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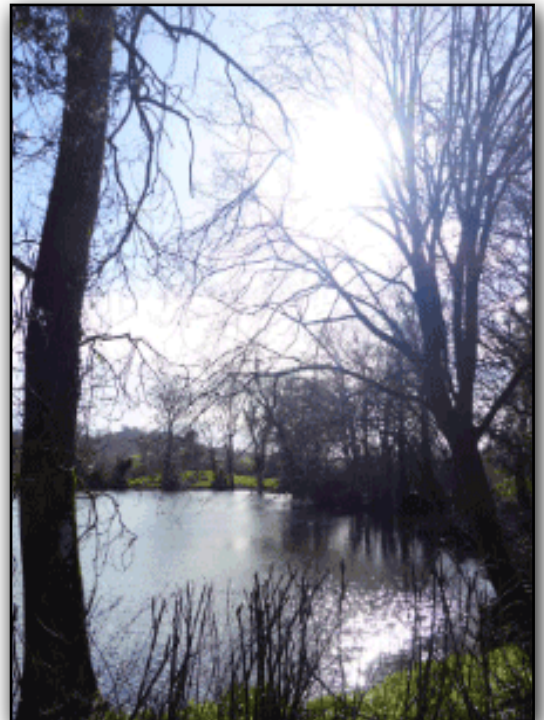
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Summergil to Hindwell



Summergil at Downton



Hindwell Pool



Four Stones



Summergil where it flows underground



Summergil, Whimble in background



Dipper in Summergil

Summergil Brook winding its way onwards to Hindwell

Summergil Brook is one of the few rivers in Wales which has an Anglo Saxon name (*gil* is another word for brook). This twisting stream has been the life blood for farming communities since ancient times; it is approximately 5 miles long and zig zags its way through New Radnor towards the East, past Downton where it was dammed to create fish ponds.

Nearby are the Four Stones, Bronze Age stones standing about 1 to 1.5 metres high. As at other Radnorshire sites folklore abounds.

“To some they mark the graves of four kings killed in a nearby battle, whilst in 1925 Alfred Watkins wrote: ‘if you stamp on the ground between them it sounds hollow. Fifty years ago, I was told at the Crown [inn] at Walton, ‘they do say how when the Four Stones hear the sound of Old Radnor bells they go down to Hindwell pool to drink’.” *

In summer the brook flows underground for about two miles. This underground watercourse is important for the farms in the valley as the fields dry out easily over the gravel and in previous centuries water was taken from the Summergil to flood the fields to grow early grass in the spring by means of a complex irrigation system feeding water meadows.

The area which embraces the Summergil is known as the Radnor Valley and in modern archaeological terms the Walton Basin. The steep sides surrounding this valley contain some of the oldest rocks in Wales, namely Stanner, Hanter and Worsell: these outcrops were formed some 700 million years ago.

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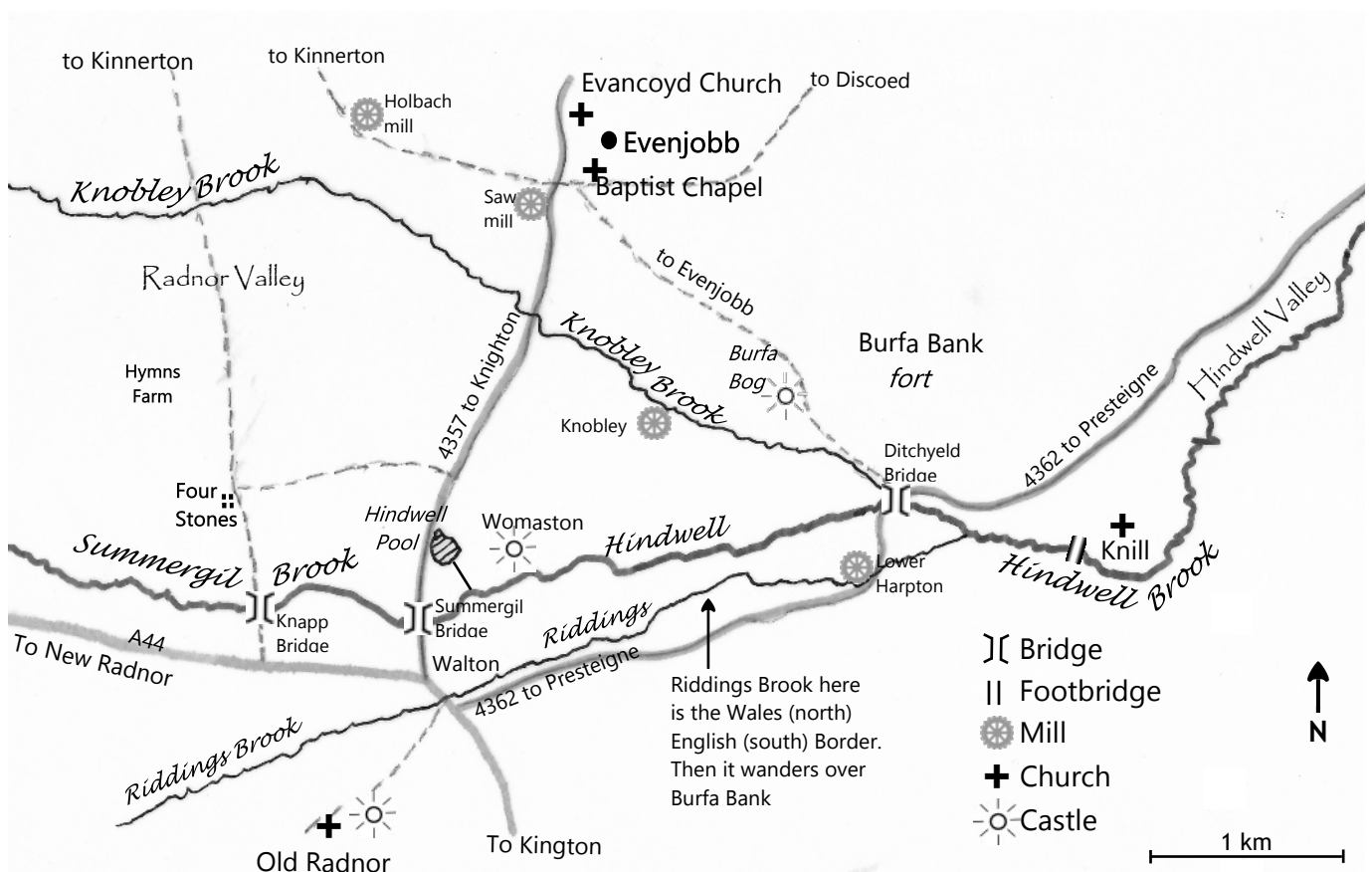
Summergil Brook with the Whimble, courtesy of Ann

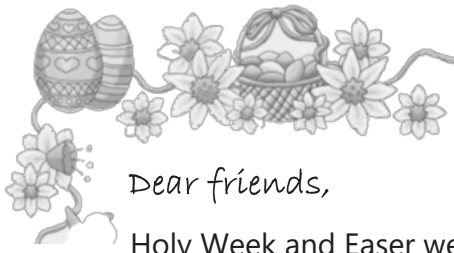
Goodwin taken from Summergil Bridge.

Dipper by Michael Capstick

*[Four Stones] Walking the Old Ways of Radnorshire

Andy & Karen Johnson, page 104





Dear friends,

Holy Week and Easter were very different this year. On a positive note we did have some services this year, unlike last year. This is a step forward. I am hoping that we are in a position to start looking toward the future but I realise that none of us know what this virus is going to try next. I feel that it is important to be positive. In order to do so we must be flexible. Plans will be made and depending on the rules they may go ahead or may be cancelled. We must keep those back burners ready.

It is easy to see everything in a gloomy light but this is not what Christ did for us. We have just remembered His crucifixion and resurrection and seen that out of the darkness miracles can happen.

As we know God answers our prayers according to what we need and He knows best. We can feel as though the worries of the world are on our shoulders but we must have faith.

We will not return to the old normal but as spring is springing, flowers blooming, birds singing and we see the joy of God's creation, we see how life is renewed.

So let us keep praying, thinking outside of the box and having faith that our ministries will continue and grow both in and outside of our churches.

Love and Blessings,
Petra



The Cover - A Musical Window

This delightful scene of a shepherd piping is part of a larger window at Monkland Church. The shepherd playing his pipe is almost a St Francis figure as he leans against the tree. The tuneful notes attract birds, and the flowers are dancing to his melody. Even his dog is enrapt. The sheep cluster near him, and the hills behind are singing for joy.

The full window shows Christ in the centre dressed in shepherd robes with a touch of gold as he conducts the pastoral scene from above. He holds a book and gives the peace sign. He is surrounded by myriad red angels.

The other panels show an informal family group singing with a standing shepherd piping his tune. King David plays his harp while other kings and saints look on. The whole scene is topped with more angels.

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Terraced garden in attractive wooded valley overlooking lake; yew hedges; rose garden with pergola; kitchen garden and small orchard; azaleas and rhododendrons.

Daft Dingle Mix-up

In April I made a “Dingle mix-up.” The photograph of the lifebuoy/house sign for *Mimulus* shown on page 9 is stated to be at the end of Harley Dingle. It is in reality at the end of Mutton Dingle. *Laura, editor*

The owner, Geoffrey Anson, says, “I spotted the lifebuoy nearly twenty years ago whilst sailing back from Ireland to Fishguard. It was in a clean condition so had not been in the water very long and may have come from a ship/boat or may have been washed off a beach. When I moved to *Mimulus* I needed a house sign which could be clearly seen and seeing the stream a few feet away from the gate this seemed a good use.

As I was fixing the lifebuoy to the hedge a passerby said, ‘Expecting a high tide?’ My reply was “Don’t forget Noah.”

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Summergeil Brook winding its way onwards to Hindwell (cont)

(*cont from p 3*) They [rocks] comprise a type of shale which was made up of layers of mud and sea crustaceans on the ocean floor but during a period of extreme volcanic activity this area of the sea bed was forced upwards. Comparatively recently, 12,000 years ago at the end of the ice age, erosion shaped the hills as we know them today. Hindwell Pool draws on the same underground supply of water as the Summergeil and was formed at the lowest point of the valley where melt water collected after the last ice age.

