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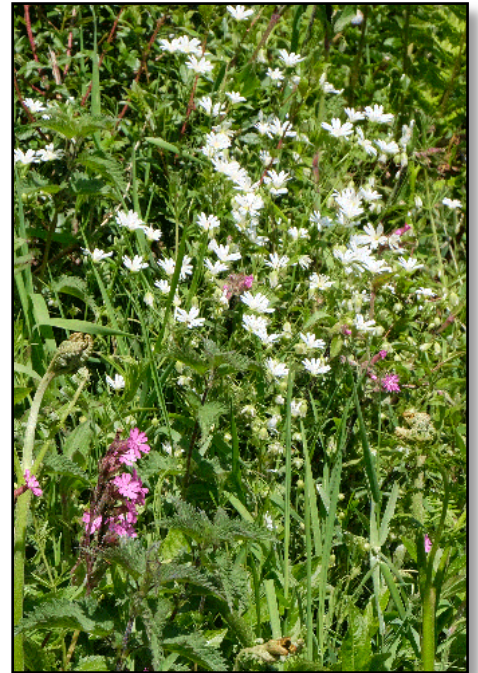
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# River Arrow



Ramblers at Source of River Arrow on Gwauncestre Hill



The River Arrow at Milton Mill (near Michaelchurch)



Hedgerows close to R Arrow  
*Top:* Red Campion & Stitchwort  
*Bottom:* Meadow Buttercup and Cow Parsley



Bluebells above the River Arrow, below Bryngwyn Hill





## River Arrow

The source of the River Arrow is Gwaunceste Hill.

It flows down this largely uninhabited hill to the remote valley near Cwm Kesty Colva. It flows below Colva (see page 10), the highest church in Wales, to Newchurch (see page 18) where you cross it on the B4594 from Gladestry to Hay-on-Wye.

It continues through farmland to little Michaelchurch-on-Arrow (see page 18) where it once fed Milton Mill. It flows easterly along the Huntington/Brilley boundary to move onwards through the Herefordshire border towards Upper Hergest. Here the Gladestry brook joins it.

Beyond our Ministry Area it flows east through Kington, then continuing easterly through Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Eardisland, Monkland to join the River Lugg south of Leominster at Stoke Prior.

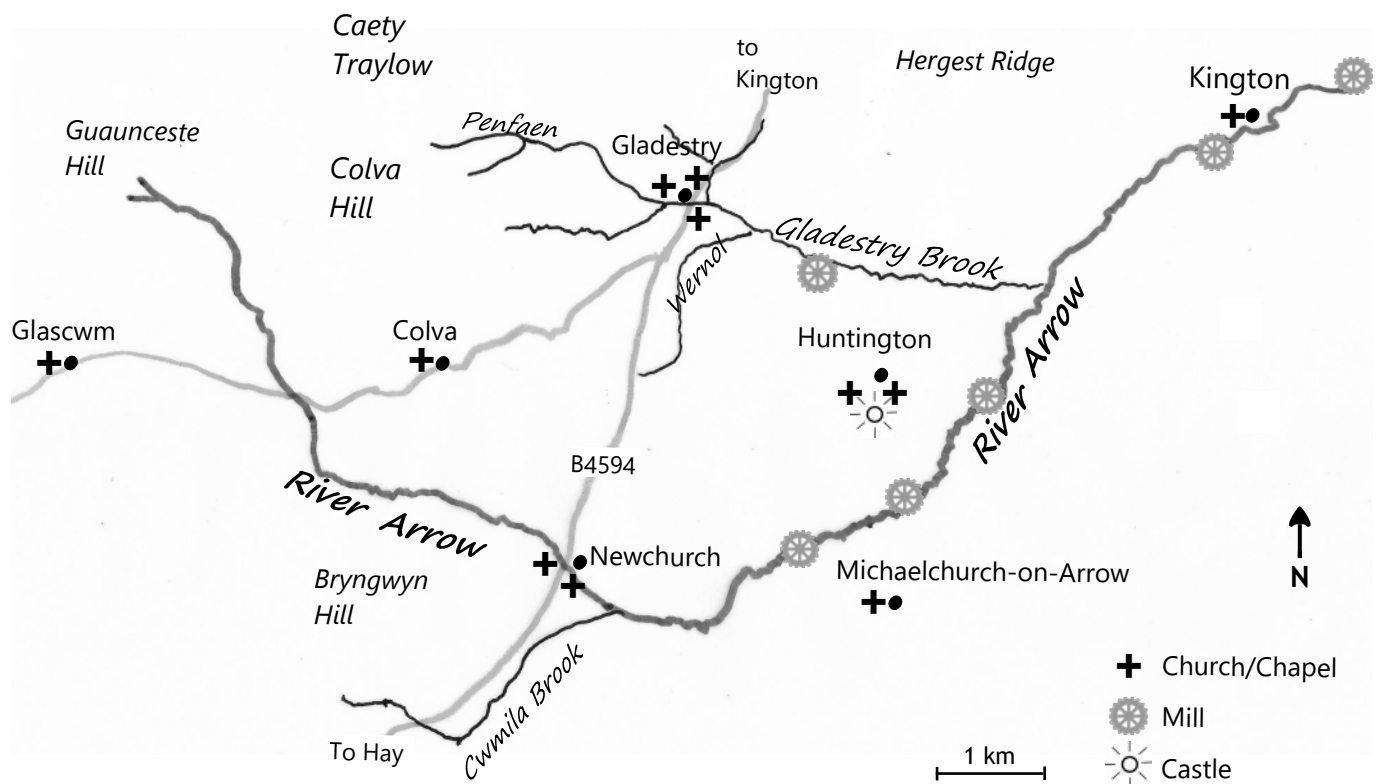
Several old mills as shown on the map below still exist along its course.

