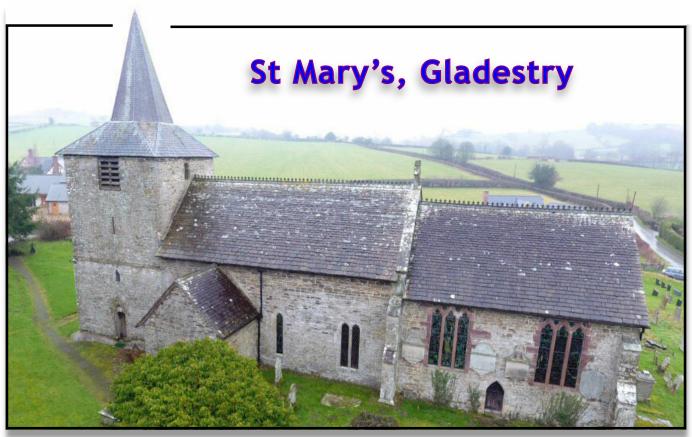


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Formed from the capital on a Norman pier, and then hollowed out as a bowl.





Chalice niche at preaching cross, now the War Memorial Plinth to be restored.



St Mary's, Gladestry - A Place To Rest

St Mary's Gladestry has been a place to rest on a journey for a very long time. Today it welcomes walkers and visitors for refreshment. The visitors' book not only enthuses with remarks such as "what a wonderful thing" – meaning the kitchen, bioloo and the hospitality offered – but they also tell of a sense of peace and calm. People have worshipped here for a thousand years; maybe the stone walls have soaked up the prayers.

Gladestry lies at the base of a valley and its church is best viewed to advantage from the surrounding hills – its spire can be seen some miles away in most directions from higher ground. It is situated at a crossroads by a ford and these run along ancient tracks and drovers' routes connecting in all directions of the compass.

The church itself has yew trees, a raised enclosure, indicating that it was probably a sacred site prior to the Norman stone church building. Indeed, a recent archaeological find of two shards of clay pottery were dated at about 800 and 900 AD. The find showed that the

site was inhabited, and not used exclusively for religious purposes.

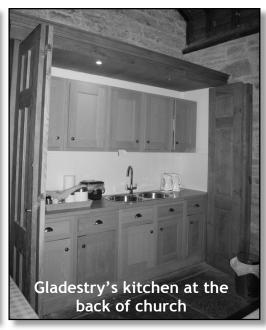
The building itself is adorned with unusual features: a medieval oak roof structure in both the Nave and Chancel, a dovecote Sanctus Bell and a stone piscina in the Chancel and some notable stained glass windows.

The medieval stone base to the War Memorial (near the east gates) is of particular historical interest for several reasons. It was marked on medieval maps as "The Cross" since it housed a wooden preaching cross. Church Calendar services were held here particularly at Easter. Over time the wooden cross was no more, but the base was used to site a concrete cross to mark those lost during the wars. This was the first such memorial erected in Radnorshire in 1919. Annual Remembrance services are well attended. It is fitting that it is to be refurbished in the near future with assistance from Powys and Gladestry Councils.

- Michael Johnson







The Cover — The Angels at Gladestry

The stained glass this month is from Gladestry's east window. The musical angels sit above Peter, Isaiah, Stephen, St David. The angel blowing a trumpet faces another angel whose trumpet bowl is shown here.

Angels in the Bible and popular culture are often associated with music. Revelation 5 describes "four living creatures"; each holding a **harp** and a golden bowl full of incense to represent the people's prayers and praise for Christ.

Angels play **trumpets** for important announcements, as they are God's messengers. The Bible's vision of heaven in Revelation 8 & 9 describes a group of seven angels playing trumpets as they stand before God.

Thomas Carlyle once said: "Music is well said to be the speech of angels." In Christianity St Cecilia, whose special day is November 22nd, is the patron saint of music.

The stained glass is by Shrigley & Hunt.

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Dear Friends,

A few days after the Manchester attack, a young man stood blindfolded, on a Manchester street, with a roughly assembled sign saying: 'I'm a Muslim and I trust you. Do you trust me enough for a hug?' At first, he was ignored......then one man, who had initially passed by, returned to give him a hug. Within moments, many passers-by were queuing to do the same.

What was behind their response? Was it their shared sense of sorrow at the tragedy and of their common humanity? One man crossed the divide to respond and it became easier for others to follow.

We do have power to effect change.

During our recent Christian Aid Service, we said these words:

Come friends let us worship together:

only many hands will move the rock.

Come friends let us work together:

only many hands will move the rock.

Come friends let us walk together:

only many hands will move the rock.

Come for Christ calls us

only many hands will move the rock.

The story is told of the building of the Grand Mosque when a very important stone, the Black Stone, needed to be replaced. No one could agree about who should have the honour of doing so.

Mohammed asked that the Black Stone be put on to a cloth and many people took hold of the edge of the cloth. Together they lifted the Black Stone to its rightful place.

Every one of us is needed to fulfil God's mission. Let's not underestimate our role.

Melía Cope

SUNDAY JULY 30th 5.00pm

Please join us for the

Ministry Area "Songs of Praise" at St Mary's Gladestry.

Cream Teas served from 3.30 pm

Weather permitting, this will be held outside
with the wonderful backdrop of Yew Tree Bank and Hergest Ridge



The Black Stone Story: Muhammad and the Meccan clan elders lifting the Black Stone into place. (Stored at the University of Southern California.) From Wikipedia

Next Edition of The Radnor

The **deadline** for submitting all material is the 15th of August. It will be collected on August 26th from the printer and made available within a short time.

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Saint of the Month

Maelrubha of Applecross - Apostle to the Picts - 27 August



We have just been on a wonderful holiday to the Isle of Skye. We stayed on a working croft and early every morning John would take the dog for a walk, over the croft land and the common grazing and down to the shore. At least that is what he did until the bull arrived to secure a new generation of calves. Down on the shore was Ashaig Cemetery. Just outside the cemetery I found an ancient well. This was Maelrubha's well and across the way was Creag na Leabhar, the Rock of the Book, which he used as a pulpit. A high mound in the cemetery was all that was left of his church. And across the Sound we could clearly see Applecross, where Maelrubha founded his

Face to face

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 Sundays

9 July – The Insider

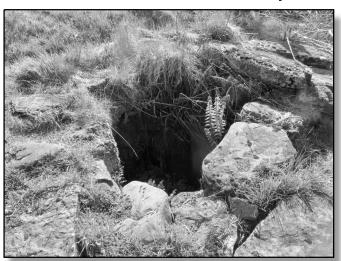
13 August - The Misunderstood Woman

Ask questions and share your point of view.

Refreshments.

monastery in 673. From there he travelled far and wide, continuing Columba's ministry of converting the Picts. Applecross is an isolated area, surrounded by sea and high mountains. In Gaelic it is still known as A' Chomraich, 'the sanctuary'. In early medieval times a large area was marked out with stone crosses as a place of sanctuary where people could go for protection from whoever was pursuing them. Maelrubha died in 722 at the ripe old age of 80, second only to Columba in his influence among the Picts.

Rosemary Hanna



Maelrubha's Well at Ashaig

Midweek Holy Communions

New Radnor Community Centre

Wednesday 12th July 11 am
Wednesday 9th August
followed by Lunch at 12.15ish
All Welcome

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Wednesday, 5th July Wednesday, 16th August

10.30am

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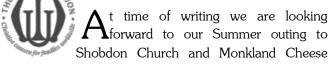


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Evancoyd with New Radnor Mothers' Union News



Dairy for a tour and lunch on Wednesday 28th June.

