

# THE RADNOR

## JUNE 2019



Ascension: Jesus Bidding Farewell

### **The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area**

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Gill & Margaret Lloyd - Daff planting

## Gladestry is a Place of Belonging

*A village means that you are not alone, knowing that in the people, the trees, the earth, there is something that belongs to you. - Cesar Pavese*

Gladestry is a beautiful village. Unpretentious, even bleak in the cold winter months when the grey stone is as hard as the weather. One could be forgiven for thinking that not much goes on here but you'd be surprised!

The village hall, an amazing asset to the community, is a meeting place for the weekly Monday Pop-In cafe, children's parties, playgroup, Community Council, PCC meetings, Church Family Services, Bowls Club, W.I. and social gatherings. There is a second smaller kitchen area and showers sited at the back of the hall, once used by Gladestry football team, sadly long since disbanded.

**Winter** can be challenging, especially when it snows, but villagers pull together, gamely wielding a shovel to dig out a neighbour caught in a drift.

**Spring** is a very busy time for the farmers with lambing involving the whole family.

**Summer** - Last summer the village held a fabulous 'Gladestry in

Wonderland' Family Day with a successful Dog Show.

The Annual Sheepdog Trials in August draws competitors from all over the country and often from Europe. There's a refreshment tent where old friends swap yarns and laugh a lot.

Another annual August event is the Village Walk and Duck Race. An organised family walk is followed by a ploughman's in the hall after which everyone ambles down to the stream to watch the yellow plastic ducks' hurly burly progression to the finish. Some ducks arrive upside down, facing the wrong way, some get stuck in the weeds and need a helping hand, often from excited children with sticks, but all finish one way or another

**Autumn.** There are 10 names on the Memorial stone in the churchyard for the Two World Wars and every year a group of people whose uncle died in the Second World War, come to the Annual Remembrance. Last year, family members from as far away as Carlisle joined relatives of 'Uncle Huey,' Arthur Hewit Turner, a twenty two year old Gladestry lad and a dispatch rider in the Gloucester Regiment. He took a direct hit and is

buried in Belgium. Each year the W.I. lays a tray of crosses and poppies on the Memorial, one for each life lost.

In 2016, helped by sisters-in-law Margaret and Gill Lloyd, pupils from Gladestry Church in Wales Primary School planted daffodil bulbs on the village green to mark the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan tragedy. Now, each spring, the green is ablaze with beautiful daffodils in remembrance.

The Pop In Café has grown from two friends regularly meeting for coffee in the old post office cafe. When it closed, the group shifted to the village hall. It now meets every Monday morning at 10am to 11am; it is open to all and has a regular male contingent. Tea and coffee is £2. Any money left over is saved until a £100 target is met to give to charity. So far, over two thousand pounds has been donated.

W.I. meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the village hall with interesting speakers and visits to equally interesting places.

Short Mat Bowls meet October to March at the village hall 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. - Ann Dean



Remembrance - relatives of Arthur Turner in front of War Memorial



Sam Bowen holding trophy for Sheepdog Trials



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## Bog Snorkelling, Pointe Shoes and Fur Balls

*Following is an interview with the editor and our new priest, the Reverend Petra Beresford-Webb.*

*Where were you raised?*

All over the place: England, Wales, Germany. (Father was in the military)

*You speak Welsh. Are you a native speaker?*

No. My mum was first language Welsh; she didn't learn English until she was 10. [Welsh was spoken in Petra's family home in Dolgellau.]

*What did you do before you entered ministry?*

I was Director of Music and Head of R.E. at Bedstone College. [During that time Petra headed up the "Bluesy Wolf" – a band and choir.]

*What role does music play now in your ministry?*

My music carries on. At fund raising activities at my previous parishes I would always sing or play my sax or both.

*Did you have a special moment when you felt called to ministry?*

It started when I was a child. When I was five I found a picture in a big supermarket in Germany. It cost too much for pocket money. When I insisted my father looked at it, it was of Jesus, and so I had it. It hung over my bed. I still have it.

When I was ten I thought I wanted to be a nun, but Sister Mary Mark said 'no.'

When I was sixteen I wanted to be a nun again, but I went to drama school instead.

The calling kept getting stronger. I was walking down a field and God was all around me and he finally opened up his arms and I couldn't get past.

*When were you ordained?*

In 2012 when I was a non-stipendiary curate at Knighton while continuing

to teach at Bedstone. Soon I was a full time curate. In 2014 I was licensed to the 12 churches [listed in last month's Radnor].

*What was the biggest challenge in those twelve churches?*

The hugest thing was trying to have my own space. There was so much to do and so many people I was trying to please. The learning curve was realising that in doing God's work you're not always going to please everyone.

All I had to do was slow down. Let God take the reins and follow him rather than running ahead by 100 yards.

*What was the greatest joy?*

There were quite a few: The people were wonderful. We had brilliant things like bog snorkelling at Llanwrtyd Wells. I'm going back to it this year because it's the first time we will be having a service in the tent.

Other things: the music. There were lots of different music people and groups to be involved with.

I enjoyed the fact that there was a new lesson every day. Not all of them nice, but that is what learning is about.

I've certainly come back here a very different person to the one who left. I'm not going to say that I've grown up; I'm not going to do that. I've increased in knowledge, tolerance and patience.

*How do you unwind?*

Horse Riding. I've not ridden for a while, but I've had a partial knee replacement, so I'll be getting back in the saddle again.

I have Simba and Hooh, the fur balls.

Playing music: saxophone and piano. That is something I get a lot out of.

I have new pointe shoes because I am determined to go back on pointe again. I did ballet years ago. "I'm gonna go for it!"

*Do you have any dreams for your ministry with us?*

I'd like to see a lot more collaborative ministry. Build the music up as well. There is a great musical tradition here and there are the people out there. We've just got to get them together, and get that music bubbling again.

*Do you feel like you are coming home?*

Yes. It just feels right. It is like getting into a nice warm shoe.

*Tell me about the essay you are writing.*

I'm working on a Masters in Canon Law: LLM (London Law Masters) through Cardiff University. I studied law when I was in my 20s but didn't complete. [After enquiring about this course on a clergy training day] the leader said "You'll love it." Bishop John said, "I've done the course. You'll enjoy it." He was quite right. I've had a wonderful time picking over all the law of the Church in Wales and the history. In the essay I'm writing I'm looking at models of church and state working together in France, Spain and England. [Her Dissertation is due next December.]

*Who would you like to be locked in a church with?*

Jesus, absolutely. I could talk to him and I could pray with him. And he'd be all mine for that little bit of time.

*Petra also tells us:*

I've become engaged to Dr John Goodband. Please keep us in your prayers.