The Wye and Usk Foundation have worked with farmers and conservation organisations to restore riparian habitat along the river banks to encourage juvenile salmonids and brown trout.

It is said that Richard Davies deceased (Dick of Colva), a former owner of Colva Farm and talented singer, was known locally as 'The Nightingale of the Arrow' and frequently took part in eisteddfods.

A local mixed choir was formed taking the name 'Vale of Arrow' who entertained at numerous concerts and was very successful in competitions. It was disbanded approximately 20 years ago.

- Rosalind Tarrant



Dear friends,

*Know this my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. James 1:19*



In these times of continued change and uncertainty it is so important for us to pull together to see what we can do to help us set down new roots. As Ministry Area Leader I will be approaching people to form the Ministry Area Team. This will be the team that deals with worship and liturgy. These are steps forward that will make life easier for us all. It is easy for churches to feel that they are being left out and not having the services that they want. Rachael and I cannot help if we are not told. Last month I asked churches to look at what they would like going into the future and I am grateful to the few who have come forwards. I want to hear you, so I can take on board your needs, wants and hopefully allay your fears.

Communication is the key to anything working. We see wonderful pictures and write ups about what is going on in our Ministry Area and I hope that more churches will be forthcoming with news, however big or small. This is a brand new start for us all, which is an amazing opportunity for to us to gather, grow and go as it says in the Diocesan prayer.

On another matter many of you will know that our beloved little dog, Scrumpy, suffered a stroke a few Sundays ago. He has taken medication supplied by a wonderful vet who came out at a moment's notice. He has made a remarkable recovery but we are attempting to suggest to him that he slows down a bit.

I hope and pray that this summer brings you joy and the love of God as we all look to the future and open our hearts and minds to the possibilities ahead of us.

Love and blessings, Petra

## Cover - Jesus Calming the Storm

On 11 July we remember the dangers and sacrifices of mariners on Sea Sunday. The window recalls Jesus calming a storm [Luke 8.24, Mark 4.39, Matthew 8.26]. Jesus had fallen asleep in a fishing boat during a fierce storm. The terrified disciples woke him, "Do something!" With an outstretched arm he rebuked the winds, "Peace. Be still" and the sea was calmed. The disciples were amazed at Jesus' power over nature.

Below the banner are two 6th century saints on Anglesey. St Seiriol on the left, with a monk's habit and tonsure, founded the monastery at Penmon on the eastern tip of Anglesey. He regularly met St Cybi, shown recording a scroll. St Cybi walked into the sun morning and afternoon, so he was known as Cybi Felyn (Dark) and Seiriol walked with the sun at his back so he was Seiriol Wyn (White). The window is signed and dated F.W. Cole, 1969.

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## Knucklas Notes for July/August, 2021

**A**t last, after some months when the weather has been all over the place, we are enjoying an early summer with seasonal weather, and grasses and other crops (also weeds and wildflowers) growing fast.

We are in a period of what has been described as 'the New Abnormal' in this country. It is good to see the Castle Inn and other local businesses able to function fairly fully again.

We seem to have a fresh appreciation of 'localism' around here, hardly surprising since the services we depend on have gone to extraordinary lengths to serve us. We also have marvellous examples of local talent and

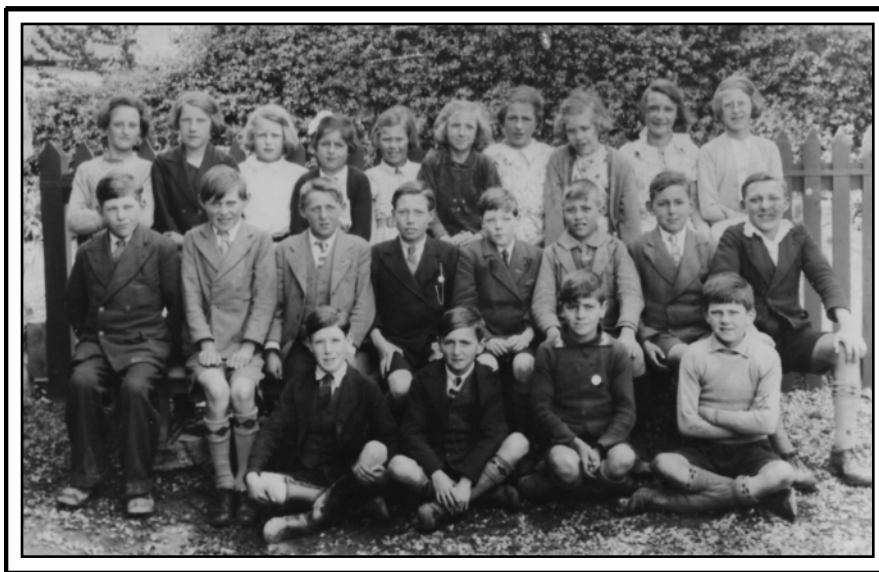
ingenuity, shown, not least, in gardens in the area and in products made and marketed by the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project.

