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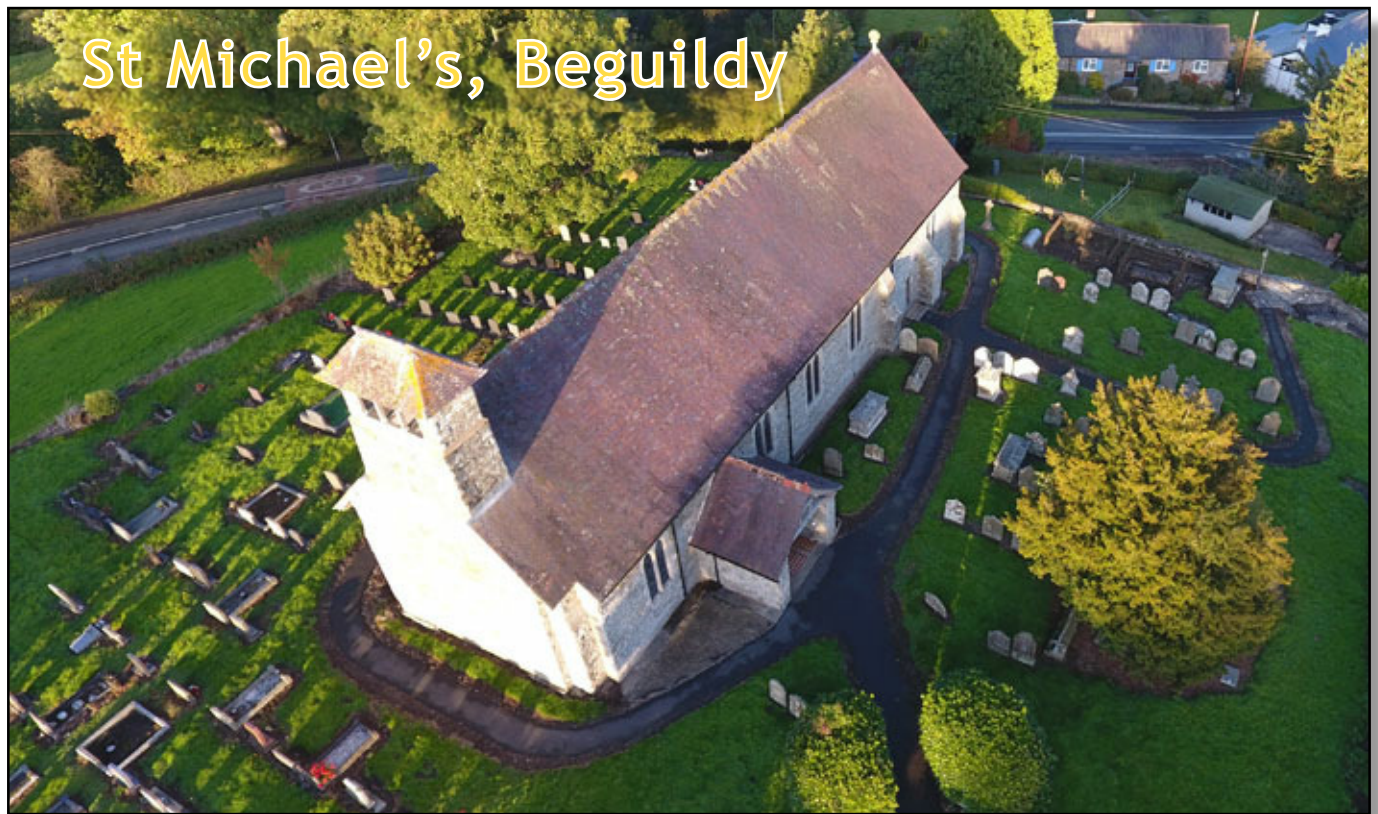
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St Michael and All Angels's, Beguildy

When entering Beguildy on the B4355 from the Knighton direction, the most northerly church in the diocese, St Michael and All Angels, stands proudly above the village on the left. Built on a spur between the valley of the River Teme to the north and a small tributary valley to the south this grade 2* listed building and churchyard command extensive views across the surrounding countryside. West of the church the land rises steadily to Cefn Pawl more than 400m above sea level.

The church features a 14th century octagonal font reputed to carry marks made by Cromwell's troops sharpening their swords, a holy water stoup at the south door and a priest's door in the south wall near the choir stalls. A fine example of 15th century workmanship can be seen in the rood screen and loft coving which bears some original coloured Tudor roses and our own green man. The dug out parish chest hewn from a solid block of timber is an ancient churchwarden's chest possibly dating from the 13th century. One part of the chest would have been used for the church valuables and the other for the churchwarden's treasures. At the end of the chest was an iron ring for use when it was drawn by a horse to be buried or hidden in times of trouble.

Adding to the internal beauty of St Michael's is an almost full set of 20th century stained glass windows.

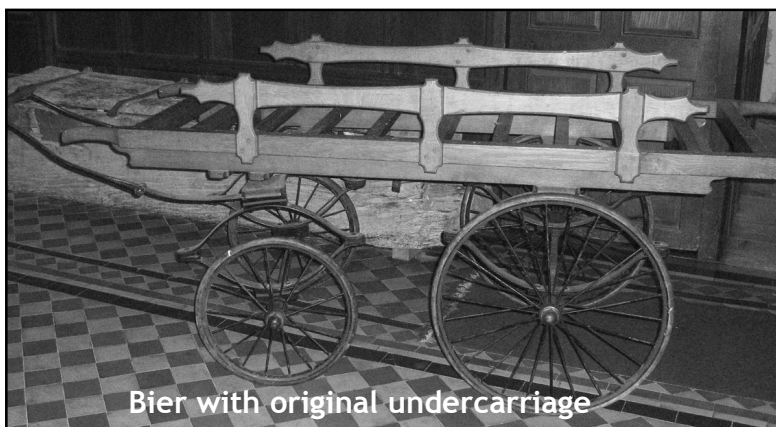
The date of the earliest church on this site is unknown but the present building is thought to be mainly 14th century with some 15th century fittings. There is, however, much uncertainty. Some of the walls and the priest's door are considered to be of the late 15th century, the windows early 15th century type. The chancel was rebuilt in 1885, the nave with south porch and screen in 1895/96. During the 19th century the original bell tower collapsed and the 3 bells dating from 1661 - 1664 were taken down and rehung forty years later in their present position in 1936 when the new bell cote was built.

St Michael's serves a scattered community along the upper Teme valley encompassing mainly the villages of Felindre, Beguildy and Dutlas. Whilst regular church attendance is dwindling at our two services each month the local community is supportive in other ways. Fund raising events which provide an opportunity for local people to come together are generally well supported and a number of the same people assist in church cleaning, providing flowers and mowing/maintaining the churchyard. We are always delighted to see new faces and extend a very warm welcome to everyone for our Ministry Area Holy Communion service on the 29th October.

Fay Payne

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Dear Friends,

For lack of wood the fire goes out.....

On a wet, cold evening, I stepped into a home glowing with warmth from the wood burner in the living room. It provided a soothing, comforting atmosphere on what was a sad visit, following a bereavement. No doubt the atmosphere helped the family to relax as they shared stories of one they have loved.

I was reminded of the words above, which come from the infrequently read book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. Rather than intending to soothe us, they challenge us. The quote continues: *and where there is no whisperer, quarrelling ceases.... The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels....*

Whisperer is an alternative name for a gossip. We may not think of ourselves as gossipers, but how easy it is to make and listen to innuendos about others that have power to stick and to form opinion. The Bible has strong words to say about what we say – the letter of James describes the tongue as a fire which has destructive power (seen at its most catastrophic in the Grenfell Tower tragedy). Let's take care with our words, that they may build others up, rather than tear them down.