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## Cover - The Ascension - May 30

The Ascension on May 30 occurs forty days after Easter. It is always on a Thursday. For forty days the resurrected Jesus has met with the disciples, preparing a lakeside breakfast for them, walking with them and sharing bread, appearing in a room where they were gathered. Finally he takes his leave and ascends to heaven, admonishing them to remain in Jerusalem to greet the coming of the Holy Spirit in ten days.

The moment of Ascension was beautifully designed by Edward Burne-Jones and made in the workshop of William Morris in 1887 for St Phillips Cathedral in Birmingham.

Jesus is surrounded by angels, rising from blue clouds and gently offering the disciples below a sign of peace. The full window shows the disciples below gazing upward in awe and fear. It is said that Jones and Morris are

depicted in the faces of two of those disciples.

The vibrant pre-raphaelite windows in the cathedral were wisely removed during World War II and kept safe in a Welsh mine shaft until peacetime.

Come and celebrate Ascension at St Edward's, Knighton on Thursday, May 30th at 6.30pm.

Next month's Radnor is a double edition.

The summer edition covers both July and August, so be certain to send all your information for both months.

### Deadline

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## Ministry Area Service

**St Mary's, Gladestry**

**30<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30**

Preacher: Petra

Celebrant: Mark

Come celebrate with friends  
in the East Radnor Ministry  
Area.

## Battle of Pilleth Sunday, June 23

**3.00pm**

Come and join us for this  
special service when we  
commemorate an important  
historical event.

## Ascension Day

St Edward's, Knighton

**Thursday, May 30**

**6.30pm**

Come and celebrate the  
moment when Jesus ascends  
(see the cover!)

## Loneliness week - 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June

Britain is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. A survey by the Jo Cox Commission in 2017 revealed that nine million of us in the UK are affected by it.

So, no wonder that last year the Government even appointed the world's first loneliness minister, Tracey Crouch. And no wonder that the Marmalade Trust aims to raise awareness of isolation in the UK.

Loneliness hurts you physically as well as mentally. It has even been said that

it can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can raise blood pressure, and cause diabetes and obesity.

Technology is a big factor: we send emails rather than talk, we have virtual team workspaces rather than speaking in person. We use LinkedIn and Facebook to keep in touch. One health expert said, "We're getting out of the habit of actual conversations."

People who work from home and who also live alone can go days

without speaking to anyone. No wonder that the millennial generation, for whom technology accounts for an increasing percentage of their interaction, are reporting high levels of anxiety.

Experts advise that you simply try and make as many social connections as you can, however brief. Make tea for someone at work, or chat to your neighbour.



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## Midweek Holy Communions

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New Radnor

Wed, June 12th  
11am

at New Radnor Community  
Centre

Followed by Lunch

Everyone is most welcome to  
attend either or both and there  
is no need to book ahead; we  
have never yet run out of food  
and sent anyone home hungry!!!

Everyone Welcome

Illustrated Talk

by Cherry Williams

'My Great Grandmother's  
Diary' (late Mary Lloyd)  
Colva Church

Friday, 14th July, 6.30 pm

Light Refreshments to  
follow presentation

Donation to Church Funds  
if desired

## New Radnor Over 60's

Our next outing is to Newport  
House, Almeley

On Friday June 14th

The Gardens will be open  
under the National Gardens  
Scheme, so, if you are interested  
in coming with us, please meet  
at 12.30pm opposite Esco's,  
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## Llangunllo Walking Festival

We had ideal weather—dry and mostly sunny, but not too hot—for the fifth annual Llangunllo May Walks (rechristened Walking Festival!).

On Saturday the 4th of May seventeen walkers (and dogs) did a 7-mile circular walk around Monaughty, taking in Pilleth and Litton Hill summit. Sunday's multi-hilled walk from Llangunllo village to New Radnor via Cascob (some said

10 miles, some said further) was more challenging, in fact among the more ambitious we've tried. All up, and then all down. But nineteen walkers, including some new friends and a press-ganged visiting couple, completed the course, greatly assisted by Richard L's reviving home-made elixirs.

We're also grateful to Ben of New Radnor Brewery for opening up for welcome refreshments. Thanks also

to Jan, Paul N and Karen for organisation and route-planning; support drivers Jake, Rick, Graham, Phil and Claire the Van; and Jake and Paul the Pub and all the food/crockery providers (Karen, Jan, Charles, Paul, Pam and Isabel and others) for the usual final meal at the Greyhound, which raised over £150 for Friends of St Cynllo's funds.

*Photos & article by Charles Kightly*

## Bobby's Beat

*Continuing series from the diary of one of our parishioners who served in the police.*

### Supporters were Plastered



In the 50s & 60s, the major London Hospitals had teams that took part in a rugby competition, which culminated in a cup final at Old Deer Park ground, at Richmond.

Following one final in 1960 or 61, a large group of supporters and maybe players, boarded two open lorries, and set off on a journey through Richmond, Petersham, Ham and Kingston. Their progress was followed by V Division Met Police, after a number of calls received from road users along the way. Innocent people were being bombarded with bags of plaster of Paris, which was

then doused with water from stirrup pumps.

### Mass Arrest

The lorries were eventually stopped by one double manned patrol car and there followed the largest mass arrest, which may still be a world record. They were brought in to our station at Putney. All available officers were called in, and following form filling and fingerprinting, all were charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace, and bailed by senior officers.

Next morning all the offenders appeared at South Western Stipendary Magistrates Court, in Tooting. They were ranged in groups of ten at a time at the back, and all pleaded guilty. They were duly dealt with by the "Old Beak", or "Weighed Off" to use Police jargon.

### Gladestry 49 Club

Winners for April:

Brian Littleworth, rollover  
John Cook, and Frank Mullin.

*Michael Johnson*

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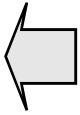


# Easter at St Edward's Knighton



Crown of Thorns





## Sunshine and Lights for Easter

**E**aster is the most important time in the Christian calendar. At St Edward's church, Knighton, it was a very moving experience. The flowers were beautiful, the window sills were alight with tea lights and the weather also played its part with fantastic sunshine.

The congregation was uplifted with the spirit of Easter "He is risen...just as He said!" ALLELUIA! The hymns were a sermon in themselves. The

congregation were deeply moved by the whole service. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns were served and everyone had a few small Easter eggs. The Easter spirit was certainly present; let us hope we can make use of it in so many ways.

Sunday the 5th of May was Revd John Hanna's last service before Petra took the reins. He has worked tirelessly for us for the past seven and a half months and we could not let

him go without showing our appreciation for his hard work. John was presented with a small gift and a thank you card from all at St Edward's; he has been excellent during the interregnum, as well as taking on the pastoral care. Thank you John for stepping in and looking after the well being of the Knighton Community.

