parish in 1527. (*Du* is often spelled *Dee* in England.) He was well known for science, astronomy, and mathematics in the court of Queen Elizabeth 1, but I have found no evidence of this, only that he was born in London with a Father of Welsh descent and had cousins living in Radnorshire. Again, rumours say he founded the school at Maesgwyn, again no evidence of this has been found. There was a school at Maesgwyn many years before purpose built schools were established, as at that time some children were taught in homes. In Samuel Lewis' "A Topographical Dictionary of Wales", first published in 1833, it states 'A free school was endowed by Lord Robert Wharton with a rent charge of £10 on an estate called **Maesgwynne**, formerly the property of the Noble Family of Harley but sold by the late Earl of Oxford.' There was also at least one private day school recorded in the parish.

**William Morgan** began work on translating the Old Testament into Welsh in the early 1580's, and together with the revised New Testament published the first Welsh Bible in 1588. He was born in **Ty Mawr**, Wybrnant, in the parish of Penmachno, near Bettws y Coed, which is now a National Trust property, and can be visited to this day.

Services in St Michaels would have been taken in Welsh for many years, using this Welsh Bible, but

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John Du  
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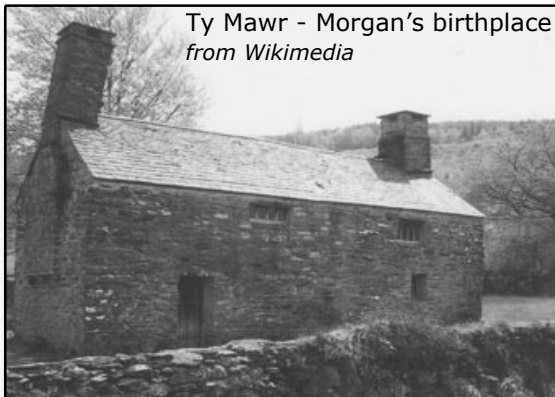
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in 1730 only once a month in Welsh, and gradually changed completely to English over the years. William Morgan later became Bishop of Llandaff and St Asaph, and died 10 September 1604 at St Asaph.

Next month, local houses.....Margaret Harris

*The image of Bishop William Morgan is an imaginary portrait in pen-and-ink wash by T Prytherch, 1907 on [www.llge.org.uk](http://www.llge.org.uk). The Bible image is from Wikipedia.*



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## **A very relaxing evening (with a few giggles as usual)**

This month all members of the **Ladies Guild** were well chilled by our speaker, in the nicest possible way. Diane Mulberry, health therapist, with a speciality amongst others, for de-stressing and relaxing her clients, taught us how to reach a peaceful and tranquil state of mind. How we didn't all fall off our chairs afterwards was quite a surprise too! We were all a bit slow to wake up for a cup of tea afterwards. However, revitalised by our talk, some coffee and chocolate biscuits we all left a little lighter than we had arrived.

A lovely evening was enjoyed by everyone.

*Come and join us at Ladies Guild, visitors are always welcome, for more about us contact Maggie 01547 528474.*

**Love is not just looking at each other, it's looking in the same direction.**

**- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**  
*Wind, Sand and Stars*

## **Scouting – To the Marches**



In the last magazine I was leaving home (with Jean of course) in Salford to come to a new challenge in Presteigne. Our house in the city was in the process of being sold and we moved to a Methodist Church and bungalow on the hillside of Warden Close, Presteigne. I worked at Presteigne, Shobdon, and Eardisly churches initially.

In a field below Warden Close, across the road was a hut: 1st Presteigne Scout group. I joined them and came back into scouting under the leadership of Barry Meredith. He was a local Baptist, farming at 'The Wegnalls' just off the road to Kington at the end of the by-pass.

We were part of Radnor Scout County, which had a camping ground at Bleddfa. We did camping and had a good space for outdoor activities by the HQ hut. What a change from precious places. During my time there a purpose built building replaced the old one. We had toilets(!) a good kitchen and storage space for equipment.

I was living and working from Presteigne for seven years. At the end of my time I retired to Knucklas and later another scouting story began.

George Linaker

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## **Recipe: Whole Egg Mayonnaise**

1 tsp mustard (English)

3/4 - 1 tsp salt

½ tsp honey

1 whole egg

1-2 cloves of crushed garlic

Whiz together and gradually add a quarter pint sunflower oil.

Then add tablespoon cider or wine vinegar (or lemon juice with fish)



## **In Memoriam — Beatrice (Bea) Freeman**

**Born 4/12/1913, died 16/4/2015**

April saw the death of Knucklas's oldest resident, Bea Freeman, at the amazing age of 101 and 4 months. Bea had lived in Knucklas since 1993, after moving there from the south coast with Danny, her husband. She lived alone after Danny died in 1997. She celebrated her 100th at a big party in Knucklas's fine community hall. Tributes received by her family mention her energy, kindness, openness, and positive approach. One of her secrets was that although she loved to reminisce about special times in her life, like the work she did as a telephonist in the War, she never wished to go back, always looked forward.



Bea loved people, and enjoyed the many visitors she had at her bungalow, always ready with the sherry bottle, kettle and cake tin. Children brought her particular pleasure, and they loved her – and the sweeties she kept in the bottom drawer for their visits.