Every blessing,

Melía Cope



Melia at Norton's Harvest

The Cover – St Francis

The image of St Francis is from little Brinsop Church near Hereford. Francis is one of the best loved saints in the church. He is the patron saint of animals and the natural environment. In one legend shown in this window he stops on his travels to preach to his "sister birds". They flock to him; none flew away. In another tale he made peace between a marauding wolf and frightened villagers who promised to feed the wolf.

In both the Catholic and Anglican church animals are blessed on his feast day, 4th October. He had a great love for the natural world and spoke of "Brother Sun and Sister

Moon". He is credited with holding the first outdoor nativity service with live animals – a moving, simple service where the cradle became the altar.

He founded several holy orders and lived in poverty as shown by his tonsure, his coarse, brown garment and bare feet.

In 1224 he received the stigmata (the marks of Christ's wounds) during the apparition of angels in a religious ecstasy. He was the first recorded person in Christian history to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion.

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Friday Oct 6th 7:00pm WHITTON, St David

Saturday Oct 7th 7:00pm EVANCOYD, St Peter

Sunday Oct 8th 11:00am KNIGHTON, St Edward

Sunday Oct 8th 4:00pm HEYOPE, St David, held at Knucklas Chapel.

Sunday Oct 8th 3:00pm CASCOD, St Michael & All Angels

Sunday Oct 8th 6:00pm NEW RADNOR, St Mary

Thursday Oct 12th 7:00pm BLEDDFA, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday Oct 14th 7:00pm LLANFIHANGEL NANT MELAN, St Michael

Sunday Oct 15th 6:30pm LLANGUNLLO, St Cynllo



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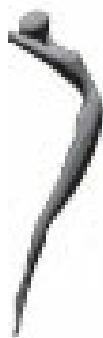
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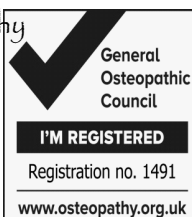
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Here are some more events for this autumn – save the dates and keep your eyes peeled for posters.

Contact Sharon at Esco’s 01544 350619 for details or to express interest (for numbers)

Midweek Holy Communions

New Radnor Community Centre

Wednesday 11th October 11am

followed by Lunch at 12.15

Our worship starts at 11am and we start serving lunch at around 12:15. Everyone is most welcome to attend either or both. No need to book ahead. Depending on holidays, house moves and available energy levels we may not meet in November but we will let you know for certain nearer the time.

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St Edwards, Knighton

Wednesday, 11th October

10.30 am

at St Edward’s, Knighton

All are welcome

It is with sadness that we report the passing of John Powis of Whitterleys. Our sympathies and prayers to Rene, his widow, and to Simon and Jonathan, his sons.

October 20th Quiz Night

New Radnor Community Centre

Teams max 6 people

£2.50 per person

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Refreshments BYOB Raffle

All profits to Macmillan Cancer Support

November 5th Fireworks!

Hutton Copse, New Radnor

Gate opens 4pm

Entry – donation

Scrummy food available

“Bring a pumpkin” competition

Elves’ Bingo

December 17th Village Christmas Party

Harvest Festival

St Michael’s Church

Llanfihangel Nant Melan



Saturday 14th October

7.00pm

followed by Harvest Supper

Our great-grandfathers called it the *Holy Sabbath*; our grandfathers called it the *Sabbath*; our fathers called it *Sunday*; today it’s known as the *weekend*.



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us know.

The woodpecker has lots of names.

Here are just two: **cnocell y coed** (wood rapper) and
coblyn y coed (goblin of the wood).

A third one: **sgrech y coed** (wood shrieker) can also be
a jay.

And now for two lovely onomatopoeic words:
cuckoo **cwcw** and owl **gwddihw**.

The Welsh for nightingale is **eos** (Eos was the Greek
goddess of the dawn)

But **eos sir Gaer** (the Carmarthenshire nightingale) is
actually an owl!

CAMEO

13 October

2.30 pm in Knighton Methodist Church

Marian Rees will give a talk with slides
on her recent visit to South Africa

We begin with Songs of Praise and finish with tea
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Four Baptisms - One Family - at Llanfihangel Nant Melan



Baptisms

On Sunday 10th September St Michael's welcomed a full congregation with not one, two or three, but **four** baptisms. Keira, Bella and Evan Powell of Caebanal together with their mother Lisa were baptised. It was a lovely service and we look forward to them being part of the church in the future.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Kevin and Lorraine Davies (nee Powell, Caebanal) on the arrival of their third child, a baby girl, Ffion Haf – sister for her two older brothers. For those of you who don't already know, *Haf* is Welsh for summer. We are pleased to report that mother and baby are doing well and Ffion has already attended her first service in St Michael's.

Ladies Night

Date for your diary:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - LADIES NIGHT

St Michael's are busy organising a 'Ladies Night'. It will include entertainment and demonstrations from an array of artisans, with products and crafts for you to try your hands at, or simply sit back and enjoy some cheese and wine with friends. Those already confirmed to attend include Fascin8 Millinery, Top Tier Cakes, Neal's Yard Remedies, E P Country Clothing together with local singer Holly Richards.

Tickets will be sold in advance at £5 and available soon. Please come along. For more information please contact 01544350635.

Helen Powell

Norton Community Celebrates Harvest

Over the weekend of 8th-10th September, St Andrew's, Norton enjoyed a Harvest celebration. There was an open invite on Friday 8th for anyone in the village who would like to come and help decorate the Church. There were some stunning seasonal displays adding colour and glorious scent in our lovely Church.

Saturday continued with a coffee morning with the added bonus of our newly formed choir, The Harvest Singers, entertaining those present with renditions of *English* (maybe it should have been Welsh!) *Country Garden*, *What a Wonderful World* and *Harvest Samba*. Cathy O'Rourke was our excellent choir leader.

Sunday continued with a warm celebration of Harvest in our service which was followed with a "bring and share" Harvest Lunch held in the Church.

We all had a lovely time and it was wonderful to see St Andrew's buzzing with activities and looking so glorious. Many thanks go to all who helped, from decorating the Church with flowers, baking, singing and more. Nothing could have happened without the help of others in the village.

Sophia Thompson



Norton's Harvest Lunch



Llanfihangel
Nant Melan

The Powell Family: 4 Baptisms

Photo by Helen



Cathy O'Rourke

Norton
Harvest



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John Refausse and Allan Flexion





Sue Daniel at Ladies Guild
'Love Amongst The Lentils'



40 years at the shop for Ann



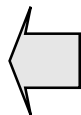
Thomas Heakin's graduation
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Leon prepares paella,
Llangunllo W.I.



Nightingale Quartet taking a bow at Bleddfa



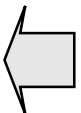
Forty Years at the Shop!

What an achievement! What a star! Ann Edwards has run the Beguildy Shop and Post Office for 40 years this month, serving our community, our visitors and those passing through the village.

To commemorate her wonderful service she was presented with a certificate by Neil Jenkins, a senior manager from the Post Office.

The valley residents threw a surprise celebration with cake and fizz to thank Ann (and her family) for all she does for the valley and surrounds.

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Alan Bennett at Ladies Guild

It's not what you know but who.... The 'who' is Sue Daniel, an actress friend of Penny Edwards, from the Cotton Grass theatre in the Peak District.

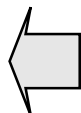
Oh, what a wonderful evening she gave the Guild this month.

She performed the Alan Bennett monologue 'Love Amongst The Lentils.' She was truly brilliant and we all thoroughly enjoyed the performance along with the music from the able hands of the junior members of the Edwards

family, Miles and Martha Andrews. Such connections . . . such talent . . . we were very lucky.

Do come and visit us on the third Tuesday of the month at Knucklas Community Centre; you might like to join this friendly group.