*Jean Shuker, Churchwarden*

## Resilient Reserves

**R**adnorshire Wildlife Trust (RWT) is hoping to increase awareness of the importance of green spaces and open access to a healthy environment. The summer events are aimed at families, giving the younger generations the chance to learn more about wildlife. Everyone can get involved in the **Summer Solstice BioBlitz** at Mynydd Ffoesidoes nature reserve on 22nd June. How many species are actually living at this remote point in Radnorshire? Come and help find bugs, beasties, voles and birds!

Ever wondered what wildlife is hiding underneath your very nose! The **Wildlife Hide and Seek** event taking place at Gilfach nature reserve on 14th August is where you can find out how wild animals adapt and

camouflage themselves. For the more adventurous walkers there will be an organised walk around **Mynydd Ffoesidoes** nature reserve on 16th August.

Everyone can contribute to a more resilient Wales, come and find out how!

Events are organised as part of the Resilient Reserves for the Heart of Wales Project, funded by Welsh Government's Landfill Disposal Tax Community Scheme, administered by WCVA and aims to help Radnorshire Wildlife Trust manage, maintain and bolster seven nature

reserves to stop the decline in biodiversity.

To get involved or join us contact the Black Grouse Recovery Project Officer at [silvia@rwtwales.org](mailto:silvia@rwtwales.org)

*Silvia Cojocar*



Hare's Tail Cotton Grass on the Reserve

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Therefore I am appealing to those of you who produce a surplus of plants

to perhaps donate your unwanted plants to our plant stall. We generally price them up prior to putting them on the stall and prices range between .50 for the very smallest to £3 for more mature specimens. So, please if you can help just put them labelled on the stall. I am sure they will sell very quickly.

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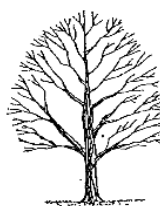
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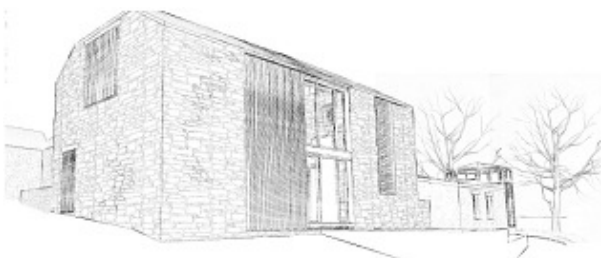
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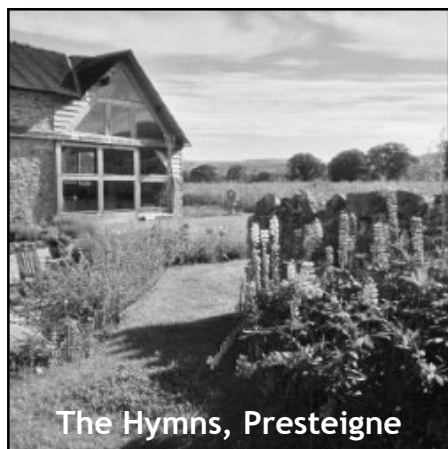
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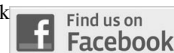
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## Knighton News

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### Bingo

Please note, bingo will be played on the second Saturday of June, which will be 8th June. All welcome to join in the fun. Church Hall at 7pm.

### Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th June – an afternoon visit to the walled garden and nursery at Diddlebury; and on 24th June an evening visit to the garden at Rock House, Llanbister. New members are welcome to join us. For further details please phone 529244 (Avril). There may be a few vacancies for the Gardens of Sussex Tour, 7 – 10 July. If you are interested please contact 529244 A.S.A.P.. The coach will leave Knighton with a tour manager on board.

### Thank you John

A gift and card was presented to Revd John Hanna by our Warden, Jean Shuker, following his last service before the new priest-in-charge, Petra, commenced her ministry. We all appreciate the huge amount of help and leadership given to us by John during the interregnum.

### Altar Guild

Thank you to all the ladies who gave and arranged flowers for the Easter celebration and the licensing service for our new vicar, Revd Petra Beresford-Webb. Lots of lovely comments from church members and visitors. If you are interested in helping with arranging flowers or cleaning the brass in church please let me (Jean Price) know or speak to the wardens.

### Family News

Congratulations to Gareth and Georgie Pugh on the birth of their daughter on 5 May, a welcome sister for Harri and precious granddaughter for Colin and Phylis. Named Olivia Eleanor. Best wishes to you all.

It is good to see Peter Medlicott out and about following four months of

being confined to hospital and home following a nasty accident.

Following a spell in Hereford Hospital, Dorothy Earp is now back in Cottage View, recovering well.

We remember all who are anxious and unwell at this time, including Sylvia Balls and Monica Hobson. We pray for all in Knighton Hospital and Cottage View, including all who take great care of them.

We remember also all those who have recently been bereaved in our community. Our thoughts are with Hazel Watts, family and friends, as they mourn the loss of husband John. The funeral took place on 7 May at Hereford Crematorium, conducted by Jenny Bullough. The eulogy was spoken by Michael Conway. John was born in Knighton and known to so many people, especially in the building trade and all his hobbies and sport.

*Jean Price*

## New Knighton Comm Caretaker

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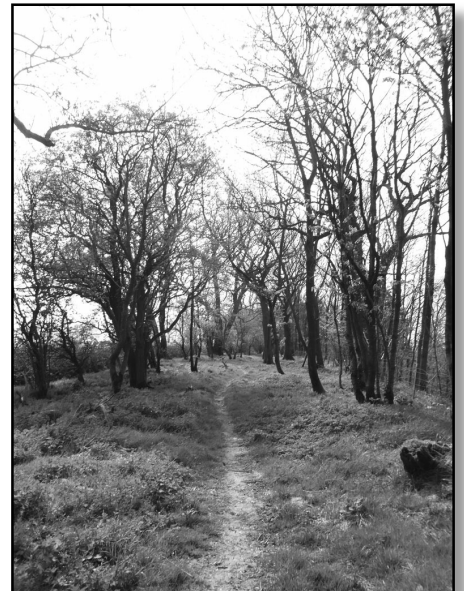
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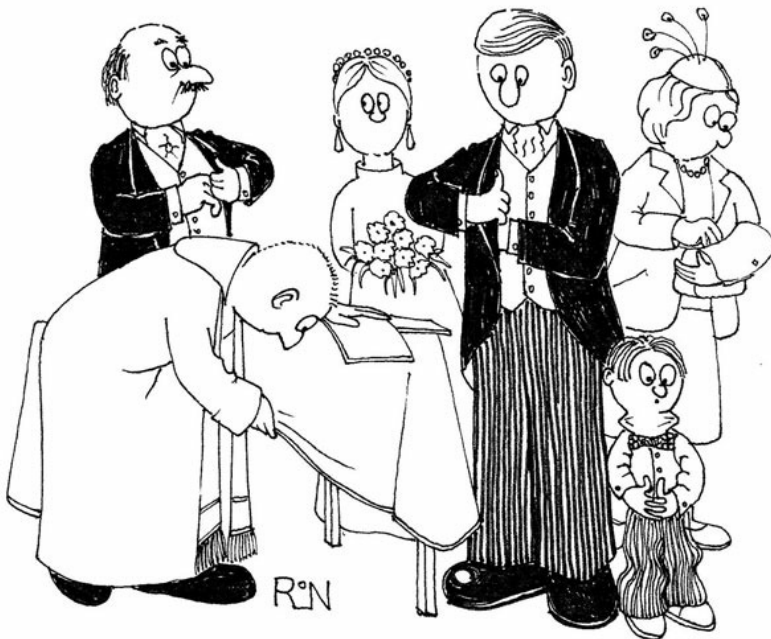
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Our psalm [133] declared “Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.” Archbishop John asked us to place Christ first and self second. Then with the prophet Isaiah [Chapter 12] we could shout and sing for joy.