More is being discovered by archaeologists all the time about the history of the valley. Indeed the Summergeil Brook follows a course south of the seventy-five acre site of a Neolithic palisaded enclosure built between 2800 and 2400 BC and the Hindwell Cursus between 3900 and 3400 BC comprising two parallel ditches approximately 3 miles long. The reason for this causeway is yet to be discovered but it could have had a ceremonial purpose. The brook also wends its way between five Roman encampments including an Auxiliary fort, a civilian settlement and possibly a bath house at Hindwell, built 50 AD with some evidence of Roman roads. Standing and looking at fields today the evidence is not visible but advancing aerial photographic techniques show crop markings and new features to be discovered. Thus we can see that the light soil and waters of the Summergeil have been an important factor in human settlement for thousands of years.

Today Hindwell Pool is beautiful and enigmatic with its family of swans and waterfowl; its changing moods have inspired many writers. In Hansard's book 'Trout and Salmon Fishing in Wales' (1834) it states that the 'Somergill and Hendewell' were both famous for their trout and eels and it is known

that William Wordsworth fished at Hindwell pool in 1810, having borrowed a fishing rod from Sir Humphrey Davy. Hindwell Farm-house which overlooks the lake is a grade II listed Georgian House which provides holiday accommodation in a beautiful location.

Beyond Hindwell Pool at the eastern end of the Radnor Basin, the Summergeil takes on the name of the Hindwell despite it being the larger of the two brooks and the next valley.

It is joined by Knobley Brook, which flows from the Radnor Hills below Kinnerton and Evenjobb, feeding mills in the past. It passes Burfa Bog which is managed by the Radnorshire

Wildlife Trust and is a Site of Special Scientific

Interest with its marsh flora and wide range of breeding birds. Duck-boards around the site make access easy over the boggy areas. It also contains a 12th

Century motte and bailey castle.

Soon it joins the Hindwell at Ditchyeld Bridge just below Burfa Bank. Walkers on Offa's Dyke pass here. Its course is now known as the Hindwell Valley in which are situated the hamlets of Knill (page 19), Brampton, Nash and Rodd. It eventually joins the River Lugg near Combe east of Presteigne.

Joanna Winstone with thanks to Ann Goodwin for information



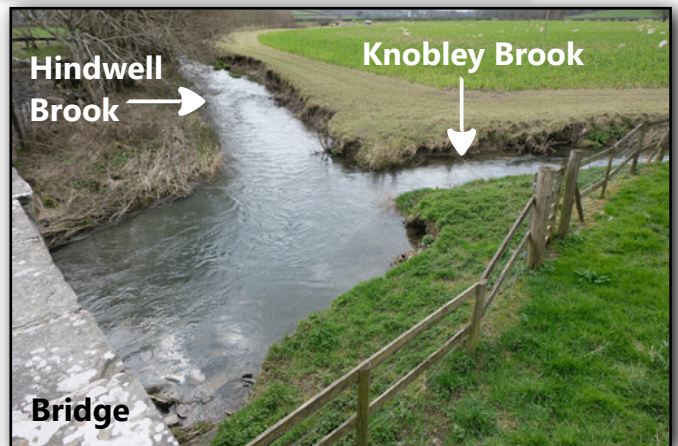
East end of
Hindwell Pool



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Ditchyeld Bridge over Hindwell Brook



Hindwell and Knobley from Ditchyeld Bridge



Burfa Farmstead, medieval timber-framed
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Ragged Robin at Burfa Bog

Evancoyd Church and Chapel



St Peter's



Nave and Chancel with gilt and unusual blue

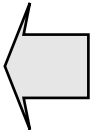


Bethel English Baptist Church - Only a slim minister could access this south door. A larger congregational door is on the west side. No land for burials.

Besides these two churches there are several other noteworthy churches and chapels in/near the Radnor Valley, covered on pages 18-21.



Hazy photo taken through a window of Evenjobb Baptist Church



Church and Chapel at Evenjobb

St Peter's Evancoyd Church

St Peter's (1866-70) sits above the village, its elegant spire clearly visible from many aspects. The well maintained churchyard sweeps down to the village. The north side of the churchyard has a broad field used for parking. Unusually Evancoyd church does not have the usual wall, but a ha-ha, a sunken stone wall. Evancoyd was sponsored by the Mynor family who lived at Evancoyd Court nearby;

hence the difference in the name from Evenjobb.

The interior is described by Angus Kaye as "almost ethereal"* with an inspired chancel arch, carved wooden reredos and gilt screen. There is fine stone carving throughout. A versatile side aisle can be used in many ways, and parishioners are comfortably warm with radiators at the pews.

*The Transactions of the Radnorshire Society 2018, p 56.

Bethel English Baptist Church

R.W.D. Fenn (former chair of the Radnorshire Society) said, "Evenjobb's 1849 Bethel is perhaps Radnorshire's most charming and least known example of a wayside nonconformist temple."

from "Marching to Zion: Radnorshire Chapels."

The Chapel was started by Mrs Knight who had "religious impressions" when she was eleven and living at Rock (Crossgates) where she was later baptised. After marriage she lived at 'Hymns' (on the map near Four Stones [spelled 'Hims' then]). She would walk seven miles to a farmhouse in Franksbridge, Rhiwa, her nearest Baptist service. After a revival meeting she started opening her parlour at 'Hymns' to the seven new converts. The minister from Rock led services there and at Gladestry (also meeting in a home)

The congregation grew, and by 1847, 24 new people had joined. Time for a chapel. The land was given and they managed to raise £150, through donations from farm labourers and servants, although the owner of Knill Court also contributed. The new chapel opened in 1849. Chapels were also built at Franksbridge and Gladestry. By 1861, 82 persons were baptized in Evenjobb and Gladestry. Baptisms took place in local streams.

Today Olwen Morris remembers attending Sunday School at both the Chapel at 11am and the Church at 3pm, plus a service at each.) The chapel gallery was crowded for the annual Children's Anniversary. They were taught by Miss Davies, a housekeeper at Cottage Farm, who gave each child a gift after the Anniversary service. Olwen received a tea cosy!

Her grandparents, William and Beatrice Davies of Hoddell Farm in Kinnerton, were loyal supporters and benefactors of the chapel. They installed the text behind the pulpit: "O Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness".

Olwen also remembers the baptismal font. They lifted the lid for a full immersion. They loaded the stove with coke for a warm chapel. Reverend Venables, who was there in the 1950's, would take tea with her grandparents in Kinnerton after Sunday worship; the next week he alternated with members living at Womaston.

Before the chapel closed loyal members were Glyn and Ivy Harris, and Charlie Williams of Valley Holding.

Information from Ann Goodwin, Olwen Morris and "A History of the Baptists in Radnorshire" John Jones
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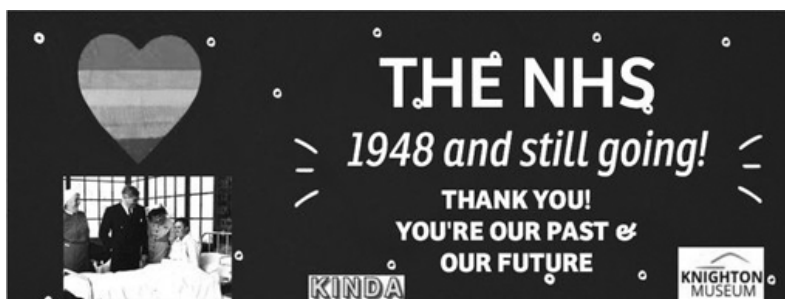


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Collecting and recycling crisp bags has also continued. Powys County Council do not recycle these bags. We aim to encourage everyone to recycle so that plastic and other rubbish do not litter our countryside and rivers. We will be restarting monthly litter picks as soon as restrictions are lifted to allow organised activities again.

Other activities that will re-emerge are publicising the local free water refill scheme, working with Knighton Carnival so the carnival becomes plastic free and organising a survey of plastic usage in Knighton. When outdoor fetes are possible, we hope to run some more stalls on environmental issues. We have cross membership with other groups such as Wales in Bloom, Sustainable Food Knighton and the Science and Nature group at Knighton Community Centre.

We encourage you to volunteer to help with any of these activities, develop a project of your own or volunteer to help with social media and website development help. The latter is really needed!!!

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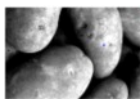
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"At all stages of my ministry, I have been fortunate to have the support of many valued lay and ordained colleagues, from both within and outside the Church, and a wonderfully loving and understanding family."

Bells of St Mary's

Thank you to Tim Hollinghurst for tolling the tenor bell 99 times for The Duke of Edinburgh. A lot of people heard it and commented.

St Mary's New Radnor has a fine peal of 6 bells and Tim is the Captain of the Tower. However, he is short of ringers and is on the lookout for more or the bells will become silent.

If anyone would like to have a go or come back to ringing please contact me and I will put you in touch with Tim.

Michael 01544 350352



Archbishop John welcoming the webinar on Interfaith Dialogue

Following Archbishop John's retirement, the Bishop of Bangor will lead the Church until the election of a new Archbishop later in the year.
Diocesan website

Duke of Edinburgh



Archbishop John paid tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh, "These are but a few examples from a long life, packed with variety and rooted in the service of others, the nation, the Commonwealth and beyond. For his gifts and talents, for the benefits that his life brought to the lives of others, for his sense of duty and calling, and for his many evident and admirable qualities and attributes, we should give thanks and pray that he might be at peace, free from human frailty, and in new life with Christ."



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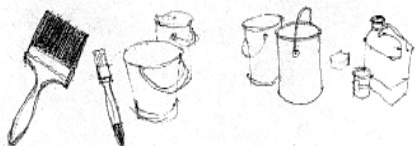
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Brendan the Navigator 16 May (died c. 575)

I have written about St Brendan of Clonfert before, but there is more to his story. Brendan was from County Kerry on the west coast of Ireland and he would have made many journeys by sea. We know that he visited St Columba over on Iona (and Wales of course) and there are several medieval churches dedicated to him around the Scottish islands and the Isle of Man, for he was the patron saint of seafarers.

Nowadays Brendan is best known as the hero of *"The Voyage of St Brendan"*. This story is an allegory, rather like *"The Lord of the Rings"* is an allegory of the triumph of good over evil or *"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"* is an allegory of the Christian Gospel. *"The Voyage of St Brendan"* is said to be an allegory of the church's liturgical year. In the story Brendan builds a Curragh (an unusually large coracle) and sets out with 17 companions to find the Island of Paradise. Different islands are visited at special times of the year, such as Christmas and Easter, various sea monsters are encountered and devils and demons have to be overcome. Brendan is told that he must

continue the circling voyage for seven years before he can visit the Island of Paradise.

