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St Peter's Evancoyd



Detail in the stone
Chancel Arch



The Pulpit



The Font

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St. Peter's, Evancoyd – The Elegant Legacy

The elegant Victorian Gothic Church of **St Peter's Evancoyd** with its tall spire, stands on a hill overlooking Evenjobb. It was built between 1866 and 1870, commissioned by Robert Baskerville Rickards Mynors and his wife Ellen Gray Higgins (daughter of the Reverend Edward Higgins of Bosbury House, Ledbury) who lived at both Evancoyd Court and Treago in Herefordshire. Robert was educated at Eton and Oxford University and held the offices of High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Radnorshire. Robert and Mary were kind and generous philanthropists who also built the school at Evenjobb. They instructed Architect T.H. Wyatt (later President of R.I.B.A.) to design the Church.

It was constructed to a high standard, built in coursed grey sandstone with brown sandstone string moulding and window dressings. Indeed, St. Peter's represents a fine example of the best and most expensive materials of its time.

The Stained Glass

Beautiful stained glass windows made by Jones and Willis adorn the Church, throwing rainbow colours across the interior. To the left of the altar St. Peter is shown with the keys to heaven and opposite is Mary holding Jesus in her arms. This is a personal reference since Peter and Mary were the Christian names of Robert's mother and father. The main east end sanctuary window (in three panels) depicts Christus Victor with the Archangel St. Michael at his feet in the centre. On the left hand panel, women are preparing to anoint the body of Jesus and on the right hand, Peter and John are shown travelling to the tomb. Incidentally, the term "Christus Victor" refers to the belief that through his death and resurrection Jesus defeated all the powers of evil, thus gaining the victory.

Woodwork

Beneath this window, the carved oak reredos is guarded by small golden angels and mysteriously depicts a falling bird in the centre. It is dedicated in loving memory of Ellen Gray Mynors who died at Barland in 1910. Behind an older screen in the south aisle chapel, resides the quality Nicholson pipe organ which has a good sound and it is hoped will one day be restored to its former glory, also a gift of the Mynors' family.

Welcoming

Today the Church of St. Peter is warm and friendly and we have a loyal group of worshippers who meet on three Sundays each month. During the Summer the church is kept open and everyone is welcome to come and visit. Outside, sitting on a bench in the immaculately maintained churchyard you can enjoy stunning views across the Radnor Valley to the ancient Iron Age Burfa Camp and beyond.

Joanna Winstone



Wood carved reredos
with golden angels



Tile floor

The Cover – Peter

The fine window from St Peter's Evancoyd shows Peter kneeling before the resurrected Jesus. He is being reconciled after having betrayed Jesus three times. Jesus asks him, "Do you love me". When Peter says "Yes" Jesus responds "Feed my sheep." He asks him the same question three times, and Peter affirms his love and loyalty three times.

It is the great commission to Peter to be a good shepherd of the church, feeding the sheep (the people) which are surrounding them. Jesus holds a shepherd's staff which

bishops still carry today as a sign that they, like Peter, are commissioned to be shepherds.

Peter is regarded as the chief apostle, and traditionally counted as the first Bishop of Rome, the Pope. But originally he was a simple fisherman, named Simon, until renamed by Jesus as the "Rock" or "Petrus". He played a leadership role and was with Jesus during events witnessed by only a few apostles. He is usually portrayed as bearded, and interestingly in this image the artist shows him with hair cut in a tonsure, the sign of a monk.

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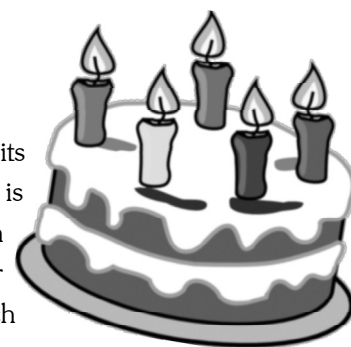
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Dear Friends,

June will soon be “Bustin’ out all over” and the church will be celebrating its birthday. Pentecost, also known as Whitsun or Whit Sunday, on June 4th is when we remember God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to those gathered in Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish festival of Shavu’ot, just ten days after Jesus had ascended into heaven. The giving of the Holy Spirit marks the launch of the Church; thus Pentecost is the Church’s birthday.



Happy
Birthday
to the
Church

Individual churches have their own anniversaries or ‘birthdays’, but of course the Church being the Church, these anniversaries have to be given a special name so they get called Patronal Festivals. Just one of our 14 churches has a Patronal Festival in June and that is St Peter’s Evancoyd on June 29th.

Each patronal festival can be the focus for a local gathered community, but Pentecost is a birthday for all church communities of all denominations. At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church but more importantly we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which every Christian since that first Pentecost has received at the moment when they have accepted Jesus as Lord.

On June 11th the churches within our Ministry Area will be celebrating a confirmation service at St Edward’s Knighton. The wonderful appropriateness of a confirmation service held one week after Pentecost is obvious when we remember the words spoken by the bishop as a hand is placed on each candidate:- “Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your heavenly grace and anoint them with your Holy Spirit....”

Please join us for the confirmation service in St Edward’s Knighton at 10:30am on the 4th of June and for Evancoyd’s patronal festival celebrated on July 2nd (nearest Sunday to June 29th).

Yours in Christ,

Mark Beaton

Confirmation

We are delighted to announce that there is to be a Confirmation Service on 11th June at 10.30am at St Edward’s, Knighton, when Bishop John will come to our area to confirm candidates.

Do come to support and cheer on those taking this important step of faith.

Next Edition of The Radnor

The **deadline** for submitting all material is the 15th of each month. Please note that the next edition will combine July and August, so please **send material for both months**. It will be collected on June 28th from the printer and made available within a short time.

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New Radnor Children's Playground Draw

We would like to thank everyone who helped with chopping and clearing of the felled tree at the playground. We would particularly like to thank Will Lloyd, Jamie Walker, Dave Ray, Richard Davies and Darren Jones. It is so gratifying to live in a community where everyone pulls together, offering their skills in times of need. - Gail Venables, The Playground Committee

Winners:

- 1st Douglas Nicholas
- 2nd Jon & Monica Barry
- 3rd Christopher Brown

Sing yourself well

Singing is good for you! We picked up an interesting piece from an old copy of Reader's Digest recently which said that singing in the shower or in the bath may be a great way to start the day, but those who sing in a group get the most benefit.

A survey carried out by a university professor reported that singing improved people's mood and quality of life. He even pointed out that singing helped some participants' mental and physical health problems.

The physiological benefits of singing have been studied by a Dr Maria Sandgren of Stockholm University. Results show that singing releases oxytocin, a hormone that indicates a sense of bonding and security. In an earlier study, Dr Sandgren found that amateur singers were happier after a singing lesson.

So, are you ready? Altogether now.....!

Parish Pump

Time for a Smile

A young curate, who always seemed to be in a hurry, was late in taking his 8-year-old son to school. In the rush, he made a turn at a red light when he should have stopped. "Oh dear," he said to his son, "I should have stopped there, but I made a mistake." The boy replied, "Don't worry dad, you'll be OK. The police car right behind us just did the same thing."

Welcome to Worship

Pentecost Sunday, 4th June

6 pm in St Edward's Church Hall, Knighton.