For more information about Ladies Guild give Maggie a ring 01547 528358



Valencia came to Llangunllo W.I. . . .

. . . As Leon of the Salty Dog in Presteigne demonstrated how to cook an authentic Valencian Paella and Tapas to a very hungry audience.

Quite a few members of Llangunllo W.I. regularly prepare Paella and small tapas-like dishes themselves, so Leon had his work cut out to impress the members on Sept 5th. On a portable table-top stove at the home of member Karen Edgar he prepared an authentic Valencian Paella, with pork and chicken, green beans, butter beans and lots of fresh tomatoes and seasoning along with the special paella rice. While that finished off in the oven he made two tapas – crusty toast rubbed with garlic and olive oil and a raw tomato, and topped with fresh anchovy fillets, and a

cooked dish of chicken and chorizo. All was prepared and consumed (by his grateful and appreciative audience) within an hour, and we all thought Leon had done a delicious, marvellous, professional job – on time and in full! Ole! Viva Espana!

Anne thanked Leon for such an interesting demonstration, to much applause from the Group. Then followed the Business Meeting.

In October we shall be making Christmas Cards. If anyone would like more information on the Llangunllo W.I. contact Secretary Shirley on 540555.

Jenny Williams



Nightingales Sang at Bleddfa

Amongst the 28 Presteigne Festival events was the **Nightingale Quartet performing at Bleddfa Church** with an audience of 160. "It's a mark of the Presteigne Festival's continuing prestige that it is able to attract artists of the calibre of the Nightingale String Quartet. They're based in Copenhagen and have been fêted since leaving the Royal Danish Academy of Music, where they took first prize in its 2008 string quartet

competition. Since then they've amassed numerous awards."

They performed a Beethoven quartet, as well as a modern English and a Danish piece.

"Throughout, the Nightingales' intelligence and emotional responsiveness to the music and to one another shone through."

Quotations from Emma Lilley on the Festival website

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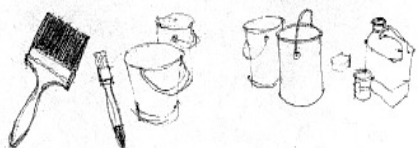
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Wed Oct 11. Kington, Herrock, Rushock & Bradnor Hill. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 SO 295567 The Square carpark, Kington.

Sat Oct 14. Blaen Edw, Corn Hill, Llanevan. 8.5 miles moderate. Start at Exp 200 SO 186598 Water-Break-its-Neck.

Wed Oct 18. Bury Ditches. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 201 and 216 SO 302811 Clun Memorial Hall.

Sat Oct 21. Circular Walk from Hay on Wye. 9.5 miles moderate. Start at SO 230422 Main Hay on Wye Car Park.

Wed Oct 25. The Onny Trail & Hopesay Hill. 7 miles moderate. Start at Exp 217 SO 429844 Onny Trail carpark, off A49 between Craven Arms and Wistanstow.

Sat Oct 28. Llanstephan, Trewern Hill & Darren Wood. 8 miles moderate. Start at Exp 188 SO 117417 entrance to Llanstephan House.

Graduation at Canterbury

My graduation has finally taken place on the 12th Sept 2017. The backdrop for the occasion was the wonderful and historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral. My mother and Serena both accompanied me for this special ceremony. The weather was sunny with clear blue skies, yet the high winds caused havoc with my mortarboard, especially when having photos taken outside. It was a memorable day after three years of hard work and determination.

I must thank all of the churches, the wardens and congregations who have offered such generous support throughout the course. I look forward to continuing to accompany services in the churches, which are so dear to me.

I look forward to the next adventure, once I have decided which route to take.

Thomas Heakin.

Photo on page 14.

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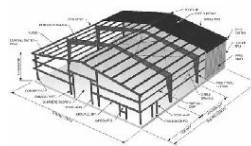


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Saint of the Month

Kenneth of Aghaboe - 11th October

I'm sure you have heard of St Columba of Iona. Well, one of his closest friends was St Kenneth (or Cainnech in Gaelic). Kenneth was born in Derry in about 520. His father was a bard but was rather poor, so Kenneth became a cowherd as a young boy. Later he began his studies, first at Clonard and then at Glasnevin where Columba was a fellow student. When the yellow plague came the students fled. Columba went to Derry, where he founded his first community and Kenneth went to Wales to study under St Cadoc at Llanccarfan.

There are many ancient monastic and ecclesiastical sites in Ireland and Scotland attributed to Kenneth. His name is most closely associated with Aghaboe, where eventually a great cathedral was built, now unfortunately in ruins. In Scotland there is an island close to Iona called Inch Kenneth, and one of the oldest churches on Iona was also dedicated to him. Kenneth and Columba were so close that they seem to have had a telepathic relationship and knew when the other was in urgent need of prayer. Columba took Kenneth with him when they went to visit

Brude, the king of the Picts. We think that Kenneth, unlike Columba, could speak Pictish and so was a great help opening the way to the evangelisation of the Picts. In old age he returned to Aghaboe and died around 600. He is known as one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

The photo is by Andreas F. Borchert, of a detail of a stained glass window in St Finian's church, Clonard. "St Finian imparts his blessing to twelve apostles of Ireland".



Gladestry 49 Club

The winners in August were: Tom Johnson, Margaret Maddy, Dee & John, and Marlene Evans. The fourth and last quarter subs are now due.

Gladestry Bowls

The short mat bowls group will resume in October on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We meet in the village hall at 7.30 pm. The cost is £2.50 including drinks. We have two mats and therefore it is likely that you will have a game. New members are welcome. For more information contact Michael on 370296.

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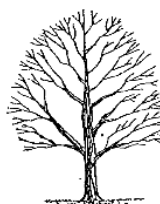
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Open the Book

The picture shows the Open the Book team telling the story of Joseph at Knighton School.

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The children gathering round are the other eleven brothers.



Food Bank

Please continue to donate food and/or money to our local Food Bank. There is a collection bin at Tuffins and contributions can be left in our churches where up-to-date lists of urgent requests can be found.

A Quiet Hour of Contemplation

Thursday 5th October 10-11 am
at Mrs. Audrey Green's,
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Harvest Supper Evening

Everyone is welcome to join the Methodists on Monday 2nd October, 7.00 pm, for their Harvest Supper with entertainment afterwards. The price is £6.00. Please obtain your tickets ASAP from David Hinton on 528984 or any member of our choir.

Light Up a Life

This year our service will be on Sunday 5th November, 3.00 pm at the Methodist Church. Further details to follow.

Bible Study Group

Wednesdays, 10.30 am,
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All are welcome from any church or none.

Lunch Club for Seniors

Mondays in the Methodist Church, Victoria Road,
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More volunteers are needed beforehand
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Contact Margaret Davis on 01547 528 154.

Churches Together Choir

This is an invitation to join us as we start rehearsals for an Epiphany Service on Sunday 7th January.

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Family Room Opened at Knighton Community Hospital

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This is the latest project by the League of Friends who since its inception in 1973 has donated over £500,000 to health related projects both at the hospital and to associated health providers such as District Nurses, First Responders, McMillan Cancer Support Group to name just a few.

Mr Graham Benbow, Chairman of the League of Friends said it was a great pleasure to celebrate the opening of the room which had been eighteen months in the making and which was completed alongside a new wet room for the hospital which, although funded by Powys Health Board, had been campaigned for by the League.



A plaque marking the League's funding of the room was unveiled by Dr Martin Kiff, GP from Wylcwm Street Surgery in Knighton who commented on the relaxed and scenic setting whilst having the appropriate clinical facilities.

Knighton Mayor, Mr Bob Andrews, felt it was a wonderful asset to Knighton and the surrounding villages, and he thanked the League for their hard work.