Several farms and smallholdings in the area are now offering fresh, free range eggs for sale.

A huge amount of work has been taking place on the allotments; locals and visitors (and there seem to be more than ever of these) can view the results at the Allotment Open Day on Sunday August 1st. The day before that we have a Village Fete planned, at the Community Centre.

*Robert Forbath*

## New Radnor School Seniors 1938



*- Photo kindly provided by Bridget Ashley nee Bounds*

## Gladestry 49 Club

Here are the winners for April and May: Norman Evans, Cathy Morgan (first time as she recently joined), John Cook, Joanna Crawshaw, Sian & Kenneth, Mary Hughes, Andrea Croose, Adrian Dawn, and Janet Crewe. The current weekly prize is now £22. Thanks to everyone for your valued support.

*Michael Johnson*

## Something to Share

Would you like to share something in The Radnor?

A car or a tractor that is a bit unusual?

A recipe?

A historic picture or story?

A story about something that happened to you?

A book or movie you'd like to share?

*Contact the editor (page 5)*

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*- Nelson Mandela*

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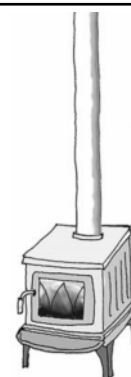
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## Knucklas Village Fete 2021

Following on from a highly successful fete in 2019, the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project will be holding another, bigger village fete on Saturday 31 July this year at the Knucklas Community Centre and adjoining field.

There will be numerous attractions including a **dog show** and demonstration, with doggy competitions in various categories from waggiest tail to dog most like its owner, and tips on dog agility. This proved a popular event in 2019 with competitors and visitors alike.

The Black Crows **Viking group** will be showing their skill with sword, axe and shield, together with living history displays showing what life would have been like in different aspects of old Norse society -- a must for children!

No village fete would be complete without a **cake stall** and competition, **beer tent**, **barbeque**, as well as **classic cars**, secondhand **book stall** and numerous trade stands.

Don't forget we have a station in Knucklas very near the hall where the fete will be held, so why not come by train and make a special day of it.

KCCLP is a community land trust that looks after about 21 acres of land in the village of Knucklas, in Powys. On Sunday 1 August they are also holding an Allotment Open Day on the Castle Hill site, with teas and music for would-be allotment holders. For more information follow KCCLP on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Save the dates!

*Fiona Roper*

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## St David's Colva



The Gladestry website tells us that 13th Century Colva church is on a drovers' road and the nearby Sun Inn was their overnight stop.

The 13th century St David's is located on an ancient site, the highest church in Wales, but the yew trees around the church are likely to be even older. There are still burials, but CPAT (Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust) notes that although the majority of graves are 19th century and later, there is one chest tomb from 1779.

A grassy path leads to the 15th century porch and doorway. Once you enter you will immediately be struck by the skull and crossbones on the wall, a *memento mori* [reminder of death] painted behind the 12th century font. The walls are covered with damaged medieval paintings, and several 18th century texts, all quite obscure. You can make out a few letters and shapes of biblical stories and texts.

"High on the west wall is a hatchment of royal coat of arms dated 1733. This was from the period between the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745, when the government was anxious

that the people of Britain demonstrate and display their loyalty to the house of Hanover."\*



Hatchment – Royal Coat-of-arms

The old flagstone floor leads you to the chancel. A bust of Francis Kilvert, the notable diarist from the 19th century, stands at the lancet window. When he visited "in 1870, [he] recorded the notable 'Colva Echo' heard when standing in the field to the west of the church, facing the west end of the church tower."\*

\* [www.gladestry.org.uk](http://www.gladestry.org.uk)  
Clwd Powys Archaeological Trust

## Bobby's Beat | Old Father Thames

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

The youngest constable on a section was often allocated to The High Street Patrol, and I had my fair share. Putney High Street runs downhill for about half a mile, to Putney bridge over the Thames, at the foot of which was a police box (or Tardis of more recent fame!).



One spring day I emerged from this box, whence I had retired for a smoke, and I looked over the bridge towards Fulham. To my horror two boys aged about 10 - 12 were coming towards me. They were not walking

on the pavement, but on a ledge, only inches wide, outside the balustrade! The river below was ebbing fast, swollen by flooding up stream. I had visions of having to remove my helmet and tunic and plunge in after one or both. I was not a strong swimmer or trained lifesaver.

But I kept my cool and waited for them to come to me, which they did with typical Londoners' nerve. I ordered them to get on the right side, and then despatched them with strong advice.

