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Cover: The Old Testament Prophet (perhaps Samuel?) is swinging incense before the Ark of the Covenant, where God resides. He is opening the curtain, a once a year ritual performed on 'The Day of Atonement' (Yom Kippur). Incense is perpetually burning on the chest behind the prophet and two gold cherubim guard the 'Mercy Seat' covering the ark. The candlestick has seven branches, the Jewish 'menora'. Notice the fringe on the priest's garment; a woman in the New Testament knows that if she touches that fringe on Jesus' robe, she will be healed.

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#### Renewal and Revival

For all the faults and failings of the Church, it still remains a place of great value, because it is rooted in the love of God, the sacrifice of Jesus and the unconditional presence of the Holy Spirit. Its membership has held together throughout the centuries, based on baptism, Holy Communion and fellowship. What it has achieved in parishes and the wider world has no match. It has welcomed the poor



and the rich and it has nourished needs in all corners of the world.

I am saddened because so many people throughout our land have decided to withdraw their commitment and support of the Church. Have those people considered what may replace it? Far too many of our cherished institutions have either gone or been drastically altered, and not always for the good. If our church buildings close, it will not be due to the minister's lack of effort, and that goes for many of the worshippers also. The present Church stands on the shoulders of past loyal and committed Christians. Will future generations be able to say the same about us? If I sound frustrated, well it's because I am. We have something wonderful and unique in the person of Jesus Christ. If we, the Church, don't elevate the importance of faith in God through Jesus, who will?

The Church will only continue on the foundation of God's love as demonstrated in the Jesus of Easter. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talked about building on the rock and not on the sand. It seems to me the Church has accumulated too much sand in its foundation. Recently John Peregrine told us about William Williams Pantycelyn, the Welsh revivalist and hymn writer who travelled through Wales spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. John said, we need revival in our churches. Can I ask all our church wardens to organise a meeting for mid September, so that our benefice can come together to pray and seek God for renewal and revival in our churches.

Do enjoy the summer period, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting in September.





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#### The Hills Were Alive at the Vineyard

Guests from around the valley were charmed by The Vineyard, its beautiful gardens and paths, and the stunning views into the Heyope valley. A wide range of delicious cakes, scones and meringues greeted us. But the real point of Sunday afternoon tea was the music performed by students from the Royal Academy of Music.

The garden was a fitting setting for arias from Mozart, Brahms, Ravel, Puccini sung with such verve. The students also entertained us with familiar songs from musicals like 'Carousel' and 'My Fair Lady'. They added some very British pieces from the Hebrides to Shropshire ("Loveliest of Trees") and the delightful "Salley Gardens" by Benjamin Britten.

Nature joined in with birdsong. During the singing of a piece from Sweeney Todd about the delights of linnets, nightingales and green finches, the birds in the surrounding trees were also singing lustily.

The young students with fine musical careers ahead of them were Irina Loskova and Helena Moor (sopranos), Olivia Warburton (mezzo-soprano) and Rico Shaker (tenor), all accompanied ably by Alistair Chilvers on the keyboard.

We are grateful to our hosts, Elizabeth (their teacher) and Ian Ritchie, who had brought these talented young people to their garden stage. It was all done in aid of, and organised by, the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project; over £800 was raised.

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# A CENTENARY CELEBRATION LADIES EVENING at the Knighton Hotel

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#### Duck! - here comes a duck!

They weren't just in the water but also flying through the air at the Llangunllo Duck Race, which had returned to its usual venue at Banks Bridge. The Dunk-a-Duck side show was a great success, proving very popular with both young and old. It involved propelling plastic ducks through the air by means of a see-saw like launching plank and trying to dunk them in water filled tubs of varying sizes and values to see who could accumulate the highest score with three ducks. Techniques varied and much attention was paid to the strength and speed of the stamp needed to get each duck air born. Competition was keen and in the end it was one of the younger participants that carried away the prize.

As for the main business of the day, an increased sale of ducks meant extra races which kept the organising team busy for most of the afternoon. They seemed to be helped – or was it hindered – periodically by various excited children who needed very little excuse to plunge into the water. Fortunately the sun did show itself and, although some clouds threatened from time to time, the rain kept off and the temperature remained pleasant so that soggy youngsters didn't suffer any really unpleasant side effects.

Of course, we had the benefit of hot dogs and burgers to keep us going as well as hot and cold drinks and ice cream, which appeared, as if by magic, and disappeared almost as quickly! A table full of locally baked cakes soon found eager buyers and there was also a selection of plants to choose from for those gardeners who had identified a shortage in their stocks.

The tombola and grand draw were as well supported as ever and seemed, this year, to have even more prizes. There was a chance to guess the name of a rather appealing, fluffy duck of unspecified gender from a surprisingly large list of names beginning with the letter D. There were all the usual suspects like Daffy and Donald but also some less likely ones like Delilah and Darius (I thought he was a gladiator!). In the end it turned out to be a duck rather than a drake and had a good Welsh name like Dileth if memory serves me right.

The Tin Shy was another popular attraction leading to much good natured rivalry and Guess What's in the Socks tested our imagination somewhat. (It didn't go unnoticed that, when revealed, two of the mystery items had to do with opening or sealing bottles of alcohol! Say no more!!)

Altogether a very enjoyable and successful afternoon which raised a substantial amount thanks to the hard work and generosity of all concerned. Many thanks also to all those who came along to share the occasion with us.