Mothers' Union

Evancoyd with New Radnor Mothers' Union News

The end of the Summer saw a wonderful attendance at The New Radnor Carnival, where we sold a record number of teas and cakes in aid of The Mothers' Union. Thank you to all who baked and helped to make this a real success. Special thanks to Christine Gould, Jenny Chanter, Jennifer Oldridge, Sue Moore, Jackie Smith, Kath Bradford, Helen Hamer, Sophie Hodge and Sharna Lewis.

Dates: Tuesday 24th October 2:30pm Evenjobb Village Hall, join us for tea and conversation; note the new date and time. We are always keen to welcome new members, so please speak to Kit Beaton, or any member for further information. KB (01544)350342

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Correction

In last months' article by Geoff Weaver, "Love in the Midst of Chaos in Nigeria", there was a small mistake, though indeed not small to the people of Jos. The number of people killed in the Christina-Muslim conflict is not 200 but **2,000**. We apologise to our readers and the inhabitants of Jos.

Ley Hunting: Billy McKaig, the photographer, is on the top left. The picture was probably taken by Mr Jobson. It was restored by Laurence Smith, and a copy is stored in the Radnorshire Museum in Llandrindod Wells.

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What's on at the W.I.s

Felindre W.I. Creates Angels



Christmas preparations started early for the members of Felindre WI when Sylvia Richards from Rhayader was the guest speaker at the September meeting. The members enjoyed a hands-on evening of craft and everyone produced a beaded angel to hang on their Christmas Tree. Jane and Chris ably assisted Sylvia who also showed the ladies a collection of her wonderful bead work using some very small beads. Sue Woodall thanked the three ladies for their tuition.

President Rhona Barnett congratulated the members on coming second in the WI competition at Knighton Show and Rebe Brick upon winning the Jean Kilby Memorial Rosette for the Best Floral Exhibit in the WI Section.

Secretary Jayne Harris reported on the arrangements for the open evening on 4th October; tickets were distributed to members to sell for the fund raiser on 7th October; and the menu was circulated for the 70th Anniversary lunch on the 17th October at The Radnorshire Arms – a busy time ahead! Members were pleased to hear that member Monica Thomas was now at home after quite a stay in hospital; get well wishes were extended to Monica.

Felindre WI meet on the first Wednesday in the month at the Village Hall, Felindre – for more details, please call 01547 520077.

Rebe Brick

Gardener's Question Time at Llanfair Waterdine W.I.

Having enjoyed a "crafty" evening working together on entries for the Llanfair Wakes competitions of a decorated walking stick and wind chimes we were pleased to have prizes for the wind chimes. Andrea won the Joan Hobby Cup by popular vote for the best dressed walking stick. It was a fun evening with a delicious Bring and Share supper and lots of chat.

As autumn appears to be here already the talk and demonstration from David and Jill Holt of Midway Nurseries was a good lead in to winter gardening. It was run as a "gardener's question time" and Dave freely answered many and varied questions and planted up some

winter containers. He has a great enthusiasm for growing plants and it was a humorous and informative meeting.

Our October demonstration is by Fox Glass from Llangunllo when we hope some members might have an opportunity to handle some glass. Is the world safe!?

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). We are always pleased to welcome visitors.

Ann Harroway

Old Radnor W.I.

Seventeen members plus guests attended the September meeting held in Walton Hall. At the business meeting plans were finalised for members attending the A.C.M. at Rhayader and the Women's Refuge talk at Crossgates plus the entry for the Royal Welsh Winter Fair. It was decided to hold a Whist Drive in November and as the trip to Stratford-upon Avon had been enjoyed by those members who had been able to go plans were made for a Christmas shopping trip to Cheltenham.

President, Libby Hughes welcomed the speaker for the evening, Dawn Arkell, who has been teaching Pilates since 2011 and who gave us a very enjoyable and interesting illustrated talk on the history and the benefits of this form of exercise. Pilates works by focusing on strengthening

postural muscles to give a strong centre of support thus improving posture, balance, coordination and flexibility. Members then tried some of the balance exercises with varying degrees of success!!

Social time with refreshments followed and Libby won the monthly competition.

The October speaker will be Sue Mullins who will be demonstrating weaving.

Sue Lloyd

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Music and Roses at Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.



The Bell A Donna 4-in-Hand handbells were a real treat. We enjoyed listening to their music and they made it possible for our members to have a try. This caused lots of laughter!!!

Our next meeting is a workshop organised by our President Julie Read. It is "How to make a Fabric

Rose". If you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Wednesday 4th October @ 7.30 p.m. at the Tower House Gallery in Knighton.

For more information 01547 520 730.

Pauline Parker

Whitton W.I. Harvest Supper

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On Friday November 3rd at 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Whitton W.I. will be holding their traditional Harvest Supper. As many know, this event has been taking place for over 50 years now in the Whitton Community Hall. There is ample parking and a bar will be available for the evening.

A buffet supper will be served, including desserts prepared by the WI ladies. This will be followed by entertainment by

the Radnor Twurzles, who are from the Rhayader area and perform comedy cabaret style songs from the 60's.

The cost is £10 per ticket including the buffet, and a raffle will be held in aid of St Michaels Hospice. We do advise that you pre-book your tickets from any Whitton WI member or call 01547 560188. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Chatterbrook W.I.

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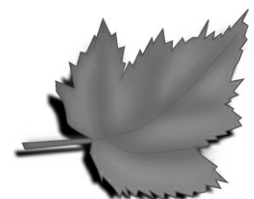
Oops, In last month's Radnor, page 43, the cooks pictured were not for the Big Breakfast, but for the **Llangunllo Community Lunch**, a provision of the Llangunllo W.I. Our apologies.

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Knucklas Notes

It has been a happy late summer in Knucklas with all sorts of events in and around the area, outstanding amongst which has to be the Knucklas 17 Festival, so well organised and rich in talent, much of it local. But the Knucklas Community Land Project is still struggling and needs all the support it can get if it is to continue with all its fine work, ranging from the allotments to displays of carving and poetry up on the hill.

The weather has seemed to be somewhat extreme, ranging from very hot to very wet, windy too, at times. But we cannot compare it with what the south-eastern U.S.

and the Caribbean islands have had to suffer, with parts of the Indian sub-continent faring even worse.

Chris has ended a long and distinguished regime at the Castle Inn, during which time she has built up a superb local team and a fine reputation for food and also for supporting local groups. She has resettled locally, as has Sophie. Our new licensees are Vince and Ying Crooke (with daughter Leena), and they have already made a most promising start.

Robert Forbath

Musical Picture of Knucklas Viaduct

The Presteigne Festival featured a World Premiere of "Knucklas Arches." Robert Peate composed an evocative, quietly powerful work of three movements for cello and piano. Tim Horton on the piano repeated thirteen notes to reflect the thirteen arches, and the cello played delicately by Gemma Rosefield reflected the height and the strength of our beautiful viaduct. Together they caught the essence of our castellated viaduct with cross-incised towers.



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A New Archbishop for Church in Wales

In 2020 the Church in Wales celebrates its first centenary and in early September 2017 the Province elected its first Archbishop from the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. All those who were present at the Inauguration of our Ministry Area in January and who listened to Bishop John Davies preach and lead our worship, will know just how blessed the church nationally will be with John as our Archbishop.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Bishop John and assure him of our continuing prayers as he embarks on this new adventure. Just in case anyone was unclear how these things work, the new Archbishop will continue to operate as the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon – hence the continuing need for our prayers!!

What do the following words have in common? It has nothing to do with having doubles of the same letters.

DRESSER
GRAMMAR
POTATO
REVIVE
UNEVEN
ASSESS

And the same, can be said about the surname of Alexander Zverev, the German tennis star.