Some of the islands we can recognise are the Faroes, Iceland, icebergs (and a whale) and possibly even Newfoundland.

They spend 40 days exploring the Island of Paradise, "the Promised Land of the Saints", until they encounter a deep river. Then they know they must turn back and they sail home. Not long afterwards Brendan dies, "migrating from among the hands of his disciples in glory to the Lord". You can hear the Dean of Canterbury reading the whole story at www.canterbury-cathedral.org/the-voyage-of-saint-brendan/

Rosemary Hanna



Cyril of Jerusalem

At our Zoom Lent Lunch on 17 March Mark read highlights from today's saint, Cyril of Jerusalem, from around 350AD. As Bishop for 37 years Cyril paints for us a vivid picture of the early Christian Church:

Here are some of his memorable words:

"Angels shall chant" over our salvation.

Our minds should be *"refined as by fire unto reverence"*

Our souls should *"be forged as metal"*

"stubbornness ... hammered out:"

"scales of the iron drop off, and what is pure remain;"

He cautions: *"beware lest [the serpent] bite you with unbelief."*



Image from Wikipedia

Church by the Hindwell Brook



St Michael's Knill

Just as the Hindwell leaves the Radnor Valley it forms a delightful niche for remote Knill, with its charming Court and Walled Garden, accessible during Open Gardens.

St Michael's church stands on a leafy mound. It was re-built in 1873-74 in the 1300's style, but it has plenty of truly ancient features, including parts of the 12th Century nave and chancel, and a Norman window. The font with its dramatic cross is 12th or 13th Century. Hatchments from 1617-1874 in the nave roof bear the coat-of-arms of the Walsham and Garbett families. An ancient memorial tablet dates from 1685. Fine stained glass decorates the church.

The churchyard cross outside on its three stepped plinth is probably 14th Century.

Although Knill is in England it boasts a very Welsh dragon on the lane.

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AND IN THANKFULNESS TO HIM FOR
THE VICTORY GRANTED TO US IN THE
GREAT WAR OF 1914-1918
AND FOR HIS MERCIES IN BRINGING
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WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY OVERSEAS.**

Touching World War I Memorial inside Knill Church.



Faith in Families

Ascension is coming up when we turn in

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As the news is becoming more positive we are hoping that, in the not-too distant future we may be able to meet together again. Look in the June edition of The Radnor to see what news we have.

We are also looking for a cook to help on a regular basis. If you are such a person, or know of someone who would be interested please ring Sister Margaret on 01547 528 154. Thank you so much.

Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society

Presteigne Flower Club is still unable to hold its monthly meetings, but we are joining short demonstrations arranged by Mercia & North Wales Area on Zoom for about an hour on Tuesday afternoons.

To join the demonstrations (no charge) or info:
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We do hope to be back before too long with our programme of live demonstrations.



Knill Church

North side



Ancient preaching cross



Ancient baptismal font



Welsh dragon
welcomes you to
Knill.

Sit here if you
dare.

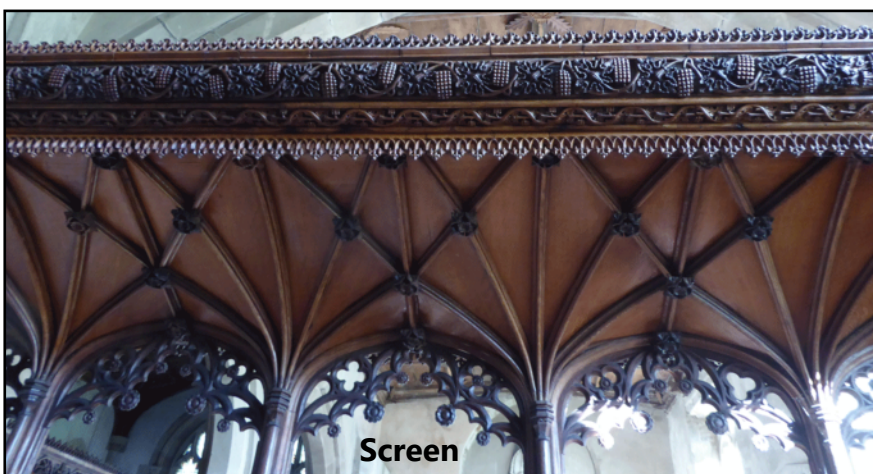
Kinnerton Church/Chapel



Red Hare from St Mary's website

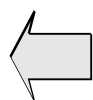


Old Radnor Church



Churches and Chapels Around the Radnor Valley

St Mary's Kinnerton



Kinnerton lies midway between New Radnor and Evenjobb, rising above the Radnor Valley. A castle mound is on the south side of the village. When the Church in Wales was disestablished in 1920 Kinnerton stayed with the Church of England because of a substantial bequest linked to their C of E status.

Kinnerton was totally rebuilt in 1884-5. Parishioners describe the church: "We are a very small church down in the Radnor Valley, surrounded by hills and we are firmly over the border. Ring the bell to call our handful of worshippers to church in lambing and you can hear the ewes and lambs just over the churchyard wall. It's handy to be praying for the farm when you can hear it going on all around you. We are small but there is life here! We have about 100 residents, and there is planning permission for eight new houses."

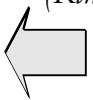
(Kington Parishes website)

On the entrance gate is this poignant World War II Memorial:

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(COLDSTREAM GUARDS)
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DEDICATED JUNE 11TH 1950

Old Chapel, Kinnerton

Kinnerton Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was first built before 1800 and rebuilt in 1877 using polychromatic brick. By 2002 the chapel had fallen into disuse.. It is a private dwelling with "Old Chapel" as its name.



St Stephens, Old Radnor

Old Radnor is blessed with a panoramic view of the Radnor Valley. The tower of St Stephen's Church rises above the southwest end of the valley. On a fine day you would be hard pressed to find any place more delightful than one of the picnic tables at the Harp Inn next door.

Three carved stone statues of Jesus, Mary and St Stephen are placed above the porch entrance. Inside is a massive stone font, an 'erratic' (stone left behind from a melting glacier). Angus Kaye sites the charming notion that the four feet it stands on represent the Four Stones. (page 2) *The Transactions of the Radnorshire Society* 2019 (page 122)

The church's website describes several features: "The lovely wooden screen, stretching across the width of the church, is 15th century, and is one of the best in Wales.

Also of wood, and also lovely, is the organ case, a remarkable survivor from about 1500 and the earliest of its kind in Britain."

"There are medieval floor tiles in several parts of the church. There is a stone slab incised with a cross in the nave floor of the church, said to be the tombstone of Hugh Mortimer, Rector of Old Radnor in the 13th century."

"Prominent in the churchyard is a huge block of rough hewn stone that is the tombstone for the grave of Sir Herbert Lewis, 4th Baronet of Harpton Court."

"Across the lane from the church is a raised earth platform with a ditch around it that some have suggested was where the castle stood." *(Kington Parishes website)*

Photos of 3 churches by Laura
except Red Hare window and
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Mums Matter	4,11,18,25 May; 8,15 June, 10.30-12.30 Tues 7wks	Presteigne Tracy
Mums Matter	5,12,19,26 May & 2, 9,16 June, 1.30-3.30pm 7 wks	Online Zoom Tracy
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Building Self Worth	13,20,27 May, 12-2pm Thursdays 3 weeks	Online Zoom Lizzie & Janet
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Tel:01544 370700 clerk@gladestry.org.uk

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Gladestry 49 Club

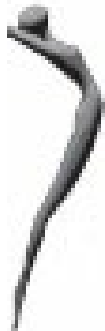
Thanks to all you supporters of Gladestry 49 Club. We are now in our tenth year!

Here are the winners for Feb and March: Viv Lloyd, Sue Robinson, Frank Mullin, Andrea Croose, Mary Hughes, Andrea Croose (again), Brian Littleworth and Roger Evans.

All the cash prizes have been distributed or run on to pay subs. The weekly prize is currently £21. If you would like to join - and you don't have to live in Gladestry - please contact me on 01544 370296. Wishing all the winners out there well.

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Work was important to Paul but it was far from being everything. Family, home and community were the other mainstays of his life. To them all he brought support, love, kindness, patience, good sense, generosity, humour, hard work and deeply felt commitment.

Few aspects of village life went on without Paul's involvement from Friends of St Cynllo's, to Big Breakfast, Boundary Walk, Christmas Tree organizing, churchyard

maintenance, caring for neighbours in need and much more. He would fashion amusing side shows, lift, carry, rearrange, transport goods and people, clear up and generally be there at Central

Villa (how convenient for us) whenever something was needed and even when it wasn't very convenient for him his irritation was well hidden by a helpful and businesslike demeanour.

Paul was a jolly good chap you'd meet and chat with when he was about in the village. We hope to have a Memorial Service when Covid 19 allows.

Pam Livingstone-Lawn



Rick Twyman (1940-2021)

Soon after the tragic death of Paul Northwood, Llangunllo lost another of its most distinguished – and most distinctive-looking – residents, Rick (Frederick Mansell) Twyman. Though a proud (Bournville) Brummie by birth, Rick had lived for many years at Bryntirion, renowned for the 'dragon hedge' he created. Pioneering computer expert, mathematician and teacher, Rick's career took him all over the world: to Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and China. He also shared with his wife Erica ('Ricki', died 2015) a fascination with acting and the theatre.

In later years Rick delighted in visits to and from his widely scattered children and their families: Nick in the U.S.A; Abigail in Australia; and Dominic in Germany. In Llangunllo, 'Gandalf' made strictly timed visits to the Greyhound, often producing some

ingenious new gadget. During his last months he was nurtured by his 'bubble' – Jake and Paul the Pub; Deb and Trev; the late Paul Northwood and Claire; and by his niece Becca.

Rick was a passionate atheist – who argued equally passionately for keeping Llangunllo church open as a community focus, and acted as key holder. He was also the highest-principled, most strictly honest, cleverest, kindest and most humorous person you could meet. His many friends will miss him.

*Charles Kightly
photo by Jane Read*



Holy Week

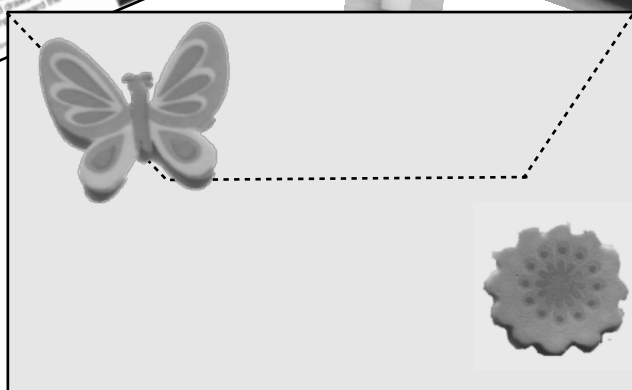
Palm Sunday cross and celebration card



Easter Vigil candle



A bee bomb
to plant for
bees!