In July we are hosting the Deanery Coffee Evening at the New Radnor Community Centre on Wednesday 12th July at 7pm with speaker, Sue Martin, who is joined by her husband, Rt Rev Rob Martin, the retired Bishop of Marsabit, N. Kenya, who will talk about their lives in Kenya over the past 8 years and their experience of MU in Kenya. I would be grateful for help from members with a

little catering of finger food, as members from across the Deanery will bring food too, as well as help with hosting and serving tea and coffee on the evening.

Then later in the month on Thursday 20th 2.30pm we will meet at the home of Mrs Olwen Morris, as we share our favourite hymns.

We are keen to welcome new members, both younger and older. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to Kit Beaton, or any member for further information. KB (01544)350342

Llanfihangel-nant-melan

Summer picnic and games

Sunday 9th July

The Fron from 3pm

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Llanfihangel-nant-melan Annual Church Fete!!!

SATURDAY 29th July 3pm!!!

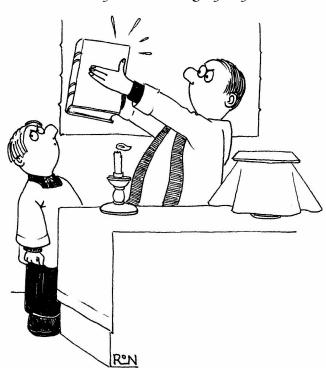
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A New Life for Knighton Community Centre

Following a six month closure for extensive refurbishment, Knighton Community Centre reopened on May 17th. The Centre made a temporary home in the nearby army cadets' Drill Hall.

The fundraiser, Dominique Jones, had secured nearly £500,000 grant from the Welsh Government, along with substantial funding to replace the roof, provided by Powys County Council. Radnor Hills Water Bottling Company funded the electronically operated screening to divide the main hall and create a new bar and café area.

Dominique offered thanks to Karen and Chris Plant. Karen has been Chair of the committee while Chris has been in charge of hirers, bookings, invoicing, publicity, website, and general maintenance. Guests viewed changes to the Reynolds Room, dressing rooms, and the new "indoor street" giving access to the proposed library area.

Praise was virtually unanimous and a pleasing number enquired about hiring space. It all adds up to a new lease of life for a building which had been increasingly showing its age.

Karen Plant said, "This project for us is not just about the building but is about attracting much needed inward investment to help regenerate the Knighton area and will support projects aimed at reducing the impact of isolation and poverty such as supporting young and long term unemployed, older and disabled people and young families."

- Chris Plant (shortened)







Electronically operated screen dividing the main hall

CAMEO

14 July

We have a Visit to Rhoslyn

For further information contact David Hinton on 01547 528984.

There is no meeting in August.

We meet again on 8 September to arrange the new programme. 2.30pm, Methodist Church.



From the beginning of July the Leg Club will move back to the Reynolds Room at Knighton Community Centre.

Every Thursday morning 9.30-11.30am

No appointment necessary

Treatment by District Nurses

Reception and refreshments manned by volunteers.



We Are A Trinity People And Holy Holy Is Our Song

It seemed that we all renewed our Confirmation vows on Trinity Sunday with Bishop John. The joyous occasion started with the finest Trinity Hymn, "Holy, Holy," Bishop John reminded us that "Holy" simply means "set apart." We are not perfect in any way, but set apart and sent to do God's work

He explored the meaning of Trinity (Three in One). H2O can be three things: water, ice, steam, but it's still the same element. He took Melia as an example: she is wife, mother, priest, but still one person. And so the Trinity is Father, Son, and Spirit, all helping us to live our lives in the best way we can as disciples.

He confirmed Michael Westrip (Bleddfa and Whitton) and Jenny Williams (Llangunllo) in that holy faith. June Jones (Knighton) reaffirmed her Confirmation vows. The music, the words, and the faith of everyone there helped us know that we are set aside for God's kingdom.

The atmosphere of joy in welcoming the three candidates continued into the church hall after the service, as we shared very generous refreshments. Thank you to all who contributed to a very happy event.

In Remembrance: Barbara Barrett 14/03/41 - 18/05/17

Barbara Barrett passed away on 18 May, after a brave battle against cancer which she fought for many years. She loved the valley that she spent all of her life in. She grew up at Moat Cottage, Beguildy and after she was married lived at Victory House and then Cwmberris in Felindre. She was a devout member of Beguildy Church for all of her life; supporting all church events and meetings. She was a strong member of the community and had a history of helping people and lending a hand wherever it was needed.

The essence of Barb was family, and they were the centre of her life. With six children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren family life was always busy; often frantic and stressful; but always full of laughter and love.

She was a keen gardener and great cook. Always young at heart she would step in to help with any family or community event.

Barb ended her days in the home that she loved, surrounded by the family that she loved and was so proud of.

The family wish to thank everyone for their friendship and support to Barb over the years.



Barbara with her grandchild

Welsh



When St David addressed the synod at Llanddewi Brefi it was said that the ground rose from beneath his feet, so that all could see their new primate.

Which word for a hill did they use?

bryn or fryn or mryn - hill, hillside, hilltop
rhiw or riw - slope
gallt or allt - wooded slope
garth - rounded hill

St Michael's, Beguildy — Mowing Rota:

July: Edward Lewis with Stephen Ruell, Andrew and Stephen Reynolds

August: Edward R Harris with Edward J Harris, Robert Reynolds, Charlie Reynolds & Colin Morgan

All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost.

- J. R. R. Tolkien



June, Mick, Bishop John, Jenny, Melia



Bishop John preparing candidates



Christine Gould (New Radnor)



Mike Thompson (Norton) Rebe Brick (Knighton)



Doreen Phillips (Knighton)



June Jones (Whitton)



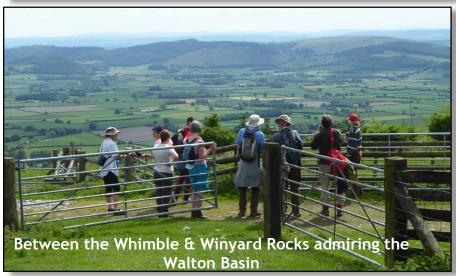
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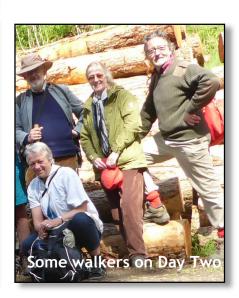






Hermione is wilting on her two sticks after a long climb up the slope from Harley Valley near the top of Great Rhos, just before we went into the mist and got soaked.





Ramblers Schedule



All walks start at 10am.

ramblers cymru Everyone is welcome on these walks.

Enquiries: 01547 520266 (East Radnor Ramblers)

Sat July 1. Cwm Rheidol Reservoir. Moderate 10 miles / 16.1 km. Start at SN696797 Cwm Rheidol Reservoir nr Visitor Centre. (4 Wells Walk)

Wed July 5. Glastir, Black Mixen, Whinyard Rocks. 7.3 miles moderate. Start at Exp 200 and 201 SO 235642 Forestry Car Park above Kinnerton. 9.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 376732

Sat July 8. Herefordshire Trail & paths to Leintwardine. 9.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 376732

Wed July 12. Kinsham, Lingen, including Coles Hill toposcope. 8 miles moderate. Consult website for start.