Pam L-L













Photos by Anne, Bob, Charles, Laura









#### **Teme Valley Gardeners' Club June meeting**

Gardeners' Club members met at Upper Shelderton House Gardens near Clungunford; home of Andrew Benton and Tricia McHaffie, on what turned out to be a pleasant evening weatherwise. After a brief introduction we were left to roam around an extensive garden well planted with trees and shrubs. There was running water and a pond. The shrubs in blossom were principally rhododendrons and azaleas. The fragrance amongst the azaleas was just past its best but must have been overpowering a week or two earlier for the Garden's Open Days under the NGS scheme. There were too a number of unusual trees now at maturity. The garden was landscaped and planted mainly in 1962 but recent owners had allowed it to become neglected. The present owners are taking it in hand, having removed numbers of conifers which had overgrown their allotted space. I noticed how impressed our members were by the very orderly vegetable beds. These have become the responsibility of Joyce and Norman Grove, who might I suggest knew their onions when it comes to growing a wide range of herbs and vegetables.

As members finished their tours of the garden they congregated around tables to enjoy a drink and scone or piece of cake. When most were assembled the Rudge Challenge Cup for the highest scoring total for the monthly flower competitions was awarded to Thelma Lewis. She had been unavailable at the previous month's AGM meeting to receive it.

This was a good choice of garden to visit and was well attended. There was so much still to rescue from years of neglect that perhaps future visits might be a good thing, either individually on a future Open Day or as another club gettogether.

The July meeting on 13th takes place at the Community Centre, Knucklas when Dr Joan Payne of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust will speak on gardening for Wildlife.

Rosemary Naylor

## Teme Valley Gardeners Club Trip **Tatton Park**

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#### Hanging up the Scarf

After about forty years of being a Reader in the Anglican Church, it is time to hang up my scarf. My last service as full time Reader is August 23rd at Bleddfa. I have so enjoyed serving as a Reader in our Benefice, working with each Priest, getting to know our congregations, and loving our beautiful places of worship.

Over the years I have served in California, in Wolverhampton, and now in Wales. Life is full of surprises. Many blessings to everyone in our Benefice and our Ministry Area.

- Laura Woodside-Jones



Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see.

- Martin Luther

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#### **Recipe: Gingerbread**

225 grams (8 oz) self raising flour 4 tablespoons golden syrup 85 grams (3 oz) butter or margarine 55 grams (2 oz) soft brown sugar 2 teaspoons ground ginger 1 egg

pinch salt

about ¼ pint milk

Method: Sift the flour, ginger and salt into a basin. Melt ( $\underline{not}$  boil) the syrup, margarine and sugar in a saucepan. Beat egg, add to milk and stir everything in together (if too stiff add more milk; it should pour easily). Put in greased tin and bake for 45 minutes at Mark 3 ( $140^{\circ}C$ ).

From Mrs. Plant (Judy North's mother)

#### **Desert Island Discs at Bleddfa**

At Pentecost Bleddfa hosted their own version of Desert Island Discs. First, the luscious "Miserere Mei, Deus" [Lord, have mercy on me] by Allegri was sung in Latin. Written in 1640 it would have been played at dusk with candles gradually being extinguished to mark the ending of the day. Malcolm told how it calmed him after an exasperating day when everything went wrong with the car and the lawn mower.

The next familiar piece, "The Prayer," was sung beautifully by an unlikely star, Lulu, along with Russell Watson. The words say it all: "I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go. And help us to be wise in times when we don't know."

Another surprise came when Malcolm chose a Beatles song recorded by John Lennon, "All You Need is Love." As it transpired Malcolm lived and was schooled on Penny Lane, made famous by the Beatles.

The last recording "Before the Ending of the Day," also sung in Latin, has familiar English words which ask God to guard us in our sleep, to grant us rest free from fear.

Our collection of £142 for the Nepal earthquake victims was a sign of God's Spirit alive in our world,

#### The Farming Year

Over 70 people, old and young, attended the **Llangunllo Songs of Praise** for the Benefice and Young Farmers on May 31st. The evening program was divided into four sections, for each season as presented by Young Farmers from the Benefice – from Dolau, Knighton, Teme Valley, and Cantel.

After our opening prayer, and the hymn "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands", Katie Morris introduced the Young Farmers Clubs. The Movement is one of the largest rural youth organisations in England and Wales – with 624 YFCs dedicated to supporting young people in agriculture and the countryside. It was not necessary to be a hands-on farmer to be a Young Farmer, Katie explained, just someone who appreciates the countryside and enjoys rural life. There are circa 25,000 members nationally, aged 16–26, who all have a unique opportunity to develop skills, work with their local communities, travel abroad, and take part in a varied program of competitions. The Radnor Federation celebrates its 70th birthday this year, with 13 clubs and 500 members.

The Dolau YFC introduced us to Spring, with the hymn "Morning has Broken" and a reading, given by Gemma Bufton, about Spring Lambs and Good Shepherds from John Ch 10. Summer was brought to us by Knighton Young Farmers, with the hymn "All things Bright and Beautiful" and a talk by Dan Price about the social benefits of joining the YFC – "It's quite a marriage bureau," he said, pointing us to his wedding ring! Summer was rounded off with a short dance to "Walking on Sunshine".

Jess Barrett described the hard work and benefits of Harvest in autumn. Ella Harris followed with a poem about the Welsh Nation's favourite sport – Rugby! Our hymns were "Come ye Thankful People Come" and the powerful "Guide Me O thou Great Redeemer." Winter is beautiful, Cantel Young Farmers told us, represented by Bethan Northwood, and Lillian Wozencraft who read a seasonal poem, and our hymn, or carol, was "In the Bleak Midwinter".