The butterfly
and flower are
signs of new
life.

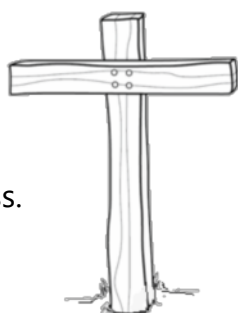
Good Friday

In the **Good Friday** service at Bleddfa Petra considered the **Tree**.

Its wood might have been fashioned for Jesus' cradle.



Or it might have been the wood which was worked in Joseph's carpentry shop.



But instead it became a cross.

*Our Good Friday Zoom service was a journey through the **Stations of the Cross**, shown opposite. Along with each image Mark read a sonnet from "Soundings of the Seasons" by Malcolm Guite. Here is one from Station 6.*

Station 6 - Veronica

Bystanders and bypassers turn away
And wipe his image from their memory
She keeps her station. She is here to stay
And stems the flow. She is the reliquary
Of his last look on her. The bloody sweat
And salt tears of his love are soaking through
The folds of her devotion and the wet
Folds of her handkerchief, like the dew
Of morning, like a softening rain of grace
Because she wiped the grime from off his skin.
And glimpsed the godhead in his human face
Whose hidden image we all bear within.
Through all our veils and shrouds of daily pain
The face of God is shining once again."



1 Jesus is condemned to death



2 Jesus is made to carry his cross



3 Jesus falls for the first time



4 Jesus meets his mother Mary



5 Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus cross



6 Veronica wipes Jesus face



7 Jesus falls for the second time



8 Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem



9 Jesus falls for the third time



10 Jesus is stripped of his garments



11 Jesus is nailed to the cross



12 Jesus dies on the cross



13 Jesus is taken down from the cross

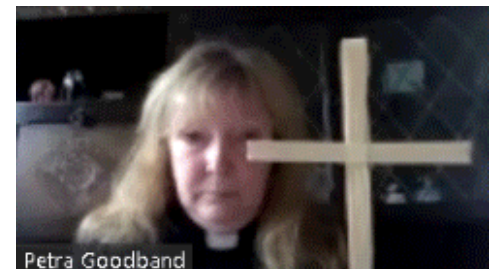
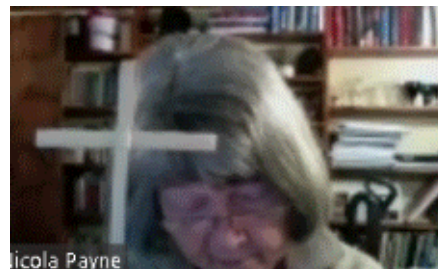
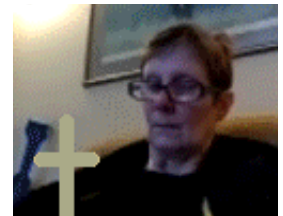


14 Jesus is laid in the tomb

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Zoom Service

Palm Sunday – Blessing the Crosses



Good Friday



Rachael & Petra – Rachael's first service in Bleddfa



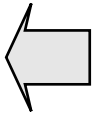
Donkeys wear a cross for Palm Sunday

Zoom Gatherings

Sixty people regularly come to Sunday worship on Zoom at 9.30am. You may join us on your computer, smart phone or ordinary landline. Contact Petra or Rachael if you would like to join. Details of the current week are always on www.beaconhillbenefice.org.uk

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we brought crosses to the service. Here (opposite) we are raising our crosses to our screens for a virtual blessing.



We re-told the story of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey with everyone hailing him as King by waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna!” This is a glorious moment in the church year. We love to process with our crosses around the church, inside and outside singing “All glory laud and honour”.

Donkeys

Our Lent Lunch on 25 March celebrated donkeys in honour of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

Petra read us sections from “Words by the Way” about a donkey who had a cross on his back (many donkeys have a cross like the one in the photograph) because he carried Christ. Maybe we also carry Christ invisibly every day, everywhere.

In the Old Testament (Numbers 22-24) a donkey stopped dead in his tracks because he saw an angel brandishing a sword right in front of him. His rider, Balaam, can’t see the angel. Maybe we see things others can’t. The stubborn donkey even speaks, and he won’t budge. We should be stubborn too, about what we know is important.

21 March – Passion Sunday

We read about how Jesus’ disciples were anticipating a big triumph, but instead Jesus

told them he would die. They were puzzled and disappointed. He set out a path for them and for us to live as a seed that will be sacrificed to produce a tree or a plant – death and resurrection.

Gina read a poem, “Patience” about our desire for the big triumph:

Sometimes I wish that I might do
Just one good deed and die,
And by that one grand deed reach up
To meet God in the sky.

The author, Studdert Kennedy, told us it wouldn’t be like that, but instead:

Deed by deed, and tear by tear,
Our souls must climb to Thee.

3 April – Easter Vigil

We lit a candle and said this prayer:

“This is the night of nights. The night of faith and hope. While all is shrouded in darkness God, the Light, keep watch. Watch over us and all whom we love. Watch over the sick, the scared, the sad, the happy the hopeful and all who need and love you. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ.” *Amen*



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In the meantime, **we can stay in touch in several ways.** You can join our monthly newsletter, by emailing hello@bleddfacentre.org or clicking the button at the bottom of this page: <https://bleddfacentre.org/contact>

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as Bleddfa Centre. You can follow our updates and messages, or simply email or message us if you need support or someone to talk to.

We are in the process of launching several online groups and classes.
Wishing you all the best – The Bleddfa Team

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St Edward's Church News

Easter Lilies: The beautiful lilies in St. Edward's were given in memory of Phylis Richards, Len and Edith Conway, Stephen Price, Rhodri Morris, Margaret Headland and Peter James. Thank you to all who donated money towards the cost of the Easter displays.

Church Hall: We are looking forward to the day restrictions can be lifted and we can again meet to enjoy social events. Bookings are up and eager to start.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of the roof tiles for the new roof. Personalized tiles are available at £10 each and can be purchased from Rochelle Russell and Jean Price.

Family: In our prayers we remember all unwell at this time in hospital and all receiving treatment for cancer. We pray for the residents of Cottage View and all who care for them.

Our thoughts are with all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially we pray for our Queen and all the Royal Family.

Also the family of Raymond Fowkes. Rev. Petra Goodband officiated at his funeral on April 13 in St. Edward's Church. Raymond passed away peacefully on March 24 aged 92 years. Internment took place in Knucklas Chapel yard.

We continue to pray for all bereaved families everywhere.

Macmillan Cancer Support:

The committee are hoping to arrange for the Annual Macmillan Walk to take place in the middle of May. This will depend on any further Covid restrictions. Details soon!

A huge thank you to all who made and gave delicious cakes, provided draw prizes and gave generous donations at our recent fund raising event on Brookside Square over £1,100.00. pounds was raised.

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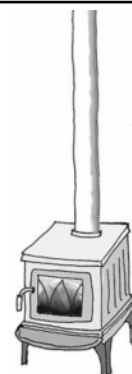
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Interfaith Dialogue



Rev Rana Youab Khan, Rabbi David Rosen,

Dr Clare Amos,

Dr Asif Iftikhar

The Church in Wales hosted a Webinar with three World Religious leaders representing Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths speaking about “Uprooting Hate; Seeding Love”.

It was introduced by Archbishop John who said, “Inquiry into both the beliefs and spirituality of others can be both informative and healthy. It does not require abandoning our own viewpoint, but it does, I believe, lead to greater respect and an absence of ill-informed prejudice.”

The three religions are all ‘monotheistic,’ believing in one God. Rabbi David Rosen emphasized the importance of: “When God created human-kind, he made them in the likeness of God.” [Genesis 5.1]

Everyone is made in God’s image

If we all truly believed that everyone is made in God’s image, we would treat others with far more respect.

Representing the Christian perspective Dr Clare Amos said “Unless religion is willing to acknowledge that it is part of the problem [when it comes to violence] it cannot also become part of the solution.” The Crusades were nothing for Christians to be proud of. Clare wouldn’t wear a cross because it had as many associations with violence as with peace as shown here where the terrorist wears a



cross but carries a gun. The peace sign is meaningless.

Dr Asif Iftikhar made the point that it is destructive to condemn those who interpret religious texts differently from our own understanding. It is only our own interpretation, not God’s. He quoted a charming Muslim saying: “cuddle them; don’t kill them.” And an old story, “A man killed another because he was lying; the wise man questioned him, ‘Did you open his heart to see he was lying?’”

**Cuddle them;
don’t kill them**

In one way or another all three speakers made the point “hate the sin and not the sinner”. They all agreed that the church must live with paradox, two ideas may collide, but then they will make something new.

**Hate the sin and
not the sinner**

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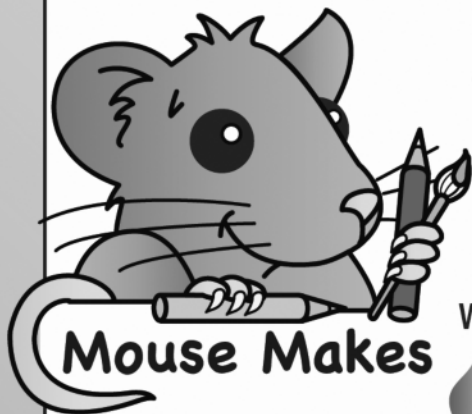
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Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

The Holy Spirit
V S E I L
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit
helps us to
W K N O
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit
H C T S E E A
us about God.

The Holy Spirit
K P E S S A
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit
P H L S E
us to tell others
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit
helps us when we
A Y P R

On the day of PENTECOST
the disciples were gathered
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4

How did they speak?

Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6

Which countries
had they come from?

Acts 2:9

What was
their reaction?

Acts 2:12-13

Who explained
what was
happening?

What did he say?

Acts 2:14-36

How many
people were
baptised
that day?

Acts 2:41

Change each letter to the
letter before it in the
alphabet and see what
the **Holy Spirit**
produces in us:

KPZ
IVNJMJUZ
TFMG DPOUSPM
GBJUIGVMOFTT
LJOEOFTT
QBUJFODF
QFBDF
MPWF
HPPEOFTT

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the
Holy Spirit? What does He do?