Sat July 15. Gors Lydan & Tylcau Hill. Moderate 11 miles / 17.7 km. Start at SO089655 Layby on left on A483 going north from Crossgates. (4 Wells Walk)

Wed July 19. Cilfaesty Hill and Medwaledd. 6.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 214 O109849 Cider House CP.

Sat July 22. Clun to Newcastle. 10 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 302811 Memorial Hall.

Wed July 26. Three Woods Walk. 8 miles moderate. Start at Exp 217 SO 437825 Discovery Centre.

Wed August 2. Todleth, Roundton. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 216 SO 312942 Hyssington VH Carpark.

Sat August 5 Davey Morgan's Dingle, Great Rhos, Cowlod. 9.2 miles moderate. Start at Exp 200 SO141623 Layby on A44 near Llandegley.

Wed August 9. Consult website for walk

Wed August 16. Mortimers Cross, Aymestry, Covenhope Circular. 7.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 203 SO 400 628 Shobdon Church.

Sat August 19. Long Cairn & Castell Dinas. 10 miles moderate. Start at Talgarth Carpark OL13 SO153337.

Wed August 23. Open moorland walk. No Stiles. 6 miles moderate. Start at Exp 188 SO142464 Llanbedr Church.

Wed August 30. Titley, Nash, Little Brampton. 6 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO148331 Lay-by off B4355.

24 Miles Around the 1901 Bounds

After being sent on our way by the Revd Mark Beaton on the first day, we completed the walk around the 1901 bounds of the parish of **New Radnor** over 3 days at the end of May. The weather was mixed, a combination of sun, rain and mist, and, apart from one minor deviation, was completed without major problems.

Congratulations to the five stalwart walkers who walked the whole route over 23 miles, Michael and Sylvia Capstick, Jenny Hodge and the leaders. We were joined on Sunday 28th by six walkers from Llangunllo and Cascob, two of whom had been involved in the organisation of the Llangunllo beating the bounds walks, which started several years ago.

At the end of each day walkers enjoyed a drink in the taproom of Brookside Farm, and on the final day we celebrated with a meal in the Fforest Inn.

Peter Barker and Margaret Vallance

19TH ANNUAL KILVERT PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 30th July 2017 (The Sunday following the Royal Welsh Show)

8½ miles across the hills between the churches of the Painscastle Group

09.30 - 10.00 Welcome & refreshments at Newchurch

10.00 NEWCHURCH Morning Prayer & laying of flowers at Emmeline's Grave

10.45 leave Newchurch for Bryngwyn

12.00 BRYNGWYN Readings/Recital: *Sonia Hammond [Cello]*

12.45 BYO Picnic Lunch (tea, coffee provided)

13.30 leave Bryngwyn for Llanbedr

16.00 LLANBEDR Afternoon Tea (provided)

17.00 leave Llanbedr for Llandewi Fach

18.00 LLANDEWI FACH Evensong (Preacher Bishop Michael Westall - former Bishop of Tanzania)

19.00 Farewell and disperse (transport back to Newchurch if needed)

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Teme Valley YFC

Teme Valley YFC had a successful day at the annual Rally hosted by Knighton YFC at The Laws, Knighton, on Saturday 10th June, finishing the day in 2nd place overall behind the winners Llanbadarn Fynydd YFC. In Pre Rally competitions Thomas Swancott was 1st, Jon and Ben Harris 2nd and Tom Harris 4th in the Suffolk sheep judging. Ella Harris and George Morgan were 2nd, Josh Deakins 4th and Ash Turner 5th in the Horse judging. George Morgan and Jon Harris were 3rd, Thomas Swancott 4th and Elizabeth Swancott 9th in the Limousin judging, meaning the club won the overall Stockjudging Trophy.

The Promotional Sign was 1st, winning the Glenda Lawrence Cup. On the day in the Floral section Ella Harris and Jess Barrett were both 1st and Evan Thomas was 6th resulting in winning the overall Floral trophy. The club ended the day with 5 trophies.

Other results from the Rally day include Jess Barrett, Ella Harris and Kim Barnett coming 1st in the Design a new sports kit Moodboard. Chloe Lewis was 2nd in the craft designing a fascinator for Ascot and 5th in the Solo Singing. Anna Morgan was 2nd in the Promotional Poster, Sarah Bevan 4th in the Yearbook Cover. Ben Watkin and Jon Harris were 2nd in the Breeding Ewe judging. Will and Josh Deakins were 5th in the Generation Game. Kate Reynolds, Megan Thomas, Chloe Lewis and Ella Harris were 4th in the Group Singing. Tom Harris and Jonny Rowlands were 7th in the woodwork and Wendy Mawer was 8th in the scrapbook.

The next event on Teme Valley YFC calendar will be a Bingo Night on Thursday 13th July at Felindre Village Hall, raising money for club funds, everyone welcome.

Kim Barnet

Gladestry 49 Club Winners Subs for the third quarter are now due

May winners: rollover, Mark Beaton, Heather Carrington and Alison McMillen. Subs for the new quarter (of £13.00) are now due.

Thanks very much for your support. It is a big help to the Village Hall and the Church.

- Michael Johnson

New Radnor Children's Playground Charity No. 524468

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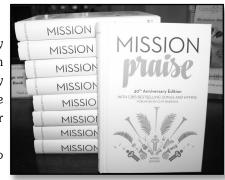
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Money well spent!!

Well – we hope you agree. The Ministry Area service at St Cynllo's was so well supported and the collection so generous that the church committee decided to use the cash to buy a set of new hymn books which should open up a much wider choice and enhance future services.

We will be delighted to welcome anyone to any of our services when we hope all will reap the benefit of the new books and we look forward to the next time it is our turn to host a Ministry
Area service when
we will, hopefully
all know one
another rather
better.

Thank you all so much!!



Pam Livingstone-Lawn

Women Right

I grew up without thought of gender-inequality with just neighbourhood girls as play-friends with whom I walked to school.

On Trinity Sunday. when Bishop John celebrated our Ministry Area Confirmation Service, it was noticeable that in the Chancel women far-outnumbered the men. This gender-balance reflects our church congregations and lay helpers.

As I walked up the hill to the Llangullo Ministry Area Service, I passed a building with a courtyard with a large, handwritten sign saying WOMEN RIGHT. Were the feminists at work?

As time has moved on, and we have experienced a number of Elections, I reflect on the fact that Knighton, Presteigne and Beguildy are each now represented on the County Council by women. The General Election has now seen more women than ever returned to Parliament as MPs. No longer is Politics nothing more than a Talking Shop for men.

After the Llangunllo Service, whilst walking back down to the car, I noticed the courtyard sign also proclaimed MEN LEFT. I couldn't help thinking if the word BEHIND had been omitted!

Ken Harris

Llangunllo Bleddfa Community Councillors

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Jane Williams

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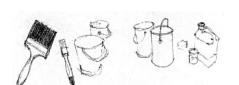
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Our next service will be on Thursday 6th July at 7 pm in St Edward's Church. You don't have to belong to a church to come -- all are welcome. It's not embarrassing either. It's up to you if you want to ask for prayer for yourself, a relative or someone else you know. Otherwise just come and enjoy a peaceful service.

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Margaret Davis

Membership of Churches Together in Knighton and District

If you would like to become a member, to support the work and witness in our area, application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Alison Thomas, preferably by email at alithomas1@gmail.com, and returned to her. There is no charge for membership.

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I would like to thank The Radnor for always including our Shopping List, but I would like to mention that besides food donations, we also need more people to commit themselves to making regular donations through Standing Orders. Currently our total costs are around £600 per month, whereas we only receive about £295 in regular monthly donations. Standing Orders can be accessed through our website at

www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk.