---oooo---

(The answer is: If you move the first letter to the end of the word and then read backwards, you get exactly the same word.)

Recipe - Upside-Down Pear Cake

This sticky, caramel pear cake is just the thing for a cold winter's night. It is best served warm rather than hot, so that the delicate flavour of the pears really comes through.

Makes a single layer cake. You will need 1 x deep, round cake tin, 20 cm diameter, fully lined.

Ingredients:

Caramel pears base:

100g/3oz caster or granulated sugar
15g/½oz unsalted butter
4-5 pears

Sponge:

200g/7oz peeled and cored pears
2 tsp vanilla extract
200 g/7oz plain flour
50g/2oz ground almonds
2½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
120g/4oz unsalted butter
100g/3½oz light muscovado sugar
2 eggs

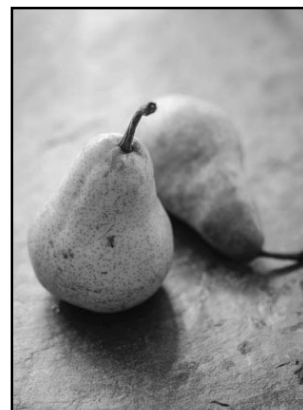
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For the caramel pears base, pour the sugar into a saucepan so that it covers the base in an even tier and put over a medium heat. Only when the sugar has almost all melted should you stir the contents until it is a uniform, golden brown liquid. Take the pan off the heat, stir in the butter until it has melted, then pour into the prepared tin to cover the base evenly. Leave to cool. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Peel, core and halve the pears and lay cut side down on the caramel, top end inwards so that they form a nice circular pattern and cover the base or the tin.

For the sponge, blend the pears and vanilla extract into a purée, using a stick blender if possible and set aside. Mix the flour with the ground almonds, baking powder and salt and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar together, then beat in the eggs, followed by the puréed pears. Finally sift in the dry ingredients and beat until incorporated. Pour the mixture into the tin and spread over the pears, levelling off the top. Bake for 15-55 minutes, until a skewer comes out clean, then remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 15 minutes.

To Serve: Turn out on to a serving plate (leave to cool further if necessary) and peel off the baking paper. Serve warm, perhaps with a drizzle of cream.

From *Grow Your Own Cake: Recipes from Plot to Plate* (£16.99), by Holly Farrell. Published by Frances Lincoln and available at all good bookshops or online.



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Family News

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Our very best wishes to William and Jean Shuker on their recent marriage. Jean is vicar's warden at St Edward's.

Health, happiness and best wishes to Tecwen and Danielle Evans, recently married. Danielle is the only daughter of Robert and Judith Maunder, Lower Cwm.

Congratulations to Thomas Heakin, who was recently presented with his Batchelor of Music Degree at Canterbury Cathedral. A very proud day for all his family.

Ken and Ruby Harris will soon be leaving Knighton for their new home in Colwall near Malvern. We all hope they will settle in very quickly, with our best wishes.

Please remember all who are unwell at this time at home and in hospital. Dot Wilson in Knighton Hospital, Phylis Richards in Hereford and for all anxious with their health problems.

Annual Christmas Draw

The draw tickets will be available soon for members to sell. If you would like to donate items for the Christmas Hamper, please leave details on list at the back of church. Other draw prizes and items for the Annual Christmas Fayre will be appreciated.

Bingo

Come and join in a fun evening playing Bingo in the Church Hall on 7th October at 7.00 pm. Please help us raise funds for St Edward's Church General Fund.

Indoor Bowling

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Coffee Morning (St Edward's)

Our next coffee morning will be on 21st October at 10.30 am in the Church Hall, with stalls selling cakes, produce, books, scarves and woollen items, together with competitions and draw. We invite you to come along and enjoy good company and coffee. Funds for our General Church Fund.

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The Primary School will be holding their Harvest Celebration in St Edward's Church on 18th October at 1.30 pm (date to be confirmed).

Knighton Show and Carnival

Following all the planning and hard work by our chairman Matt O'Rourke and many willing helpers, the reward was a day of glorious warm weather. The weather helped to encourage thousands of people to enjoy a day filled with lots to see and do. Both carnivals produced some very clever and well thought out entries, especially the large vehicles, all led by the Carnival Princess' float. In the Community Centre there were some amazing exhibits, quite a task for the judges. The President's Prize was won by Alisha Aspley with her delightful Garden on a Dinner Plate. The YFC Trophy was won by the Knighton Club and the Tref-y-Clawdd WI Silver Trophy was won by Chapel Lawn WI. The Jean Kilby Rosette (WI) was won by Rebe Brick and the Best in Show in the floral art section was won by Jean Price.

The AGM of the Show and Carnival will take place in November.

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The party was in part to mark the approaching end of summer, so complete with live music provided by three friends, Brian on guitar and vocals, 'Murph' on base and Mark on drums, we intended it to be held outside. Having set up, sound checks made and ready for people to arrive,

the heavens opened and down came the rain! Quickly moving all the equipment inside, we set up again in our house, moving the furniture back to make a small dance floor just in time for the first guests to arrive! A good number from the village attended and it was agreed that all had a great night of dancing and socializing!

Again, thank you to all those who came and supported this event and donated a total of £365 for Wales Air Ambulance.
Rob and Sue Fountain

Plastic Recycling in Llangunllo

The Community Council has arranged for a plastics recycling bin to be placed in the car park of The Greyhound Inn, Llangunllo. Please see the list as to which items can be recycled using this bin.

It is hoped that a bin will also be sited in Bleddfa in the near future.

This has been organised through Cae Post Ltd who will be able to sell the plastic to raise money to continue their

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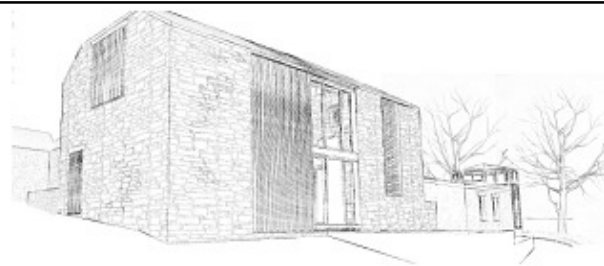
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Norton Show (for further Norton news see pages 12 and 41)

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The show proved a great success making a large amount of money for local charities, plenty to see and do, everyone enjoyed themselves very much and look forward to the tenth anniversary next year,

Thank you to Dan Price and his committee, and all helpers, of which there are so many, to make it all possible

for the village people, with so many taking part. Very well done to everyone.

Sylvia Davies

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who donated food to Norton Show tea tent. Also many thanks to all who helped to serve food and drink. You were all very much appreciated.

I have not had the final total but we took just over £500. Thank you all,

Margaret Lloyd

A Pilleth Reflection

Last month I went to the funeral of a very close friend and colleague. We had done many things together over the years. She was an accomplished artist and an even better actress, also a passionate gardener. This poem was printed in the service sheet. I thought it might mean something to other people as well as to me.

From Juliet Boobbyer

God looked upon his garden and found an empty space,
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful. He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

By Wendy Bradley



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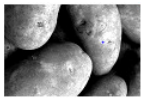
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Adventures in a Polytunnel for Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

This was the title of the evening of the Teme Valley Gardeners' September meeting. The speaker was Phil Morris from nearby Llanfair Waterdine. The colour presentation was a real joy, adding so much to his interesting and informative talk. Having purchased the tunnel he was able to grow so many varieties of vegetables, fruit and flowers and to extend the growing season without wellies and waterproofs. Phil shared the ups and downs of planting, especially with quantities, his excitement at growing more exotic plants and a new adventure with grapes. We were all convinced that a polytunnel must go on the "I must have" list this Christmas.