Fill in the missing letters.

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COMF _ RTS

REVEA _ S

IN _ OU

TRAN _ FORMS

HEL _ S

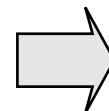
GU _ DES

GENEWS

CONV _ CTS

SANC _ IFIES

Rotary Club Young Photographer Competition



From January to March 22, the Rotary Club of Knighton and District called upon budding young photographers aged 6 to 18. The themed competition was “Nature on your Doorstep”.

Rotary Club Youth coordinator Sheila Smith said, “We were delighted with the response to this event and with the quality of the photographs we received from 18 young photographers in all age groups.” Sheila added “Everybody gave explanations of why their photos meant so much to them, which aided the judges in their decision-making process.”

The judges Cathy Jones, Larry Smart and Sheila Smith then had the challenge of choosing the first three places in each age group. The winning entries were:

6 to 11 years. Grace Gurney (aged 10) 1st, Alice Jones (11) 2nd, Seren Preece (10) 3rd

12 to 15 years. Robin Fletcher (aged 13) 1st, Alisha Preece (14) 2nd, Ruth Petley (12) 3rd

16 to 18 years. Christopher Warburton (aged 16) 1st and Overall Winner, Christopher Davies (16) 2nd, Leon Leese (17) 3rd

In response to his award Christopher said “I am thrilled to learn that I won both categories. The photo of three female long-haired fallow deer running away from a stag means a lot to me as it was an incredible experience to see these rare deer in Mortimer forest, Ludlow, and be able to watch them in their natural habitat. Many thanks again to Knighton Rotary Club for organising this competition.”

Cathy Jones

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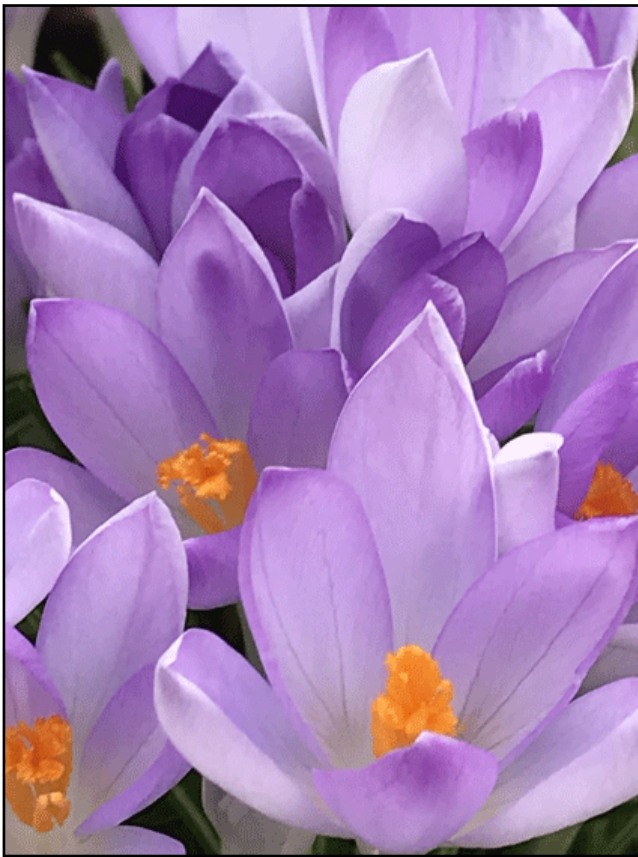
The longest journey is the journey within.

– Dag Hammarskjöld

Young Photographer Competition



Overall Winner – Christopher Warburton, 16



Ruth Petley, 12



Grace Gurney, 10

Radnorshire's Oldest Land Rover



Land Rover at Anglesey Rally

On March 18, St Joseph's Day, two contractors hired by the BBC arrived to do photograph the viaduct with their drone..

Drone Day



Drone landing at Knucklas Playing Field

Steam Train



Steam Train in Knighton *photo by Simon Gill*



Leaving Knucklas Station *photo by Dave Smyth*

Radnorshire's Oldest Land Rover

The FO 5859 was the first Land Rover purchased in Radnorshire in October 1949 and was bought by Major David Gibson Watt of Doldowlodd (later to become Lord Gibson Watt, Secretary of State for Wales and descendants of James Watt of steam engine fame). It was used around the estate and also for getting to Hereford in wintry conditions when canvassing for the Hereford constituency for which he became MP in the early 50's. It was then sold to a builder, Ken Griffiths in Llandrindod Wells, before moving onto John Duggan at Llandegley where it worked on the farm and towed a stock trailer until it was replaced by a new Land Rover around 1970. It was retired into an old wainhouse (shed for wagons and carts) until 1986 when I persuaded young John Duggan to let me have it in exchange for a used silage feeder. It was pulled out of its retirement home and onto a low loading trailer and brought back home to a vacant shed.

Stop gap

The Land Rover Series 1 80 was first conceived in 1947 in Anglesey by the two Wilks brothers, owners of The Rover Car company who were looking to manufacture a utilitarian vehicle as a stop gap after the war until steel supplies became more available. There was plenty of aluminium left from aeroplane manufacture and so this was used to manufacture body panels with pieces of flat steel welded to form a box chassis. After around 40 pre-production Land Rovers were built for testing, the very first Land Rover left the production line in July 1948 (this was found abandoned about 20 years ago on a hill in Northumberland and recently renovated) and many were then exported around the

globe for further testing and advertising this "Great British" product.



A friend of mine had a 1949 Land Rover and I was captivated by it and for ages dreamt of finding one hidden away in a barn. I cannot believe how lucky I was to find this beauty so close to home.

Restoration work started on FO5859 in the winter of 1986, when the whole vehicle was stripped down to virtually the last nut and bolt. The quality of the steel was such that then, after 40 years, no welding was required on the chassis and most of the nuts and bolts undid with the use of releasing fluid. The engine was sent off to be rebuilt professionally as it had been seized, until with a few pints of Coca Cola poured into the cylinders it yielded. Fortunately for me the old Land Rover towed out of its resting place was totally intact and all body panels, mechanics, wiring loom, lights and bumper were refurbished and reused, so keeping it very original! The chassis was sand blasted and treated to coats of red oxide primer before being painted in Bronze green as the body was to be. The pre-production vehicles had all been built with a galvanised chassis, but this created around 30kg of extra weight for the poor little 1600cc engine to haul around so the idea was dropped and only paint used afterwards. *(cont next month)*

A few pints of Coca Cola

- Colin Pugh

Steam Train: Good Friday saw this Black Five with blood and custard carriages typical of Central Wales line in the 1950's, owned by financially successful Jeremy Hosking, successful enough to run his empty train. - Dave Smyth

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Readings for May

Saturday 1 May *Red*
Philip and James, Apostles

Isaiah 30. 15-21
Psalm 119. 1-8
Ephesians 1. 3-10
John 14. 1-14

Thursday 13 May *White*
Ascension

Daniel 7. 9-14
Psalm 47; [93]
Acts 1. 1-11
Luke 24. 44-53



23 May *Red*
Pentecost

Ezekiel 37. 1-14
Psalm 104. 24-36
Acts 2. 1-21
John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15



2 May *White*

Easter 5

Genesis 22. 1-18
Psalm 22. 25-31
Acts 8. 26-40
John 15. 1-8

Friday 14 May *Red*
Matthias, Apostle

Isaiah 22. 15-25
Psalm 15
Acts 1. 15-26
John 15. 9-17

30 May *White*

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6. 1-8, [9, 10]
Psalm 29
Romans 8. 12-17
John 3. 1-17



9 May *White*

Easter 6 Rogation Sunday
(Christian Aid week begins)

Isaiah 55. 1-11
Psalm 98
Acts 10. 44-48
John 15. 9-17



16 May *White*

Easter 6 Sun after Ascension

Ministry and Calling Sunday
Ezekiel 36. 24-28
Psalm 1
Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26
John 17. 6-19

Monday 31 May *White*

Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Zephaniah 3. 14-18
Psalm 113
Romans 12. 9-16
Luke 1. 39-49, [50-56]



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One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

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Recipe of the month: Colombier (Dove Cake) for Pentecost

The "colombier" (dove cake) is a traditional cake for Pentecost from the south of France, flavoured with orange and almonds..

Ingredients

50 g butter	30 g flour
150 g Marzipan	1 orange
3 eggs	100 g candied fruit

Method

Melt 50 g butter over low heat, then take off the heat and leave to cool.

Cut 150 g Marzipan (almond paste) into small pieces and put into a food-processor bowl.

Add the first egg. Start beating slowly at first, then increase the speed. Add the other eggs one at a time, about 5 minutes apart until the mixture is light and well aerated. This beating takes about 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 360°F (180°C).

Sieve 30 g flour into the mixture. Fold in gently. Add the melted butter, which should be nearly cold, and the zest of 1 orange (you can use a lemon). Mix in gently.

Use a 7" (18 cm) springform tin and lay a circle of cooking parchment in the bottom, as the columbier tends to stick during cooking. Optional: You can scatter a handful of sliced almonds in the bottom of the tin on top of the cooking parchment

Pour the mixture into the tin. Scatter 100 g candied fruit evenly over the top.

Bake for about 30 minutes. Leave to cool in the tin. Turn the columbier out carefully, as it is very fragile.

- Recipe from cooking-ez.com



Knucklas Notes for May

By the time that you read this, Spring should be in full tilt after a changeable early season.

The allotments are getting an increasing amount of attention after a quite major clearing operation in the area of the lane.

Caroline of Castle Hill has made a lovely new table on which to display local produce for sale under the auspices of the Castle Hill Community Land Project.

This is a time of relaxation of many Covid-related restrictions. The common verdict is that, whatever mistakes may have been made in the earlier phases of the pandemic, the vaccination rollout, locally, has been most impressive and reassuring.

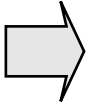
This is also a time of elections for our Welsh Assembly Senedd member. Kirsty Williams is standing down after many years of unstinting service. Leaflets promoting the various candidates seem to be arriving daily as I write.

It is also time to elect our local Police and Crime Commissioner. For most in our area, voting takes place in Knucklas Community Centre. For the first time, 16-17 year olds can register to vote.

There have been problems in recent months with delivery of daily and weekly newspapers to this area.

Robert Forbath

East Window at Knighton – Stage 3



This month we will look at the East Window in St Edward's Knighton. It is again Stage 3 dating to the reconstruction of the chancel in 1897. Like the other Stage 3 windows it displays a gothic fantasy world in colour and sumptuous style, and reflects a renewed interest in Catholic ritual. .