For further information contact Rev'd John Hanna
on 01547 529296

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 14th June 11 am
New Radnor Community Centre
followed by Lunch at 12.15ish
All Welcome

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Wednesday, 7th June **10.30 am**
at St Edward's, Knighton
All are welcome

The time of the monthly, mid-week Holy Communion service is changing from this month to 10.30am.



Ever wondered what it would have been like to meet Jesus face to face?

- What would you say to him?
- What would you ask him?
- What might he say to you?

This summer listen to face to face encounters Jesus had with some very different people.

Knucklas Chapel, 6pm on Sunday, 11 June

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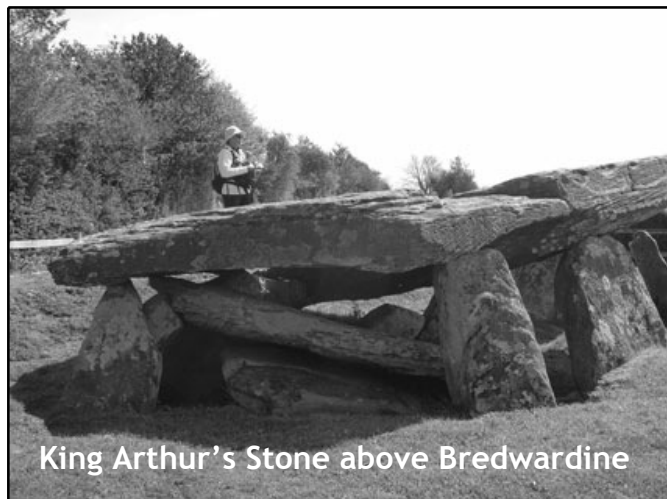
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Sat June 3. Garth, Epynt Viewpoint, Llangammach, Beulah. Moderate 10 miles/16.1 km. Start at SN 950495, Nearest postcode: LD4 4AH. (Four Wells Walk)

Wed June 7. Wylfre. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 200 SO 113544 Hundred House Car Park.

Sat June 10. Felindre, Twmpa, Rhos Fawr Common. 9 miles strenuous. Start at OL 13 SO 186368 Felindre (near Hay) VH Car Park.

Wed June 14. Llangors lake & orchids! 7 miles moderate, 250m ascent. Start at OL13 SO 128272 Common parking.



King Arthur's Stone above Bredwardine

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

Chaired by Rev Dr Peter Cope

Thursday 1 June
7.30 - 9.30pm

St Edward's Church Hall

***Question your parliamentary
candidates***

Questions to be emailed to
peter.cope123@btinternet.com
or left at The Vicarage,
Church Street, Knighton

Sat June 17. Glascwm, Rhulen & Colva. Strenuous 12 miles/19.3 km. Start at SO 158532, Nearest postcode: LD1 5SE. (Four Wells Walk)

Wed June 21. Mortimer Forest Circular. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 203 SO474731 High Vinnalls Car Park.

Sat June 24. Circuit of the Vale of Ewyas from Llanthony Priory, with a visit to Capel-y-Ffin. 8 miles moderate. Start at OL13 SO 289278 Priory Car Park.

Wed June 28. Whitton, Offa's Dyke Path, Pilleth. 6.6 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO271673 Whitton Church Car Park.



Ancient Forest of Stowe Hill

ATTENTION!!

Stone Mason Mr. Johnathan Protheroe has kindly offered to demonstrate to volunteers how to clean and care for the Llangunllo War Memorial, protecting it for future years.

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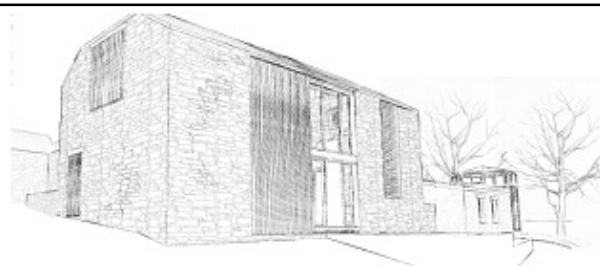
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Once again a group of singers from across the country are forming a choir under the directorship of Geoff Weaver to present a series of informal services in rural churches, led by Rev Anne Ballard.

This year we are looking at "The Canticle of the Creatures" by St Francis of Assisi.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for any of these services.

- Sarah Green

Friday 2nd June

St Andrew's Norton	1pm
Presteigne Baptist Church	4pm
St Andrew's Presteigne	6.30pm

Saturday 3rd June

St John's Newcastle upon Clun	11.30am
St George's Clun	3.30pm
St Edward's Knighton	6pm

Sunday 4th June

St Cuthbert's Clungunford, Eucharist	11am
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Vocal Masterclass

Elizabeth Ritchie (Prof. RAM) and
Graham Trew (Ex -Prof. RAM, TrinityLaban)
are holding a vocal masterclass in Llanfair Waterdine
from Friday 30th June at 6.00 pm
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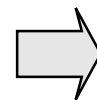
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Footsteps in Time at St Cynllo's



On the 8th of January, to much fanfare and after the issuing of a three line whip, around eighty people gathered together at St David's Whitton to celebrate the inauguration of the new Ministry Area.

At the end of April, **St Cynllo's Church in Llangunllo** played host to our first 'ordinary' Ministry Area Service and there were sixty-six of us in attendance without the issuing of a three line whip. So many people came away from that service with a smile on their face and a spring in their step – I was truly heartened by everyone's willingness to participate fully in a service, which was anything but ordinary.

The service included a wonderful piece of drama written by Pam Livingstone-Lawn. It involved a couple journeying to an unpronounceable Welsh village. Some people they

met enroute were most disparaging about their intended destination; others however were far more positive. When they finally arrived at their destination and removed the ivy from the bilingual road sign they discovered they were at a place called Ministry Area!

When we were planning the service and it was suggested that we unroll a sheet of wallpaper down the aisle and encourage people to trace around their feet as a symbol of our collective willingness to travel together to "Ministry Area", we were worried that we may not have many volunteers – Oh we of little faith!! We ran out of room on the wallpaper and the Radnor Valley Band who were playing for us during our tracing nearly ran out of repertoire (I exaggerate). What a joy, thank you everyone for coming.

- Mark Beaton



Photos by Charles Kightly and Michael Brown

Llangunllo churchwardens say:

On behalf of Llangunllo Committee, Pam and Isabel would like to thank everyone who attended and took part and provided refreshments, which made the service such a success.

Llangunllo's next event is a **Father's Day Service** on June 18th at 6.30. They will combine with Gravel Chapel in the Church for this Family Service.

More Ministry Area Events:

June 11th sees a Ministry Area **Confirmation** Service at St Edward's Knighton.

July 30th St Mary's Church Gladestry hosts an outdoor Ministry Area **Songs of Praise** at 5pm.

Doe Phillips had this to say about 'Footsteps'

At our East Radnor Ministry Area Service at St Cynllo's the 14 Churches were well represented, and Mark and Melia must have been encouraged by the support.

Maybe I should mention our "Journey Together" – the theme for the Service. We were encouraged to make the journey together on a roll of wallpaper – fingers drawing round feet making a chaos of prints that all led to the Altar!

The Radnor Valley Band played. The hymns and readings all echoed aspects of the journey. Good Company, Excellent Singing and Good Food created a real Community Spirit across the Ministry Area, as people made and remade acquaintances.

Thank you St Cynllo's for all your hard work!