Then Laura Woodside-Jones led us in prayers for those in need. Our donation was for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal, collected by Rhoda and Griff Hodnett of Knighton YFC. Our closing hymn, another great favourite, was "Lord of the Dance", and then Revd John Hanna led our closing prayers.

The congregation had a delicious supper with Summer Punch and Sangria. A really enjoyable evening was had by all, thanks in great part to our Young Farmers and their Chairman Katie Morris. It was an event which we hope will be repeated in future.

Jenny Williams









The Beacon Hill Benefice wishes to congratulate the Teme Valley Young Farmers Club on their superb performance at the YFC rally! Well done.



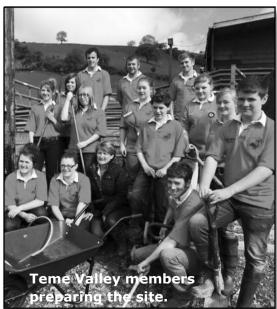
#### **Top Honours For Teme Valley YFC**

Teme Valley hosted the 67th Annual Young Farmers Rally at The Hendre by kind permission of the Harris family. Teme Valley won the event for the first time in the club's history. They won with a total of 2940 points.

Previous to rally day members took part in various competitions. Jess Barrett, Ella Harris, Ellie Griffiths, Kate Reynolds, Chloe Lewis and Nerys Jones took part in the pre rally dance competition coming 8th. Thomas Swancott, Ben Harris, Ben Watkin and Tom Harris took part in the Beltex Sheep Judging. Ben Watkin came 1st and will now go onto the Royal Welsh representing Radnor. Ben Harris came 2nd, Thomas 7th and Tom 10th in their individual age categories. The Charolais cattle judging team consisted of Cody Barnett, George Morgan, Elizabeth Swancott and Jon Harris. Cody came 5th in the under 26 class, George 7th in the under 21s, Elizabeth 2nd in under 18s and Jon 4th in the under 16s. Cathlin Mockler, George Morgan, Ella Harris and Ollie Brock took part in the pony judging. Cathlin, Ella and George all came 6th in their classes and Ollie came 9th in the under 16 class. The club's promotional sign came 1st. Sarah Bevan's promotional poster came 5th.

Before the event the host family, club members, leaders and friends clubbed together to prepare the rally site for the day.

The rally theme was based around pirate. The results on rally day are as follows-



Scrapbook completed by Elizabeth Swancott 5th. Yearbook cover Wendy Mawer 10th. Club minutes and attendance book Megan Thomas 5th. Design and create a pirates flag Chloe Lewis and Tara Deakins 4th. Cookery Ollie Brock and William Deakins 3rd. Craft Thomas Swancott 1st This is your life tell the story of a famous pirate Elizabeth Swancott, Ellie Griffiths, Sarah Bevan, Ella Harris and Anna Morgan 3rd. Pirates challenge Alfred Reynolds and James Reynolds 12th. Dress up a club

leader Kate and Alfred Reynolds 1st. Wool handling Kim Barnett 8th. Cabaret Ella Harris, Megan Thomas, Ieuan Thomas, Kate Reynolds, Chloe Lewis and Jack Barrett 1st. Mock auction Ieuan Thomas and Elizabeth Swancott 12th. Main ring display Ellie Griffiths, Ella Harris, Jack Barrett, Nerys Jones, Abbie Packham, Cody Barnett, Sarah Bevan, Kim Barnett, Chloe Turner, Danni Turner 7th. Tresure Hunt Anna Morgan, Chloe Lewis 9th. Flowers under 16 Ella Harris 4th, under 21 Jonny Rowlands 2nd Jess Barett under 26 2nd . Face Painting Chloe Lewis and Kate Reynolds 1st. Jonny Rowlands and Stewart Morgan came 7th in the woodwork. Fat lamb Judging James Reynolds 1st, Breeding ewe Judging Ben Watkins and Jon Harris 3rd.

Sheep shearing - senior sheep shearing Ben Griffiths, Ben Watkin and Cody Barnett shore for Teme Valley, Ben Griffiths came 4th, Ben Watkin 11th and Cody 13th. In the intermediate shearing Ieuan Thomas was 7th and Tom Harris 9th. For the junior shearing Tom Harris was 4th.

The club came away with a very pleasing seven cups. They won the prepetual challenge shield for winning the overall rally. The Glenda Lawrence cup for the promotional sign. Chloe Lewis, Tara Deakins and Kate Reynolds won the Albert Pritchard trophy for the club gaining the highest points for the facepainting and design and create a pirates flag competition. Jess Barrett, Jonny Rowland and Ella Harris won the Rachel Buffton memorial sheild for the most points gained in the floral competition. William Deakin, Ollie Brock and Thomas Swancott won the Megan Davies Memorial rose bowl for the most points gained in the crafts and cookery competitions. James Reynolds won the H M Bennet shield for the highest placed individual in the fat lamb judging competition. Ella Harris, Chloe Lewis, Megan Thomas, Kate Reynolds, Ieuan Thomas and Jack Barrett won the Ref Flame Productions cup for highest points in the Cabaret Competiiton.