On 9th October Nathalie Mignotte will speak on "Of Meads and Flowers" about medieval gardens in Knucklas

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Jean Price

Westonbirt Arboretum

There will be a coach trip on Wednesday 25th October to visit this magnificent arboretum in Gloucestershire. It is a vast area of the most beautiful trees, large and small, and all will be showing off their gorgeous autumn colours. Lots of walkways and much to see, with seating areas and an excellent restaurant. Coach leaves Bowling Green Lane at 9.00am. The cost £20.00 (coach and entrance). There are seats available at the moment. Please contact Avril on 01547 529244.

Caring for God's Acre at St Andrew's Norton

Although we are still very short of volunteers to help with the care of the churchyard, we do have a couple of very committed volunteers. We have had some positive surveys done by professionals from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, including a Moth survey, Butterfly, Bat and Plant survey (which found a higher than average variety of plant life in the Churchyard). The results of these have been put up on a special notice board in the Church Porch to help visitors

understand and appreciate the churchyard and 'Caring for God's Acre'.

On the 27th September we have a team coming from Caring for God's Acre to scythe the wildflower meadow and see how else they can help us care for the churchyard. we would welcome any volunteers on that day when we will be providing refreshments.

Helen Ackland

Flora and Fauna

Ripening fruits, lots of berries, yellowing leaves, all herald the beginning of autumn. It is a season for the chrysanthemum, together with dahlias, michaelmas daisies and late flowering clematis, many in rich burnished shades of copper, orange, rust, red, with contrasting blue and purple, so many shapes and textures. The dahlia continues to be in vogue, especially now that British local grown flowers are being promoted, with several growers already in business. A lot of our readers will remember the late Jim Bounds and his magnificent garden, full of amazing colour, dahlias in every shape and colour, large spiky ones like exploding fireworks down to the small pom pom type in lollipop colours. Many of the new type seem to be of the anemone variety, with lovely names like 'Total Tangerine', 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Happy Single Wink'. If you want to grow a giant type measuring 25 cm (10 inches) across, have a look at one called 'Otto's Thrill' in rose pink.

As the heat of summer gradually gives way to lower temperatures the garden and countryside begins to change. Green leaves are replaced by the more flamboyant hues of brown, yellow, tangerine, red and cream. The

horse chestnut tree is producing satin-smooth brown conkers, a reminder of childhood pleasures.

Each season provides its own magic in the garden. October is a busy month, lots of tidying and staking caused by wind; perennials that have outgrown their space need dividing; annuals no longer looking their best need removing; spring bulbs like snowdrop, crocus and miniature daffs need to be planted. Lots of garden magazines have good offers at this time.

The house martins and swallows are lining up on the wires ready for the long flight to pastures new. We are sad to see them leave and pray they will return in 2018. Richard and Vera Wood loved the little birds and were very knowledgeable on their breeds and habits and always monitored the date they left this country and the date they returned.

God's creation and harvest will be celebrated in churches everywhere at this time of year. Exquisite, creative displays will be arranged for us to admire and appreciate.

Jean Price

The Iron Age Carnyx Sounded for Knucklas 17

John Kenny transfixed an audience at the Presteigne Assembly Rooms by playing a replica of the Iron Age Carnyx found by archaeologists in the Moray Firth. He demonstrated several such ancient, simple instruments – conch shell, didgeridoo, sackbut, alphorn – which led to the trombone. All are instruments without keys, frets, only a tube and the human mouth used as a reed. He brought two other carnyses: a French one with extraordinary head, and an Irish one, which could be either a half circle or an S shape. John certainly knew how to make the most extraordinary sounds emerge.

At high noon the next day John Kenny opened Knucklas 17 by blowing a conch shell at the top of Castle Hill. He led a procession down Castle Hill playing the mighty Iron Age Carnyx.

Two large tents decorated with Iron Age scenes (shown here) and numerous small stands with local artisans and food stalls greeted the gathering. Ancient crafts were demonstrated: a simple lathe and shavehorse for turning wood, a kick wheel for pottery, drop spindles and loom for weaving, and a coracle. We could add to a cave painting and listen to ancient Celtic stories. A horse trailer was transformed to a mini-cinema the Heart of Wales train line.

Simon Ayres of Cambrian Wildwood explained how tree and grass management using Tarpan, a pre-historic horse, and wild cattle could transform a one grass meadow to a

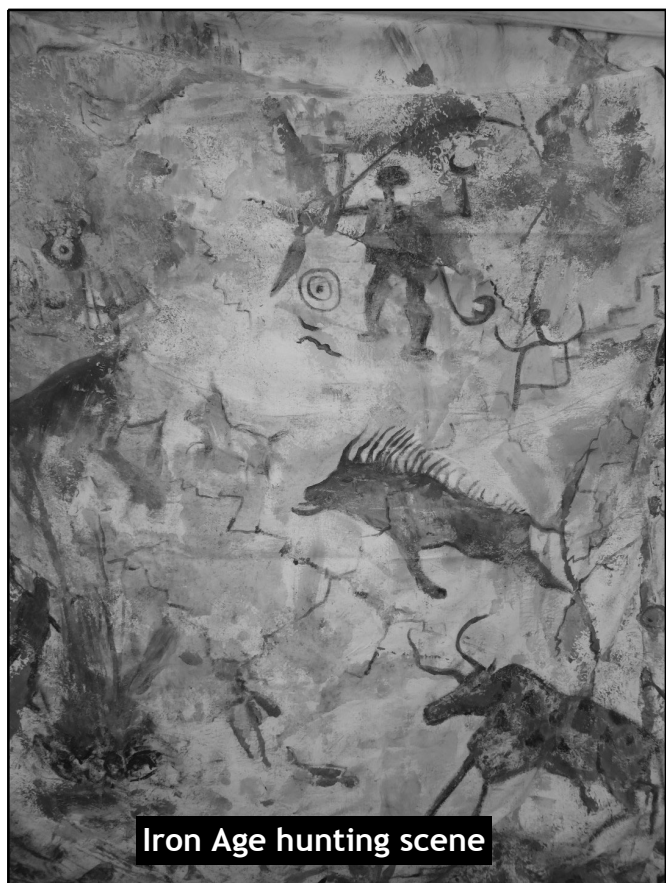
more natural site for the benefit of wildlife, flora, farmers and us.

The Wildlife Trust gave information on beaver introduction and a fascinating botanical walk to the top of the hill to learn grasses and flowers still lingering at the end of the summer: ladies bedstraw, yarrow, germander speedwell with its 'cowboy trousers'. Ric Morris brought his extensive collection of bones, from red deer to tiny weasels.

The energetic amongst us followed signs for the Camelot Café to the very top of Castle Hill with tables and chairs scattered around the high meadow for superb views of the Teme Valley. The Festival continued into the evening with lights strung around the tents, a bonfire, barbecue, drinks and varied performances in the main tent: hilarious solos, poetry, folk and jazz, all MC'd by a roving druid.



French Carnyx



Iron Age hunting scene



Celtic storytelling

The heart knows its own bitterness,
and no stranger shares its joy.
Proverbs 14.10



Knucklas 17



*Photos by Janet Lewis
and Laura W-J*

Whitton Museum

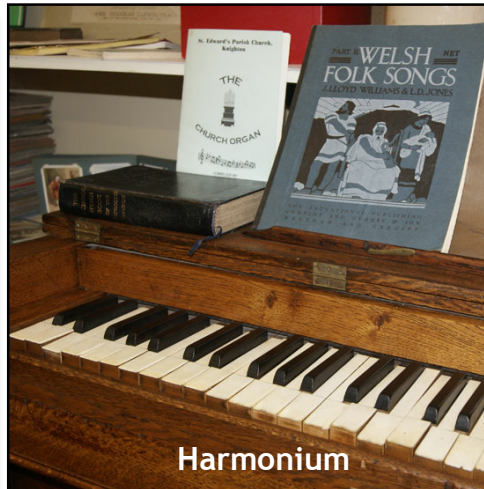


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Knighton Museum



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Whitton's New Museum and Exhibition

August 2017 saw the re-opening of Whitton School with a Museum Exhibition of Welsh Costume and Textiles in the Old School Room and a display of work from local artists in Classroom Two. There is still a lot of work to be done to prepare the building for its official opening, but we hope to be fully operational by spring 2018.