Please help us to assist the poorest in our communities to get back on their feet.

Peter Cope, Chair of Knighton Food Bank Churches Together in Knighton & District Regd. Charity No.1172353

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Lunch Club for Seniors

Mondays in the Methodist Church, Victoria Road, 12.30-2.00 (except bank holidays).

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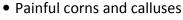
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Farm Focus: My Sheepy Times

Por more than thirty years I have been involved with sheep, breeding, showing, judging and inspecting, but we no longer have any of our own. The majority of our sheep were Lleyns, a breed from north west Wales, but we sometimes used Hampshire Down rams for crossing.

My greatest involvement has been with Greyface Dartmoor, once a rare breed, but more widely kept now. In fact, I am off to Knutsford to judge classes at The Royal Cheshire Show on 21st June. They are an attractive, longwoolled sheep from Devon, a recognised breed for well over 100 years. When we bought our first ones there were only 800 registered ewes in the country, but now there are in excess of 2,300, spread from Comwall to Scotland, and I have seen some in N. Ireland. New breeders are not allowed to class their male lambs as breed rams for at least 5 years, so I, and others, have to visit and inspect them to judge if they are up to standard.

My judging has taken me to the breadth of southern England, all of Wales, and the west side of the Midlands, as far north as Lancashire. The Dartmoors generally only produce about 1.4 lambs per year, but our Lleyns were very prolific, and we reared about 2.1 per ewe, one ewe produced 3 successive litters of 5, of which only 1 was

stillborn, and we reared 12 on her or a surrogate mother. We both really regret not having them now, but advancing years have decreed that we now live in a bungalow, with just a garden.

Allan and Joyce Flexman (Norton)





Probably taken by Billy McKaig, restored by Laurence Smith. Copy stored in the Radnorshire Museum in Llandrindod Wells. Date unknown. *Does anyone know the family?*

Editor's apologies: Last month I incorrectly identified the agricultural implement in the historic photo as a plough. Any farmer knows it was a grass mower for hay making!



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The Scouts sponsored 8 mile hike on Dementia Friendly 12th May (Knighton Hotel to Presteigne Scout Hut) took 4hrs 20 minutes to complete. They raised £427 to split 50/50 between The Alzheimers Association and KINDA (see page 59).

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Moonshine at the Trials

On Saturday May 13th the Annual Sheepdog Trials were held at Pantycaragle Farm, Beguildy.

The Moonshine Walkers wish to thank all the people who made donations to our catering venture. Of the many who supported us special mention to Tom Pugh Butchers, Spar Knighton and Graham Beadles. Thank you to all family members, friends and spectators who supported us by

giving tasty cakes, mouth watering biscuits, and also making generous donations.

A grand total of £600.50 was raised for Cancer Charities. With your fantastic support we have now raised in excess of £17,000 since 2009. Hopefully we will see you there again next year and thank you so much. None of the above would be possible without your support.

The Moonshine Walkers

Llanfihangel at Hay Festival

Hay Festival...for the most part this year, the weather was kind. The festival hosted visitors near and far including celebrities such as the team from BBC Countryfile, Children's author Julia Donaldson, Guitarist Brian May, Eddie Izzard and Will young to name just a few. I wonder if any took refreshments from two of our parish (Llanfihangel nant melan) members? Through the week

Marjorie and Michael Robinson of "The Folly" helped the south Powys branch of Parkinson's UK, as they provided refreshments in their Tea Garden near the festival field, or as they put it "peace in pleasant surroundings with a freshly made sandwich, cake and a cuppa".

Helen Powell

Grief is the price we pay for love. - Queen Elizabeth II

New Radnor Over 60's Club

Next outing on Thursday 13th July

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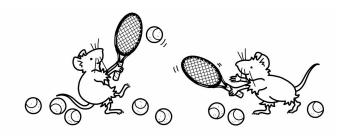
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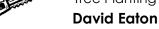


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What's on at the W.I.s



The Bishop's Castle Buzz for Felindre W.I.

Felindre WI travelled across the border into Shropshire for their June meeting. A warm welcome was extended to them by the owners of the Micro Brewery, John & Mary of the Six Bells, Bishop's Castle, with a coffee in their courtyard Café before the tour. Caz Dinham explained to the members that she attended Sunderland University to study Micro Brewing. It was clear from the outset that Caz had a great passion for her work and buzzed with enthusiasm. Hygiene and water were the two main ingredients in Brewing; Caz went on to explain that they try to make two brews at a time, which they do twice a week. Their beers are sold in Shropshire and Powys and will soon be on sale in Herefordshire. The President Rhona

Barnett thanked Caz for a very detailed and interesting tour.

Members then enjoyed a ploughmans lunch, the bread made with their beer. During the lunch the President congratulated the members on winning the Rose Bowl Competition at the County Show; they will now represent Powys Radnor Federation at the Royal Welsh Show in July. Joyce Matthews and Rebe Brick were also congratulated on coming third in the County Kurling Competition. If you are interested in joining Felindre WI, please ring 01547 510077.

Rebe Brick

Summertime at Whitton W.I.

Whitton WI Annual Summer Event is on July 15th in Whitton Hall starting at 7:00 for 7:30. This year a cookery demonstration will be given by Sarah Cullen-Jones which will be followed by a meal and an amusing after dinner talk by Phil Gayther. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from any Whitton WI member or call Julia on 01547 560845. We appreciate your support and this year's funds will be going to the running of the WI with a raffle for charity. Thank you.

On August 8th we have our summer afternoon outing. Please contact a WI member for more details.

Whitton WI – Walking All Over Cancer

A number of the ladies at Whitton WI have joined the Cancer Research challenge 'Walk All Over Cancer" where they will be walking 10,000 steps a day throughout June to raise money for cancer research. Cancer is probably one of the most harsh things to be told that you have, and even after treatment, many, live with knowing that it could return. We wanted to do our bit to try to improve diagnosis and get better treatments to tackle the disease.

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A Messy Affair at Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.

The "Meeting with J Pollock" with Julia Llewellyn Roberts, as stated, was quite a messy affair. We all arrived suitably dressed, aprons etc. and enjoyed messing about with paint. A good time was had by all.

Our July meeting is a tour and buffet lunch at Kerryvale Vineyard, which we are all looking forward to.

The next meeting at the Tower Gallery, 2nd August at 7.30 pm, is a talk by Jean Coultard about her time at Denman Collage.

If you would like more information ring $01547\ 520\ 739$ or would like to join us just turn up on the night you will be made very welcome.

Pauline Parker.

Chatterbrook W.I.

The July meeting will be on Thursday July 6th (note change of date) at the President's home.

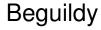
August 10th - Elaine's Beauty Spot comes to Presteigne.

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Open the Book - Knighton School



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We just started the cycle again with Creation (above).

Friends of Belshazzar at his golden feast.































Felindre & Beguildy for MNDA





Cheque for MNDA (Motor Neuron Disease Association) is presented at the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy, to Richard Schakleford. £1993.68 was raised by Colin and Stewart Morgan's sponsored Pool marathon and £535.10 was raised by Jonny Rowlands having his head shaved at The Wharf Inn, Felindre. A huge thank you to everyone that sponsored, donated and attended these events.

- Jess Barrett



Helen Gooderham, Cathy O'Rourke and Joyce Flexman, Norton coffee morning organisers.