Doe Phillips, East Radnor Benefice Warden



John & Iris Greaves welcomed by churchwardens and Mark



Charles Kightly and Pam Livingstone-Lawn up to antics (Llangunllo)



Howdy Peter Cope (Knighton)



Gillian Firth (Llangunllo)

Ministry Area Service



Gwen Morgan & Val Cropper (Knighton) waiting to draw their feet



Dr Joanna Crawshaw (Gladestry)



The Lewises marking footsteps



Radnor Valley Band

The Multifaceted W.I.



Marlene Abseiling



Marlene shows grandson, her certificate



Val Tyler with Tudor Costume at Gladestry WI

Vintage Tractor Rally



Sheepdog Trials at Beguildy



The 70-Year-Old's Abseil!

WI members don't just make jam!!

Marlene Evans, a member of Gladestry WI, likes to celebrate each decade of her life, doing something completely different and even daring!

This year, her 70th birthday, she completed an abseil down the wall of the 'Beefy Boys' in Hereford.

When asked how high it was, she said, "I have no idea but it seemed a long way down!"

She raised £220 for St Michael's Hospice.

Heather Barwick

In Serious Need of a Good Wash

Tudor costume tends to be familiar as colourful clothing seen in paintings of the rich and royal.

Val Tyler showed members of **Gladestry WI at their April meeting**, another side of Tudor life through the dress of the ordinary people.

Val's teenaged daughter spent her summer holidays as a volunteer at Kentwell Hall in Suffolk. As such she was required to wear the authentic costume of the time for the work she was doing whether in the kitchens or out in the gardens. Val researched this costume thoroughly in order to hand sew appropriate Tudor wear for her daughter.

The undergarment was slept in and never taken off.

Members were shown how a maid dressed, from underwear to outer clothing. Val described the problems the clothing caused the maids, and how they adapted the clothing to cope with wet weather, summer heat and winter cold. The maids only had the one outfit, which was never washed. The undergarment was slept in and never

taken off. As they grew out of their clothes, they were handed down to lesser servants, still unwashed.

Just like today, the girls shortened or lengthened the skirts, according to the current Tudor fashion. Colours were always dark blue but the outfit brightened by purple linings and colourful knitted socks.

Val built up the clothing on a dressmaker's form, so members could watch the development and understand. Members were held spellbound by Val's interesting information, and they had very many questions to ask which Val was delighted to answer!

Next meeting:

June 20th: Flower arranging with Kath Nixon. This is a demonstration at Gladestry Village Hall, 7.30pm. The competition is for a hand-tied posy. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, please contact Marlene Evans on 01544 370646

Heather Barwick

A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor

April 23 saw the twentieth annual **Teme Valley Vintage Club's Tractor Rally**. 79 delightful tractors started at Benson's Yard in Knighton to go round the town via Knighton Hospital, over Stonewall Hill, through Norton, Discoed, Evenjobb, Whitton, Llangunllo, and Heyope. They finished their vintage trundle at the Castle Inn at Knucklas for a roast lunch. It was all done in aid of charities; they've raised thousands over the years.

Thank you for brightening up our weekend!

The 'Grand' National

The Club is looking forward to the National Tractor Run next year, which will take place in Knighton! They expect 600+ tractors from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

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Gladestry News

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A grand total of £1,530 was raised.

Half the funds will be donated to: The Disasters Emergency Committee – East Africa Famine Appeal.

Ministry Area Worship comes to St Mary's

Next month contains five Sunday's (and the Clergy, Lay Readers and Lay Worship Leaders shouted "Amen"). A fifth Sunday means that we meet together as a Ministry Area and our fourteen churches share a single venue. July's Ministry Area service will be at St Mary's Church Gladestry. Please pray for good weather because we hope to have a Songs of Praise service outside at 5:00pm. From 3:30pm we will be serving cream teas.

It has been agreed that we will not hold a Church Fete this year but we hope that our cream teas and Songs of Praise will form a pleasant alternative, so please come and join us for fellowship and worship in a breathtakingly beautiful venue. St Mary's is a Grade One listed Medieval building and the backdrop of Yew Tree Bank, and Hergest Ridge is always glorious.

Church Bees!!

Gladestry PCC would like to thank Pam and Bob Mendy of Hill House Farm, Old Radnor for quickly coming to our aid and for collecting a swarm of bees that were collecting on the roof guttering near the toilet and outside tap. We have frequent visitors to the churchyard and walkers stopping off at the church for refreshments and the presence of these wonderful animals might have caused some anxiety. Thank you both for your kindness and for assuring us that the bees are now in safe hands.

Gladestry Bowls

Winners in April:- Sian Derrick, Brian Littleworth, Susan Lowe, Pat Holding, Adrian Dawn.

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There is now a box at the back of Gladestry Church where dried/tinned items of food can be left, which will go to the Kington Food Bank.

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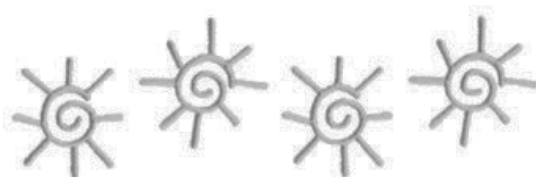
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17th June - St Nectan of Hartland

Do you remember Brychan Brycheiniog and all his children who went to be missionaries across the sea in Devon, Cornwall and Brittany? Well, according to the Cornish list of children, Nectan was his eldest son. Whether or not he was an actual child of Brychan, he sailed from South Wales in the mid 5th century, to see where God would take him. He landed on one of the most inhospitable parts of the Devon coast, at Hartland Point, where jagged rocks stretch out into the sea. It is said that the local inhabitants used to lure ships on to the rocks so that they could obtain smuggled goods. Fortunately Nectan was safe and he settled in a place now called Stoke in Hartland. The parish church, which is dedicated to him, is probably on the site of his original dwelling. His holy well is nearby.

He met a gruesome death on 17th June 510 AD. Nectan had two cows, given to him when he helped a swineherd

to find his lost pigs. Unfortunately some bandits stole the cows. Nectan tracked them down and tried to convert the robbers to Christianity, but they cut off his head. In accordance with Celtic myth and legend, Nectan picked up his head and carried it as far as his holy well, where he died. It is said that, wherever the drops of blood fell, foxgloves sprang up, and it is still a local tradition to place foxgloves on his well on 17 June.



Rosemary Hanna

A Journey Through Time at Ladies Guild

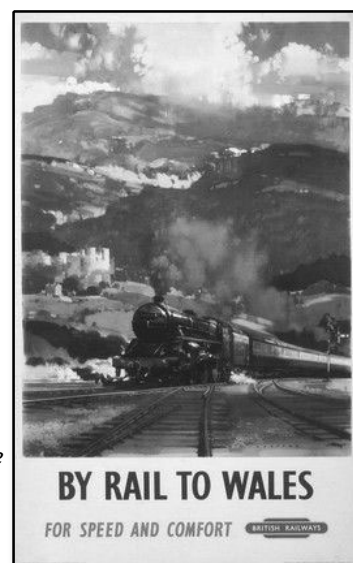
Tony Birdwood of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association was the speaker for **St. David's Ladies Guild** at the April meeting. He began by giving us a detailed account of how the Heart of Wales Line (originally called the Central Wales Line) came into being with the line starting at Craven Arms and ending at Knighton and then gradually expanding over the years and eventually linking with Swansea.