Once the building is fully fitted out we will be holding regular museum exhibitions and study days in the Old School Room.

Classroom One will house a loom and spinning equipment where we will be teaching spinning, natural plant dyeing, and many other textile related crafts. Classroom Two will be used for other arts and cultural projects, classes, talks and exhibitions.

We hope to plant a dyers garden and to cultivate some of our own dye plants and herbs here at the school, and to hold some children's events and craft classes during the summer. There will also be volunteering opportunities for anyone wishing to participate in research, to help with preparing museum exhibitions or helping with children's events.

For more details of upcoming events or to join our mailing list please contact us on 01547 550155.

The museum and exhibition is sponsored by Radnorshire Arts and Crafts Foundation, a not for profit organisation formed to promote the appreciation of traditional skills and the work of local artists and makers.

Rosamund Black



Introducing Knighton's New Museum

Two acts of generosity have ensured the future of Knighton's first museum. Fourteen years after the initial bequest by the Machin family, the owners of Number One, Broad Street (formerly known as The Saddlery) have made their property available at a peppercorn rent. The museum was officially opened on Sunday, 27th August by the out-going Junior Mayor and Deputy Junior Mayor of Knighton Primary School – their last official engagement before going on to secondary education.

The Museum Trust has been working closely with KINDA to design what they believe to be the first museum in Wales to be 'dementia-friendly'.

Visitors experience a 1950s kitchen and scullery from around the time of the Coronation where they can handle the artefacts and even sniff the carbolic soap and tobacco! The most commonly heard comment is "we had one of those." The children love playing the Edwardian chapel harmonium, blowing the brass instruments and taking part in the Find Little Offa treasure hunt.

The enthusiasm of the local community knows no bounds and it is remarkable what we have all been storing in lofts, cellars and outhouses – a desk and three chairs from West Street School; war-time baby bottles and children's gas masks; a mangle from Prince & Sons and a beautiful hand-made altar cloth from Crug y Bydder.

The museum is open every day during the Summer/Autumn.



Attending the Opening: Bob Andrews Mayor, Sally Vaughan Deputy Mayor, Julia Roberts, Peter Medlicott, Roy Williams, Knighton Town Council, Chris Bevan KTC, Norman Thorp, Chair of Knighton Museum & Gallery Trust

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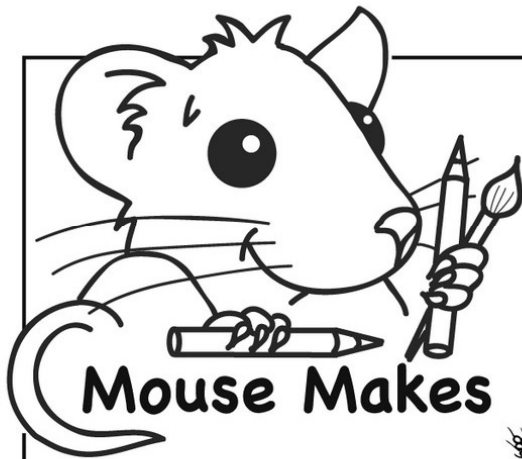
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Psalm 67:5-7

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The East Radnor Ministry Area Team

In late 2016 the Ministry Area Team started to meet together on an approximately monthly basis. The Team comprises (in alphabetical order):

Rev Mark Beaton (New Radnor)
Rev Melia Cope (East Radnor)
Ann Dean (Gladestry)
Christine Gould (New Radnor)
Christobel Hargraves (Beacon Hill)
Christine Johnson (Beacon Hill)
Meinir Ronicle (Ordinand)
Mike &/or Sophia Thompson (East Radnor)
Bob Williams (Beacon Hill)
Laura Woodside-Jones (Beacon Hill).

We are getting to know each other and trust each other as we explore together what God might be wishing us to do as a Ministry Area. We worship and pray together as we try to develop a vision for our new grouping of 14

churches, and as we seek to develop the ways in which we can work together which will support and encourage each of the churches within the Ministry Area. An important part of what we do together is exploring the ways in which we can encourage the work of mission across our 14 communities. The Team are beginning to gel together and at our next meeting we shall be discussing the launch of a Ministry Area “Explorers” or “Discipleship” group and what sort of materials we might use.

Although our Ministry Area was inaugurated in January it will not be fully commissioned until we have appointed a Ministry Area Council - to use the official term. I think we will call it a Ministry Area Forum which better describes its function. Some churches have already made appointments; others still need to do so in order to ensure even representation across all 14 churches.

All Hallows Eve - or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or ‘Summer’s End’. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers. Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival, which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. First of November, All Saints’ Day, was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called ‘All Hallows’ Day’. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called ‘All Hallows’ Eve’, The Holy Evening, later shortened to ‘Halloween’.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of

darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches rode about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows’ Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



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Weddings

19th August David Warren and Laura Blower at Cascob

25th August Shaun Randell and Lynsey Rogers at Whitton

Re-affirmation of Marriage Vows

16th Sept. Jason and Alexine Lewis at Pilleth

23rd Sept. Graham John George & Louise Susan Evans
 at Bleddfa

Funerals

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15th Sept. Steve Walker Hereford Crematorium

18th Sept. Jeremy Keyworth Weston, New Radnor

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Oct	Baptist Chapels
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1	Norton St, 11am, The Big Welcome
1	Coxall, 2.30pm, Harvest, Maggie Rich
8	Pound, 2.30 Family Service
8	Knucklas & St David's Heyope, 4 pm Harvest
8	Norton St, 11am, Michael Humphreys
	New Radnor Baptist Church
13	Gravel, Friday, 7pm Richard Mansel, Harvest
15	Maesyrhelem: 6.30pm David Morris (Songs of Praise))
15	Norton, 11am, St Kevin Dare (Communion)
15	Coxall, 2.30pm, Andrew Powell
15	N.R. Baptist, 3pm, Rev Leigh Spicer
15	Pound, 2.30pm Rev R Thomas, Communion
22	Norton St, 11am, Methodists join us
22	Knucklas, 6pm, Sue Wilson (Communion)
	New Radnor Baptist Church
29	Norton St, Joint service with all 3 churches, Andrew Wyton
	N.R. Baptist, 3pm, Rev Patrick Baker
29	Pound, 2.30pm Rev R Thomas, Communion
Nov-5	Norton St, 11am, Nick & Bridget Andrews, with Kevin Dare, Café Style, Traidcraft
Nov-17	Coxall, 2.30pm, <i>Journey of Discovery - Growing</i>