Bea enjoyed good health until the very last days of her life. It was thanks to the wonderful carers she had, and support from neighbours in Knucklas that she was able to stay in her own home until 5 days before her death. The family would like to publicly acknowledge the excellent care she, and they, received from the staff at Knighton Hospital during her final days.

The funeral took place in the Offa's Dyke Centre in Knighton on 30th April, and was attended by upwards of 100 people. £300 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society from donations received.



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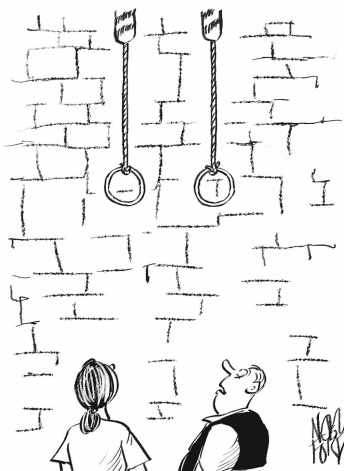
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at 7.30 to discuss ideas  
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Everyone welcome!



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

## Open the Book

### ***'Down Through the Roof'***

The Open the Book team along with Knighton School children told the story of friends of a paralysed man. They remove the roof tiles to lower him on a stretcher through the roof where Jesus forgives his sins and heals him.

The man takes up his bed, and walks home! The star of the show was Darren, the very large puppet in the photo, who played the paralysed man.



## **In Memoriam – David George**

David was a Teme Valley man through and through, proud of the community in which he lived and not afraid to stand up and speak up for what he believed would benefit others. He was born at Moat Cottage Beguildy on the 4th December 1947 the only son of Sid and Elsie George. David attended the old primary school in Beguildy and when the new school opened in 1955 he was one of the first pupils to attend. The next step was Knighton Secondary School.

After leaving school David joined his father's contracting business. He also took a course in computer studies and welding. David married Kath, or should have married Kath on 22 August 1986 but he was rushed into hospital and had his appendix removed. Kath rearranged the wedding which took place at St Michael's Church Beguildy on 13 September 1986. Philip was born in 1989 and Sam in 1993. He had many happy family memories and was a proud grandfather to Sam's little boy Dean.

David had many hobbies, Country and Western music, bedstead racing – even becoming male champion and his sister Barbara female champion. David played dominoes in the Craven Arms and Knighton league, and twice played in the Nationals in Bridlington.

He drove the school buses, and he was kind and thoughtful with the children and had time for a friendly word with the parents. He sometimes took youngsters and their parents to see Shrewsbury Town playing at home.

He was a Knighton school governor and past governor of Beguildy School and fought tirelessly with so many other people, to save it from closure. He was always willing to help with any DIY job around the school. He was on the Felindre Village Hall Committee, a member of St Michaels Church PCC and sidesman.

Over the past few years, David has suffered from ill health, having treatment, and spending time in Shrewsbury hospital. Kath and family would like to thank doctors and nurses for their care and for all the lovely flowers, cards and messages they have received.

David leaves behind Kath his wife, children Phil and Sam, Grandson Dean, sisters Barbara and Rene, nieces Gwenda and Sally and Nephew Alan. David will be sadly missed. *[Selections from the tribute delivered by Philip Swancott]*

**My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet. - Edith Wharton**

## Welsh Names

**GLYN** male or **GLYNYS** female Means "valley".

**GWEN** or **GWENDA** or **GWYNETH** feminine form of **GWYN** meaning "white, fair, blessed". It can also be a short form of **GWENDOLEN**.



**GWENDOLEN** Means "white ring", derived from *gwen* "white, fair, blessed" and *dolen* "ring". This was the name of a mythical queen of the Britons who defeated her husband in battle, as told by Geoffrey of Monmouth.

**GWILYM** Welsh form of **WILLIAM**. Originally from the Germanic name *Willahelm*, which was composed of the elements *wil* "will, desire" and *helm* "helmet, protection".

**GWYNEIRA** Means "white snow" from the Welsh element *gwyn* "white, fair, blessed" combined with *eira* "snow".

**HAUL** Means "sun" in Welsh – a modern Welsh name..

Info from [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com)

## Llanfair Waterdine WI

This has been a successful month for us. Our kurling team came second in the Federation competition. We are pleased with our achievements in the Federation where we won the Rose Bowl and now take this forward to the Royal Welsh Show. We also won the Staging and Display exhibit and enjoyed the opportunity to work together.

Plans are well under way for the WI Centenary celebrations. A group have gone to Anglesey to see the special exhibition in the home of the original British WI and members will be attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party and the AGM at the Albert Hall in London. The rest of us are sharing in a joint celebration in Llandrindod Wells where we will see a live broadcast of the meeting.

Our own May meeting in May was about graphology with Anne Cummings. She is highly qualified in her field and we all learned quite a lot about ourselves but she was very kind! Everyone found it fascinating and it has led to a lot of discussion about behaviour and attitudes.

On 5th June local author Lorraine Jenkin will be talking about her work. We would be glad to see anyone who would like to join us at the Everest Hall at 7.00pm for the talk and a light supper.