Elizabeth Swancott was 2nd in the cup for highest marks by a female in either the Pre Rally or Rally Day stock judging competition and the Pre Rally stock judging team were 3rd in the West Bromwich Building Society Trophy awarded for the most points gained in the Pre Rally Stock Judging Competitions. Also the stock judging team on rally day were 3rd in the TO Nicholls Trophy for the most points gained in the Stock Judging Sections on Rally day.

The rally was followed by a barn dance at night.

Teme Valley YFC would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway to make the day a great success with special thanks to the Harris Family for hosting the event. Elizabeth Swancott

#### **Helping Us To Help Ourselves**

As you will probably be aware Tuffins has held a Fun Day in August for many years now which has raised tens of thousands of pounds that they have given to a wide variety of voluntary organisations and charities local to their stores. Their commitment to local communities has been embraced by the Co-op who have continued enthusiastically with the Fun Day.

As part of National Volunteers Week. the Midcounties Co-operative organised an event at their Churchstoke store on 6th June and they invited groups who have benefited from donations to go and showcase their various organizations. I went along to represent not only Llangunllo Village Hall and The Friends of St Cynllo's but also to draw attention to other community groups in the parish.

Although many of the people there were from further afield I was pleased to see representatives from Knighton. In fact the sound of the Clock Tower Bell Ringers kept us musically entertained for most of the day.

The weather was sunny and pleasant but strong gusts of wind prevented many of us from displaying our pictures and literature to the best advantage but it was good to meet members of the public and to talk to other stall holders about what each of our groups do.

I was particularly struck by the diversity of organisations ranging from The Civil Defence Bowling Club – yes, they really were started by the Civil Defence all those years ago – to a kind, quietly spoken gentleman who apologised to everyone for having no hand outs or web site etc but whose heart was definitely in the right place. He and his daughter have a caravan in Tywyn that they are happy to let families use, free of charge, if they are suffering ongoing ill health so they can have a little get away break. (If you know of anyone who could benefit I can let you have some telephone numbers.)



Altogether, it was a very positive and encouraging experience and I was more than happy to have the opportunity to go along and show not only our support for the day but also our gratitude for all that the Tuffins/Midcounties Co-op do for us. When shopping you may see "Making a Difference Locally." They certainly do!

Pam Livingstone-Lawn

#### Margaret's Musings on Beguildy Houses

There are many old houses still standing in our Parish; at least two built in medieval times and still occupied, one late medieval and others ranging from 1500 up to the present time.

Over the years many houses have either fallen down or been taken down. Some, of course, have been rebuilt, but others remain as either a pile of stones or just a name on an old map. There were numerous houses around the Beguildy side of Beacon Hill, including The Scrubs, Green Hollow, Castlewright, Middle of the World, New Invention, Blan-y-ystwyth, Churchgate and a small settlement with a school and quarry making flagstones for floors at Wern-y-giniog and many more. But back to the present day to houses we know about.





Bryndraenog in the 1920's Note: the beautiful ecclesiastical styled window was yet to be discovered, having been covered with roughcast.

Bryndraenog, described as one of the best-preserved medieval homes in Wales, was built around 1436 with a single storey, three bay, great Hall with base crucks. The only heating it had was an open fire in the centre of the Hall. It had outer wings at each end, making a U-shaped house. The entrance to the Hall was a storeyed porch, which could have held a chapel or oratory in the first floor

Ecclesiastical window today.

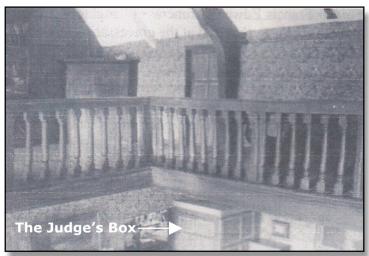
room. It is believed the wings of the house held parlour, privy and solars at one end and kitchen and service rooms at the other.

A poem by Ieuan ap Hywel Swrdwal of Newtown praised Llywelyn Fychan ab Ieuan of Bryndraenog, the probable builder and in the poem describes the house as a proud maiden of lime and timber.\*

Bryndraenog has been timber dated to 1436, which shows a time when timber framed houses were starting to be built again following a period of destruction which left no timber structures standing in Wales during Owain Glyndwr's rebellion in the first fifteen years or so in the 15th century. Although I believe there is at least one house still standing over the Welsh border in Shropshire.

The cruck house of Bryndraenog had a second storey with gallery added 200 years later in 1636 by a wealthy landowner who also commissioned and paid for the bells in Beguildy Church, installed some years later.

The House was the Court House where people were tried for local crimes like sheep stealing. The guilty prisoners were then taken to the gaol at Pantycaragle. There was supposed to have been an underground tunnel between the two houses, but to date this has never been found.



The Gallery in the Great Hall Photo by kind permission of Mrs A Goodwin, whose family lived at Bryndraenog until 1935.

A photograph of the Great Hall taken in the 1920's shows a strange looking structure reminiscent of the Tardis in 'Dr Who'. It is known as the 'Judge's Box.' This box has long since disappeared.

<sup>\*</sup> From "Houses and History in the March of Wales".



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#### Llanfair Waterdine WI

June has been a very busy month for WI members throughout the country with the special celebrations for the WI Centenary. Some members attended the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and the AGM at the Albert Hall. Others watched the live screening of the meeting in the Pavilion at Llandrindod Wells. A group of members also went to Anglesey to see the special panel sewn by Powys Radnor members and other groups from Wales.