*Bobby Fuzz*



# St David's Colva



Memento Mori



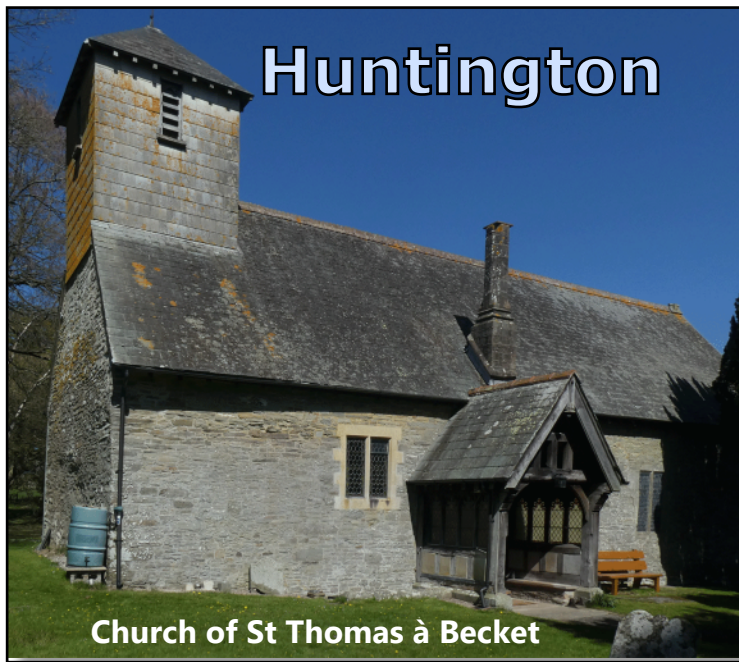
Oil lamp, biblical texts and paintings



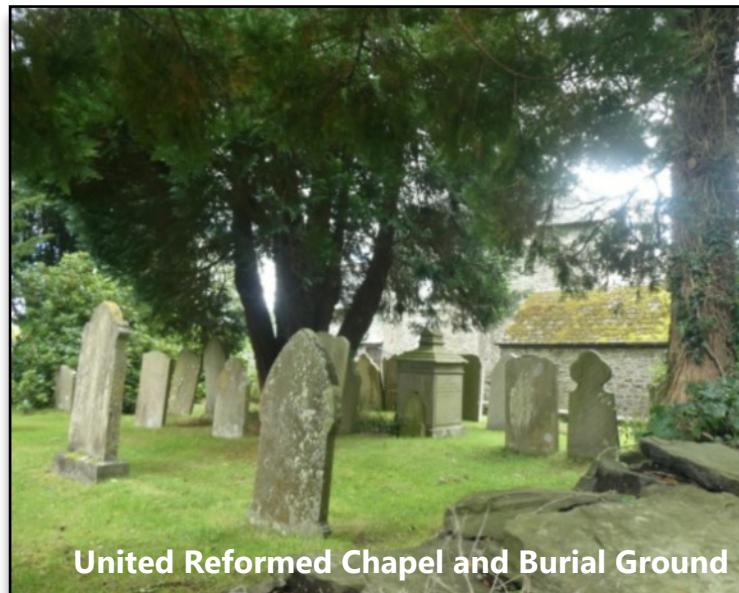
Ancient yew







Church of St Thomas à Becket



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Wagon Shed at Farm in Huntington



← Daniel in the lion's den

← Abraham about to sacrifice his son (on right); ram (on left)

← Moses receiving Ten Commandments from God

← Abraham & Sarah with Isaac and Ishmael



Castle & Forget-me-nots





## Huntington Village, Church and Chapel

Huntington is a small English village between the Gladestry Book and the River Arrow looking across at Hergest Ridge but it is surrounded on three sides by Wales. It is recorded in the Domesday Book and has a 12th or 13th century castle on a high mound still retaining a bit of wall and tower. It is open to visitors to explore.

Huntington Church, dedicated to St Thomas à Becket, has medieval features, but has been pleasantly renewed, and has four unusually fine Arts and Crafts stained glass windows. It is a well kept, beautiful little rural church with some interesting gravestones. The one pictured is a Celtic cross with panels of carved stone depicting biblical stories (I have guessed each story). Another large monument worth quoting is to a Romilly:

In loving memory of Bertram Romilly DSO.  
Colonel Scots Guard of Huntington Park.  
Born Nov 6th 1878 / Died May 6th 1940

**Steel straight/ Blade true.**

*Reverse side:*

Fought in the Boer War, Commanded the Camel Corp in The Sudan. Fought in The Great War 1914-1918. Held the line at Givenchy January 25th 1915. The site of this Battle became known as Romilly's Brickfields. Very Severely Wounded at Neuve Chapelle.

The village also has a **United Reformed Chapel** and burial ground with headstones dating back to 1827. In 1804 it was a schoolroom with services held in the rear, but by 1828 it was extended as a chapel, originally a Congregational Chapel. The church and chapel share services at high festivals. *Laura W-J, photos by Laura & Margaret info from kingtonparishes.org.uk*

## Jean Sandercock – Obituary

It is with great sadness that Peter and Ian Sandercock share the loss of their mother. Jean lived in New Radnor for over 30 years and regularly played the organ on the local church circuit including at New Radnor and Whitton.