John Small, raffle organiser





Norton Coffee Morning

Left: Lynda Kendrick serving freshly ground coffee Right: Melia enjoying the coffee event

See page 43.



Fathers Are Hung Up To Dry at Llangunllo

washing line greeted us at Llangunllo. The letters FATHERS were strung across to advertise letter games. We found attributes of good fathers with words beginning with 'F' then 'A' then 'T' etc. People in the congregation volunteered the words shown below. We reflected on the good father in the story of the Prodigal Son who welcomed back his errant son with open arms.

As we shouted out words for good fathers, Mark wrote them (he has another talent of fine penmanship). We had a bit of fun with words like 'Referee' or 'Ageless'. But inside we were thinking about our own fathers, until finally someone shouted, "Nobody's like that!"

Well, then Mark gave us the real point of the game: "The Son is the image of the invisible Father" from our first



lesson. This was all about God, the Father! These were attributes of God, whom we know because we know Jesus. We all have the perfect Father!

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Firm	Ageless	Teacher	Hopeful	Exuberant	Reasonable	Silent
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Evancoyd Open Gardens and Songs of Praise

On a hot summer afternoon Evancoyd enjoyed a delightful Open Garden at Evancoyd Court. Friends in sun hats and summer frocks strolled along lavender lined paths admiring the stunning view down and across to Hergest Ridge. The walled garden boasted a swimming pool where childem dangled their feet and water trickled in a nearby fountain. Roses climbed the walls.

Friends relaxed at tables lining the lawns to enjoy the sunshine and all manner of delights from the tea stall, as well as a refreshing Pimms.

The afternoon concluded with Songs of Praise directed by Mark Beaton under the grape arbor: a lovely atmosphere for worship. Heather Evans on the keyboard accompanied our singing of old favourites like "Bind us Together." Christine Gould, a Reader from New Radnor, spoke about our need to take time, to unashamedly relax. We are human **beings**, not human **doings**.

We were most grateful to our hosts, Guy and Penny Morrison. See page 30-31 for pictures by Laura W-J.

New Radnor Baptist Church Services for July and August

July 2nd 7:00pm Anniversary Songs of Praise – Rev Geoff Cable

July 23rd 3:00pm Mrs Christine Gould August 6th 3:00pm Rev Christobel Hargraves August 20th 3:00pm Rev Andrew Wyton Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone.

- Anthony Burgess

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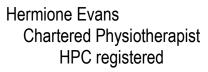
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Radnor Valley Gardening Club

As I write this I am rather hoping that the sun will shine on our Open Gardens Evening on June 13th. Hopefully sooner, so that I can do a bit of weeding and mow the lawn!

But in the event that it doesn't, the good news is that we raised over £170 from our May plant sale. So thank you to those who so generously donated plants and those who bought them.

Meanwhile, do make a note of this date:

Summer Outing to Stocktonbury
July 15th
Meet 1.00pm outside the Old Townhall
New Radnor

We will do car share. The cost is £7 entrance to the garden and contribution to petrol. There will be a short introductory talk on arrival and then we will be free to wander around the lovely gardens and enjoy rounding off the afternoon over tea and cake! We need to confirm numbers by the 13th July, so please, club members and guests, can you let me know if you are coming before then. Many thanks

And if the sun shines do enjoy your gardens!

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Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

On the evening of Monday 12th June, members of the Garden Club met up at the garden of Sue and Peter Russell for a chance to see their garden and have a cup of tea and piece of cake. Happily it was a fine evening and the flowers and shrubs were putting on a good display for us. Looking carefully at the selection of plants grown at Byecroft, Bircher it was clear that the display we enjoyed was just part of an ongoing show which would be running through the year from spring to autumn. Most of the plants carried a label so there were lots of good ideas for us all. This was a good choice of venue, and a chance to see

these regular speakers to the Garden Club on their home ground in Herefordshire.

Rosemary Naylor & Jean Price You will be very welcome to join our members at the next meeting at Knucklas Community Centre on 10th July at 7.30 pm to listen to Ian Burgin. His subject will be "Singapore – A Garden City".

For the meeting on 14th August the subject will be "Moors and Meadows Past and Present" and the speaker will be Ross Bissell. Enquiries to Avril on 529244.

Jean Price

Recipe - Carol's Marbella Chicken

(serves 10-12)

4 chickens ($2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs each) cut into pieces $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pitted green olives

1 cob of garlic, cloves peeled and minced ½ cup capers with a bit of the juice

1/4 cup dried oregano 6 bay leaves

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup red wine vinegar 1 cup soft brown sugar

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup olive oil 1 cup white wine

1 cup pitted prunes ¼ cup parsley or fresh coriander, finely chopped

In a large bowl combine chicken with garlic, oregano, vinegar, oil, prunes, olives, capers and juice and bay leaves. Cover and marinate, refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F, 180°C or gas mark 4.

Arrange chicken in a single layer in 1-2 large shallow baking tins and pour over marinade. Sprinkle chicken pieces with brown sugar and then pour wine around them. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, basting with pan juices. Chicken is done when thigh pieces pricked with a fork at their thickest, yield juices that run clear.

Can be served hot or cold.

Kit Beaton

From Mothers' Recipes. Copies of the booklet are available from The Rectory, New Radnor at a cost of £3 or £5 for two. Proceeds go to the Mothers' Union. (Photo from Simply Recipes)



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Knighton News

Church Family News

The May coffee morning realised the sum of £212.00 for the general church fund. Thank you to all who support our monthly coffee mornings. Competition winners were: June Ruff, Rebe Brick, Ann Higgins, Peggy Sexton and Do Phillips.

Congratulations to Ken and Ruby Harris on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, celebrated on 24th June 2017.

Welcome back to Pauline Parker following her stay in Canada to visit her son Jonathan and family.

Please continue to remember in your prayers all who are unwell at this time and all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Summer Coffee Mornings

We will be holding another get together in the Church Hall on 15th July and 19th August, 10.30 am to midday. Cakes, produce, books, plants and lots more will be on offer together with competitions and delicious coffee. If you have items to donate to the church fund please bring them along or contact Jean Price (528260).

Bingo

Please make a note to come and have fun in good company on 1st July and 5th August, Church Hall at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

Knighton Show and Carnival (26th August)

Pollowing the appeal for more help from our community to help on Show Day, the response has been good, but if you can volunteer for a few hours do please contact the show secretary, Mrs Carly O'Rourke on 07891 047271.

The schedules for the Horticulture, Floral and Handicraft section are in the library, church and shops. Please

support the show by entering at least one competition. There is a class for all interests: photography, painting, flower arranging, knitting, cross-stitch, garden flowers and vegetables. Lots of interesting things for the children, including growing the tallest sunflower, see class 135.

Flora and Fauna

From now on we must take a more leisurely attitude to our gardens and enjoy the rewards of many long hours planning and working over past months. With long warm evenings the delicious scent of the plants seems more intense and the glorious colour of sweet peas, honeysuckle, roses, pinks invite us to take up a chair and relax. Many other lovely flowers are now quite magnificent with such a vast colour range: lilies, lupins, carnations,

delphiniums, lavender and Alchemilla mollis, just to name a few

We are fortunate to have so many gardens open to the public through the National Garden Scheme for us to visit. what a joy this must be for those who do not have a garden or are no longer able to cope with the work of gardening. For all who love plants there is always something new to learn and many tips available from the owners.