Our own institute celebrated with a "proper" tea party with sandwiches, lovely cakes, strawberries and cream and china teapots! Jo Morgan compiled a screening of photographs and items from our scrapbooks and Graham Trew sang songs by female composers accompanied by Richard Lewis.

The speaker at our June meeting was Lorraine Jenkins talking about her travels in Patagonia in her quest to become an author.

Our next meeting is Friday 3rd July at 7.30 at the Everest Hall. Karen Roberts will be talking about Bowen Technique. Contact number  $01547\,528477$ 

Ann Harroway

#### July Flower - Delphinium/Larkspur

The July flower is Delphinium, also called a Larkspur. 'Delphinium' comes from the Greek word for dolphin as the plant resembles the sea mammal. Folklore has called the flower lark's heel, lark's toe, lark's claw, knight's spur and staggerweed.

In Greek mythology larkspur sprang up from the blood of Alex after he killed himself following a temper tantrum resulting in an act of dishonour when he did not receive Achilles' armour.

#### August Flower - Gladiolus

The August flower is the Gladiolus. In ancient Rome, gladiator battles were fought 'to the death or gladioli' where the victor was buried under gladioli by cheering crowds. It was from this history that the glad has also become known as the 'sword lily'. The Latin word 'gladius,' means sword.

Gladioli are the symbol of the Four Days Marches in the Netherlands. The oldest city in that country, Nijmegen, changes the name of one major street there to Via Gladiola once a year and welcomes walkers on the last day of the Four Days Marches. Spectators present gladioli to the walkers to honour them.

Information from "www.whatsmybirthflower.com"

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#### Llangunllo Now Has a Defibrillator

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Maggy Cain, who started the project, introduced Gerard Rothwell (WAS), who provided a training session on May 20th. He gave an interesting and informative talk on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the defibrillator. Many of the 23 villagers present had an opportunity to practise CPR and use of the defibrillator. It was an informal session and at times very amusing! It is hoped to provide further training in the future for those unable to attend this session. Donations of £37.20 were given to the BHF and Welsh Air Ambulance.

Llangunllo is an isolated community and the probability of a rapid ambulance response is low, hence the urgent need for a defibrillator in the event of heart failure. The defibrillator is situated in the bus shelter in the centre of the village. It is hoped it is not needed but it's reassuring to know that it is there in case the need arises.

Grateful thanks to the British Heart Foundation and the Welsh Ambulance Service for their invaluable help and support. Bob Averis, 01547 550676.

The Monastery of St Cuthbert and St Antony near the Stiperstones invites you to an Open Day to view the ikons and meditate with sacred choral music (on C.D.) in the Wisdom Cell on Saturday 15th September from 12 noon to 4pm.

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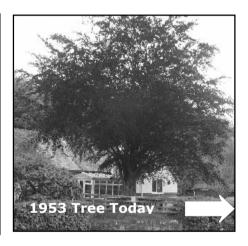


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#### Scouting - New Start in Knucklas and Beyond

In retirement I started a Cub Pack in Knucklas with Mrs Wilding Junior, at the Community Centre. We had the playing field at our disposal on the light evening. Later Jean helped, and also Walter Evans.



Anne Leighfield started Beavers, then later Scouts. Various people have helped over the years in different capacities: Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman. We went camping at county events to a field above Bleddfa, also to Womaston School.

Camping equipment was kept in our large garage at home. We were also able to keep equipment in the storeroom at the Community Centre.

We attended St George's Day services, also one service at Knighton Methodist when I was the preacher. The Beavers once visited Heyope Parish Church at a service there.

We were down to just Cub Scouts when we left Knucklas and went to the Parish Church Hall in Knighton. It is a good spacious hall and we have been able to keep equipment in their cellar. We had additional leaders at Knighton in Angela and Jake Jones, Chris Burgin Lynch. I gave up leadership a few years ago.

There is now a new Beaver Colony at the Church Hall as well as Cubs. We have been grateful for support from parents, from the Knighton Council, from recycling funds, and from the community at large who supported our table sales.

George Linaker

#### **Open the Book - Pentecost**

The Open the Book\* team told the story of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. The red headdresses in the photo are flames of the Holy Spirit which arrived on a wind at Pentecost. Children at Knighton School said 'hello' in English, Welsh, French and German to illustrate the experience of people speaking in many languages.

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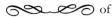
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#### **MUSIC FILLS THE VALLEY - Llangunllo's Summer Concert**

I leaned out of my window at midnight last night to hear a magic sound. Down in the courtyard of the Greyhound Pub, three choirs were singing the National anthem – The Llanbadarn Girls, the Rhayader Male Voice Choir, and the whole of the village (it seemed) in perfect harmony. It was just beautiful, listening to that essentially Welsh sound ringing round the hills in the amphitheatre of our little village. The evening had started with the concert in the Church, where the Rhayader Male Voice Choir, impressive and resonant as always, were supported by that incredible new Radnor talent, the Llanbadarn Girls. There was a much appreciated mix of songs and styles, at intervals helped out by the audience, and our compere, Miah Lewis, added his own brand of humour. The concert was put on to raise funds for St.Cynllo's Church, and Gravel Chapel. - Jenny Williams

### Heyope's Songs of Praise













#### All Creation Great and Small

Heyope's Songs of Praise celebrated the tiniest treasures of God's World: the dew in the early garden, a robin, a little brook. We heard in our Old Testament reading that Job tells us that the animals, the birds, the plants and the fish know that God created the world. The New Testament reading affirmed God as creator. Our Celtic poems and prayers asked God to bless everything great and small, the minnow to the whale, the righteous and the thief. A Celtic hermit longed for his simple hut surrounded by a wood and a stream to house the twelve apostles and the scriptures.