K.J.K.

submitted by Jean Price; photos by Laura W-J

Once lockdown is over bring binoculars for a better look at all the chancel windows.

The inscription at the bottom of the central panel:

To the glory of Him by whom Kings
reign · this window of the rebuilt chancel is
dedicated in the sixty first year of the rule of
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Top left - Cherubim: an angel that resembles a person. The banner says "Thou art the Christ, the King of Glory"

Bottom left - Divinations: a being who prophecies and Virtues: a being with high moral values. The Seven Heavenly Virtues are Faith, Hope, Charity, Fortitude, Justice, Temperance, Prudence (as shown in the East windows of the nave.) The banner at their feet says "Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

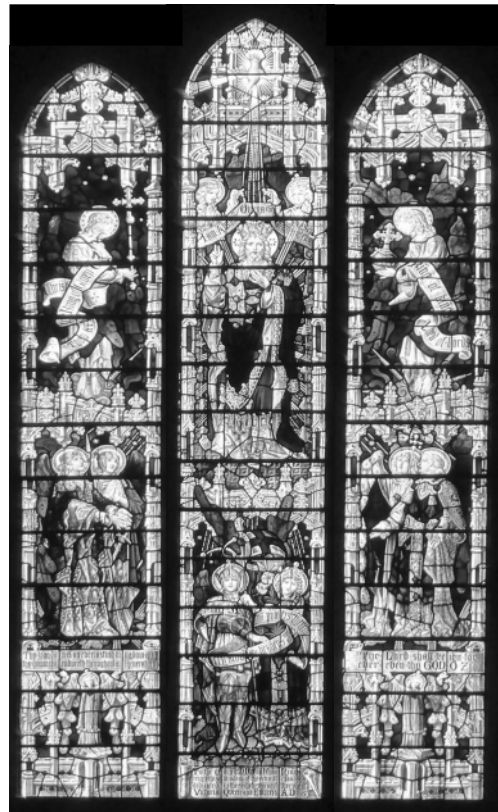
Top centre - Christ in Majesty: Christ as the ruler of the world. He offers the congregation the sign of peace. The banner over his head says "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Bottom centre - St Michael and St Gabriel: These are the two major archangels of the church.

Michael is the warrior and Gabriel is the messenger. They carry words from the Te Deum "To thee all angels cry aloud the heavens and all the powers therein."

Top right - Seraphim: an angel with six wings for flight, two to cover their feet and two to cover their face. The banner says "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

Bottom right - Angels: benevolent celestial intermediaries between God (or Heaven) and humanity. Other roles include protectors and guides for humans, and servants of God. "The Lord shall reign forever · even thy God O Zion."



East Window

By Ward and Hughes 1897

The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change ; the
realist adjusts the sails.

- William Arthur Ward



Cherubim



Christ in Majesty



Seraphim



Divinations and Virtues



St Michael & St Gabriel



Angels

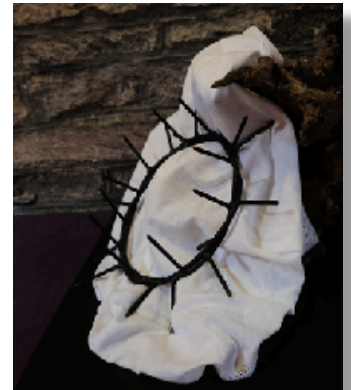


Easter flowers at New Radnor



Paschal (Easter) Candle

Easter



Crown of thorns



12 Apostles on the Simnel Cake



Petra rejoicing at the Easter Service in Knighton

Photos by Michael Capstick and Laura W-J

The Archbishop's Easter Message

There will always be those who dismiss the Christian faith as wishful thinking. For them, the Easter story is and will ever remain, at best, a lovely story of the 'happy-ever-after' variety or, at worst, an unlikely and illogical con-trick, carefully contrived and perpetrated upon a gullible world by a small group of first-century conspirators. That countless billions have subsequently lived in its light is,

**those who
believe it are
just deluded**

for them, either irrelevant or simply evidence of how easily human beings can be influenced to believe in the unlikely and the illogical. Put more crisply, they would say it's all made up, and that those who believe it are just deluded. Well, they might be right if it were not for history and consistent witness to its truth.

History and witness record the often-brutal efforts of those who tried to stamp out the faith and to portray it just as today's sceptics would – a con-trick. History and witness also record how such efforts failed, but more than that, just what lengths Christians would go to and what pains and trials they would endure rather than deny what they knew to be true, however unlikely or illogical it might all seem.

Our faith in all its richness, and the Easter faith in particular, are rooted, not in falsehood, but in the reality and witness of what people experienced and knew. As one of the prayers found in

**rooted . . . In
the reality
and witness**

our Prayer Book puts it, the Church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ Jesus being the head cornerstone.

Among those upon whose experience we can rely is a man named Nicodemus, a man of substance, a Pharisee and a Jewish ruler. He

appears in the Bible on just three occasions, each of them in the Gospel according to St John. He first appears in John, chapter 3, curious about Jesus, seeking him out by night for fear of being seen by others. He hears from Jesus, but doesn't fully grasp its meaning, of the call to be 'born again', 'born of water and the Spirit' – to make a fresh

**a secret
disciple**

start as a child of God. Despite not fully understanding what Jesus meant he must have remained curious and interested, possibly growing as a secret disciple, because, as we read in John chapter 7, when the Chief Priests and Pharisees attempted to have Jesus arrested, Nicodemus protested, urging them to give Jesus a hearing and even to learn from him. It didn't get him very far! Finally, we read about him in John, chapter 19 with Joseph of Arimathea, also 'a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews', lovingly caring for the body of Jesus, embalming it and burying it in the garden tomb.

It had been quite a journey for Nicodemus, from curiosity and confusion about Jesus, to defending him and then to giving him what, because of the quantity of expensive embalming spices used, amounted to a royal burial.

**curiosity
and
confusion**

At that moment, in that garden what did those two men feel? Desolation? Betrayal? Anger? Did they think that it was all a con-trick after all, that the Pharisees had got it right? Did they believe Jesus to have been a fraud but, because of his charisma as a figure, and as a friend, they thought it only right to give him the most decent and dignified of burials? Who knows.

But there can be no doubt that, soon after, both Nicodemus and Joseph might well have

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[Easter message cont from p 47] been part of the group of disciples and friends sharing in their common grief, perhaps in their burning anger and confusion, when odd things began to happen, and talk of a

**light of love . . . resurrection began to
cannot be break out. Maybe they
destroyed by were among the crowd
darkness on the first Christian
Pentecost when
everything made**

sense, when the church found her voice and had something to say to the world about new life and new ways; something to say about the truth that the light of love which Jesus demonstrated could not and cannot be destroyed by darkness.

Today's world remains darkened, marred and disfigured by all manner of suffering, not only

by the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, but by atrocities, conflicts, persecutions too many to list - no small number of them are caused by or aggravated by human perversity, arrogance, stupidity and prejudice.

Nicodemus was born again, and came to realise that the way of Christ Jesus was a new way of life for him and for the world. At Easter and at all times, thank God for new life in Christ and for people like Nicodemus who, in faith, tenderness, courage and love continue to reach out to a broken and suffering world. At Easter and at all times may you recognise your potential to be resurrected and to bring resurrection to others around you.

**faith,
tenderness,
courage,
and love.**

100 Years

Best wishes and congratulations go to Elsie Brick who celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday 7th April. Elsie is now a resident at Cottage View, Knighton. The Manager Chris Creemer and her staff gave Elsie a birthday to remember, despite Covid Restrictions, with an afternoon tea with a celebration cake and a glass of fizz. During the day Elsie received over forty birthday cards, including one from Her Majesty the Queen; bouquets of flowers, including one from Felindre W.I. of which Elsie was a founder member back in October 1947; many presents; numerous phone calls from family and friends and a mention on Radio 2.



Jean, Derek and all the family would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and kind thoughts, especially Cottage View staff for their enthusiasm and going the extra mile in making it a very special day for Elsie.

More photos on page 55.

I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars. The rest I just squandered.

- George Best

Dutlas in Yesteryears

[1930-40's memories from Edris Lloyd]

From Knighton on the right there was a field called "Skinner's Field", then a two rail fence followed a locked and gated lane (with a stile) down to Runnis bridge. Opposite

the lane on both sides of the highway was water supply used by Dutlas residents.

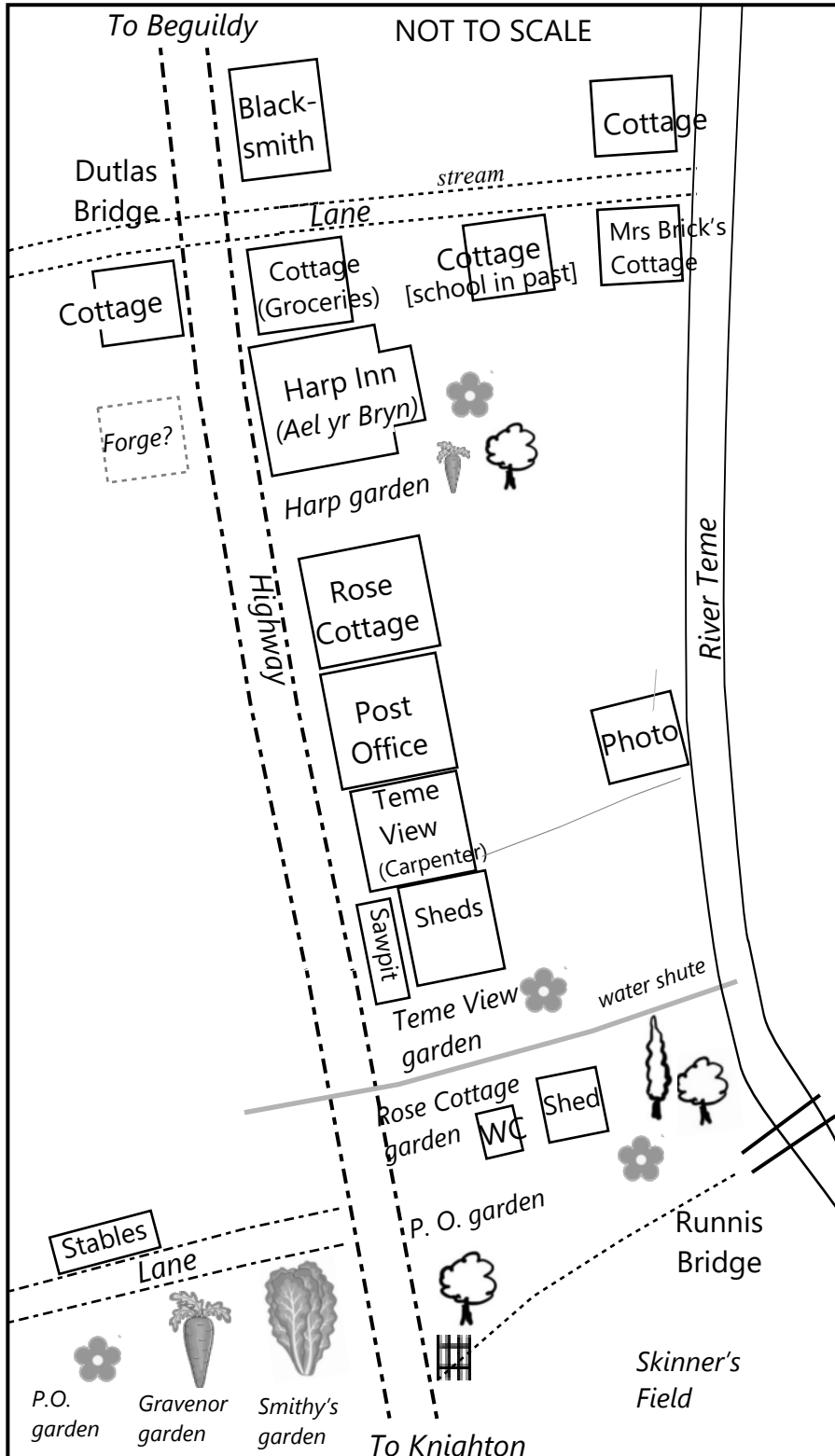
Past the lane entrance was a nice oak tree at the garden for Dutlas P.O. The next garden with spruce and oak tree was for Rose Cottage. It had a shed and earth toilet. A timber water shute drained water to the river from a gutter on the left hand side of the highway.