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Dates For Your Diary

October

- Sun 1* Harvest Festival at Colva Church 2.30pm.
- Mon 2* Felindre Village Hall Committee, 8pm.
Methodists celebrate Harvest, 3pm.
- Tue 3* Llangunllo W.I. Christmas Card Making, 7pm.
- Wed 4* Felindre WI Open Evening, 6.30pm.
Tref-y-Clawdd WI, Tower House, 7.30pm.
- Thur 5* Quiet Hour, Loughlin, The Cwm, 10-11am.
- Fri 6* Harvest Supper at Knucklas Comm Cent, 7pm.
Harvest Festival at Whitton Church, 7pm.
Llanfair Waterdine WI, Everest Hall, 7pm.
- Sat 7* Godly Play Training 10-3, 100 House Village Hall
Harvest Festival at Evancoyd Church, 7pm.
Felindre W.I., Village Hall, entertainment, supper, 7.30pm.
- Sun 8* Harvest Festivals:
Knighton Church 11am.
Casco Church, 3pm.
Knucklas Chapel (with St David's), 4pm.
New Radnor Church 6pm.
- Mon 9* Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, Medieval Gardens, 7.30pm.
- Tue 10* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.
- Wed 11* Communion, N.R Community Centre., 11am, followed by Lunch.
Communion, St Edwards, Knighton, 10.30.
Prayer meeting at St David's Colva, 7pm .
Floral Art, Memorial Hall, Presteigne, 7.30pm.
- Thur 12* Harvest Festival at Bleddfa Church, 7pm.
- Fri 13* CAMEO, Knighton Meth. Ch. 2.30pm.
N. R Over 60's, Outing to Burford, 10am.
Knighton C C Flick: 'Tomorrow,' 7.30pm.
Radnorshire Society lecture: Framed Bldgs. N.R. C C. 8pm.
- Sat 14* Diocesan Conference, Brecon Cathedral.
Flu Clinic at Kington Surgery 9am - 4pm.
Huntington Chase, Village Hall, 12 noon.
W'ton Choir, St Edward's Hall, 5pm.
Harvest, Llanfihangel Nant Melan, 7pm.
Brilley Village Hall Flick: 'Dance,' 7.30pm.
Viola Quartet at N.R. Comm Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sun 15* Harvest at Llangunllo Church at 6.30pm.

- Tue 17* St David's Ladies Guild. Knucklas C C 7.30pm.
Gladstry W.I "Fun with Buttons" 7pm Vill Hall.
- Wed 18* Flu Clinic, Wylcwm Street, 9-4.
- Thur 19* Churches Together Choir Rehearse, 7pm.
- Fri 20* Quiz Night, N.R. Community Centre, 7.30.
- Sun 22* Knighton Concert Society, Marsyas Trio, 3pm.
- Tue 24* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent 2-4pm.
Mothers' Union, Evenjobb Village Hall 2.30pm.
- Wed 25* Teme Valley Gardeners to Westonbirt, 9am.
26,27,28 Utopia Ltd, Gilbert & Sullivan, Lady Hawkins' Centre, Kington, 7.30 (with our own Ministry Area Leader!)
- Fri 27* Caring for God's Acre, Norton Church, 10am.
Knighton C C Flick: 'Hidden Figures' 7.30pm.
- Sun 29* St Michael & All Angels Beguildy, Ministry Area celebration for Bible Sunday.

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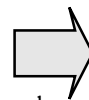
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FARM FOCUS - Some Thought It Couldn't Be Done



Rhos Market Garden, three acres of vegetables, stands at nearly 1,000 feet. Mick and Aice Westrip arrived at Rhos-y-meirch in a cold winter ten years ago to rent a caravan and a small plot of land. Over the next five years they converted what was nutrition poor, acidic, wet land to a productive, organic vegetable garden.

The first year was diabolical with wire worms hanging from any scrawny carrot that had the audacity to grow. They have gradually transformed the soil by using composted farmyard manure and 'green manure' (clovers grown to turn in for compost and fertility). Poly tunnels provide propagation and winter growing. The cucumbers and tomatoes will soon make way for winter salads.

After five years they bought a flat patch on the other side of the road and built their eco house, a pleasant home with big windows facing south for warmth, good insulation and solar energy for hot water.

They rotate their three acres annually. A large strip of legumes (peas, beans, salad) gives way to alliums (leeks and

onions) and so on for the brassicas (cabbage, kale, purple sprouting) the cucurbita (squash and courgettes), root crops and flowers. At any time 2/9ths of the fields will be out of active production, resting and restoring fertility.

Mick and Alice soon sold organic veg at both Presteigne and Knighton markets stalls. They have been helped throughout by neighbours and keen volunteers who believe in the health and taste benefits of organic, as well as the positive interaction with nature. They have had a few small grants, including for a wildlife pond. They are inspected annually; the only complaint is the paper work!

In 2015 they opened a shop in Knighton, which showcases their own veg, organic produce from further afield and groceries, as well as a range of other 'sustainable' products.

Thank you to Mother Nature and elbow grease!

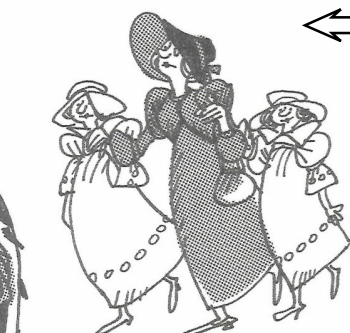
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Radnor Valley Young Farmers' Club

Many of you will have attended Kington Show on the second Saturday in September. The show was at a slightly different venue, but despite the forecast, the weather was kind and it was an enjoyable show. In the Young Farmers Section Radnor Valley YFC were overall winners with several prize cards between them.

Photo by Helen Powell

**Autumn is a second spring when every
leaf becomes a flower.**

Rhos Market Garden



Alice with the first squash



Mick pulling carrots in receptive earth



Cavolo Nero Kale



Polytunnel tomatoes



Savoy Cabbage



Onions drying



Winning Radnor Valley Young Farmers Club

Oct [Nov] 2017	Churches	October 1st Trinity 16	October 8th Trinity 17	October 15th Trinity 18	October 22nd Trinity 19	October 29th Bible Sunday	November 5th 1st Kingdom Sun
Readings		Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 Psalm 25.1-9 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32	Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.7-15 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46	Isaiah 25.1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	Isaiah 45.1-7 Psalm 96.1-9,[10-13] 1 Thessalon's 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	Leviticus 19.1,2,15-18 Psalm 2 1 Thessalon's 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46	Micah 3.5-12 Psalm 43 or 107.1-8 1 Thessalon's 2.9-13 Matthew 24.1-14
Beacon Hill Churches	Beguildy	11:00am MB Baptism	No Service	11:00am MC Holy Communion	No Service	11:00am MC and MB	11:00am MC Morning Worship
	Bleddfa	8:30pm MB Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service		8:30pm MBCompline
	Heyope	No Service	4pm MC Harvest Knuckles Chapel	No Service	11:00am MC Baptism		No Service
	Llangunllo	No Service	No Service	6:30pm MB Harvest Festival	No Service	Ministry Area Service	No Service
	Cascob	3:00pm MC Baptism	3:00pm CH Harvest Festival	No Service	No Service		3:00pm MC Holy Communion
	Knighton	9:30am AG Morning Worship	11:00am MC Family Harvest	9:30am IG Morning Worship	9:30am MC Holy Communion		9:30am AG Morning Worship
East Radnor Churches	Norton	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	Holy Communion at	No Service
	Pilleth	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service		No Service
	Whitton	9:30am MC Holy Communion	No Service	9:30am MC Holy Communion	9:30am DD Morning Worship		9:30am MC Holy Communion
New Radnor Churches	Colva	2:30pm MB Harvest Festival	No Service	No Service	No Service	St Michael & All Angels BEGUILDY	2:30pm MB Holy Communion
	Evancoyd	11:00am tbc Morning Worship	No Service	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	11:00am MB Holy Communion		11:00am MB Morning Worship
	Gladestry	5:00pm MB Holy Communion	9:15am MB Holy Communion	11:15am MB Baptism	5:00pm HC Evening Prayer		5:00pm MB Holy Communion
	Llanfihangel Nant Melan	No Service	11:00am MB Holy Communion	No Service	3:00pm MB Evening Prayer		No Service
	New Radnor	9:15am MB Holy Communion	6:00pm MB Harvest Festival	9:15am MB Holy Communion	9:15am MB Morning Prayer		9:15am MB Holy Communion