### Rejoice!

Our New Testament reading from Philippians 4 directed us to rejoice in the Lord. The Archbishop amused us by recalling a tiny congregation of grumpies unable and unwilling to rejoice or change, unlike the people of St Edward’s who had removed pews to create a welcoming and useful space. He wished that all churches had such vision.

The Air Training Corps, which Petra had been chaplain to, dramatically led the whole procession in and out. Clergy from as far afield as the Gower attended along with Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics, all

welcoming Petra and inviting collaborative ministry. Church wardens from both East Radnor and Beacon Hill gave Petra the key to the church and led her to the bell to toll.

### Symbols and Meaning

Members of our several congregations brought up symbols of ministry: the Bible and Prayer Book, bread and wine, water and healing oil. We were all charmed not only by Petra’s extensive string of names but also by the ancient oaths which Archbishop John distilled to a promise to be “good”. The organist George Baker led us in hymns “Christ Be Our Light” and the “Servant King” – both about keeping Christ first in leading us into service.

### We’re a Team

It was a challenging event, as **we also** promised to be good, to place Christ first, to work together with Petra as a team. After prayers and a final blessing we adjourned to the Hall for a delightful tea with friends old and new.

*Note: Petra was previously the Priest for the Irfon and Wye Valley Ministry Area within our Deanery.*



Judy North leading our prayers

## Peal for Petra

On Monday 6th May, the day before Petra was inducted as the new Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice a group of ringers met at St Edward’s in Knighton to welcome her with a traditional peal (5152 changes).

The ringers were, on the treble, Gareth B R Jones 2nd Martin D Scott, 3rd David A Childs, 4th Peter D Sell, 5th Alex C Sharpe, 6th Lynn S Scales, 7th Tim D Hollinghurst,

while Halisi Drysdale conducted from the tenor.

The peal, Yorkshire Surprise Major, went well and took two hours and 54 minutes of non-stop ringing to complete. For Alex Sharpe this was his first peal of Surprise Major and for those of a technical nature the tenor weighs in at just over 9cwt and the ring is tuned to Ab.

*Roger Thomas*

The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.

- Henry Kissinger





The Air Training Corps



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Mark Beaton, Lance Sharpe & Linda Watson celebrate with Petra



The A.T.C.



Barbara Ind welcomes Petra on behalf of the Roman Catholics





Archdeacon Alan Jevons



Petra has just vowed that she would be "good"



Petra receives water from Jean Shuker, churchwarden



Symbols of Ministry



Dorothy and Michael Symonds







Archbishop John and Petra



Mark Beaton greets Petra



Archbishop John greets David Davies



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Revd Kevin Daren greets Petra





Refreshments in St Edward's Hall



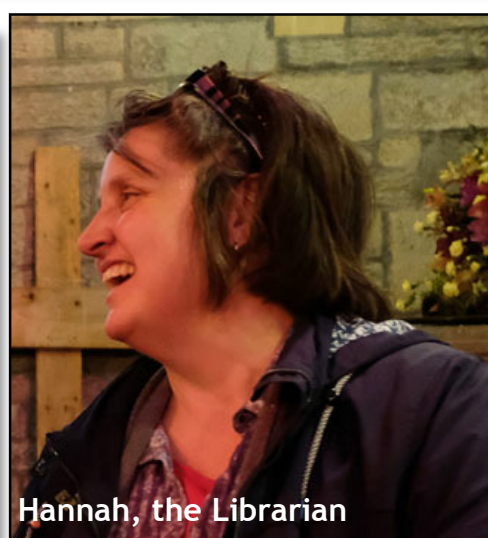
Rebe Brick



Aunty Ann and Uncle David and brother Charlie



Town Crier and



Hannah, the Librarian



## Out and about with the ladies....

**M**arch saw the St David's **Ladies Guild** taking the train down to Llandovery, a few of us benefiting from free travel on the Heart of Wales line with our 'crumbles' passes!

The ride has such lovely scenery and Llandeilo has some pretty good places to eat, as well as castle ruins and gift shops.

April and we were tripping out again, so to speak, (well we are always happy!) This time we visited Aardvark books at Brampton Bryan where we had a short talk from Sheridan about

the history of the book warehouse while we drank our tea. Then we were let loose amongst the stock of books, cards, cd's and DVD's and we had the place all to ourselves.....glorious!

On May 21st Kath Horne will demonstrate how to make chocolates...oooh and there will be a tasting.....

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**175 years ago**, on 6th June 1844 that the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) was founded in London.

**125 years ago**, on 18th June 1894 that Uganda was declared a British protectorate. (Gained independence in 1962.) Also 125 years ago, on

30th June 1894 that Tower Bridge in London was officially opened.

**100 years ago**, on 28th June 1919 that the Treaty of Versailles was signed at the Paris Peace Conference, marking the official end of the war.

**80 years ago**, on 7th June 1939 that King George VI became the first British monarch to visit the USA.

**75 years ago**, on 6th June 1944 that D-Day took place with the Normandy landings. Over 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, at the start of the Battle of Normandy. The battle ended on 25th August and was an Allied victory.

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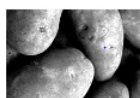


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**Art Workshop: Floral Monoprinting** with Catherine Wynne-Paton. Learn the principles of monoprint. **Sat 29th June. 9:30am. £45.**

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New  
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## Knucklas and District Notes

### The Knucklas Fringe:

There has been a lot of activity around, rather than in, Knucklas, recently.