She was an active member of both Whitton and New Radnor Women's Institute, serving as president for a time at Whitton. As a WI member she learnt many new skills, entered countless competitions and gained lots of good friends. Jean was a campaigner and regularly corresponded with the local MP, 10 Downing Street and the European Union. She was passionate about the treatment of the farming community, especially the dairy industry, and was actively against onshore wind turbines.

In later years, her health limited her activity and with failing eyesight she had to retire from playing the organ, spending most of her time



at home and in her garden. New Radnor proved to be a wonderful place to live with neighbours and friends providing lots of support in her final years. Peter and Ian wish to thank all of those who helped, as well as those who attended her funeral and the many who made kind donations in her memory.

*Peter Sandercock*

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.  
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Features, containers, tubs, patio pots and garden furniture all look attractive in other people's gardens. Topiary, water features, gothic arches, large urns and sun dials are some of the fashionable requirements of the modern garden. Architectural salvage yards are full of exciting decorative items and with a little T.L.C. to remove rust will make a real statement to add to your garden design.

Nothing beats seeing lots of butterflies flitting through the garden hoping to land on nectar rich plants. We can all help to steady the decline of these beautiful creatures by growing some of their favourites. Scabious, asters, verbenas, valerian, lavender, buddleia and

achillea, to name a few, will create a summer paradise for all pollinators.

We too can enjoy the riot of colour in summer with an abundance of delightful plants at their best, roses, carnations, lilies, pinks, cosmos, lupins, foxgloves, and astrantia and so many more. Most provide a delicious fragrance which intensifies as the sun goes down and creates a rather special atmosphere for outdoor entertaining. Honeysuckle, sweet peas, clematis and all climbers add something magical to your seating area.

One flower often considered old fashioned but which seems to be coming popular is the Astrantia (Hatties' Pincushion) in pretty colours of pink, purple, plum and claret. Umbels of tiny flowers held within a ruff of bracts are long living, upright, ideal for the border. Perfection is hard to achieve when gardening with new ideas and ever changing weather, but what a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction we get from trying.

*Jean Price*



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## Revd Rachael says "Thank you"

A big thank you to Jacqui Kane, St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Nant Melan, the retiring treasurer, for keeping the accounts in good order over the years.

St Michael's are now looking for a new treasurer to take up the running of the accounts. If you feel this is something you would like to do please contact Vicar Rachael at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Joanna Crawshaw retired as the people's warden for St Mary's Church, Gladestry on Wednesday 23 June. A big thank you to Joanna for her dedicated service as the people's warden in the last eight years.

*Revd Rachael*



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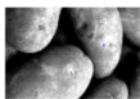
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## Mothers' Union in our Ministry Area



The New Radnor group with 16 members, has the only Mother's Union branch left in our Ministry Area, but it wasn't always that way. Here is the history as written in *'From Beguildy to Rhosili: The Story of the Growth of The Mothers' Union Within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon'*\*

"Mrs Henry de Winton [Archdeacon's wife], now widowed, was promoting Mothers' Union ...and she spoke to mothers at

**Llangynllo** on 7 January 1901. It was an encouraging meeting; it was announced that the vicar's wife, Mrs Evans, was forming a branch and she hoped every mother in the parish would join. At an enrolment service on 18 June 1901 sixty members were enrolled.

Later **Whitton** and **Pilleth** also started a branch, but this was not until 22 June 1910. It prospered and its quarterly meetings were well attended.

Then after some years, the **Bleddfa** mothers became anxious to have their own branch.

The idea was discussed in 1927, and in 1928 the branch came into being, with Mrs Davies of Whitton Rectory as their enrolling member. A number were enrolled, and Lady Green Price, the presiding member for the deanery, came to the first meeting to give it a good start. The mothers were to enjoy having their own little branch for a number of years.

Further north still, at **Heyope**, a branch came into existence in the earlier days of the movement.

Regularly, from 1896, it sent reports of its quarterly meetings to London for inclusion in the Mothers' Union Journal -- reports showed a well-organised branch with over 30 members. *Continued next month with Beguildy, Knighton, Norton, New Radnor, and Evancoyd*

*\*Booklet by Margaret S. Walker 1989. Printed by Qualitex Printing Ltd, Cardiff*

The New Radnor MU group hope to have an afternoon tea later in the summer to raise funds for the MU Summer of Hope

## Macmillan Group Disbanding

After 50 years of service, our Knighton Macmillan Cancer Support Committee have decided to disband.

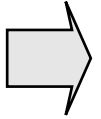
The group was formed in 1971 as the first committee to be established in all of Wales. Three of the founder members, Sue Price, and the late Gladys Vogel & Jean Kilby served since that day. Our current chair and treasurer have both served since 1995. Over the 5 decades our committee has raised a very significant sum of money which has helped many local people affected by cancers and their families.

As times have now changed, regulations are getting tougher to hold events and we struggle to get new members to our committee, we have made a group decision to finish on a high. We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped us in any way over the years, from attending an event, popping up posters, baking a cake, donating a prize or buying a raffle ticket -- it's all meant so much. Anyone wishing to continue to donate can contact the Macmillan Head Office where they will be happy to help.