He then followed this with a "journey" from Shrewsbury to Swansea by way of a slide show and commentary with photographs of steam and diesel locomotives hauling passenger and freight trains and pictures and a detailed account of each station along the way.

We are a very happy group who meet every third Tuesday evening in Knucklas Community Centre. For more information contact Maggie 01547 528358.

The June meeting is on the 20th and is a talk on Food Waste by Leon Abecasis.

Kathryn Musselwhite



A Big Thank You to everybody who supported my Male Choir Concert in Penybont Community Centre on Sunday 23rd April. Llantrisant Male Choir and supporting artists Ffion Price and Ian Davies,

Thanks to Mr Phil Gayther for being the compere for the evening and HSBC for their support, This event was held in aid of Llandrindod Wells Branch of Cancer Research and a grand total of **£2,330.00** was raised on the evening.

Lynda Price

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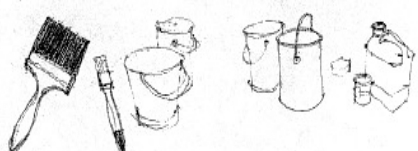
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We held our AGM on 25th April at Norton Street Baptist Church. Rob Fountain has taken over as Chairman from Rev'd Peter Cope, who has worked hard for us for the past four years, for which we thank him. We had good reports from the Lunch Club, Food Bank, Theology Circle, Christian Aid and Open the Book. Rev'd Michael Humphreys has convened the Theology Circle for fourteen years and will be standing down at the end of this year.

The most important thing is that Churches Together in Knighton and District is now a Registered Charity. All our churches are represented by trustees, ordained and lay, who make the final decisions. The main difference

for you is that the churches themselves can no longer be members. The members have to be individuals. So that means we would like all the members of our churches to register as individual members of Churches Together in Knighton and District. It also means that all registered members can come to the meetings, rather than it being just a committee of church reps and officers. The next meeting, which is now called a General Meeting because all members may come and take part, will be held on Tuesday 27th June at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church.

Rosemary Hanna



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In Philip's lifetime The Lawn has grown to 345 acres. The first trading name of this farming family was T Swancott and Sons, later P L Swancott & Son, now T A Swancott & Son. The pitch mark on his sheep has always been T S.

Philip and Emma, helped by their children, Elizabeth and Thomas, keep over 900 sheep, suckler cows and store cattle. These days TB has made cattle rearing more

difficult. Philip's father also kept 50 Welsh mountain ponies on the Beacon.

Philip loves his flock of registered Beulah sheep, a fine multi-purpose breed which thrives at The Lawn. He can trace the bloodline to the 1970's, his is a 'closed flock'; he doesn't buy in females, only rams. At the Beulah Society sale in 2016 his yearling ewes made a record price.

He also keeps Welsh Ewes, which make good use of grazing rights on Beacon Hill; they're a 'hefted' flock (they know their territory). Crossed with a Blue Faced Leicester to breed Welsh mules, the remainder are crossed with Welsh Rams to breed flock replacements.

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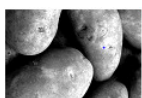
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What's on at the W.I.s



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The President of Felindre WI, Rhona Barnett welcomed the members to the May meeting and introduced the guest speaker, Martin Carruthers B.Sc Hons FGS. His topic for the evening was entitled 'My Life in Oil.' Now what did that title mean – was it to do with painting, cooking or the oil industry?

Not an 8 hour day

As soon as Martin started his audio presentation all was revealed, it was the oil industry, which he had worked in for over three decades. During that time he had worked off shore in the North Sea, the Middle East and Norway. A normal working day would be a twelve hour shift; this he would do for fourteen days and then a break on shore for

fourteen days. Gwlythyn Gough thanked Martin for an informative and enjoyable presentation.

The competition winner with a photograph of the Sea, was Sue Woodall, Rebe Brick 2nd and Frances Morris 3rd. The Mystery parcel was won by Dot Chatterley and flowers for the President's table Rebe Brick. Rhona thanked the hostesses Maggie Flanders and Dot Chatterley and in closing the meeting wished the members well in the County Show, the Kurling competition and the quiz. If you would like to know more about the WI, please ring 01547 510077.

Rebe Brick

A fragrant evening at Llangunllo WI

Nine members attended the May meeting hosted by Chris Johnson at her home Little Hen Cefn. At the business meeting plans were finalised for Llangunllo's entries for three County events later in May, the County Show, the Kurling competition and the annual County Quiz.

President, Anne Newton, then welcomed the speaker, Maria Langford (Tel:07950 473575), to tell members about Aromatherapy, which goes back a long time and has proved beneficial for health and well being. She explained her hands-on workshop and all members were given three containers and could choose to blend three varieties of

products using a wide range of essential oils provided for the purpose. It proved a relaxed and happy evening much enjoyed by all. You could truly say everyone went home glowing with the sweet smell of success.

Next month's meeting at 3pm on Tuesday 13th June will be held at Glebe House, home of Anne Newton, who will preside at a special tea party for members and invited guests to mark the 95th birthday of Llangunllo WI.

For details of all events at Llangunllo WI contact Secretary, Shirley Brown on 01547 550 555.

Carwen Maggs

Llanfair Waterdine WI

The May meeting was an event for which everyone has been "feeling the need". Held in a member's home, Kirsten Haynes (KCS) came to explain "Smartphones, Apps and More". The questions were numerous and varied and everyone gained some knowledge and a bit more confidence.

In June the resolutions for The National Annual Meeting will be discussed. This year the items are "Alleviating Loneliness" and "Keeping Microplastic Fibres out of our Oceans". If passed these will lead to ongoing national campaigns.

The June speaker is another local resident, Dee Palmer. She is a prominent member of the international music

scene, both composing and performing. At one time keyboard player with Jethro Tull she is now working in the centre of the British music scene as well as writing books; she promises to be a lively speaker.

We are always delighted to welcome guests and, of course, new members, but if you see something that would interest you please come and meet us and share an evening. All our meetings begin at 7.00pm in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine, on the first Friday of the month. For further information contact Mary Morgan (01547 528429) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477).

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Our lives are filled with references to roses. It is a symbolic flower shape which is to be found in heraldry and church windows. The Romans loved roses and were probably responsible for bringing the first roses to Britain. It was not until Plantagenet times that roses were brought to national attention when the houses of York and Lancaster chose white and red roses as their symbols. A lovely piece of history.

Jean Price

Chelsea and Chatsworth - which will you go to?

For every gardener Chelsea Flower Show is the showcase for all that is wonderful and exciting about gardening, the growing and designing, the latest fashion, the magic of colour, everything for the garden in 2017 for all who love plants and the best in new designs, sculptures and containers. It is a show to visit at least once in a lifetime. The atmosphere, inspiration, magic, colour and scent are amazing. The BBC always provides us with good

coverage of the show for us to enjoy sitting in our armchair.

This year one of Britain's grand houses, Chatsworth in Derbyshire, has teamed up with the RHS to stage a huge flower show with the theme "Design Revolutionaries". It will take place on 10 and 11 June. A coach of flower arrangers and garden enthusiasts will be leaving Knighton for an enjoyable weekend at Chatsworth.

Jean Price

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Welsh Wild Flower Names

Here are six more wildflowers named for Mary. These were designed by Frank Roper for the Lady Chapel at Llandaff Cathedral.