Kate Ritchie held a successful felting class at Upper Treluggas. Knucklas artists gave some fine displays of their wares at Aardvaark Bookshop, Bucknell Church and the Bleddfa Centre. Also at the Bleddfa Centre was a fascinating talk about the very real difference between 'Thriving and Surviving'. Then, at Chapel Lawn Church, we were treated to a fine concert featuring the Llanfair Singers and our now Knucklas organist, Sean Farrall. In Knighton we had the very fully participated in licensing of the Revd Petra Beresford-Webb, to be our local priest. She is already

well known in these parts. The parish of Heyope (including Knucklas) is one of her areas of responsibility. On 27th May we have another 'Open Studios' event at Cwm Jenkin. It should be a good day out!

### In Knucklas itself:

The allotments and gardens are already showing the results of some fine late-spring weather and much work put in earlier.

Sadly, after a long and courageous fight, Jean Price, who lived opposite the bridge, has passed away. Sincere sympathy to Norman, and to her friends.

*Robert Forbath*

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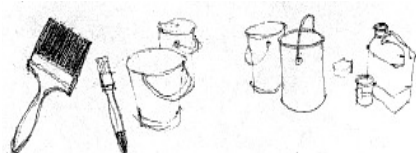
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## What's on at the W.I.s

### Felindre W.I. Has Good Reflexes



**R**eflexology was the topic of the guest speaker's presentation at the May meeting of Felindre WI. The President Jayne Harris welcomed members and introduced Sarah Bevan, a local young lady who has recently set up a Reflexology Treatment room in her home where she practices the ancient therapy.

Sarah studied at the West Shires School of Complementary Health in Carmarthen and achieved a Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology. Reflexology

is a gentle, non-invasive therapy that encourages the body to balance and heal itself. It involves applying finger or thumb pressure to specific points of the feet called reflexes – the treatment can also be performed on the hands and face.

Questions and answers followed, then Rebe Brick thanked Sarah for a fascinating presentation and invited Sarah to judge the competition for "odd socks." This was won by Wendy Lambourne with Rhona Barnett

second and Jayne Harris third. The mystery parcel was won by Gwlithyn Gough and flowers for the President's table for the July meeting was Maggie Flanders. The hostesses for the evening were Carol Peregrine and Kath Harris. The next meeting will be at Gwernerin by kind permission of Kath Horn with a bring and share afternoon tea. If you would like to join our W.I. please get in touch on 01547 510644.

*Rebe Brick*

### Stowe & Stanage W.I. to Host Kate Humble

**O**ur May meeting began with a report on the Welsh Conference held in Newport. Jenny Cox attended and enjoyed a full day of interesting speakers, including Elaine Theaker who holds two Guinness world records for rowing an ocean, and farmer and BBC presenter, Kate Humble. Final arrangements were made for our entries in the County Show, and for the team entering the

quiz. A talk on falls prevention is offered by the federation and several members will attend.

Julie Read from Tref y Clawdd W.I. showed us examples of cards she has made for all occasions and invited us to make one ourselves. We could choose from a great array of decorations, and soon got busy with the glue. Everyone enjoyed having a

go and the resulting cards were all very different and interesting.

We would be very pleased to welcome visitors to our next meeting on 4th June at 7pm in the Bar area of The Comm, when Andrew Wyton will give an illustrated talk on a garden in Italy. Please just turn up, or phone Alison Thomas (Secretary) on 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com

### The Gardens of Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.

**W**e had a very busy meeting discussing details of our entries for the County Show.

This was followed by an informative talk by Andrew Wyton on the Edwardian Garden. This was with slides and he made it very interesting explaining how gardens have changed over the years. It made for a very

relaxing evening which we appreciated.

The next meeting on 5th June is a visit to Cwm Weeg Gardens at Dolfor. If you would like to join us or for more information ring Julie 01547 529410 or Tina 01547 520 464.

*Pauline Parker*

### Chatterbrook W.I.

Our next meeting is  
Thursday June 13th  
8 pm

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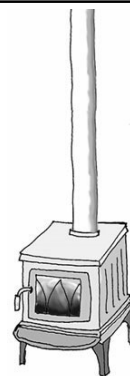
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### Old Radnor W.I. Have a Spring in Their Step

**T**he meeting of Old Radnor W.I. on Friday May 10th was a visit to Malvern Spring Festival. Everyone enjoyed their day with fine weather and so many interesting things to see. Great service from M&S Motors. Very comfortable mini bus and a nice big boot for all our purchases!

On Wednesday 1st May, five members attended the first of the informal get-togethers for Powys

Radnor W.I. at Gladestry Village Hall. Many thanks to Liz Watkins, our County Chairman, and her Board of Trustees. It was wonderful to be part of a very successful, enjoyable evening which members of Old Radnor shared with friends from Aberedw, Bryngwyn, Clyro and Gladestry in true W.I. spirit. Fun, friends, learning and excellent scones! An excellent evening.

Our week in the Kington Community Shop was a great success again this year ending with a total of £1,590. Many thanks to all who helped and to all the lovely people who supported us.

The next meeting on June 4th at 7.30pm in Walton Hall will be a cookery demonstration by The Hat Shop, Presteigne. All very welcome.

*Elizabeth Hughes*

### The Singing Llanfair Waterdine W.I.

**T**his month has turned us into a group of singers! We all joined in enthusiastically in a singing evening led by Charlotte Woodward. Her warm nature and enthusiasm gave everyone confidence and by the end of the evening we had learned several new songs and were **singing in four parts!**

June is a talk by Phil Morris about his work with "The Cart Shed". A local resident, Phil is going to tell us about this charity which supports people through providing access to woodland skills.

This is the time of the year when the W.I. thinks about wider issues so we

discussed the two agenda items for the national Annual Meeting where a representative from the area will vote on our behalf. There are two resolutions this year.

"A call against the decline in local bus services." What are they?!

And "Don't fear the Smear."

We felt that they were both items of some importance and voted in favour.

All our meetings begin at 7pm in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine on the first Friday of the month For further information contact Margaret Clugston (01547 529155) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477). Visitors are always welcome.

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**A**t the end of April a few members made the long journey down to Haverfordwest Showground for the All Wales Field Day.

Ben and Elizabeth represented Radnor in the Senior stock judging team and Thomas and Jon competed in the Junior stock judging team. Ella took the club's cube exhibit, themed Peter Rabbit, which came a very respectable 4th overall. Radnor had a

great day and were placed joint first overall as a county. So well done to everyone who competed.

The club would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the catering at the sheepdog trials at Beguildy: by either donating cakes, helping serve or coming along to support and buy bacon baps or cakes. This was a successful day for the club by raising £348.30 which will go

towards the club's 70th Dinner on Saturday 27th July.

Members are now busy practicing for the annual rally which is hosted by Presteigne YFC this year and will take place on Saturday 8th June at Ackhill Farm.