Thank you all again

*Knighton Macmillan Cancer Support Committee*

## Newchurch



St Mary's in Newchurch is hardly 'new'. Records date back to Llewellyn ap Gruffydd who died in 1282. Was it 'new' then? Its 10th century font is older. Two bells from 1350, one inscribed *Ave Maria*, were restored in 2009.

"In the 1700s the squires – the Beavan family of Tyn y Cwm – and churchwardens appointed an Overseer of the poor and maintained a poor house. In 1789 (a surprisingly late date) they voted money for the erection of stocks and a flogging post. The main offences were failing to attend Church and gossiping, and the wardens were also much exercised by the failure of some men to provide for their children."\* *[from parish.churchinwales.org.uk]*

Francis Kilvert, the famous 19th century diarist, often visited his good friend the vicar, Revd David Vaughan, and was charmed by his daughter Emmeline. Sadly she died age 13, and Kilvert laid primroses on her grave, which

you can still visit. David Vaughan rebuilt St Mary's in 1856 at his own expense.

In 1914 they bought a prefabricated corrugated iron church hall which they were rash enough to put tiles on; the additional weight of snow in 1948 caused the whole building to collapse like a pancake.

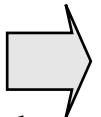
St Mary's stands on the Offa's Dyke path, and walkers from many countries stop for refreshments offered there.

### Ebenezer Presbyterian Chapel

The chapel opposite the church was established in 1846. It is known as the "Chapel on the Dyke" since many walkers on the Offa's Dyke path shelter within its walls during bad weather.

*Information from parish.churchinwales.org.uk; Geograph.*

## Michaelchurch-on-Arrow



Michaelchurch-on-Arrow, named for the church's dedication to the archangel Michael and its location on the River Arrow, is a tiny hamlet with records dating back to 1257.

The 13th or 14th century church was restored in 1869. Old treasures remaining are a 15th century screen and the remains of a 'ciborium' (a canopied shrine for storing the reserve sacrament) probably unique in Wales. The ceiling has four fine carved head bosses; they depict a Bishop of Hereford, Henry IV, Joan of Navarre and a grotesque face which date from around 1410.

*A Topographical Dictionary of Wales by Samuel Lewis, 1833* has this charming entry: "This parish has the privilege of sending poor

children to be gratuitously instructed in the free grammar school of Kington..."



Flat gravestone inscribed  
A tree in the forest asleep as it stood  
Till the carpenter's hands awakened the wood.

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St Mary's Church

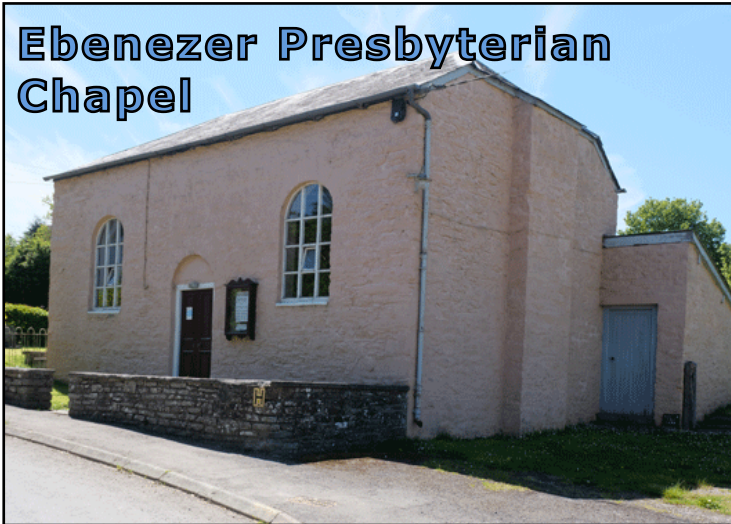


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Ebenezer Presbyterian Chapel

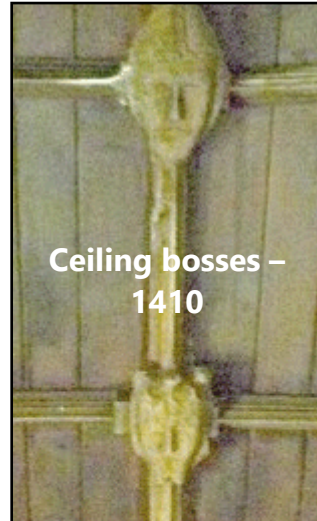


Michaelchurch-on-Arrow



Church being grazed by sheep. Massive bell tower.

Ceiling bosses –  
1410



15th C Screen



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## St Mary's Pilleth



Rev. Rachael leading at Pilleth

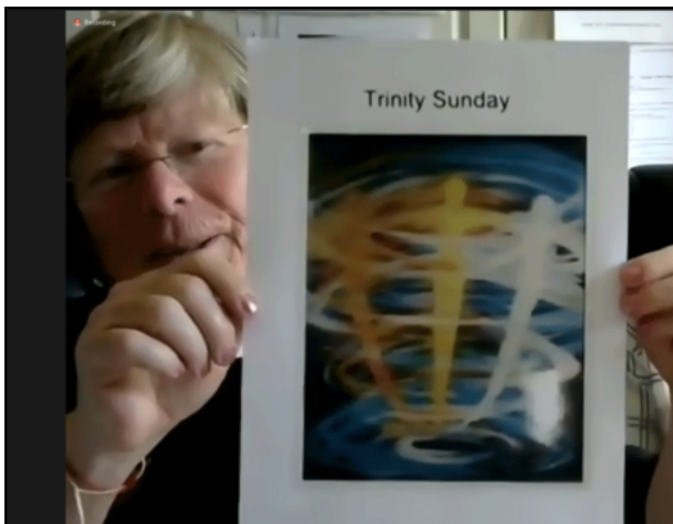


Petra celebrating Zoom Communion

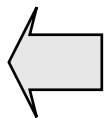
## Zoom



Heather Evans enjoying the service.