Gold Mair (Mary's Gold) Marigold

Miaren Mair (Mary's Briar) Briar Rose

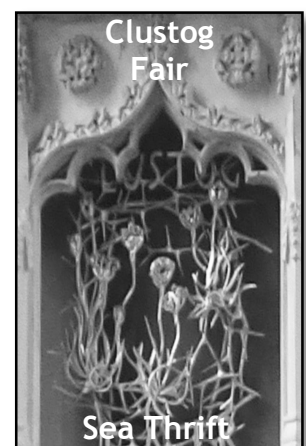
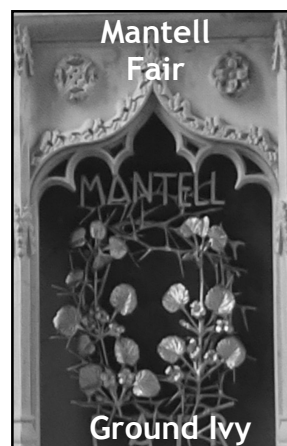
Clustog Fair (Mary's Pillow) Sea Thrift

Gwlydd Melyn Mair (Mary's Yellow Stem)

Yellow Pimpernel

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Tapr Mair (Mary's Taper) Snowdrop



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Plant Sales and Garden Visits by the Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

May saw two meetings of the Teme Valley Gardeners' Club. The first event was held on Saturday, 6th May when a fund-raising sale of plants, cakes and books etc together with coffee was held in Knucklas Community Centre. This went down well thanks to the production of quantities of saleable plants grown by members. So after a coffee, visitors had a huge choice of plants to buy, cakes too.

Many thanks are due to Audrey Fox and Avril Hoyle and their assistants.

On Monday, 8th May members came back together for the AGM to be followed by supper. After the close of the AGM formalities the Rudge Cup was presented to the joint winners of the monthly competitions for the best plant or

plants as specified. The winners who will share the cup for a year were Sue Woodall and Rose Morris.

Next meeting will be held on June 12th and as is customary in June will be an evening garden visit. This will be to Byecroft, the garden of Sue and Peter Russell, near Bircher.

A further garden visit will take place on July 5th; this time in the afternoon, to Mark Zennick's New Hope Gardens (Daylily Nursery), near Bishops Castle

Rosemary Naylor

If you would like to know more,
please contact 01547 529244.

The weekend trip to Chatsworth is now fully booked.

Summertime Delights at Radnor Valley Gardening Club

There will be no formal evening meetings over the summer, but that does not mean that we will not be active! In June we are holding a members only, Open Garden Evening, when we shall all be able to admire and enjoy each other's gardens, hopefully with a glass of something nice in hand, and a warm evening to go with it! Our flower arranging classes will continue over the summer, with classes on Monday 7th August and again on the 21st. So if anyone is interested please can you let me (Hermione) know, as it helps to have numbers. We are also looking forward to a summer outing to Stockton Bury. And in August we shall have a stand at the New Radnor

Carnival, so we shall look forward to seeing some of you there- old friends and new.

Happy Gardening everyone.

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Knighton News

Family News

In our prayers we remember all unwell and frail at this time: Bob McLaughlan, Phylis Guest, Neville Jones and June Ruff. We also pray for all who are sad, including the family of Betty Boundford. Betty was a faithful member of our church, always smiling and ready to help. A generous lady, we shall all miss her. Our thoughts are also with Betty Johnson and family, and the family of June Price.

Congratulations to Derrick and Margaret Price on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, celebrated in April.

A big thank you to Brian Paul for all the work in our churchyard, much appreciated by us all.

Bingo

Please note – new date for the Bingo evening – 10th June at 7 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Singing for Fun

30th June at 10.30 am in the Church Hall. Marion will be pleased to see you to join in singing all the favourites.

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Knighton Show and Carnival (26th August)

A Reminder for the Children

Any children entering the Sunflower Competition, the flower seeds should be planted NOW to give the plant lots of growing time.

Schedules for all the classes in Horticulture, Handicraft and Floral Art are now in the library and shops in town.

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee morning with stalls and competitions will be on 17th June, and an opportunity to purchase your ticket for a special event on Saturday 24th June.

Competition Winners

The May competition and coffee morning raised a large sum of money for the church general fund.

Winners were: J Price, L Conway, J Kent, J Dyke and D Price, together with R Lewis, B Bolton and P Parker, organised by Mike Conway. Thank you to all who support St Edward's.

Garden Quiz

The winner of the quiz was Mrs Jo Preece from Presteigne, who answered the 30 questions correctly. The quiz made a profit of £52.00 for church funds. Thank you to all who took part. (Sorry only one prize.)

Heavenly Harmony

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Curry Lunch Sunday June 25th 12.30pm
New Radnor Community Centre
£9.50 for two courses: curries, side dishes & puddings
Bar available and Bangra Bingo.
Please book with Mary no later than Wed 21st June

Bunting Bonanza Sat 1st July 9am – 12noon
New Radnor Community Centre
A morning of tea, cake and bunting, bunting, bunting!
Turn up on the day with suitable fabric, thread and your machine, everything else provided.
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Knees-up Sat. 8th July 7pm onwards
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Bishop's Lent Appeal

The four charities which will benefit from this year's Appeal are: the RNLI, the Little Princess Trust, Open Door UK and Faith in Families. Information on all these is available on the website and at the back of some of our churches.

If you would like to make a donation, please put it in an envelope clearly marked "Bishop's Lent Appeal" and place it on the offering plate.



Beacon Hill Benefice

It's nearly Ascension, so time to give your collecting box to Kath Harris. Either bring it to church or take it to the Beguildy Shop.

If you would like to have a collecting box for the coming year to support families across our diocese contact Kath on 01547 510258.

Llangunllo Hall 200 Club Draw

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- £10 Dorothy Sharock, Llangunllo
- £5 Tess & Andy Chilvers, The Cloggie
- £5 David Pugh, Oakview

March

- £20 James Lewis, Lower Hall
- £10 Paul Northwood, Central Villa
- £5 Doug Ford, Wolverhampton
- £5 Matthew Pugh, Treburvagh

April

- £20 Michael Brown, The Bailey
- £10 Jo, Crossing Cottage
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The Village Quire at St Mary's New Radnor on April 22nd

Once again the Village Choir sang beautifully for us -- aided only by a tuning fork -- hugely impressive!! Exquisite *a capella* singing in a church with wonderful acoustics is such a joy and a blessing. The singing was spine tingling and Malk Williams' performance of passages written by, amongst others; William Cobbett, Thomas

Hardy, Mary Webb, Parson James Woodforde and Samuel Pepys was at various times passionate, tender and highly amusing.

Any opportunity you get to hear The Village Quire and Malk Williams you would be well advised to grab.

Exploring Our Faith

Soon we shall have had our first Confirmation service in any of the 14 churches within the Ministry Area for quite a number of years and this is both encouraging and exciting.

I would like to start another series of meetings for others who may want to explore their faith in a comfortable and relaxed environment. Those who join us may eventually wish to consider Confirmation but initially we shall just meet together to talk and share various aspects of our faith and belief. If you have already been Confirmed but would

like a refresher, so to speak, we would be delighted to welcome you. Depending on numbers, ages and when people are free we might need to think about more than one group and about suitable venues.

Parents, if you felt that your children might be interested in confirmation please raise the matter with them and let me know. At this early stage any expressions of interest would be gratefully received.