*Kim Barnett*



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## Celtic Saint of the Month - Kevin of Glendalough – died 3rd June

### Patron Saint of Blackbirds

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Glendalough means “the glen of two lochs” and is a most beautiful place with a fascinating array of ancient ecclesiastical remains. It was known as a monastic city and flourished for six hundred years. One of Ireland’s famous round towers can still be seen there, many inscribed stones and crosses and the remains of seven

churches. One is known as Kevin’s Kitchen as its belfry looks like a chimney. Kevin had originally settled in Glendalough to lead a peaceful eremitic life, but so many people wanted to join him that he had to make a hermitage in the woods to get some peace and quiet.

And what of the blackbird? Legend has it that one day when Kevin was praying with his hands outstretched, one hand was resting on the windowsill of his hut and a blackbird nested on it and laid an egg. Kevin was so touched that he refused to move his hand until the

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St Kevin’s Kitchen

### Knighton Pilgrimage of Song 2019

Once again the Pilgrimage choir are gathering to present informal acts of worship in local churches celebrating Ascension-tide, to which you are welcomed. We are going to the following churches and hope to see you there.

Friday 31st May     1pm   St Michael and All Angels, Knill  
                             6pm   St Andrew's, Presteigne  
Saturday 1st June   12.30 St David's, Heyope  
                             5.30pm St Mary's, Llanfair Waterdine  
Sunday 2nd June    11am, St Edward's, Knighton (Choral Eucharist)

### Welsh Words

*Yr Arglwydd a fo gyda chwi.*  
The Lord be with you.

*A hefyd gyda thi.*  
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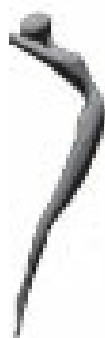


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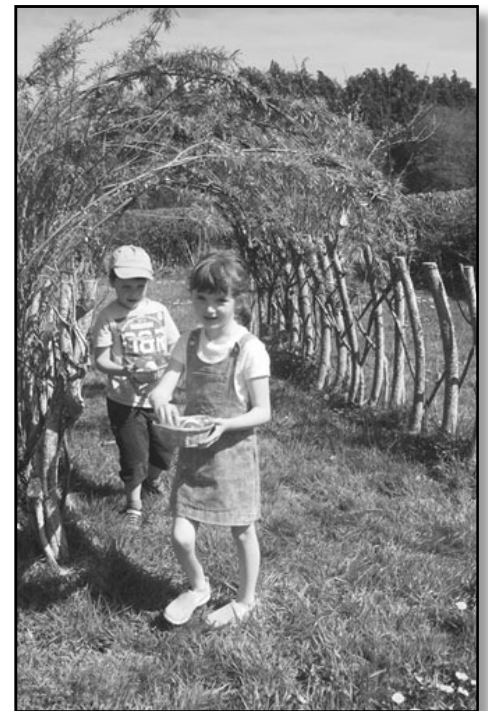
*Ruth Watson*

## Easter at The Hub

The photos show activities organised by the Old School Community Hub in New Radnor for the children of the village, over the Easter weekend.

Activities included an Easter egg hunt, Easter crafts and a delicious Easter afternoon tea party.

The Easter activities were organised by Natalie Banbury Pugh



Easter egg hunt



Easter paints

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# Easter at The Hub







2nd Knighton Brownies

## Rotary Club Supporting The Brownies



Above: Rotary Cheque  
presentation

L to R: Nick Stimpson, Eileen  
Myers, Brownie leader Julie  
King, Rotary President Ivan  
Jones

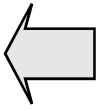
Left: Brownies doing activities  
with a leader



Jane, Kay and Sue Mullin Gladestry W.I. President

## Uganda Dream

photo by  
Liz Pinches



## Rotary Club Supports the 2nd Knighton Brownies

On Wednesday May 8th Rotary members attended the meeting of the 2nd Knighton Brownies at the Knighton Baptist Church. Brownie Leader Julie King explained how the Brownies work and interact with leaders. They will spend the Knighton Rotary Club's donation on resources such as Skills Builder/Unit Meeting Activities, Badge Books and Badges.

Rotary President Ivan Jones said, "We have enjoyed seeing the girls busy and happy and are proud to be able to support the Brownies in Knighton." Julie added, "We are very appreciative of the donation made by Knighton Rotary Club as it allows us to offer more to our girls. We are also looking to purchase cupboards to store equipment so this donation will allow us to concentrate on fundraising for those."

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They are keen to encourage people to join as leaders, helpers and girls in all sections.

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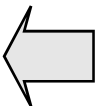
Last month started with a tasty frugal lunch at the home of Rotary member Bruce and Sandie Morgan, raising money for local charities. This was followed by a collection at the

Saturday markets in Presteigne and Knighton, raising money for Rotary **Shelterbox** to support those affected by disasters around the world; we have been able to send three Shelterboxes so far this Rotary year. Many thanks to all who donated so generously.

The month finished off with an excellent speaker from the charity "**Village Water**" who encourage rural communities in Mozambique and Zambia to install and maintain water wells, as well as providing education in health and hygiene.

See our website or Facebook page, or feel free to visit us on a Wednesday lunch or evening - you will be very warmly welcomed. Contact Norman Thorp 01547 529666 or Cathy Jones 07813 733240 for more details.

*Cathy Jones*



## Gladestry W.I. And the "Uganda Dream"

*The April meeting of Gladestry W.I. heard about the work of Midwives in Uganda. This is how it all started and where it has been going.*

After being enthralled with a lecture about education in Uganda at Lingen Lectures 2016, Jane Roberts and Kay Pritchard asked questions about their health provision, both having health backgrounds, Health Visiting and Midwifery.

Jane had retired and had hankered after doing volunteer work for some time, Kay had ill health and retired after suffering ovarian cancer and all the treatment that entailed, but was eager to use her skills.

Immediately "Ugandan Dream" was formed and after fundraising events and sponsorship, they were amazed at local people's generosity.

In November 2017 both professionals volunteered at Kyaninga Child Development Centre and Kagote Midwife led unit respectively, just outside the Western town of Fort Portal on the Congolese border.

They took with them the monies raised so that it could be spent at ground roots level on relevant items. Their decision to buy 20 children's wheelchairs made in Uganda and since their return a further 10, a water filter for clean water to aid taking

tablets, a refrigerator for storage of immunisations among other things is having a great impact on mothers and children's lives. They also took 92 kgs of medical supplies including sutures and toys providing stimulation for disabled children, in their hold luggage.

Since their month long volunteering time, they have managed to continue sending support from here with any friendly traveller to the area.

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horrible First World War history and delighted with details of the cutest animal that no one has ever heard of, the ili pika, followed by a group cartoon session using ideas from the children in the audience to create amazing illustrations.