Ann Harroway

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## **Teme Valley Gardeners Club**

The Gardeners' Club was well attended for the AGM on May 11th. The Chairman, Avril Hoyle had sent her apologies and her place was taken by Jean Price, who was able to read Avril's report to the meeting.

There were no changes to the officers from last year. One member of the committee had stood down and despite a call for replacements, there were none forthcoming.

The Rudge Challenge Competition Cup was to have been presented to Thelma Lewis for gaining the highest number of points during the monthly competitions, but she was not present. The two members with the next highest totals were Jean Price and Rose Morris.

After this brief AGM a bring and share supper was enjoyed, having been organised at short notice by Anne Harroway after last month's meeting.

The June meeting takes place on 8th, not at Knucklas but is to be an evening visit, as per usual. This year we shall meet up at Upper Shelderton House; the directions for locating these gardens being in the May issue of The Noticeboard, distributed at the May meeting.

In addition a full day coach trip will be to Tatton Park on July 16 costing £19.

The next monthly meeting in Knucklas will be a few days earlier on July 13th to hear Dr Joan Payne from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust speaking on "Adapting your Garden for Wildlife". Competition – a small bowl of gooseberries, your own growing of course! Visitors are welcome 7.30pm.

Rosemary Naylor

### **NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME**

The following gardens are opening this year:

1 Ystrad House, Church Road, KNIGHTON – home of John & Margaret Davis.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2 – 5.30 p.m.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2 – 5.30 p.m.

Pont Faen House, Farrington Lane – home of John & Brenda Morgan.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1 – 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1 - 4.30 p.m.

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Directly after God in  
heaven comes Papa.  
– *Mozart as a boy*

A father is a banker  
provided by nature.  
– *French proverb*

The child had every  
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– *Robert C. Whitten*



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## **Llangunllo Hall 200 Club Draw**

### **March 2015**

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£5 John Lewis, Bodkin House

### **April 2015**

£20 Phil Price, Rally School  
£10 Sarah Myhill, Weston  
£5 Clive Jones, Ferley Farm  
£5 Joan Sammuel, Rhos Crug

### **May 2015**

£20 Stephen Livingstone-Lawn,  
Swansea  
£10 Terry Davies  
£5 Gill Firth, Corner House  
£5 Di Alderson, The Old  
Vicarage

*With recent elections in mind, Chris Thomas of Bryndraenog, entertained a former resident who gave him this local election poem from 1937.*

## **Beguildy 1937 The Election**

The news is round, there's quite a stir.  
There'll sure be no objection.

There's hardly one that will demure  
We're going to have an Election.

The Vicar first is in the field  
And seeks for nomination  
His friends are out his case to wield  
From Cwmwyn to Knucklas Station.

He's nominated very quick  
One papers as good as more  
But to give his opponent a nasty lick  
They went and filled in four.

Twas thought he might be unopposed.  
But Meredith was bound to shout.  
And so twas very soon disclosed  
Another man was out.

Twas Hamer of Bryndrinog Farm  
His papers soon were ready  
The Vicar's men felt some alarm  
But Hamer's men were steady.

Some friends they thought it a better plan  
Not meaning any malice  
To nominate another man  
And they fixed on Mr. Harris.

The Vicar willingly agreed.  
His papers at once withdrew  
And Harris dashed around with speed.  
But alas he gave up too.

The Vicar now was in again  
Without any fuss or do  
And down to Knighton like a train  
To right the papers he withdrew.

The fight is on: now which will swim?  
The parson some so say

There's quite a lot want Hamer in  
But we shan't be sure till polling day.  
But stop: alas: what's that we hear,  
It never can be right  
The Vicar's paper's wrong. Oh Dear.  
There won't be any fight.

So now alas we're very sad  
It will not bear reflection.  
We really think it is too bad  
That there'll be no Election.

But here's good luck to our new C.C.  
He's come from grand old stock.  
And on the seat he's sure to be  
As firm as any rock.

The **Moonshine Walkers** wish to thank all the kind people who made donations to our catering venture on May 9th at the Sheepdog Finals at Pantycaragle Farm.

Of the very many who supported us special mention to Graham Beadle for the marquee. Local families and friends chose to give by bringing cakes, biscuits and also making generous donations whilst attending the event.

A grand total of £364 was raised for Cancer Care Charities. So a huge "thank you" to you all and we hope you enjoyed your mug of tea with us!

## **Llangunllo Boundary Walk**

Grey skies heralded the first day of the May Day bank holiday but this did little to deter the 23 walkers who gathered in the village to tackle the first stage of the Boundary Walk from Gravel Arch to Monaughty. Although it didn't rain, walking up in the cloud cover proved to be on the damp side! Nevertheless, a jolly time was had by all and a creative use of vehicles eventually returned us home.

We were 21 strong on a much brighter Sunday. We were in good spirits up the hill – some rather slower than others – through the fir plantation to Ganders Bridge and the Observatories, getting one of the worst ascents over and done with! Lunch was taken at Down's Dingle and the second ascent brought us up to a pleasant section on the top before descending once more into the valley to our finishing point for the day at Upper Hall.

The weather on Monday morning was bright and sunny, as if rewarding us for our earlier efforts. Having been joined by some new faces, 28 of us set out from Upper Hall to climb up onto the Beacon where the views were stunning and the air was balmy and fresh. We couldn't have asked for better.