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For further details please contact the Churchwardens:

Mrs Olwen Morris 01547 560349

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Michael & Lorna Haines in their new home in Newent

Having moved from New Radnor to Newent in January, there was no activity on the gardening front. Now that spring is well and truly here we can report the 'Joie de vive' rose is looking very robust, and the garden tokens have been redeemed to fill (what looks to be) the only two bare spots in the very well-stocked garden. Thank you to all for your generous and much appreciated gifts.

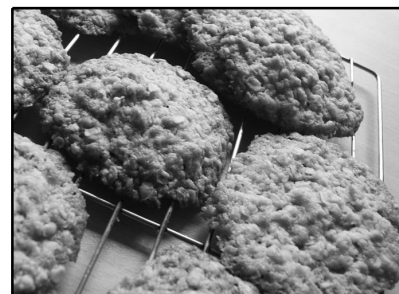
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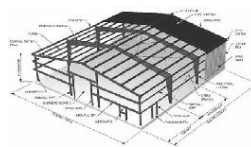
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However, we have also decided, for an experimental period, to reduce the number of services to alternate weeks from the beginning of June. There will be services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month: Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday and Morning Worship – or a variant of that, on the 4th Sunday.

Check out our **new Facebook page:**

Friends of Norton Radnorshire. Thanks to Deborah Edwards for starting this. So many old photos have been posted already plus event news for Norton.

New Date and Help Required

New Norton Show Date

Sunday, 20th August, 2017

If you could help please see

Linda at The Old Post Office, Norton.

Coffee Morning

Friends of St Andrew's, Norton will be holding a coffee morning at the Church on June 10th from 10 until 12

Donations of any baked goods, garden produce, plants, books or bric-a-brac would be very gratefully received. Please contact Helen Ackland on 01544 267073 or hgooderham29@gmail.com

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Fri 2. 11:00 - 'Silence and Stillness' regular monthly.

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Tue 6. Every Monday in June. 6 - 7pm, Beginners Pilates, start
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June 3 - 11. (Shropshire Hills Art Week) EXHIBITION
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Fri 9. 11.30 'Meet the Artist'.

Mon 5. 4:00 'Becoming Dementia Friendly' FREE
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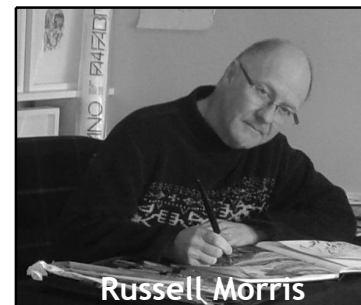
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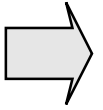
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Russell Morris



The Great Explore



Llangunllo Parish Walks 29-30 April 2017: The train ticket collector seemed rather surprised when twenty people and three dogs got on at Llangunllo station, bound for Dolau on the first of this year's parish walks. Led by Jan, we walked the eight or so miles back to Llangunllo via Castell Cwm Aran and Cwm y Geist in ideal weather (very different from last year!) Negotiating stepping stones and a 'significant hill' up to St. Michael's Pool, everyone who started made it back to the Greyhound, though one small 'mayoral' party inadvertently took a scenic detour.

Sunday's six mile walk—with a party depleted by domestic duties—started at Kinsham village hall. David Blake led us up to Cole's Hill viewing 'toposcope', then through woods beautifully carpeted with bluebells to Lingen, then back along the river bank to Kinsham, just missing the forecasted rain. A lovely walk.

Finally everyone reassembled at the Greyhound for a splendid meal, provided by Jan, Pam and Trevor — including his renowned pies. Thanks to them, Dave, Jake and Paul the Pub, and Rick for providing backup on Saturday. £120 was raised for the Air Ambulance.

This Time of Year in the Knucklas Area

As I write, roses are in bud, tourists and holiday makers are visiting, the drought of April and early May is over (although repercussions from the lack of rainfall during the winter months are evident), locals are taking refreshing walks, with or without dogs, and gardens and allotments are being cultivated. Lots of local events have been taking place with many more due later in May, notably: the Royal Welsh Spring Festival, American Folk Music in aid of Refugees and a Plant Show in Knighton.

In June there are outings with the Flower Arrangers' and Gardeners' Clubs, the shearing of sheep will be high on the farming agenda and, around the 21st., will be the Summer Solstice.

K.C.C.L.P. have arranged a First Aid course at Llanfair leading to a qualification as well as safer coverage of community events.

Robert Forbath

News from Llanfihangel Nant Melan

Pub Quiz

St Michael's first fundraising event for 2017 was a "Pub Quiz" held at The Fforest Inn by kind permission of Colin and Nicky Williams.

The quiz, organised by Helen Powell, raised £254.00. It was a welcome post lambing night out for many. There was such an excellent turn out that extra tables and chairs were drafted in and one or two quiz goers were seated in the porch!

Quiz master for the evening was Steven "Fred" Morris, who kept everyone entertained with a good range of questions. Out of the 16 teams competing, the winners were "The Lions," made up of Stephen and Kate Jones, Owen and Christine Hardwick and Izabela Kurzawa-Moris. Thanks go to everyone who supported the event by taking part, donating prizes and helping to promote it.

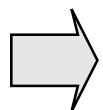
Safe Delivery

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of baby Evan Robert Ray Powell, son to Haydn and Lisa, of Caebanal Bungalow. Evan was born on Wednesday 19th April weighing 9lb. We wish them all well. No doubt he will be running around after his big sisters Keira and Bella in no time. Following the Easter break Bella started her first week at Radnor Valley Primary School.

Palm Sunday Service

Easter celebrations began early at St Michael's with a special family service on Palm Sunday. The guest of honour was Dixie the Donkey from Caebanal. The service began with a procession around the churchyard before the congregation went indoors. The service ended with refreshments and activities for the children including an Easter egg hunt and crafts.

Helen Powell





Forgotten Graveyard: Cwm y Geist

Llangunllo Walk



Walking Through a Bluebell Wood



Stepping Stones



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Back at the Greyhound

Llanfihangel Nant Melan



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Dixie, on Palm Sunday

Gladestry Outdoor Service



Impromptu Outdoor Service at Gladestry

Open the Book Knighton School

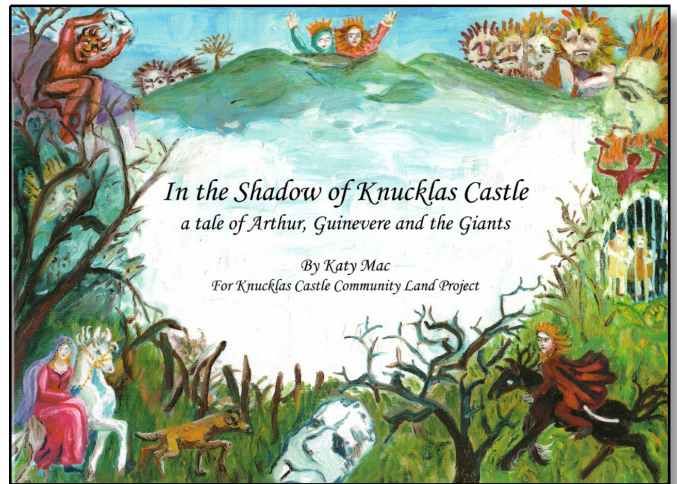


Centurion who sees Jesus as Son of God



Soldiers to arrest Jesus

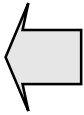
Love and Giants



Knighton Young Farmers



Knighton Cheerleaders at Torquay



Impromptu Outdoor Communion

The service at Gladestry was at 6pm and it was approximately 10 degrees warmer outside than it was inside! After the briefest conversation with a churchwarden we relocated the service to the joy of all

concerned. At one point the birdsong was so loud I nearly had to ask one of the readers to speak up!! It was such a blessing to be worshipping God in the midst of his creation.