Ili Pika in Mr Brown's Book



Radnor Valley School with Martin Brown

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

- Luther Burbank

## Flora and Fauna

June is the month that gives us so much enjoyment: the daily changes as plants and flowers unfold all around us, the long light and warm evenings making us feel good and the first rose to excite all who love flowers. Tender plants that we have been taking care of indoors are now planted out and growing well. This month the sun is at its strongest; the soil will quickly dry out, so watering and feeding the plants will be one of the important tasks for June. Hanging baskets, containers and tubs especially need help to provide the glorious colour we expect from them this summer.

### The Bearded Iris

One flower now becoming fashionable in larger gardens is the bearded iris, once restricted to white, blue and purple, but now available in

scintillating shades, light apricots, rich russets, caramel, pink, plum, every shade of yellow, baby to midnight blue and lavender. The rhizomes grow best in full sun, well drained soil; no month needs to be iris free. Names like "Celebration Song", "Stairway to Heaven", "Florentine Silk" and "Decadence", all with exquisite scent, a must-have flower which will add much drama to your garden. There are 300 Iris species; the national collection can be seen in Claire Austin's Nursery near Newtown.

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the garden, delightful colours and many with a delicious fragrance, wide variations of sizes and shape. In flower arranging we are seeing a move back to looser, more natural designs with roses and peonies holding central interest, rather like Constance Spry, who became a leader in this type of arranging back in 1927. For competition work, rules still apply, balance, style, rhythm, texture, all important elements of good design.

The late Richard Wood loved his garden and all the little birds. Every year he awaited the arrival of the swallows and house martins and kept a note of the date. Ours have just arrived (May 10th), later than usual. Summer is on its way!

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1 tsp olive oil	2 large tomatoes, diced
½ tsp sea salt	1 large cucumber, diced
½ tsp dried basil	½ - 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
½ tsp dried dill	¼ - ½ cup olives/semi dried olives
1 tsp garlic powder	/sun dried tomatoes
	Balsamic vinegar for topping (optional)



### Instructions

1. In a large pot, add the stock of choice and on medium heat, bring to the boil.
2. Once boiling, reduce to a simmer and add the olive oil and sea salt and mix well. Add the dry couscous and allow to cook for 1-2 minutes before removing from the heat. Allow the couscous to sit for 5-6 minutes, until most of the liquid has been absorbed.
3. After the liquid has been absorbed, fluff the couscous with a fork and add the dried basil, dill, garlic powder and marjoram and mix very well. Stir through the olive oil until the couscous is coated.
4. Add the tomatoes, cucumber, feta and olives (and any other additions) and mix well until fully incorporated. Top with extra feta and drizzle with balsamic and olive oil.

Notes: Can be made in advance. (Pre-cook couscous and have the vegetables chopped. Mix when ready to eat. Can be eaten warm or cold. Keeps in fridge for 5 days, without feta.

*By Arman @ thebigmansworld*

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*Thur* Ascension Day Service at St Edward's,  
*May 30* Knighton, 6.30pm.

### June 2019

*Sat 1* Monteverdi Vespers, St Andrew's Church,  
Presteigne, 7.30pm.  
New Radnor W.I., Beauty of Japan, Vill Hall,  
7pm.  
Pilgrimage of Song: 12.30 at St David's  
Heyope. 5.30 at St Mary's, Llanfair  
Waterdine.

*Sun 2* Big Breakfast, Evenjobb Vill Hall. 9-1pm.  
Pilgrimage of Song: Service at St Edward's,  
Knighton.  
P.C.C at St David's Colva,, 3.30pm.

*Mon 3* New Radnor W.I., Shrink Plastic, Vill Hall,  
7pm.

*Tue 4* MINISTRY AREA FORUM, Heyope  
Church, 7pm.  
Whitton W.I. Steven Hollinghurst: *My Kind  
of Music*, Whitton Hall, 7.30pm..  
Stowe and Stanage W.I. Andrew Wyton:  
Italian Garden. Knighton Comm, 7pm.  
Old Radnor W.I., Hat Shop Cookery Demo,  
Walton Hall, 7.30pm.

*Wed 5* Tref-y-Clawdd W.I. visit to Cwm Weeg  
Gardens, Dolfor.  
Felindre W.I. Gwernerin, Afternoon Tea.

*Fri 7* Llanfair Waterdine W.I. *A poem a day keeps  
the doctor away*, Everest Hall, 7pm..

*Sat 8* Fun & Well-being Day, Gladestry, 2-5pm.  
Annual YFC Rally at Ackhill Farm hosted by  
Presteigne YFC.  
New Radnor Plant Sale in front of Town Hall  
street, 9am onwards.  
Bingo, St Edward's Hall, 7pm.

*Sun 9* Music Night with Little Rumba, N.R. Hub,  
7pm onwards.

*Mon 10* Teme Valley Gardeners' Club. Afternoon  
visit to walled garden, Diddlebury.

*Tue 11* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.  
Hearing Aid Service, Knighton Comm  
10.30-12.30.

*19 - 19* Walton Vill Hall, Kington Charity Shop.

*Wed 12* Midweek Holy Communion at New Radnor  
Comm Centre, 11am, followed by lunch.  
Presteigne Floral Art, Demo on India,  
Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30pm.

*Thur 13* Quiet Hour, 1 Ystrad House, Knighton,  
10-11am.  
Chatterbrook W.I. Presteigne Memorial Hall,  
Tai Chi, 8 pm.

*Fri 14* New Radnor Over 60's. Outing to Newport  
House, meet opposite Escp#s. 12.30.  
'My Great Grandmother's Diary,' Colva  
Church, 6.30pm.

### *Sat 15* DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST RADNOR

Coffee Morning, St Ed's Church Hall, 10am.

*Tue 18* Gladestry W.I. Flower Arranging with Jayne  
Griffiths, Village Hall, 7.30.  
Ladies Guild. Fox Glass, Knucklas Comm  
Centre, 7.30pm.

*Wed 19* Midweek Holy Communion at St Edward's,  
Knighton, 1030am.

*Thur 20* Folk Night, Knucklas Castle Inn, 7pm.

*Sat 21* Carnival Band, Knighton Comm, 7.30pm.

*Sat 22* Whitton W.I. Community Barbeque.

*Mon 24* Teme Valley Gardeners' Club, Evening visit to  
garden at Rock House, Llanbister.

*Sun 23* Llangunllo Big Breakfast, Village Hall, 9-1.  
Music Night with Jess Squire, N.R. Hub,  
6.30pm.

*Tue 25* Craft Club, Knucklas Comm Cent, 2-4pm.  
Hearing Aid Service, Presteigne Youth Centre  
13.30-15.30.