At the information point the party split in two, one taking a direct route to Gravel Arch and the other detouring for a picnic by the pool and exploring the source of the Lugg. We followed the stream as it gurgled its way over the rocks and down into the valley where we left it, climbing to the site of the Tops to descend the other side and join it once more by Dingle Cottage – only a short step to Gravel Graveyard where we paid our respects to Bill the Pub before finishing at Gravel Arch.

Celebrations were hosted at The Greyhound in the evening with food provided in the customary Llangunllo fashion by the generosity and efforts of various volunteers and the events and experiences of the weekend were revisited with considerable pride and satisfaction.

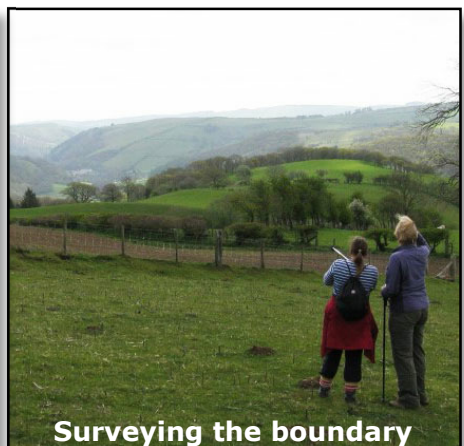
The whole venture helped us to know each other and our parish rather better than we did before. In fact, many people – even those who had lived here for many years – said that they had seen places and walked where they had never been before. The locations of farmsteads which have hitherto only been names all fell into place – an original purpose of walking the bounds!

None of this would have been possible without the efforts of those who gave many hours to plan and prepare everything and those who gave us the security of back up on the day. Also a heartfelt 'get well' wish to Charles Kightly who sadly, in spite of being one of the main instigators and organisers, missed the actual event. We hope that by the time he reads this he is fully recovered.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE AND THANKS FOR TAKING PART!**

Pam Livingstone-Lawn

# Llangunllo Boundary Walk







*Photos by Chris,  
Jane, Laura*







**Picnic on Pool Hill**



**Contemplating the source  
of the Lugg**



**Stepping down the Lugg**



**Break time on the Beacon**





**Bluebell wood**



**Bluebells & Purslane**



**Walk in wild garlic**



**Dame Margaret Anstee**

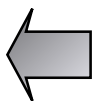


Knucklas Orchard blossom & Allotments with Cwm Sanahan in the background *(photo by Jamie Ritchie)*



**Oilseed Rape**

## From Haile Selassie to Donald Maclean



Llangunllo W.I. meeting, April 14th 2015, at the Old Vicarage

A rich mixture indeed. The members of Llangunllo W.I. sat open mouthed as **Dame Margaret Anstee** talked us through her experiences of life, from her family's rural beginnings in Herefordshire, with her own education in rural Essex at a local school – and in those pre Second World War days that meant Latin and Science were on the menu – to life at Cambridge and a career in the Diplomatic Service and the United Nations that took her from Europe to South America and to Africa and back again. In the course of her international diplomatic life she worked with such diverse figures as Fidel Castro, President Allende of Chile, Margaret Thatcher and President Gorbachev. She was given special responsibility for a number of disaster relief programmes, including the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. She was also the Secretary-General's Special Representative to Angola – the first woman to head a UN peacekeeping mission.

Dame Margaret, who now owns and runs Knill Gardens near Kington, Herefordshire, has had the most amazing career, one filled with adventure, intrigue and danger. “I was perhaps the last person to see Donald Maclean,” she told us, “before he disappeared off to Russia with Guy Burgess. Donald was a real gentleman. I worked for him until the time he chose to disappear.” At the Court of Haile Selassie, who was descended from the Queen of Sheba, Dame Margaret had to maintain a position constantly facing his Majesty when in his presence, bowing out gracefully backwards and sideways after an audience, while his extremely vicious pet chihuahua nipped at her heels.

In Zambia, a country close to the heart of our Secretary Shirley Brown as well as our speaker, Dame Margaret was friend and confidant of Kenneth Kaunda at the time of the transition of Rhodesia to Zimbabwe. “It was difficult for him,” she reflected, “he was not always told what he needed to hear, but he supported me well.”

She has clearly led the most extraordinary life, the highlight of which was perhaps her time in Bolivia, where she made her Andean home for many years, with its magical gardens, and where she developed a passionate love affair for the country and its people, still undimmed fifty years later.

Now, in her beautiful home at Knill, near Kington, with its walled gardens open to the public on special days in support of the National Garden Scheme, Dame

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**Anger is just one letter short of danger. - anon**

Margaret lives in comfortable retirement. We can all visit her there – the next special opening is on the afternoon of Sunday, June 7th, so why not go and see the gardens of this very special lady.

It was difficult to get down to the ordinary business of our W.I. meeting after Dame Margaret's talk, and we ended the meeting with the hope that she would repeat her visit to us next year, to tell us more about her Bolivian experiences. Dame Margaret very kindly donated copies of her two much acclaimed books to the W.I. for fundraising purposes. These are "Never Learn to Type," a clue as to how she avoided secretarial jobs in the U.N., and "The House on the Sacred Lake," an account of her life at home in Bolivia. For a copy, or for more information on forthcoming W.I. events, contact our secretary on 550555.