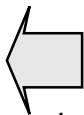
Mark Beaton

Love and Giants at Knucklas Castle!

Fancy the story of Arthur's marriage to Guinevere at Knucklas Castle? A new children's book set in the upper Teme Valley retells the ancient legend.

Lively full page illustrations – including an imaginary, but usable, ancient map of the area, big giants and hidden faces as well as some lovely photographs – will catch the interest of readers and non-readers in all age groups, as will the story itself with its unsolved mysteries.

Today, in the upper Teme Valley, you can find traces of the story, not least in the river's Welsh name, Afon Tefediad, so-called after Arthur's words. There's a huge



stone near Beguildy that looks like a giant's head, the great rock at Craig-y-Don where the devil sat, and the old castle hill itself where the wedding took place.

For those who want to know more about the story and its

origins there are notes in the back and reference to sources.

There is also information about Knucklas Castle Community Land Project who will receive all proceeds from this book. **In the Shadow of Knucklas Castle – a tale of Arthur, Guinevere and the Giants** was written by Katy Mac. All proceeds go to the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project

Kate has long wanted to write a children's story and the local tale of King Arthur seemed waiting to be told. She hopes readers will wonder with her at the rich history, both real and legendary, of this beautiful landscape and its secrets. £12.00 available from Knucklas Castle Community Land Project www.knucklascastle.org.uk

email: knucklascastleclt@gmail.com and from local shops. Published by YouCaxton Publications.

Champion Cheerleaders at Knighton YFC

On the 23rd April Knighton YFC made the 6am start from Knighton to Torquay to represent Wales to become champions at the YFC UK National AGM Cheerleading competition.

To get to there they won 1st place at the County YFC Field day in October. They went on to represent Radnor at Builth Wells at the end of March winning the Wales final by 11 points. The team was coached by Di Gough and Sally Licence with help from Emma Paton of Fusion Dance. The team have all worked extremely hard over the last few months, have overcome one of the team (Sophie Licence-Law) breaking her ankle the week before the Wales competition and also had to replace Jack Francis after the Wales competition as he was on holiday



for the Nationals. Thank you to Matt Price for stepping in with two weeks to go. A huge thank you to the committee at Everest Llanfairwaterdine for accommodating all the practices.

Next big event for Knighton YFC is hosting the YFC Rally at the Laws, Knighton on the 10th June 2017.

Lynda Wood

Team members: Grace Licence-Law, Jess Morgan, Amy Morgan, Sally Gough, Ceri Powell, Rachel Mills, Maddy Morris, Jack Bright and Matt Price



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By God's grace – and with the dedication of a wonderful team, Open the Book has completed a cycle of three years in Knighton School and we are about to begin again with Year 1. It is very encouraging that children across our wider area hear the Bible Stories, as Christians from other churches also take Open the Book to Presteigne and Bucknell Schools.

Convinced as we are that it is important to teach our faith to succeeding generations of children, we believe in the importance of this project and are grateful for the opportunities that the Head teachers of these schools have given us.

The Open the Book Team told Knighton Primary School several stories about Peter: his saddest and his happiest day. Where Peter is warming his hands over a brazier the servant accuses him of being Jesus's follower, but Peter denies it – a sad day. In the other photo Peter is shown with John, Mary Magdalene and the risen Jesus – a happy day.

The photo on page 44 is the Good Friday story with soldiers who crucified Jesus, but the centurion in charge (Bob Williams) recognised at the end that Jesus really was the Son of God.

This year 26 school leavers will be given a copy of the Bible (in an attractive Good News version). Thank you to all who have given generously to make this possible in Knighton School.

Please keep us in your prayers; we are in school every Thursday afternoon. Without God's blessing, all our efforts are in vain.

Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Cor 3: 7

Rev'd Melia Cope



Peter's saddest day when he denies Jesus to a servant.



Peter's happiest day when he celebrates Jesus Resurrection with disciples

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St RICHARD of CHICHESTER

St Richard of Chichester, who lived from 1197 to 1253, is patron saint of the English county of Sussex.

In 1244 Richard was elected Bishop of Chichester but King Henry III wanted someone else as bishop and he ordered that no one should feed or house Richard. So Richard lived with a friend who was a parish priest and visited his entire diocese on foot for two years until the king relented.

Richard is widely remembered today for the prayer he is supposed to have said as he was dying. The prayer was adapted for the song 'Day by Day' in the musical Godspell and it is in this form that most people know it today:

Day by day,
Dear Lord, of thee
three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by Day.

SOUNDS STRANGE

There are still quite a few people called Richard today but some saints' names sound very strange to our modern ears - how many of these names are saint's names and how many of them are something else all together? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Wenceslas
2. Mesrop
3. Blaise
4. Porphyry
5. Waudru
6. Methodius
7. Attracta
8. Sebbi
9. Fiacre
10. Budoc



**What do you call a man with a
map on his head?**

Miles.

**What do you call a
woman with a
tortoise on her
head?**



Shelley.

**What do you call a man
checking your homework?**

Mark.

**What do you call a Vicar
on a moped?**

Rev.

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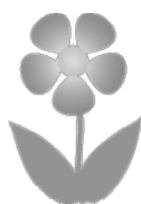
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The singers will be performing popular choruses and solos from Gilbert and Sullivan favourites such as *The Mikado* and *Yeomen of the Guard* as well as songs from Broadway shows like *42nd Street* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Tickets are £7.50 (£5 for students) on the door.

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The Powysland Club

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The guide to the Battle will be Dr. David Stephenson, Honorary Research Fellow, School of History and Welsh History, University of Bangor. David has published many articles and books on Medieval Welsh and border history. Anyone interested will be welcome to join the group.

St Mary's Pilleth

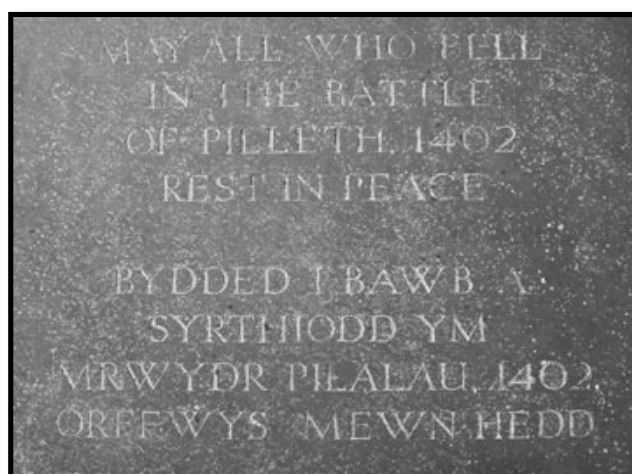
We have one service a month during the summer and we warmly welcome you to our historic church.