A Wonderful Visit to Chatsworth

Plower club and gardening club members have just returned from a most enjoyable long weekend visiting the RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth (Derbyshire). It covered a vast area in the stunning 1000 acre park, with the River Derwent flowing through the centre of the show and the palatial Chatsworth House overlooking the site. The floral marquees were full of explosive displays of the most beautiful and best of all the flowers we love in all the colour of the rainbow. The show gardens were most interesting, with lots of sculptures, features in wood, coloured stone, pools of waster, fountains and various rustic items. In most of the gardens the flowers were wild,

many we see on our verges, with foxgloves the favourite, followed by the common white daisy. There is something rather tranquil and serene about wild plants growing naturally surrounded by fresh green grass and the occasional pond. Impossible to describe all the wonderful things displayed for us to enjoy. Now back home and continuing with the grass cutting and watering and being grateful to live in such a lovely scenic part of the world.

Jean Price

For one of my favourite poems, see page 53.



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The Light Within

On Pentecost Sunday at St. Edward's, the Celebrant was Canon John Greaves. During the Service, I was struck by the sight of the candles – those at the Altar, the Pascal Candle and the Amnesty Candle we place in one of the windows.

St. Edward's, particularly because of its large, Victorian structure, is usually a draughty place but today, it was quite different, quite unusual. There was no 'rushing wind' – something that we associate with the texts linked to Pentecost.

It was all peaceful, the air was still, and not one of the candles' flames were even flickering. They each just provided a light in the distance, pointing upwards, as if to Heaven.

I wonder who else noticed this!

Ken Harris



Knighton and District Rotary Club

Last month was another busy one, with fundraising, social events and charity donations. We helped out at the Hergest Croft Plant Fair at the start of the month, raising money for the Midlands Air Ambulance. Later in the month one of our Rotary members undertook a frugal meal of bread and cheese to raise money for our charitable efforts. We also heard from Sue Johnson of the charity Mary's Meals who showed us the impact that £13.90, for a year of school lunches for a child, can make. They now support over 1,000,000 children worldwide and we were pleased to be able make a contribution to their efforts. We

are now looking towards the new Rotary year, starting in July, and making exciting plans.

Remember that all money we raise goes to our chosen charities as our running costs are covered by a membership fee. You can read more on our website "Knighton Rotary" and on twitter @knightonrotary.

If you would like to get involved in our activities, as well as make new friends, you are very welcome to come to any of our Wednesday meetings.

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Botanists on Knucklas Castle

Volunteers from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust carried out surveys in 2009, 2012 and 2017 of the wild flowers on the Knucklas Castle hill, under the care of the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project. We concentrated on two areas: the Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) at the very top of the hill, and the former meadow at the bottom, which is now a community orchard.

In 2009, soon after KCCLP took over management, it was difficult to identify plants on the SAM as many were only about an inch high. This was due to previous heavy overgrazing. By the second survey in 2012 grazing was controlled and much reduced. This resulted in a striking increase in the variety of plants present and their apparent health. This year's survey showed no significant differences. Current conditions seem suitable for encouraging a wide range of flowering plants. Grazing might need to be adjusted in future to maintain good conditions.

Ladies Bedstraw on the top

Most interesting is the abundance of yellow Ladies' Bedstraw, which is not common in Radnorshire and only appeared when grazing was reduced. We wondered

whether it was introduced by the inhabitants of the medieval castle and thrived because of lime in the crumbled castle walls.

Yellow Rattle in Orchard

The orchard area has also shown a great increase in plant diversity, though this has not been so thoroughly surveyed. It is now much more interesting and attractive than the former rather dull grassland. It has a large amount of **Yellow Rattle**, which reduces the vigour of coarse grasses.

With a wide variety of flowers and superb views, Knucklas Castle is well worth the effort of the climb to the top.

> - Bronwen Jenkins, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust





Knucklas Notes

As I write, it is a time of hectic activity in the region with our successful share in the CI our successful share in the Shropshire Hills Arts Festival, three inspiring exhibitions in Knucklas alone. Celebration of the arts and culture continues at the Bleddfa Centre, with some of our local artists participating. Yoga and meditation, music and films/drama always seem to be on offer locally, too. Additionally to all this, is the launch of Kate McLean's remarkable book, 'In the Shadow of Knucklas Castle', in Knighton. To come is the unique Knucklas Festival, a real family day, on 19th August. On the week-end before that is the Llanfair Wakes. And there are a growing number of food-festivals round about. Meanwhile, the local Community Council continues to meet monthly on our behalf to try to ensure the welfare of all people in the area. And the Village Hall Management Committee likewise effectively supervises the increasing use of our valuable asset. But, in both cases, further input from local residents is needed.

Robert Forbath

Departed from Knucklas: A fond farewell from Knucklas residents, to Martin Dewar and Vicki, from Glyndwr, recently moved to Church Stretton, and to Steven and Helen Crump who have left Heyope Road, after making a much appreciated contribution to local life, to be nearer family in South Wales.





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What a great group of people the FOSAN committee are!

The Friends Committee Contacts are:

John Refaussé, Helen Gooderham, Catherine O'Rourke, Sue Clarke, Deborah Edwards with Rev. Canon Melia Cope (co-opted), Chris Refausse as treasurer for both FOSAN and St Andrew's Church and Sophia Thompson representing the Church Management Team.

We are meeting and are working well together to put on events for the village and start fundraising for essential repairs for St Andrew's. The Friends supporters are made up of over 40 members and slowly growing. They are updated with news via email or a letter posted through their door. Nothing can happen without the community's support and goodwill to work together.

Here are the events planned for this summer at St Andrew's Church:

July 8th - Quiz Evening, 7.30pm. £5 for a team of 4. Further details from Helen Gooderham - 01544 267073

July 15th - Coffee morning, 10.00 am - 12.00

These are exciting times for St Andrew's Church and our village. Let's work together and enjoy coming together as a community.

Sophia

Check out our new Facebook page: Friends of Norton Radnorshire.

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Radnor Valley Rainbows

Provision for 3 and 4 year olds in September 2017 Open Morning Monday 3rd July at 9:30am.

We are pleased to announce that an 'Early Years Nursery Unit' will be opening in Radnor Valley School. This will offer 3 and 4 year olds, part time nursery provision, equivalent to 12.5 hours per week.

To establish the level of need and to discuss any queries, Mrs Beck (Radnor Valley School) and Mrs Preece (Gladestry Church in Wales School) will be holding a meeting for parents at 9:30am on Monday July 3rd at Radnor Valley School, New Radnor.



New Radnor Carnival Saturday 12 August 2017 Starting at 1pm when floats leave school.

'The Mall'

Crafters & cottage industries – would you like a stall for only a table fee (£5 minimum donation)? We'd love to showcase local talent.

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There were these ducks and these tortoises....

......at the Duck Race at Gravel Chapel, Llangunllo. 100 ducks actually, vying for the winning position. The brook was so low that races had to be helped along with a mini tidal wave from a water bowser. The tortoises neither swam nor raced!

Guessing the combined weight of Oscar and Sheldon was the name of this particular game.

Other attractions were hoolahooping, negotiating the electric wire without setting off the buzzer – a steady hand needed here, locating the square on the parish map that held the treasure, and selecting the right key to open the box and win the note inside. There was the bottle stall and various other opportunities to spend your money and take your chanc, e including a raffle with rather tempting prizes. The inner man was fortified by hot drinks, cakes, burgers and hot dogs.

Occasional light showers didn't dampen the spirits and everything went well, earning a substantial amount to be shared between Gravel Chapel and St Cynllo's Church.