The Benefice and local organisations presented their favourite hymns, each through a personal and special message:

- Waking up in the morning to see the beauties around us through a window
- Quietly strolling in the dewy garden with a morning cuppa
- Remembering school days at Evensong when the reflective music calmed one for the challenges ahead
- Fighting the good fight even in older age when we thought we'd escaped.

Our last hymn, "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" – always a great favourite – was written by William Williams after hearing the great Welsh evangelist, Hywel Harris.

Together we all enjoyed a fine lot of refreshments after a good sing.

#### **Welsh Names**

**IDRIS** Means "ardent lord" from Welsh *udd* "lord, prince" combined with *ris* "ardent, enthusiastic, impulsive".

IDWAL Means "lord of the wall", derived from Welsh *udd* "lord, prince" combined with *gwal* "wall, rampart".

**IEFAN** Welsh form of JOHN.

**IESTYN** Welsh form of JUSTIN.

**IEUAN** Old Welsh form of JOHN.

**ILLTYD** Means "multitude of land" from Welsh *il* "multitude" and *tud* "land, people". This was the name of a 6th century Welsh saint who founded the abbey of Llanilltud in Glamorgan.

Info from www.behindthename.com

Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken.

- Albert Camus

#### **Knucklas Notes for July and August**

**St. David's Church, Heyope:** We recently held a Songs of Praise service, on the theme of nature, which was contributed to by representative from local church and community life.

There are plans afoot to smarten up the church building during the summer and autumn months. A regularly meeting home-group has been started for any who might find it helpful.

We often go to other churches in these days, especially for their patronal festivals; those for Llangunllo and Bleddfa are coming up in July. Additionally, a major Ministry Area service is due to take place in St. Edward's Church, Knighton, at the end of June, at which all fourteen churches in the East Radnor proposed grouping will be represented.

Other Churches: Knucklas Baptist Chapel have just celebrated the 90th anniversary of their chapel in Knucklas with a special service conducted by a former minister.

Across the Teme, Clun Valley Filling Station, a 'fresh expressions' church outreach, have held a picnic and seminar on healing at Newcastle on Clun. In Shropshire the locals are very proud of their many beautiful and historic churches and are planning their next Ride and Stride event in support of the Shropshire Historic churches Trust.

At Llanfair Waterdine the church is heavily involved, not only in the Llanfair Singers, who enjoyed a wonderful few days singing along with their partners in Suffolk, but also in the Llanfair Arts and Landscape Festival at the end of June, and the Llanfair Wakes planned for Saturday 8th. August.

Revd. Carol Whittock, Mission Priest at Churchstoke writes: "The desire today is not for religion but for authentic expression of our spirituality. Jesus offers not religion but reality, not rules but freedom – freedom to love God and be loved by Him, freedom to flourish and grow -- we are spiritual people -- and if we listen to our hearts we will want to respond to Him."

The Wider World: This year it seems to be all anniversaries, celebrations and commemorations, with the end of the Second World War in Europe, and then Asia, having finished 70 years ago; the disastrous Gallipoli Campaign into what is now called Turkey, 100 years ago, when the concept of the Anzac federation was conceived. (Britain has always had allies in major battles, whether at Waterloo, two hundred years ago, or in the two World Wars).

Never to be forgotten must also be the horrendous massacre of the (mainly Christian) Armenians in that same Ottoman Empire one hundred years ago. 1215 saw the signing of the Magna Carta, a pointer towards the constitutional democracy which we in Britain enjoy today. It was redrafted soon after and has needed numerous adjustments and amendments ever since, but it was certainly a momentous, historic occasion. The Church of the time played a significant role in the drafting and redrafting of this early 'bill of rights'. Hereford Cathedral has an important copy of the original re-drafted document of 1217 on exhibition along with the uniquely important Mappa Mundi. This display lasts until 30th September.

But there is so much else happening closer to home, with the Shropshire Hills Art Week having taken place at the Aardvark Bookshop, featuring work by Knucklas artists and crafts people; so, also, does an exhibition currently running at the Courtyard in Hereford. Around the whole area there are food festivals galore and gardens open. The Royal Welsh Show at Builth is always a major summer event. Later, in August, we have the 300th. Three Choirs Festival in Hereford Cathedral. Late in August is the prestigious Presteigne Festival of Music and the Arts. And as if all this were not enough, the local W.I.s are continuing to celebrate their 100th year in the U.K. and the local Young Farmers their 70th anniversary. This is not to even mention the Knighton Show and Carnival during the late summer holiday weekend.

The Knucklas Community Centre Management Committee AGM, recently held, showed a small but valiant group of local residents continuing to facilitate a whole host of sporting and cultural activities based in and round the Centre. They have to practice prudent housekeeping with the resources available. Even greater use of these wonderful facilities is wanted, along with considerably more help. Utilising the recycling skips outside gives a bit of a financial fillip too.

On the last day of May, the one hundred or so people, who came from far and near, enjoyed a perhaps 'once in a generation' concert at The Vineyard up above Heyope. Everything, even the weather, just came together for what was a fabulous occasion, in aid of the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project. Congratulations and many thanks to Elizabeth and Ian who hosted it, and to all who helped.

Welcome to Knucklas John Bentley and Marlene who have moved onto Castle Green from Swindon. It is good to see John Lemon of Glyndwr returning to full health after a serious operation.