Our service this month is on **June 25th**
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Future dates are: July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th (Harvest Festival)

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 27 April June Price, aged 85 Heyope
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 11 May Kathleen Bowles, aged 95, Evancoyd
 19 May Ann Smellie Beguildy
 23 May Terence Meredith, Hereford Crematorium
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4	Gravel: 2.30 Rev Phil Pain
4	Pound: 2.30pm
4	Coxall: 2.30pm, Kevin Dare (Communion)
4	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm Rev Patrick Baker
11	Norton Street: 11am, Kevin Dare
11	Pound: 2.30pm, Anniversary. Thomas Kitchen
11	Knucklas: 6pm, 'Face to Face' The Outsider
18	Norton Street: 11am, Kevin Dare (Communion)
18	Coxall: 2.30pm, Sue Wilson
18	Gravel: Fathers' Day at Llangunllo
18	Pound: 2.30pm, Rev R Thomas (Communion)
18	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm Mr John Barry
25	Maesyrhelem 6.30pm, David Morris & Choir
25	Pound, 2.30pm, with Methodists
25	Knucklas, 6pm to be confirmed
25	Norton Street, 11am Joint service with Knighton Methodist Church

July 2nd New Radnor Baptist, 7pm Anniversary Songs of Praise Rev Geoff Cable

Dates For Your Diary

May

27-29 Beat the Bounds of New Radnor, Celebration at Fforest Inn on 29th, 7pm.

Mon 29 Bleddfa Village Walk, 9.30am Bleddfa Centre.

June

Thu 1 Ministry Area Team meeting Little HenCefn, Llangunllo 7:30pm

Felindre WI visit to The Six Bells Microbrewery at Bishops Castle. 2-4

Knighton Pilgrimage of Song.

General Election Hustings, St Edward's Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm.

2-4 Pilgrimage of Song, see page 11.

Fri 2 New Radnor Quiz Night in aid of Carnival, 7.30pm.

Llanfair Waterdine W.I. Everest Hall, 7pm.

Sat 3 Messy Pentecost, N R Comm Centre 11am – 1pm.

Mon 5 Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.

Tue 6 Prayer Meeting at St Michael's Llanfihangel Nant Melan 7pm, PCC to follow at 7:30.

Wed 7 St Mary's Gladestry PCC meeting 7:30pm in church.

Sat 10 Radnor Deanery Conference. An introduction to "Godly Play" led by Rev Petra Beresford Webb, Holy Trinity Llandrindod Wells 10am until noon.

Coffee Morning, St Andrew's Norton, 10 12noon.

Bingo in St Edward's Church Hall, 7pm.

Sun 11 Confirmation at St Edward's, 10.30am. Bishop John.

Dolau Mixtures Songs for a Summer Evening, St Mary's New Radnor, 6pm.

Mon 12 Teme Valley Gardeners, Evening Garden Visit to Byecroft.

Tue 13 St Peter's Evancoyd PCC meeting 7:30 Evenjobb Village Hall

Llangunllo WI. Afternoon Tea at the Glebe House, 7pm.

Craft Club, Knucklas Community Centre, 2-4pm.

Thu 15 Folk Night, Castle Inn Knucklas, 7pm.

Fri 16 New Radnor Over 60's, Visit to Dolau Cothi Gold Mine, 10am at the Eagle.

Organ Recital, St Stephen's, Old Radnor, 7.30pm

Sat 17 Plant Sale on Broad Street New Radnor for St Mary's Church, 9am.

Ceilidh at Hall Barn Bleddfa, 7.30pm.

Sun 18 Gilbert and Sullivan Concert, Whitton Community Hall, 3pm.

Open Garden at Evancoyd Court 2:30 onwards. Songs of Praise in the garden 4:30 .

Tue 20 Gladestry WI, Kath Nixon: Flower Arranging, Village Hall 7.30pm.

St David's Ladies Guild. Leon Abecasis: Food Waste. Knucklas Comm C, 7.30pm.

Sat 24 Fashion Show and afternoon tea, St Edward's Hall, Knighton, 3.30.

Diocesan Ordination Service at Brecon Cathedral 2:30pm. From our Deanery and West Radnor Ministry Area: Rachael Storer is being Priested and Bronwyn Curnow is being Deaconed.

Sun 25 Curry Lunch, N. R. Community Centre, 12.30pm.

Tue 27 Craft Club, Knucklas Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Churches Together Meeting, Knighton Methodist Church, 7.15pm.

Fri 30 Singing for Fun, St Edward's Church Hall, 10.30am.

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

- Abraham Lincoln

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Spring

Apple Blossom

Ransom (Wild Garlic)

Bluebell Wood in Heyope Valley

Orchids on Castle Hill

JUNE & July	Churches	June 4th Pentecost Red	June 11th Trinity White	June 18th Trinity 1 Green	June 25th Trinity 2 Green	July 2nd Trinity 3 Green
Readings		Numbers 11.24-30 Psalm 104.24-34, 35b Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Matthew 28.16-20	Exodus 19.2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Psalm 69.13-18 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Psalm 89.1-4,15-18 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42
Beacon Hill Churches	Beguildy St Michaels	11:00am MC Holy Communion	10:30am Ministry Area Confirmation Service at St Edward's, Knighton. Led by Bishop John Davies. Please join us as the candidates make a public affirmation of their faith in Christ.	11:00am MC Morning Worship	No Service	11:00am LS Holy Communion
	Bleddfa Mary Magdalene	8:30PM MB Compline		No Service	No Service	8:30pm MB Compline
	Heyope St David	No Service		No Service	11:00am MC Holy Communion	No Service
	Llanguillo St Cynllo	No Service		6:30pm MB, Family Service Father's Day with Gravel	No Service	No Service
East Radnor Churches	Cascob St Michael	3:00pm MC Holy Communion	10:30am Ministry Area Confirmation Service at St Edward's, Knighton. Led by Bishop John Davies. Please join us as the candidates make a public affirmation of their faith in Christ.	No Service	No Service	3:00pm MC Holy Communion
	Knighton St Edward	9:30am JG Holy Communion 6pm Welcome Worship		10:30am CH Family Service	9:30am MC Holy Communion	11.00am AG Morning Worship
	Norton St Andrew	NO SERVICE		NO SERVICE	11:00am PJC Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
	Pilleth St Mary	No Service		No Service	**3:00pm MC Evening Prayer	No Service
New Radnor Churches	Whitton St David	9:30am MC Holy Communion	10:30am Ministry Area Confirmation Service at St Edward's, Knighton. Led by Bishop John Davies. Please join us as the candidates make a public affirmation of their faith in Christ.	9:30am MC Holy Communion	No Service	9:30am MC Holy Communion
	Colva St David	2:30pm MB Evening Worship		No Service	No Service	2:30pm MB Holy Communion
	Evangoyd St Peter	11:00am MB Family Service		*4:30pm Songs of Praise, Evangoyd Ct	11:00am MB Holy Communion	11:00am CG Morning Prayer
	Gladestry St Mary	6:00pm MB Holy Communion		11:15am MB Holy Communion	6:00pm HC Evening Worship	6:00pm MB Holy Communion
	Llanil N M St Michael	No Service		No Service	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	No Service
	New Radnor St Mary	9:15am MB & MR Holy Communion		9:15am MB Holy Communion	9:15am MB Morning Worship	9.15am MB Holy Communion

* June 18, 4:30, Outdoor - Songs of Praise at Evangoyd Court after Open Garden

** June 25, 3:00 Pilleth, MC Evening Prayer - Battle of Pilleth Sunday