Petra delighting in her Tapathon award



## Snippets from Services

**Pentecost** Mark played a word game at our Zoom Service; we supplied the word in the story:

"The Son of God was sent by the Father. He was tested by the devil who tempted him to turn stones into bread. His disciples urged him not to go to Jerusalem, but he refused to stop. He was willing to pay the cost. After he was crucified, the tomb stood open. The gift of the Holy Spirit helped the disciples to cope. We thank God that the Holy Spirit is with us giving us hope."

**Trinity Sunday:** Revd Janet Day showed us her favourite Trinity image (shown opposite) of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

All mystery

All whirling

All joined

All colourful.

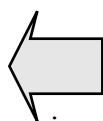
**Pilleth:** St Mary's Pilleth celebrated the first service since Harvest 2019! This was appropriate as Pentecost is the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit arrived. Revd Rachael led evensong. We were so pleased to be together and to sing familiar hymns with the organ played by George Baker.

**Trinity 2:** Rev Petra Goodband spoke about our readings as a Biblical "Gardening Program." Ezekiel takes a cutting from a noble cedar tree; the psalm adds a palm tree to the mix. The sower in Mark scattered mustard seeds, a tiny seed which would grow into a sizeable bush.

The lesson for the Christian was PATIENCE, watching the little thing grow into something big. Even our hymn took up the theme: "The night of weeping shall be the morn of song"

## Petra's Tapathon

One day I had the bright idea of entering for the Roy Castle Tapathon. After all I used to teach tap, so what could possibly go wrong?



I blew the dust off my tap shoes and attempted a quick shuffle, which resulted in me crashing into the kitchen cupboard! To cut a long story short, I purchased new jazz tap shoes and got to work learning the routines.

The day came, I had my tapathon T-shirt given to those who raise enough money for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. I signed on along with thousands of others and the time came to dance. I enjoyed the "easy" routine so much I did the advanced one too. It has been a humbling and enjoyable experience. Thank you to all who supported me and watch out for the next one.

## Our Ministry Area on Facebook

Information for all ages.

Check it out for the latest.  
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Over the centuries different customs have been developed. At Ardmore you will find Déclán’s healing well, which was a focus of 19th century patterns. There is also Déclán’s stone down on the shore. It’s best to do your pattern at low tide so that you can crawl under the boulder, which will cure you of backache and rheumatism. Tradition has it that Déclán arrived from across the sea on that stone.

About six years ago Déclán’s Way was opened, from Cashel in Tipperary all the way to Ardmore, about 56 miles. Pilgrims can walk it over two days around 24th July and sometimes people put out stalls for refreshments and treats. This year, because of Covid, only 50% of people can go and it will be divided over four days.

Déclán is one of four or five saints who were in southeast Ireland before the arrival of St

Patrick. He belonged to the tribe of Déisi, some of whom had emigrated to Pembrokeshire after a tribal split. Déclán studied abroad, some like to say in Wales, and returned to Ireland as a fully-fledged monk and became the evangelist to the Déisi and further afield.

There is a legend about the Dog’s Pass in the Comeragh Mountains. Evidently the pagan tribal chief, Dercan, offered Déclán some dog’s flesh disguised as mutton, but Déclán wasn’t deceived. He restored the dog to life and it went flying over the hills.

*Rosemary Hanna*



Déclán’s healing well

### *Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society*

Presteigne Flower Club is looking forward to resuming demonstrations in the Memorial Hall.

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July 14 and August 11 at 7.30,  
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### Welsh Words

ar wyliau – on holiday

aros gartref – staying at  
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hufen iâ – ice cream

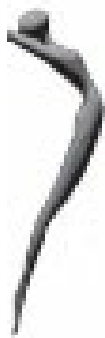
ar lan y mor – at the seaside

mynd am dro – going for a walk

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**Bereavements:** Our thoughts are with all who are mourning the loss of loved ones: the family and friends of Jim Pritchard who passed away, aged 80 years.

The Funeral of Jim took place on 11 June at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Lingen conducted by Rev. Steve Hollingsworth. He also sang the hymns "O lord my God" and "Abide with me." The organist was Thomas Heakin and a favourite poem was read by Lin Heakin. Burial followed in the Churchyard at Lingen.

**Celebrations:** Many Happy Returns of the day to Jean Shuker who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

Treavor and Jean Price recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married at St. Stephen's Church Old Radnor on 22 May 1961. Thank you to all who sent best wishes with cards, phone calls, gifts and lots of flowers.