We all (including our illustrious speaker) enjoyed a delicious supper after the talk, and the meeting ended with our President, Isabel Morris, thanking Dame Margaret for her talk, and our host Di Alderson for giving us such a comfortable, conducive setting for such a special occasion.

Jenny Williams

## **Llanbister School News**

Class 1 celebrated spring by making and decorating Easter craft items and some of the children are shown together with the Head Teacher, Mrs Meeke.

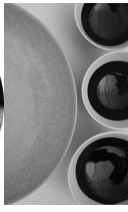
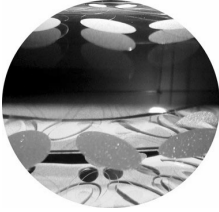
On the last day of term the school had a "boys dress up as girls and girls dress up as boys day" to raise money for school playground equipment. Thank you to the fundraising committee for the wonderful resources: outdoor play



materials for sewing and printing, new computers and helping with the bus costs. The Rock House in Llanbister are holding an Open Garden Day on 7th June; the school will have a plant stall.

The children learnt more about "People who help us" from our local school's Police Officer and really loved the experience. The older girls enjoyed more Street Dance sessions and are shortly competing on behalf of the school. As well as hockey skills and cross-country sessions, swimming lessons are also recommencing in April.

Kym Berry



## Village artwork showcased at The Courtyard

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### **Free exhibition**

**Made in Knucklas: The Village Show** is an insight into the art and cultural life in the Welsh/English border. Knucklas hosts a remarkable group of artists and makers,

**Wendy Davies**, a painter who paints the wild and unusual, from ancient cave paintings, to Celtic stone carving, to the work of Pueblo Indians.

**Tony Hall**: a potter who makes big terracotta pots and smaller ash glaze stoneware vessels. In 2014 he won the Society of Portrait Sculptors prize.

**Lois Hopwood**: a painter, sculptor and filmmaker, who makes landscape pictures combining the scrutiny of drawing and the invention of painting.

**Maggie Jones**: a painter working from the memory of landscape, from the coastlines of North Cornwall to the rolling hills of Wales.

**Robert M. Wood**: a glass worker informed by his interest in cell biology and evolutionary genetics to capture a moment in time.

**Andy Kenyon-Wade**: a wood-carver of crowded and compressed compositions reflecting everyday life in and the landscape of the Borders.

**Corinna Kenyon-Wade**: a ceramicist who makes finely thrown, functional pots in simple shapes, using muted glazes and porcelain with bright colours.

**Will O'Leary**: a stone mason and lettering artist, who is now exploring contemporary letterforms through drawing and painting.

**Lottie O'Leary**: a stone carver whose work involves the natural forms of the Welsh borders and the wide range of colours of stone.

**Jane Thomas**: a painter in the *plein air* tradition, who seeks to capture the changes in the colour and light of the border landscape.

For more information visit [www.courtyard.org.uk](http://www.courtyard.org.uk), or visit The Courtyard Gallery in Hereford on the top floor from Friday 22 May.

## **Knucklas and District Notes, June 2015**

**St. David's Church, Heyope:** Easter is now behind us and Ascension Day has gone with Pentecost about to be celebrated as I write. The season of Pentecost will be marked for many months ahead.

Like so many others, our church is struggling to get to grips with its role in the modern world and to make the best possible contribution locally.

A Songs of Praise service is planned for 14th June at 6.30pm.

**Churches across the Teme:** The unplanned departure of Revd. Diana Hoare is still being keenly felt in the Middle Marches Benefice but people are determined to build upon her legacy and that includes their search for a new Priest in Charge.

Meanwhile quite a lot is happening over there, with the Llanfair Singers playing a prominent part. In addition, there are coffee-mornings and luncheons, some in support of Christian Aid, others to finance grass-cutting. Then there are concerts etc; St. Cuthbert's Clungunford, is hosting the latter part of the Knighton Pilgrimage of Song on Saturday 6th. June. There is also a diocesan-wide 'Gathering' planned for early July, taking place at Harper Adams University; its theme is 'Mind the Gap'.

**The Community at Large:** The General Election is now over for some four or five years and the votes of some 66% of the population (rather more around here, I believe) have spoken. In our constituency of Brecon and Radnor we have to say 'farewell and thank you' to Roger Williams and 'welcome and congratulations' to Chris Davies. Nationally there is concern about the number of people not registered to vote, disengagement with the 'political class', and a system which delivers a disproportionate number of seats per vote to some (e.g. the S.N.P. with fifty six M.P.s in Westminster) and only one seat in the case of U.K.I.P., for example, who attracted far more votes nationally. However, let us hope for a fresh consensus and goodwill on all sides in dealing with the many and varied problems facing this country both internally and internationally. Voting for our ward took place at Knucklas Community Centre, a convenient and attractive venue for local voters. The poll for the Welsh Assembly is due to take place next year, with the Referendum on Europe in 2017.