Many thanks to all who bought ducks, those who attended, those who gave prizes and sponsorship and everyone whose time and effort helped to make the event such a success.

Pam Livingstone-Lawn





Small Music Ensemble
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4th August, 7.30pm

In music the passions enjoy themselves.

- Friedrich Nietzsche

One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.

- Bob Marley

The BIG Breakfast

Langunllo Hall Committee held a Big Breakfast on Sunday 4th June and made an amazing profit of £828.50, serving up 135 breakfasts. Many thanks are passed to Karon Duggan, Anna Jones, Melissa Pugh and Ryan Davies for organising it. The event took a lot of planning and preparation.

A big thank you also to the many helpers on the day, those who gave donations and raffle prizes and everyone who came along and ate the breakfasts!

In May the Committee held a quiz which 12 teams attended. They made £190, so thanks also to Nigel Morgan, our quiz master for the evening.

Caroline Breeze





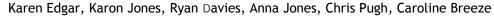






The Big Breakfast







Melissa Pugh



Frayed Altar Frontal Before

Restored Altar Frontal



Gladestry W.I.







A Stitch in Time Saves Art Nouveau

At last, after five months of painstaking work, this white altar frontal at St. Peter's Church, Evancoyd, has been repaired by Joanna Winstone. The frontal is thought to be around 100 years old and it has been a difficult process to replace the backing, which was torn and disintegrating, with new ivory silk damask. The original embroidery of this beautiful Art Nouveau style

frontal had to be attached using small couching stitches around all the edges.

It now looks stunning and has taken on a new lease of life, saved for future generations to enjoy.

Joanna Winstone

It's a dog's life!

......And to prove it Diana Lavers brought her beautifully behaved and totally delightful dogs to our St David's **Ladies Guild** meeting this Tuesday.

Diana gave us a history of all her dogs and how she began training them into good behaviour and agility. They have won many prizes for their skills. Diana is a most impressive trainer making all the exercises such great fun for the dogs. We all enjoyed petting the two she

brought with her and I think maybe a biscuit or two went their way at teatime.

Diana trains puppies and dogs and makes it fun for them and their owners. To enquire please ring her on 01547 510342

Do come and join us for a couple of hours on every third Tuesday of the month at the Knucklas Community Centre. For more information contact Maggie 01547 528358

Gladestry W.I. Turns About Face

Going to the theatre to watch a live performance is always a pleasure. It was especially so when Gladestry WI were invited to the first performance of a puppet show being performed by the About Face Theatre Company at their base in Leominster.

'About Face' is a Professional Theatre Company for adults with learning difficulties. Jess Mackenzie, who lives in Gladestry, is the Artistic Director.

Created in collaboration with The Fetch Theatre Company and Museum Services in Hereford, the group came up with five stories to tell about the history of Leominster through puppets, which they had made themselves. There is an audience of one to three people for each story.

It was a performance so very different from any other. We, as the audience, became a small part in each mini play, before moving on to the next. Our involvement was varied, sometimes listening to the story and being able to ask the actor questions, sometimes being a part of the act in order for the story to take place. As well as being very interesting, it was great fun to be part of the act!

The play is now being performed in Leominster in the Black and White House and there are more performances planned. It was a very pleasurable experience and we hope many more people will be able to enjoy it.

Heather Barwick

The photo shows WI President, Sue Mullin, taking her turn as the Black and White House.

Skylarks and Song

On Friday 2nd June nearly 40 pilgrims joined together for a weekend of singing, walking and worshiping, led by Geoff Weaver and Rev Anne Ballard, in whose parish of Clungunford we celebrated Pentecost on Sunday morning.

We thank the people who supported us, especially at Norton and Knighton. We started the weekend by singing with the skylarks on Stonewall Hill before walking to Norton church.

Sarah Green

Note: The pilgrimage visited and walked between churches and chapels in Presteigne, Clun and Knighton, as well.

A date for your diary.

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Luke 15: 11-32



What ate the seeds that fell on the path?

Matthew 13:3-23



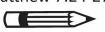
What was lost?

Matthew 18:12-13



What did the wise man build his house on?

Matthew 7:24-27



What is the kingdom of heaven like?

You can read

Jesus' parable stories in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but only Luke records the parables of The Lost Coin, The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal

Son, The Friend in Need

and The Rich Fool.

Matthew 13:45-46

Find the parable pictures in the word search

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Generosity

It's always struck me that despite being a low-wage area, people's generosity knows no bounds especially in relation to providing money for some cause or other. This is certainly true in the general community and particularly with members of the congregation at St. Edward's. When we've had particular Projects in mind, appropriate financial support has been forthcoming.

During services, I like to look inside the covers of our Service and Hymn books and note which person(s) donated for the particular publication.

In recent times, I've handled relevant books donated by the late Donald Green, Richard Wood, Mike Shaw and

numerous others. Some of the people I remember, but not all. A few weeks ago, I observed that the donors of one book were Geoff and Millie Hughes – a couple I knew well.

When the Reverend Gordon Mansfield took a funeral service, he would reflect and say, 'I wonder where so-and-so sat. Was it over there, or there, or over here perhaps'.

It's good to reflect and wonder where all these people fitted into the life of our church. Whilst they may not be known personally or remembered by us all, their names will live on and remind us of their generosity.

Ken Harris



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The Country Road

by Shirley J Edgar

Give me the peaceful life, the quiet life, and the fields of green,

Where I can listen to the birds or meander by a stream.

Lead me from the highways to the byways, where sweet scented hedgerows grow,

And the tall trees softly whisper and their leafy branches blow.

I love these simple things, these special things,

That nature has bestowed upon us all who seek to find along the country road.

One of my favourite pieces.

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Jean Price

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In the photo Alf Sutcliffe is presenting candlesticks to Bleddfa Church. Alf was an evacuee, and these are a thank you to the people of Bleddfa who gave sanctuary to the evacuated children from Liverpool during World War II.

Alf and his fellow evacuees regularly attended Sunday school all those years ago, and Alf has been a regular visitor ever since.



Bleddfa Centre

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1 -15 July Closed for annual Shambhala retreat. Info: retreats@shambhala.org.uk

From Sat 15 July, the Reading Room café re-opens. Books homemade cakes, snacks and drinks.

15-21 July 'Week of Storytelling' (fully booked) but you can still come to evening performances. All events start at 7:30, Bar/refreshments. bleddfaweekofstorytelling.wordpress.com

Sun 16 July Daniel Morden 'The Empty Hand – Celtic Tales of love and loss.' Internationally celebrated story-teller with haunting tales of love. Performance suitable for adults only. Ticket £6

Mon 17 July Jane Flood 'Hags, Harpies and Harridans' older women in myth, legend, story and fairy tale. Ticket £6 (£3 children)

Tue 18 July Course Participants Performance. Stories, songs, music! Ticket £5 (£2.50 children)

Wed 19 July Michael Harvey and Hazel Bradley 'East Meets West' Ancient stories of both India &. Celtic Wales. Ticket £6 (£3 children)

Thu 20 July Course Participants' Performances. Stories, songs, music! Ticket £5 (£2.50 children)

Sat 22 July Hall Barn Charity Coffee morning with tombola and plant sale

Fri 4 August New double exhibition Antonia Spowers Altered States and Alex Ramsay God's House