Robert Forbath

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#### Children's Page



#### **TAKING & GIVING**



If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms, it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving – 'Give to others, and God will give to you' (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

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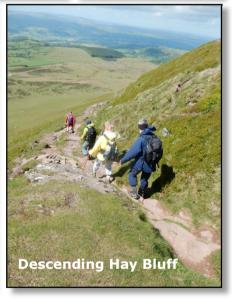
In the afternoon the group went to the home of Chris and his wife Di in Llangunllo. They have a large and beautiful garden by the river Lugg and a small wood, planted by former owners for harvesting (straight rows!). The bird life is particularly good, including dippers, an occasional kingfisher, pied flycatchers, greater spotted woodpeckers, many song birds, and overhead, buzzards (up to 20 on one occasion) and kites. It was a fascinating day for the group who learnt much about different habitats from our enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides.















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**Sat July 11**. Park Wood, Rhos Fawr, Pwll-y-Wrach. 8 miles moderate. Start at OL13 SO153337 Main Talgarth Carpark.

**Wed July 15.** Bishops Castle Circular. 8 miles moderate. Start at Exp 216 SO 324887 Bishops Castle Carpark on Church St.

**Wed July 22.** Clun, Hobarris – Sowdley Wood. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 302811 Clun Memorial Hall C/P.

**Sat July 25**. Nash, Titley, Mortimer Trail. 8 miles moderate, several ascents, 2 steep descents. Start at Exp 201 SO314636 Carpark at Nash Wood.

**Wed July 29.** Black Mixen from the south, with Davy Morgan's and Harley's Dingles. 8 miles moderate 400m ascent. Start at Exp 201 SO 213609 north end of Broad St, New Radnor.

**Wed August 5.** Bychan Common, nature reserve & waterfalls. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at OL13 SO152336 Talgarth Station Rd Carpark.

**Sat August 8.** Nash, Titley, Mortimer Trail. 8 miles moderate, several ascents, 2 steep descents. Start at Exp 201 SO314636 Nash Wood capark.

**Wed August 19**. Teme Valley 2, The Young River. 6.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 169811 Felindre Village Hall Felindre Carpark.

**Sat August 22.** Elan village, Dolifor, Pen-y-Castell. 7 miles moderate. 475m ascent. Start at Exp 200 SO 928646 Elan Visitor Centre.

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#### **Holy Days in July August**

July 3 Thomas, Apostle

July 6 Thomas More (1535), Martyr

July 14 John Keble (1886)

July 17 St Cynllo

July 18 Elizabeth of Russisa (1918)

July 21 Hywel Harris (1773), Preacher

July 22 Mary Magdalene

July 25 James, Apostle

July 26 Anne, Mother of Mary

July 30 Silas, Missionary

July 31 Joseph of Arimathea

#### Aug 1 Martha and Mary of Bethany

Aug 5 Oswald (642), King & Martyr

Aug 6 Transfiguration of our Lord

Aug 9 Lawrence (258), Deacon/Martyr

Aug 14 Maximillian Kolbe (1941),

Aug 15 Mary, Mother of our Lord

Aug 24 Bartholomew, Apostle

Aug 25 Tydfil (430), Martyr

Aug 29 Beheading of John the Baptist



Mary listens to Jesus while Martha is busy with housework. 1410, Vergilius

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10.41-2

#### Remembrance of Things Past in 1977

Phil Hellin and his wife Kathryn (nee Griffiths) recently visited Bleddfa Church. Kathryn was a young teacher at the school in 1977 during a one year probationary period. She well remembers her time there with fond memories. If any old pupils remember the 21-year-old teacher in 1977 (taught infants for 18 months) they would be pleased to make contact through Phil's email address.

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#### Diary for July/August 2015

#### July

- 1 Felindre W.I. Garden Visit T.B.A.
- 3 Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall, 7pm. Karen Roberts: "Bowen Technique."
- 5 Sankey Evening at The Rock Baptist Chapel. 7.30pm. Llangunllo WI Barbecue Lunch from 12 noon at The Old Vicarage.
- 6 Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
- 8 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 12 Afternoon Tea, in aid of Beguildy Church, 3pm, Venue T.B.A.
- 13 Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Dr Joan Payne: "Adapting your Garden for Wildlife." Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30.
- 20 PCC Meeting at Knukclas Community Centre, 7pm.
- 20-23 Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells
- 22 St David's Ladies Guild, Annual Outing to Eastnor Castle and Gardens. "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.

#### August

- 1-8 National Eisteddfod, Montgomeryshire
- 3 Beguildy Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm. Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
- 4 Heyope Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm. Llangunllo WI at the Judge's Lodging followed by meal (venue TBA).
- 5 Llangunllo Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm. Felindre W.I. Trip T.B.A.
- 6 Bleddfa Church Committee Meeting at Church, 7pm.
- 7 Llanfair Waterdine WI. Everest Hall, 7pm. "New Age Kurling."
- 10 Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Susan Russell: "The Third Dimension Climbing Plants." Knucklas Community Centre, 7.30.
- 12 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 18 St David's Ladies Guild, 7.30 Knucklas Community Centre. Di Cosgrove: "Life in Uganda."
- 26 "Makers and Crafters" (Craft Club), Knucklas Comm. Centre, 2-4pm.
- 28 Presteigne Festival Evensong, St Mary Magdelene's Bleddfa, 4.30pm, Choir of Royal Holloway (ticketed event).
- 30 Charity Concert with Afternoon Tea, 4pm, Oak View in Knighton.