We, locally, have been so fortunate in having conscientious and caring representatives in Westminster, Cardiff and on our Community Council. The Management Committee of the Community Centre also represent the interests

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**Give instruction to a wise  
man, and he will be still  
wiser; teach a just man,  
and he will increase in  
learning.**

**A book should serve as the  
ax for the frozen sea  
within us.**

**- Franz Kafka**

## **THANK YOU**

A Big Thank You to everybody who supported my Annual Charity Concert in Penybont Community Centre on Sunday 10th May 2015. Those who attended the concert enjoyed an excellent performance by Ynysowen Male Choir from Aberfan, South Wales, and supporting artists Emma Bradford, New Radnor, and Rhydwyn Price Old Radnor. A big Thank You goes to Mr Phil Gayther for being compere for the evening.

This event was held in aid of The Wales Air Ambulance and a grand sum of £1087.00 was raised.

*- Lynda Price*



of all; the A.G.M. has been rescheduled for Monday 1st June at 7.30 pm. This is a meeting which local residents are very much encouraged to attend. The weather is always an important factor in rural areas. April was exceptionally dry and sunny whereas May, so far, has been a blustery, rainy and rather chilly month. However, this does not seem to have damaged a lot of impressive growth. Several local gardens exhibit fine displays of flowers while the grass, trees and hedgerows show some wonderfully fresh shades of green. I myself have never been so aware of birds singing throughout this spring.

Although we all function primarily on a local level, we cannot entirely exclude from our consciousness the horrendous suffering caused by the wars being waged in the Middle East, Africa and the Ukraine. Partly because of this, but also due to persecution and extreme poverty, many migrants are on the move heading for safer more democratic places where they might have the chance of a decent life. How heartbreaking to see the boatloads of desperate people trying to cross the Mediterranean, the Andaman Sea or the Bay of Bengal, and so often coming to grief! And then, there is the problem of who will host the survivors long-term as well as who will pay for the Search and Rescue operations. At the root of it all, of course, is the appalling situation in the countries from which these people are fleeing.

It was good to see Search and Rescue teams going out from the U.K., including Wales, to assist with the devastating aftermath of a massive earthquake (and then another!) in Nepal, a region with pitifully few resources other than the spectacular scenery and the remarkable resilience of the people.

In Knucklas it is good to see one or two of the cheaper houses beginning to sell, but it is still an extremely slow-moving market around here.

Best wishes to Sue Shaw as she moves, after her brief stay in Glyndwr, to Knighton. Belated good wishes also to Jess, Isabella and Lucy, who have returned to the Bolton area from Castle Green.

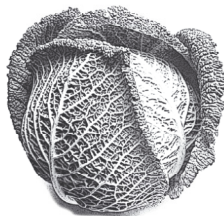
Well done to John Thornton, and all who have been caring for him; he is making promising progress after many complications, as I write.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Bea Freeman, who, at the age of one hundred and one, passed away peacefully, following a catastrophic fall.

Robert Forbath

**In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.**  
**- Margaret Atwood**

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## Our Script Tells Our Story

Our President Rhona welcomed 13 members to **Felindre W.I.** and after roll call we had a quick business meeting, reminding our members of the County Show on Saturday 9th of May, and a quiz on 20th May, and the visit to Anglesey on the 16th May.

We have also been invited to Hundred House on Tuesday 26th May to hear a talk by Richard Reece on "How London tried to *steal* Welsh Water". Another invitation came from Stowe and Stanage on the 4th August. We discussed the Victorian Festival 24th to 29th August, also the Centennial Scrapbook. The results of the Kurling Competition were, Pat & Frances 3rd, Rebe & Joyce 4th.

We were eager to hear Anne Cummings discussing "Graphology." After Rhona's introduction we all gave a sample of our handwriting and Anne discussed each submission and what she could tell us about our personalities. It was most interesting, and we were all trying to figure out whose writing was whose, as no names were given.

After Rhona gave the vote of thanks, the competition (Most words from the word Graphology) was judged: 1st was Carol (90) 2nd Rebe (79) 3rd Maggie and Francis (57) and 4th Rhona. The raffle Flowers Margaret, Mystery prize Sue. So after a busy fun filled evening we had tea and biscuits.

We would love to welcome some new members, or why not try a visit; see if you like us! Our next meetings is an open meeting involving "Kurling"...."lots of fun".

Pat Buckley

**Songs**  
*of Praise*

**St David's, Heyope**

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**- Sophocles**

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**Sat Jun 13.** Builth Circular. 8-9 miles moderate. Start at Exp 188 SO 036508 Builth Junior School (limited parking – please car share).

**Wed June 17.** Leintwardine, Shelderton Hill, Mocktree. 6.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 203 SO 404738 Park near bridge.

**Wed June 24.** Stiperstones. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 216 SO 369977 carpark off minor road.

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## June Flower – A Rose by any other name

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The breeding of roses started in the 17th century in Europe. New species encouraging gardeners to cultivate them more and more. Even Empress Josephine of France raised a great variety in her gardens at Malmaison.



Legends involving the rose include one where Cupid, the son of Venus, shot arrows accidentally into a rose garden when he was stung by a bee. The resulting ‘sting’ from the arrows is what gave the flower its thorns. The second part of that myth is that when Venus pricked her foot on a thorn while walking in the garden, blood droplets from her wound are what gave the red rose its colour.