The next garden was the Carpenter's (Teme View). The Carpenter Cottage had masses of snowdrops; the shed stored a vast amount of timber and a horse drawn hearse. Across the road was an open sided building to assemble wagon carts and wheel carts. On the side was a sawpit.

Alongside a path down to the river was a shed used as a darkroom. It was full of photo developing – printing equipment, plus cameras and hundreds of glass slides.

Dutlas P.O. and garden was attached to Rose Cottage, which once was the P.O. Stables. (Edris was born in Rose Cottage.) Next was the garden for 'Ael yr Bryn' or 'Harp Inn'. Opposite the Ael yr Bryn was the remnants of a very basic forge or blacksmith's.

A cottage was lived in by the blacksmith and wife. Another cottage sold groceries and it even sold chips on some evenings. The lane followed a smithy, once a P.O., was the



stream down to the river with a cottage on the bank. Most of the other buildings were in ruin in my memory. One dwelling of half stone and weather boarding at the end of Dutlas bridge was in use until it was demolished around 1939-40 by Bill Davies, nicknamed Billy Quick.

As you come from Knighton into Dutlas there is a lane on the left leading to where there had been dwellings, possibly a blacksmith's stables and a barn. The stable was in use in the 1930-40s; nothing remains.

There were three gardens in cultivation here in 1930-40. One was used by Mr J Jones, Blacksmith; the second was used by the Gravenor family who had a cottage at the bridge; the third was worked by Mrs Hope and family of the Post Office. The gardens produced an abundance of vegetables, gooseberries, red and black currants, rhubarb, raspberries, damsons and apples. A well on the site supplied drinking water for Dutlas. Further up this lane was a dwelling with garden and barn for storing fodder.

These are some of my memories of Dutlas; it was busy at this time.

*Article and photos by Edris Lloyd
Map by Laura W-J*

Editor's notes: Thank you to Edris for this tantalising view of Dutlas when he was growing up. Now it is just 4 houses along the main road.

The leader of the Dutlas Band played the harmonium and Edris would tuck himself under the hedge to hear him play the latest tune which was published weekly in a national newspaper.

The Dutlas Band (*photo from The People's Collection in Wales*)



Dutlas, circa 1900

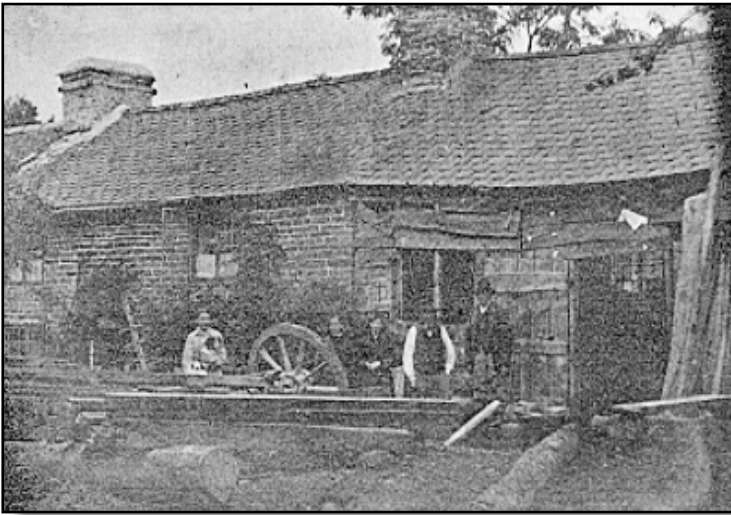
Carpenter's Shop: J. Davies (Teme View)
Post Office: Mrs Hope. Rose Cottage: M Jones
Ael yr Bryn Pub. Shop. House on bridge was a school, also Blacksmith Shop. Blacksmiths were Mr Bathurst, Mr J. Jones, Mr Brick of Felindre



Dutlas, circa 1970-80



Dutlas - more images



Sawpit in front of the workshop for Teme View, the carpenter's cottage



Rose Cottage (left) Old Post Office (middle) Teme View (right) in more recent times



Another view of the carpenter's shed.



The three cottages in snow with addition (shed?) in front of Teme View



Olwyn driving in front of Rose Cottage with the Harp Inn and garden behind. (Olwyn and Cliff lived at Teme View for 30 years)

Marje Rickerby, who lets Rose Cottage for holidays, has sent us these old photos which illustrate Edris's text.



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Good News: From 26 April we are allowed to resume our group rambles, socially distanced. You are welcome on any of these walks.

Tues May 4. SHORT WALK Shobdon Arches: Circular walk via Uphampton, Shobdon Hill Wood and Byton Common. 5 miles, moderate, 1 hill taken slowly. Exp 203 and 201 SO 401269 Park alongside Shobdon Church

Wed May 5. Kington to Haywood Common for tea then lunch on top of Herrock Hill back via Rushock Hill. 9 miles, moderate, total ascent 550m one steep climb to Harrock Hill. Meet on road outside Kington Town football ground. On street parking or use town carpark, SO294565

Wed May 12. Shropshire Way from Bromfield to Downton Castle: Along the River Teme. Return via Mortimer Forest and Plymouth Estate. Moderate. 9 miles. Steep climb up from Teme Valley. Some stiles. Free parking area in front of The Clive, Bromfield. SO482769

Wed May 19. Clun-Three Gates-Cefns, 8.4 miles moderate 350m total ascent Several stiles, can be muddy near Three Gates. Meet at Clun Memorial Hall. Exp. 201 & 216 SO 302811


Thurs May 20. SHORT WALK. Gladestry area. 5 miles. Easy/Moderate, Low level. Gladestry Village Hall CP Exp 201 SO232

Wed May 26. Clun-Church Bank-Hobarris-Woodside, 7.4 miles moderate 418m total ascent. A number of stiles, some steep ascents and descents. Meet at Clun Memorial Hall car park. Exp. 201 SO 302 811

Bobby's Beat | Me – A tasty morsel?

From the diary of a parishioner who served in the police.

As a rural sgt. I was only required to work a "half night shift", ending at 12, 1 or 2 am, but



I was then on call until 8am. One summer's night I had just gone off to sleep when the phone. "Can you come up to the nick Sarge; we have a positive breath test?" I duly dressed and drove to the station to supervise his treatment and to operate the intoximeter to measure alcohol in the breath. Normally this took half an hour, and then home to bed.

But then I heard a commotion in the front hall. The prisoner's girlfriend didn't drive and was making a ruckus. I told her to be quiet as she would soon be on her way home in a police car with the young man. She insisted she was taken to the charge room to see he was treated right. I said this was not allowed. With that, she locked her teeth into my arm - OUCH!

I slapped her face to make her let go, then arrested her for "assault on a police officer." Suddenly the night was hectic. We needed a WPC to search her and a higher ranking officer to take the charge – both were 16 miles away in Chichester. The Police Doctor would have to examine my arm, and the police photographer would have to photograph it. And of course, we still had the matter of the alcoholic driver to complete. The night was long. I resumed my slumbers after 9 am.

A few weeks later they both pleaded guilty before the magistrates. I suffered no serious effects from the bite, and received a small sum from the Criminal. Injuries Compensation scheme. A short time later I handed in my uniform and started keeping sheep.

Bobby Fuzz

Lent Course from the Diocese

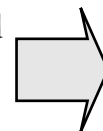
Death to Life



The Christian life is a paradox. In the last sessions of our Lent course Mark Clavier showed us that only by participating in Christ's death are we able to live full, enriched Christian lives.

This view is the antithesis of comfortable Christianity. In Galatians 2.20 Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Being crucified with Christ is represented in Baptism; in ancient sites baptismal fonts were in the ground to represent rising from the grave.

We are called to have the "same mind" of Christ, to die to all the things we find important: status, self-importance, even our opinions. If we suffer hardship for others we can thrive as Christians. An example is hospital staff in these Covid times.



Having the mind of Christ may mean that we are "Holy Fools". If we willingly suffer for the sake of others we participate in the cross. We are truly one with the whole church. This Christianity is an immense privilege.

Llangunllo's Processional Cross

Last month on Easter Sunday, the greatest day in the Church Calendar, the church bells were rung at St Cynllo's. During the pandemic, the ringing of the bells has marked the major festivals of the Church Year, with thanks to David and Pam.

This month, comes Ascension Day followed by Pentecost (Whitsun) and as services begin to resume, a processional cross may be part of the act of worship.

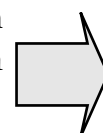
A processional cross, a crucifix or cross often richly jewelled in precious metal, is used in the Eastern Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed Churches.