Readings		Readers	
July 5 Trinity 5	2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 [Mark 6.1-13]	Beguildy Carol Peregrine John Sanford	
July 12 Trinity 6	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1.3-14 [Mark 6.14-29]	Bleddfa Heyope H Howcroft R Forbath M Forbes M Wilding	
July 19 Trinity 7	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 2.11-22 [Mark 6.30-34, 53-56]	Llangunllo T.B.A.	
July 26 Trinity 8	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Ephesians 3.14-21 [John 6.1-21]	Bleddfa T.B.A.	
August 2 Trinity 9	2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a Ephesians 4.1-16 [John 6.24-35]	Beguildy John Peregrine Sarah Sanford	
August 9 Trinity 10	2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4.25-5.2 [John 6.35, 41-51]	Bleddfa Heyope M Forbes J North P Lane A Edwards	
August 16 Trinity 11	1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Ephesians 5.15-20 [John 6.51-58]	Beguildy Llangunllo Fay Payne T.B.A. Phil Swancott	
August 26 Trinity 12	1 Kings 8. 22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6.10-20 [John 6.56-69]	Bleddfa P Lane H Howcroft	
August 30 Trinity 13	Song of Solomon 2.8-13 James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23	Llangunllo T.B.A.	

#### **Knucklas Baptist Chapel**

July 12 6pm Mrs Sue Wilson & friends
July 26 6pm Revd Michael Humphreys (Communion)
Aug 9 6pm Mrs Sue Wilson & friends
Aug 23 6pm Revd Michael Humphreys (Communion)
Aug 30 11am Joint service at Knucklas (with Knighton & Coxall Baptists) - Rev Ann Roberts

#### **Contemplating the Art of Peter Clare**



#### Jesus Appears to His Disciples from John 20.19-23

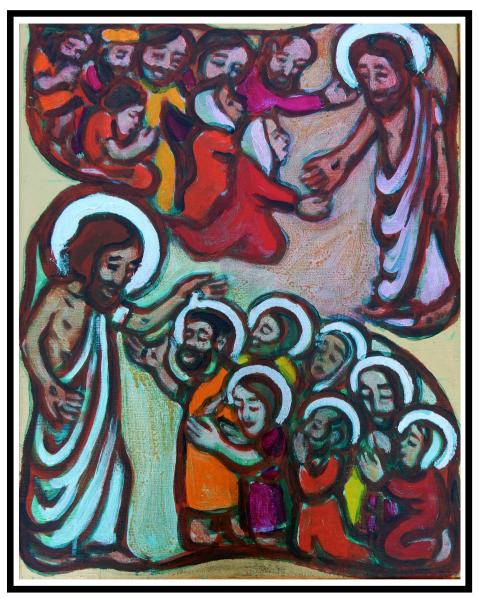
"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. [top image]

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [Lower image]

At Ken and Carwen Maggs 50th anniversary, a donation was made to 'Jessie's Fund' which provides music therapy to help children with serious illness or complex needs communicate through music.

www.jessiesfund.org.uk

Services at Haydn's Chapels in July/August 2015						
Date	Maesyrhelem	Pound	Gravel			
July 5	6.30 Service	11.00 Service	2.30 Communion			
July 12	10.30 Service	6.30 Service	2.30 Service			
July 19	6.30 Service	2.30 Family Service	11.00 Service			
July 26	10.30 Communion	6.30 Service				
Songs of Praise at Pound with Gravel 26th 6.30pm Gravel Preaching Anniversary: 12th 2.30. Preacher: Mr John Mitson						
Aug 2	10.30 Service	6.30 Service	2.30 FS			
Aug 9	6.30 Service	2.30 Family Service	11.00 Communion			
Aug 16	10.30 Service	2.30 Communion	6.30 Service			
Aug 23	10.30 Communion					
Aug 30	10.30 Service	2.30 Service	6.30 Service			
Maesyrhelem Preaching Service: 9th August 6.30. Preacher: Ceri James						



Receive the Holy Spirit – John 20.19-23

Peter Clare

O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.

- Saint Augustine

Church Services in July/August 2015						
Date 2015	<b>Beguildy</b> St Michael's	<b>Heyope</b> St David's	Llangunllo St Cynllo's	<b>Bleddfa</b> M Magdalene's		
July 5 Trinity 5 <i>Green</i>	11am Holy Communion JH			8.30pm Compline JH		
July 12 Sea Sun. <i>Green</i>		6.30 Evensong JH		11am Holy Communion JH		
July 19 Trinity 7 <i>Green</i>	6.30 Benefice Service at Llangunllo St Cynllo's Patronal Festival Guest Speaker: Bishop John					
July 26 Trinity 8 <i>Green</i>	6.30 Benefice Service at Bleddfa St Mary Magdalene's Patronal Festival Songs of Praise					
August 2 Trinity 9 <i>Green</i>	11am Holy Communion T.B.A.			8.30pm Compline MF		
August 9 Trinity 10 <i>Green</i>		6.30 Evensong T.B.A.		11am Holy Communion T.B.A.		
August 16 Trinity 11 <i>Green</i>	11am Morning Worship T.B.A.		11am Holy Communion JH			
August 23 Trinity 12 <i>Green</i>	4.30pm Benefice Service at Bleddfa JH/LWJ					
August 30 Trinity 13 <i>Green</i>	6.30pm Benefice Service at Llangunllo JH					

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