A Roman myth tells of the beautiful maiden Rhodanthe who attracted many suitors and in an attempt to hide from them, she went to the temple of her friend Diana. The friend became jealous of the attention directed at Rhodanthe and turned the maiden into a rose and her suitors became thorns.

The Imperial Chinese library was apparently filled with books on roses, according to Philosopher Confucius and Hindu legend tells of God Vishnu (protector of the world) and Brahma (creator of the world) settling an argument on what was the most beautiful flower when a rose was presented. It was at that moment both were in agreement that the rose “was supreme.”

Information from “[www.whatsmybirthflower.com](http://www.whatsmybirthflower.com)”

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## DADDY?

You know how sometimes we mishear things? A little boy that I know said that they had sung 'Away in a Manger' in the Nativity play at his preschool. He was convinced from singing this carol that Jesus had another name because he had heard it as 'little George Jesus asleep in the hay'.

In the same way a little girl said that she knew God's name because every time people said the Lord's Prayer she heard it as 'Harold be thy name'.

When Jesus gave us the prayer we call The Lord's Prayer he told us what to call God – you can read about it in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6, verses 5-15.

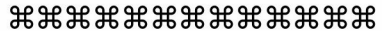
The word that Jesus used for 'Our Father' was 'Abba' which is the way that children then spoke to their father, like we use the word Daddy now. Every time we say the prayer we remember that God is our loving father.



## FOUR OF A KIND



Can you find a common English word of 8 letters which contains 4 Gs? Here is a clue... it's a laughing matter. Answer at the bottom of the page.



**What do they call ministers in Germany?**

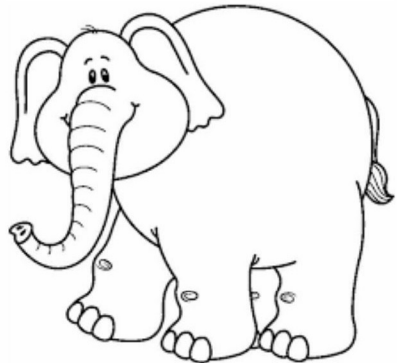
German Shepherds.

**Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?**

Samson. He brought the house down.

**Who was the first person in the Bible?**

Chap One.

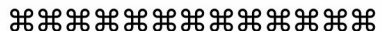


**Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?**

That way he always nose where he stopped reading.

**What do you call someone with an elephant on their head?**

Squashed!



Answer: giggling



## **2015 Knighton Pilgrimage of Song**

The Knighton Pilgrimage taking place on 5th to 7th June is visiting our area. The Pilgrim Singers would like to invite you to join us at any of the following services. The music is as usual led by Geoff Weaver, to compliment the liturgy devised by the Reverend Anne Ballard. The theme this year is Paradise lost and regained. We will be delighted to welcome you.

### **Friday 5th June**

12.30am All Saints, Kinsham

2.30pm St. Mary's, Byton

6.15pm St. John's, Shobdon

### **Saturday 6th June**

10.30am St. Mary's, Bucknell

12.45pm St. Mary's, Bedstone

6.00pm St. Cuthbert, Clungunford

### **Sunday 7th June**

10.30am St. Edward's, Knighton, Choral Eucharist

Further information from Sarah Green - 01547 560005

### **CHARITY CONCERT with AFTERNOON TEA**

**in aid of Air Ambulance  
and The Bracken Trust**

**on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, at 4.00 pm**

**followed by entertainment**

**in Becky and Marc's wedding marquee  
at Oak View, Woodhouse Lane, Knighton**

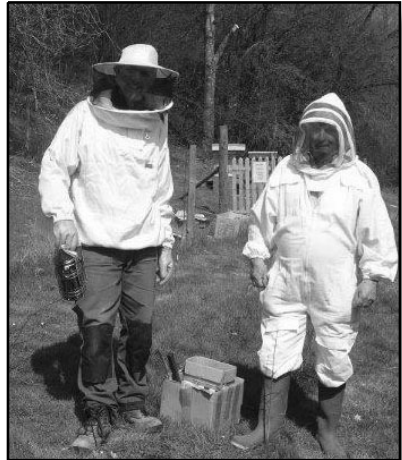
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**Gaynor 01597 823646 work**

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Not spacemen but beekeepers  
on the Knucklas Allotments

**The Himalayas are the raised letters upon which we blind  
children put our fingers to spell out the name of God.**

**- J H Barrows**

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## Holy Days in June

- 1 World Environment Day & World Refugee Day
- 2 Blandina and her Companions (177), Martyrs
- 3 Martyrs of Uganda (1886)
- 4 **Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**
- 5 Boniface (754), Bishop, Missionary & Martyr
- 9 Columba (597) Abbot
- 11 Barnabas, Apostle
- 16 Richard (1253), Bishop
- 20 Alban (250); Julius & Aaron (304-5) Martyrs
- 24 The Nativity of John the Baptist
- 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 30 The Martyrdom of Paul, Apostle



Corpus  
Christi

## Thoughts on Pentecost

The man on the train was excited and chatty. He was on a day-trip from the Midlands to the Welsh coast. The route from Newtown took us through the mountains. A clear sunny day. Rivers and streams. Browns, greens, greys. Lambs skipping as the train went past. Sunshine and shadow. Woods breaking into leaf. Flowers on the embankments. Then down to the Dovey estuary and the sea.