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July 2	Romans 8.1-11	Daniel 7.9, 10, 13, 14	Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28
Genesis 22.1-14	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	Psalm 97	August 27
Psalm 13	July 23	2 Peter 1.16-19	Exodus 1.8 – 2.10
Romans 6.12-23	Genesis 28.10-19a	Luke 9.28-36	Psalm 124
Matthew 10.40-42	Psalm 139.1-12 [23, 24]	August 13	Romans 12.1-8
July 9	Romans 8.12-25	Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28	Matthew 16.13-20
Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49,	Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22,	September 3
58-67	July 30	45b; or 105.1-10	Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 45.10-17	Genesis 29.15-28	Romans 10.5-15	Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26,
Romans 7.15-25a	Psalm 105.1-11, [45b]; or	Matthew 14.22-33	45c; or 115
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30	128	August 20	Romans 12.9-21
July 16	Romans 8.26-39	Genesis 45.1-15	Matthew 16.21-28
Genesis 25.19-34	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52	Psalm 133	
Psalm 119.105-112	August 6	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	

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Knighton	SO 287724	LD7 1AG	Colva	SO 199531	HR5 3RA
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Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG	Llan'l n m	SO 180581	LD8 2TN

From the Registers

Baptisms

28th May Fletcher Douglas Fowkes Knighton

10th June Ella Skye Evans - Knighton

Daniel Owen Evans - Knighton

Weddings

20th May Cascob - Charlotte Morris and Julian Price22nd June Cascob - Chris Smith and Irma Bernardus

Funerals

10th May Knighton - Nina Evans
19th May Beguildy - Ann Smellie
23rd May Norton - Terence Meredith
30th May Beguildy - Barbara Barrett

Knight	on Methodist Church, Sunday at 11am
2 July	Rev Den Bulloss Holy Communion
9 July	Rev Bill Huband
16 July	Mr Adrian Williams
23 July	Baptists join us: Baptist preacher
30 July	Mr Stephen Dalton
6 Aug	Rev Den Bulloss Holy Communion
13 Aug	Miss H Price
20 Aug	Miss Andrea Sheppick
27 Aug	We join Baptists: Mr Mike Owens

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2	Pound: 2.30pm Service
9	Pound: 2.30pm Family Service
9	Gravel: 2.30 Rev Andrew Wyton
2	N.R.: 7pm Songs of Praise, Rev Geoff Cable
16	Pound: 2.30pm Rev R Thomas (Communion)
23	New Radnor: 3pm Christine Gould,
30	Pound: 2.30pm Songs of Praise
30	Gravel: 2.30 Songs of Praise at Pound
30	Maesyrhelem: 6.30pm Rev A Wyton
August	
6	Pound: 2.30pm Service
6	Gravel: 2.30 Rev Leigh Spicer
6	New Radnor: 3pm Rev Christobel Hargraves
13	Pound: 2.30pm Family Service
13	Maesyrhelem: 6.30pm Rev Finlay (Preaching Anniversary)
20	Pound: 2.30pm Rev R Thomas (Communion)
20	New Radnor: 3pm Rev Andrew Wyton
27	Pound: 6.30pm with Methodists
25	Norton Street, 11am Joint service with Knighton Methodist Church

Dates For Your Diary

Gladestry WI, Evening outing "Tesco in the July Community", Departure time to be arranged. June 30 - July 1 Mark at Ministry Area Symposium (Cardiff) Wed 19 St David's Ladies Guild. Annual Outing. Sat 1 Bunting Bonanza, 9-am-12noon, N.R. Com C. Thur 19 Prayer Meeting at St David's Colva 7pm. Sun 2 Dougie Powell's Baptism at Colva. Thu 20 Mothers' Union, Olwen Morris home 2.30pm. Mon 3 Radnor Nursery Open Morning, 9.30am. Folk Night, Castle Inn Knucklas, 7pm. Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm. Sat 22 Duck Race, Beguildy. Tue 4 Whitton WI, Community Hall, 7.30 pm. Wed 26 Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Centre, 2-4pm. Wed 5 Holy Communion, St Edward's, 10.30am. Llanfihangel-nant-melan Church Fete, 3pm. Sat 29 Felindre WI, Felindre Village Hall. Val Gladestry Village Walk and Duck Race. Littlehales: "Trees." 7.30pm. Sun 30 Kilvert Pilgrimage, see page 15. Prayer Meeting at St Mary's New Radnor 7pm. August Thu 6 Healing Service, St Edward's Knighton 7pm. Felindre WI, Felindre Village Hall, Helen Wed 2 Fri 7 Radnor Valley YFC dinner, Kington FC. Anderson: "Knighton Food Bank." 7.30pm. Sat 8 Quiz Evening at Norton Church, 7.30pm. Knighton WI, Tower Gallery, 7.30. Messy Church Outing to Queenswood Park. Fri 4 Rachel Jones and James Thould are marrying Sun 9 Llanfihangel-nantmelan summer picnic and at Bleddfa Church. games at The Fron from 3pm. Evening Concert at Bleddfa Church, 7.30pm. Yardro Chapel Sankey Evening, 6.30pm. Sun 6 Knucklas Allotment Open Day, 2-5pm. Mon 10 Llanfihangel NM Coffee morning and pre-fete Mon 7 Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm. meeting at The Lawnt 10.30am. Tue 8 Gladestry WI, Outing to Builth Lavender Fields. Teme Valley Gardeners, Ian Burgin: Whitton WI, Summer Outing. "Singapore," Knucklas Comm Cent, 7.30pm. Wed 9 Tue 11 Prayer Meeting at St Mary's Gladestry 7pm. Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Centre, 2-4pm. Wed 12 Mothers' Union, N.R. Comm Cent, 7pm. Fri 11 N.R. Over 60's Club, Ralph's Court Gardens, 10am. Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Centre, 2-4pm. Sat 12 N.R. Carnival, The Mall. Mothers' Union Deanery Coffee Evening Llanfair Wakes, from 2.30pm. NRCC 7:30pm. Beacon Hill Benefice PCC Knucklas Com Mon 14 Teme Valley Gardeners, Ross Bissell: "Moors Meadow," Knucklas Comm Cent, 7.30pm. Centre 7pm St David's Ladies Guild. Sue: Monologues. Thur 13 N.R. Over 60's Club Barmouth trip, 8.45am. Tue 15 Knucklas Comm Cent 7.30pm. Bingo Night, Teme Valley YFC, Felindre Hall. Coffee Morning, Norton Church, 10-12. Ministry Area Team, The Gables, 7:45pm. Folk Night, Castle Inn Knucklas, 7pm. *Thu* 17 Gladestry WI Evening outing to Tesco. Fri 18 Carnyx, Presteigne Assembly Rooms, 7.30pm. Fri 14 Cameo visit to Rhoslyn. Sun 19 Knucklas 17, Midday to late. Film of Cave Painting, Knucklas Com C, 7.30. Sun 20 Norton Show. Sat 15 Norton Coffee Morning, 10am-noon. Wed 23 Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Centre, 2-4pm. Radnor Valley Gardenrs, Outing to Sat 26 Knighton Show and Carnival, see page 11. Stocktonbury, 1pm. 26 -28 Darren Wood & Claire Sanders Wedding, Needlecraft Exhibition, Lingen, 10.30am – 5. Bleddfa church. Heyope Summer Lunch. Sun 27

Sept

Sat 2

Sun 3

Whitton WI Summer Event, Whitton Hall 7.30.

Sun 16 Harry & Tom Bright, Baptism, Beguildy.

Tue 18 St Mary's NR PCC meeting NRCC 7:30pm.

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NOTES: Morn W = Morning Worship | Ev W = Evening Worship | Inf W = Informal Worship | Fam Serv = Family Service | P = Prayer