In many Anglican Churches as the act of worship is started, the ministers process to the front of the church following the cross and after worship, they "recess" out.

Processing behind the cross is an ancient and important Christian practice with a long history. The Gregorian Mission of St Augustine of Canterbury to England (596 – 653) carried one before them "like a standard"

according to the Venerable Bede. Other sources suggest that all churches were expected to possess one. The earliest altar crosses were processional crosses, detached from their staffs, placed on a stand at the end of the procession.

In 1409 the first known rector of "Llangwynllo" one David John is recorded and later in the 15th Century the church could apparently afford a fine processional cross. It is of gilt brass and the three surviving roundels depict the emblems of the evangelists – an eagle for St John, an ox for St Luke and a lion for St Mark. The missing roundel would have held a depiction of a man, the emblem for St Matthew. On the reverse of each is a Tudor Rose.

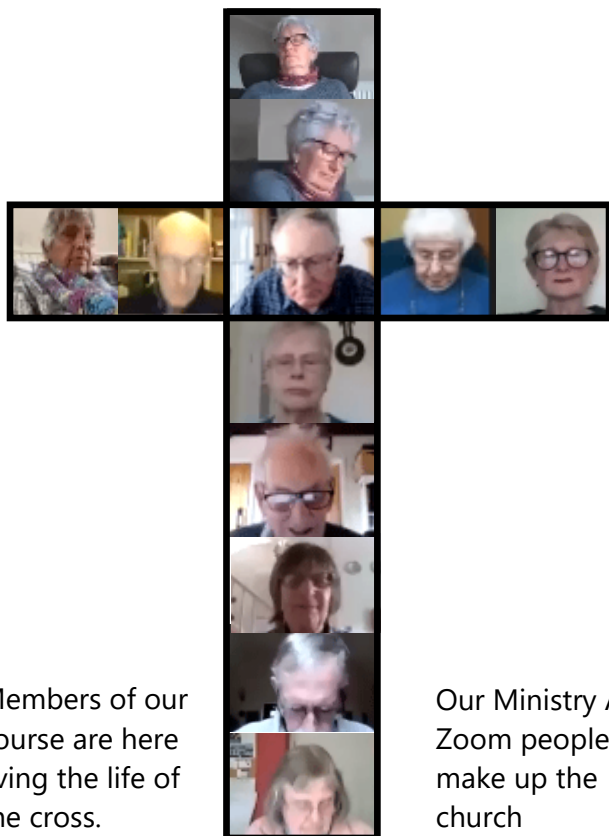


Information and photographs of the cross are displayed in the church and it was in private ownership until acquired in 1938, by the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff.

Isabel Morris

Ref – Church of England/Church of Wales websites.
"History of Llangunllo" by Charles Kightly.

Lent Course - From Death to Life



Our Ministry Area
Zoom people
make up the
church



Llangunllo's Processional Cross



Happy 100

Elsie

Story on page 49





N.R. Dai and Carolyn's cherry wearing white for Eastertide.



N.R. Violets in Newgale Lane



N.R. Forsythia in St Mary's churchyard has never been better.



Flowering Currant



Blackthorn by the Teme



Magnolia blooms

N.R. Photos by Michael Capstick | others by Laura

Learning About Our Birds & Celebrating Easter in Style



Langunllo W.I. continue to meet via Zoom and over the last two months have enjoyed our regular monthly meetings and fortnightly coffee and chat sessions. The meetings have given us a chance to inevitably ask who has had their second vaccination and what our future plans are. We've discussed TV programmes, aches and pains as we start to garden and exciting trips to the tip. Things must be desperate!! We have done some learning and been creative.

We had a fabulous illustrated talk in March from one of our members, Di and her husband Chris, on birds; their knowledge is phenomenal. We learnt such a lot, as did a few husbands who joined in the session. Due to popular demand Di and Chris will be making a return later in the year. Chris posed a few questions throughout the talk that not all of us could answer; we've asked for easier ones next time!! I think we are all more knowledgeable about how to recognise the birds in our gardens as well as how to feed them.

Our April meeting was on April Fools' Day, but we certainly weren't chumps when it came to making Easter Wreaths. All the wreaths

were different interpretations of the same design, and we really enjoyed sharing our efforts via Zoom (see back cover pictures). Each member received an Easter bag containing a starter kit for making a wreath, bee friendly seeds to plant in a pot ready to share later this year, some Easter goodies and an Easter Card. Members certainly rose to the challenge and the wreaths were amazing. They adorned doors both inside and outside member's homes over Easter. Well done to everyone who had a go.

Our next meeting has a guest speaker giving a talk on a Turkish Shirley Valentine, which sounds fascinating. We are hoping that later in May we will be able to meet outdoors for coffee, and start planning future events including a BBQ and a visit to a water garden, as well as starting to plan for our WI's hundredth birthday next year. It seems a long time since we all met face to face and all members can't wait to get back to some kind of normality. So fingers crossed for restrictions to be further relaxed and good weather.

Anne Newton, President

Special Days in May

1 - 30 May – National Walking Month / Local Community History Month / Clean Air Month
1 May – May Day
2 May – World Asthma Day
3 May – May Day Bank Holiday
3-9 May – Screen Free Week
3 May – Gilbert & Sullivan Day
3 May – World Laughter Day
May 4 to May 9 – Red Cross Week
May 8 to May 16 – Doughnut Week!
May 8 – National Lost Sock Day!
12 May – International Nurses Day
17 May to 23 May – Dementia Action Week
20 May – National Bee Day

Chatterbrook W.I.

Our May meeting will be on Zoom, but we are looking forward to meeting in person as soon as restrictions allow, and we have a programme of events and speakers lined up for the rest of the year.

The programme will be posted in Presteigne library when it re-opens.

The W.I. subscription year begins in April, but it's not too late to welcome new members. Visitors may 'try us out' free of charge. Contact Chatterbrook Secretary for details

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Flora in May

Primroses Primrose Day is on 19 April, What a treat it was to see a wonderful display of this bright yellow flower all around St. Edward's Church yard for our Easter Day service. The primrose was Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli's favourite flower and Queen Victoria would often send bunches of them from Windsor.

Blackthorn The snow white blossom we see along the road side is blackthorn (*prunus spinosa*) closely related to the domestic plum, not to be mistaken with the hawthorn which follows later with striking white blossom.

Tulips The tulips planted in the autumn are now at their peak, many deliciously streaked and flecked in contrasting colours ranging from white, yellow, purple, pink and black. The Wakefield and north of England Tulip Society normally hold their annual show in May with hundreds of varieties and colours, the result of many years of breeding.

Some years ago together with garden club and friends I was fortunate to visit the magnificent Keukenhof gardens in the Netherlands. The weather was perfect to spend hours strolling in the 79 acres designed every year with 7 million bulbs planted each autumn: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and more.

Welsh Bird Words

Gwyllo Adar yr Ardd 2021 -

Garden Bird Watch 2021

Tri Uchaf - Top Three

aderyn y to - house sparrow

Drudwen - starling

titw tomas las - blue tit

Rosemary Hanna



Container planting

During lockdown, gardens have been important for space and the enjoyment of growing and caring for plants. Many people have allotments for potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, beans and herbs, but growing in containers on small patio spaces is also popular and successful. Many herbs are long lasting, including bay, rosemary, sage and thyme to provide year round interest and pickings for culinary use. Parsley and chives are easy to grow from seed but most garden centres will have small plants ready to plant, so it is a pleasure to create your own small herb garden in a container. While plants are maturing fill in gaps with marigolds and nasturtiums to give colour and aroma. Mint is easy to grow, but use a separate space because it is invasive.

Bluebells

A question which often arises is what is the difference between British and Spanish bluebells. British bluebells are deep blue with tubular flowers on one side of the stem. We are asked to encourage our native species rather than the Spanish bluebell which is escaping into the wild and taking over. They are paler, sometimes white or pink bell shaped flowers hanging all around the stem, not just on side.

Jean Price

Pilgrimage of Song

With Geoff Weaver

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Sat 29 5pm Choral Evensong, St Edward's
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Church Information

Services:

Anglicans We ARE having services:

2 May 11am St Edward's Knighton

9 May 11:15am St Mary's Gladestry

16 May 11am St David's Heyope

23 May 11:15am St Mary's New Radnor

23 May 3pm St Mary's Pilleth

28 May (Fri) 8.30pm, Compline, Llanfair Waterdine (Pilgrimage of Song)

29 May (Sat) 5pm Choral Evensong, St Edward's Knighton (Pilgrimage of Song)

30 May 11am Sung Eucharist, St Edward's Knighton (Pilgrimage of Song)

All services are subject to COVID restrictions and rules with limited numbers. Please contact Rev Petra or Rev Rachael for information on the type of service and how many can attend.

It is going to take time to get back to any form of normal and that includes a rota. Services are booked on a first come, first served basis, so if you want a service in your church contact us.

Zoom services are continuing, every Sunday, 9.30am, including by phone. If you are not part of this but would like to be then contact Rev's Petra, Rachael or Mark.

Llanfair Waterdine: 12 May, Compline. 6pm.

Methodists: At Knighton Methodist Church, we are meeting, at 11am, socially distanced, wearing masks and using hand sanitizer etc.

The Shropshire and Marches Circuit service is on Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11am.

Baptists: We are meeting, at 11am, socially distanced, etc.

knightonbaptists.org.uk for details and links..

During the week coffee morning at 10am on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays; and a Bible Study group at 7pm on 1st & 3rd Thursdays, both online with details via website.

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Funerals:

13 April Ray Fowkes, age 92, St Edward's

16 April Michael Saunders, age 69, Hereford Crematorium

15th April Julia Edwards, age 42, St Peter's, Evancoyd

Annual Vestry Meetings

It is now possible to have these on line. Please would PCC Secretaries inform their incumbent of how many PCC members can and cannot access the Internet. It is advised not to meet in person but if this is essential it can be done with very strict risk assessment conditions. Again please contact Rev Rachael or Rev Petra.

St Peter's, Evancoyd PCC Meeting

Wednesday 12th May, 7pm, in church

Please let Jo, St Peter's PCC secretary, know if you can't attend, or wish to add any items for discussion to the agenda, thank you.

Gladestry Church in Wales Primary School



An exciting week for Class 1.

They found a trail of soil in the classroom and a letter from Charlotte, the mystery mini-beast, whose house had been destroyed in the wind.

Class 1 set to the task of building bug houses to help her and her friends.

Sue Croose, School Secretary



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Easter
Wreaths