“I never knew Wales was so beautiful!”

I found myself saying to him “It’s always this beautiful – it’s just that some days we can’t see it clearly.” Mist, rain, dark clouds obscure the beauty, yet they have a beauty of their own, and without them nothing would grow.

So with life. Always beautiful, but sometimes its beauty is hidden from us by dark clouds of suffering and trouble. Yet it is these that produce character. Without such difficulties who would grow in faith and love and steadfastness?

St Paul says “We also rejoice while suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance character, character hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for the love of God has already been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us....”

At Pentecost we remember that the Spirit continues to pour out God’s fragrant love in our hearts. So be encouraged!  
Rev'd Michael Humphreys  
(from the Knighton Knucklas & Coxall Baptist Newsletter)

## Diary for June 2015

- 1 Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
- 3 Felindre W.I. 7.30 at Felindre Village Hall. Open Meeting – Kurling.
- 5 Jazz in the Village. Knucklas Community Hall, 8pm.  
Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall, 7pm. Lorraine Jenkin.
- 5-7 Knighton Pilgrimage of Song. (See page 42)
- 6 Family Allotment Club at Knucklas Allotments. 11-1pm.
- 8 Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Visit to Upper Shelderton House Garden.
- 9 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 11 Llangunllo W.I. Brewery Visit at Bishop's Castle.
- 16 St David's Ladies Guild, 7.30 Knucklas Community Centre. Jacqueline Cook-Molony: "The Healing of Animals."
- 18 'Folk Down the Track' at the Castle Inn Knucklas, 7pm onwards.
- 19 Rhayader Male Voice Choir concert at St Cynllo's, 7.30pm.
- 23 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 24 Meeting in Llangunllo Hall to discuss ideas for Community Concert.



Historic Photo: Llangunllo women learning to use a triangular hoe to keep swedes 6 inches apart at Penyclawd 1950's. Left to right [possibly] Joan Wilson, Lillian Lewis, Mary Ruell (nee Powel), Freda Powel, Beryl Theyer, Gladys Theyer

*From the collection of Henry Morgan*

<b>Readings</b>		<b>Readers</b>
June 7 Trinity 1	Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 [Mark 3.20-35]	C Peregrine M Rickerby ←Beguildy
June 14 Trinity 2	Ezekial 17.22-24 2 Corinthians 5.6-17 [Mark 4.26-34]	H Howcroft M Forbes ←Bleddfa
June 21 Trinity 3	Job 38.1-11 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 [Mark 4.35-41]	J Peregrine J Sandford ←Beguildy
June 28 Trinity 4	2 Samuel 1.17-27 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 [Mark 5.21-43]	R Forbath M Wilding ←Heyope  Peter Lane M Forbes ←Bleddfa

St Edward's Knighton: An evening of Songs & Savouries with Steve Hollinghurst on Saturday July 18th 2015 at the Church Hall, Knighton.

Doors open 7pm - commence 7.30pm.

Proceeds for St. Edward's Church. Admission by ticket £6 from Church members or telephone 01547 529167.

Churches Together dates for Contemplative Hour:

Thursdays: 4th June, 10.30 - 11.30 am and 4 - 5 pm

18th June 4-5 pm

All are welcome to share in this Quiet Time at

I Ystrad House, 1 Church Road.

All are welcome!

### **Knucklas Baptist Chapel**

June 14th 6pm Chapel 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Revd Patrick Baker. Plus items & refreshments

June 28th 6pm

Rev M Humphreys (Communion)

## Contemplating the Art of Peter Clare



This month Peter shows us a resurrection story about two disciples on a stroll, as told in Luke. This happens just a few days after the Resurrection.

Luke, Chapter 24 Verses 13-19 and 25-27 (New International Version translation)

“Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

### Services at Haydn's Chapels in June 2015

Date	Maesy rhelem	Pound	Gravel
<b>June 7</b>	10.30 Service	6.30 Service	2.30 Com/FS
<b>June 14</b>	10.30 Service	6.30 Service	2.30 Service
<b>June 21</b>	6.30 Service	2.30 Communion	11.00 Service
<b>June 28</b>	6.30 Communion		

Pound Preaching Anniversary: 14th 2.30 & 6.30pm  
Preacher: Mr Huw Stephens, Rogerstone

**Oops!** Last month's Beacon reported that Ella Harris came in 35th at Swansea. It should read 3rd. Our sincere apologies to Ella!



The Walk to Emmaus – Luke 24.13-19, 25-27  
*Peter Clare*



<b>Church Services in June 2015</b>				
<b>Date 2015</b>	<b>Beguildy</b> St Michael's	<b>Heyope</b> St David's	<b>Llangunllo</b> St Cynllo's	<b>Bleddfa</b> M Magdalene's
June 7 Trinity 1 <i>Green</i>	11am Holy Communion JH			8.30pm Compline LWJ
June 14 Trinity 2 <i>Green</i>		6.30 Songs of Praise		11am Holy Communion JH
June 21 Trinity 3 <i>Green</i>	11am Morning Worship JH		6.30 Fathers' Day with Gravel	
June 28 Pentecost <i>Red</i>	Ministry Area Inaugural Service 10.30am St Edward's, Knighton (A service for all 14 churches)			



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