*Sat 29* Ceilidh, Bleddfa Centre, 7.30pm.  
Knucklas Village Fete, Community Orchards, 2-5.  
Ordinations at Brecon Cathedral, 3pm Three  
priests to be ordained will serve their curacy  
in our Deanery of 'Radnor and Builth'  
Meinir Ronicle, Janet Day, Peter Letson.

*Sun 30* Strawberry Tea, New Radnor Old School Hub,  
3pm.

### *Future Dates*

*1 July* New Radnor W.I. Village Hall ,7 pm



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## Grid References and Postcodes for Churches

Beguildy	SO 194797	LD7 1YE	Pilleth	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
Bleddfa	SO 206683	LD7 1PA	Cascob	SO 239664	LD8 2NT
Heyope	SO 239745	LD7 1PY	N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
Llangunllo	SO 211712	LD7 1SW	Gladestry	SO 230551	HR5 3NR
Knighton	SO 287724	LD7 1AG	Colva	SO 199531	HR5 3RA
Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY	Evancoyd	SO 262627	LD8 2PA

### From the Registers

#### Funerals:

7th March St David's Whitton – Pauline Joan Morgan  
 15th March St Edward's Knighton – Davina Ann Bufton  
 23rd March St Mary's New Radnor – Vivian Lloyd  
 28th March St Peter's Evancoyd - Christine Turton

#### Interrments of Ashes

7th March St Andrew's Norton – Neil Reay  
 17th May St Mary's Gladestry - Ruth Patricia Jones

### Knighton Methodist Church

#### June

Sunday services at 11am.

### Knighton Roman Catholic Church

*Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Nicholas*

Every Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

Every Thursday: 11.30 Holy Communion

#### Initials on schedule, back page:

AG	Audrey Green
CG	Christine Gould
CH	Rev Christobel Hargraves
DD	David Davies
GW	Geoff Weaver
HC	Heather Carrington
HE	Heather Evans
MB	Rev Mark Beaton
MW	Mick Westrip
PBW	Petra Beresford- Webb

### Baptist Chapels

#### June

2	Norton St, 11am, Café Church, Nick & Bridget
2	Coxall, 2.30pm, Communion, M Humphreys
2	Llanbister Methodist with Pound 3.00pm
2	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Christobel Hargraves
9	Gravel, 2.30pm, Leigh Spicer
12	Norton St, 11am, Kevin Dare
9	Knucklas, 6pm, Sue Wilson
9	Pound with Llanbister Methodist, 2.30pm
16	Norton St. 11am, Patrick Baker
16	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Patrick Baker
16	Coxall, 2.30pm, Kevin Dare
16	Pound with Llanbister Methodist, 2.30pm
16	New Radnor Baptist, 3pm, Rev Patrick Baker
23	Norton St. 11am, Kevin Dare
23	Knucklas, 6pm, Kevin Dare
23	Llanbister Methodist with Pound, 3.00pm
30	Llanbister Methodist with Pound, 3.00pm
30	Maesyrhelem, Wesley Singers, 6.30pm.
30	Norton St. 11am, Kevin Dare

#### July

7	Norton St, 11am, Café Church, Nick & Bridget
7	Coxall, 2.30pm, Kevin Dare
7	New Radnor Baptist, SANKEY Songs of Praise, 7pm,.

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Llangunllo Village Hall	Tom Lewis	01547 550639			

## Open the Book

### Spies in Canaan

Left: The spies return holding huge grapes they found growing in the Promised Land



### The Road to Damascus

Left and below: St Paul is blinded by a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus. His life is turned around when Ananias lays hands on him for healing.



Ananias Healing St Paul



### The Road to Emmaus

Above: The risen Lord was revealed to his disciples on the road to Emmaus when he broke bread.

June 2019		June 2 <i>White</i> Sun. after Asc.	June 9 <i>Red</i> Pentecost	June 16 <i>White</i> Trinity Sunday	June 23 <i>Green</i> 1st after Trinity	June 30 <i>Green</i> 2nd after Trinity	July 7th <i>Green</i> 3rd after Trinity
	<b>Readings</b>	Acts 16.16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17.20-26	Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.24-34,35b Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15	1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a Psalm 42. [43] Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39	2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14 Psalm 77. 11-20 Galatians 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9.51-62	2 Kings 5.1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6.[1-6]7-16 Luke 10.1-11,16- 20
Beacon Hill	<b>Beguildy St Michael</b>	No Service	11:00am PBW Holy Communion	No Service	11:00am tbc Morning Worship	10:30am Ministry Area Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's GLADESTRY Preacher Rev Petra Beresford- Webb Celebrant Rev Mark Beaton	No Service
	<b>Bleddfa M Magdalene</b>	8:30pm MB Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service		8:30pm MW Compline
	<b>Heyope St David</b>	3:00pm AG Evensong	No Service	11:00am PBW Holy Communion	No Service		3:00pm AG Evensong
	<b>Llangunllo St Cynllo</b>	No Service	No Service	6:30pm MB Evening Worship	No Service		No Service
East Radnor	<b>Cascob St Michael</b>	3:00pm PBW Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service	St Mary's GLADESTRY Preacher Rev Petra Beresford- Webb Celebrant Rev Mark Beaton	3:00pm PBW Holy Communion
	<b>Knighton St Edward</b>	11:00am PBW Holy Communion	9:30am tbc Morning Worship	9:30am PBW Holy Communion	11:00am PBW Family Service		11:00am PBW Holy Communion
	<b>Norton St Andrew</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service		No Service
	<b>Pilleth St Mary</b>	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm PBW Battle of Pilleth Sunday		No Service
New Radnor	<b>Whitton St David</b>	9:30am DD Morning Worship	9:30am PBW Holy Communion	9:30am DD Morning Worship	9:30am PBW Holy Communion	St Mary's GLADESTRY Preacher Rev Petra Beresford- Webb Celebrant Rev Mark Beaton	9:30am DD Morning Worship
	<b>Colva St David</b>	2:30pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service		2:30pm MB Evening Prayer
	<b>Evancoyd St Peter</b>	11:00am HE Morning Worship	3:00pm MB Holy Communion	No Service	<u>11:15am</u> MB Holy Communion		11:00am HE Morning Worship
	<b>Gladestry St Mary</b>	11:15am MB Baptism	9:15am MB Holy Communion	11:15am MB Holy Communion	6:00pm CG Evening Prayer		11:15am MB Family Service
New Radnor	<b>Llan'i N M St Michael</b>	No Service	11:00am MB Holy Communion	No Service	3:00pm MB Evening Prayer	St Mary's GLADESTRY Preacher Rev Petra Beresford- Webb Celebrant Rev Mark Beaton	No Service
	<b>New Radnor St Mary</b>	9:15am MB Holy Communion	6:00pm MB Informal Worship	9:15am MB Holy Communion	10:00am CG Morning Worship		9:15am MB Holy Communion