**Bingo:** Bingo will take place in St. Edwards Church Hall at 7pm on Saturday 3 July and Saturday 7 August. Good prizes and a large jack pot to be won. Please help us to boost the funds for The Hall Roof.

**Coffee Morning:** The next Church Fund raising event will take place on 17 July at 10am and on Saturday 21 August at 10am. Usual stalls and competitions. We would appreciate any gifts you may like to bring along to sell.

### **Covid Restrictions:**

All functions in the Church Hall will be subject to Government Guidelines. Please help us to adhere to these.

*Jean Price*

### **Lunch Club**

The Lunch Club run by Churches Together at Knighton Methodist Church is delighted to meet together weekly again starting

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In May we had Yvonne Crossley "Consequences" Exhibition in Oriell Bleddfa, followed in June by the "Picture Makers" collaborative show. In Hall Barn, from 27th May – 13th June, Sorrel Matai exhibited her work.

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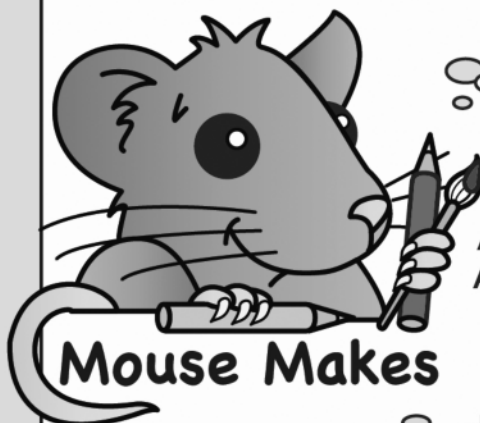
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A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.

A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him,  
he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then  
bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his  
donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.  
The next day he gave the innkeeper two  
denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was  
the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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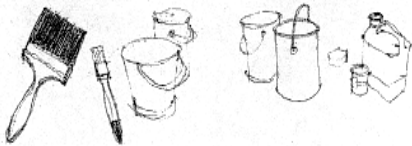
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*(Caring for God's Acre continued from last month. (see page 51 in this edition.)*

The estimated number of churchyards and chapel yards in the UK stands at more than 20,000 and the average ground coverage of each works out at about one acre (0.4 hectares). This is approximately 8,000 hectares of green space, a substantial opportunity for nature conservation.

In 1985 The Living Churchyard and Cemetery Project was set up by English Nature and The Council For Care Of Churches, this came to an end after 15 years through a lack of funding. Fortunately this was taken on by Caring for God's Acre.

Burial grounds are very often the oldest enclosed piece of land in any parish and as such have much in common with original hay meadows, never having been fertilized. This means that if they are managed sensitively they will retain much of their original plant and animal life, which is all too rare in our countryside nowadays.



Caring for God's Acre will provide advice, help and training for volunteers involved in the care of churchyards and their web page has a number of down loadable resources. They also run free webinars, which include ones on caring for and recording old gravestones, churchyard wildlife, and managing the churchyard in a sensitive way.

In Herefordshire a total of 23 churchyard walls have been sympathetically restored by volunteers who have been trained by Caring for God's Acre. Churchyards are primarily used for burials and Caring for God's Acre manages the sensitive matter of grave visiting with simple guidelines on where to leave the flowers and grass long, medium or short, this variety of lengths is also beneficial to wildlife.

*Helen Ackland*

*See photo on page 51.*



You are welcome on any of these.

**Wed June 30.** Hopesay and Barrow Hill (Iron Age hillfort), Hopesay Hill. Moderate 8 miles. Hopesay village SO 390 833

**Tues July 6. SHORT WALK** Pembridge Circular Lean Farm, Staunton on Arrow. Leisurely 5 miles. Car park by river bridge. SO 390 585

**Wed July 7.** Church Stretton to Cardington. Moderate 8 miles. Main car park in Church Stretton (charge) Exp 217 SO 454936.

**Sat July 10.** Castle Hill, Caety Traylow, Yardro. Moderate 9 miles. Car park off A44 by track to Water-break-its-neck. Exp 200 SO 194 592

**Wed July 14.** Orleton Circular walk to Eye. Easy 8 miles. Park Orleton Vill H. Exp 203 SO 488 673

**Wed July 21.** Ffynnon Gwynydd Circular Begwyns and Ciltwrch. Moderate 9 miles. Park near old school. Exp 188 SO 163413

**Thurs July 22. SHORT WALK** Gladestry area. Easy/moderate 5 miles Gladestry Village Hall CP Exp 201 SO232552

**Sat July 24.** Bradnor & Herrock Hills. Moderate, 9 miles Ascent 465m. Mill Street Car Park, Kington (charge) Exp 201 SO 295565

**Wed July 28.** Shaky Bridge and Gilwern Hill. Moderate, 8 miles Ascent 470m. Shaky Bridge car park, SO 085 611

**Wed Aug 25.** Water-break-its-neck Circular via Black Yatt, Llynheilyn and Tomen Castle. Varied terrain.

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## New Drop-in Lunch Service in Knighton

Due to both the lifting of restrictions and results from a recent survey monkey poll, we are opening a Drop-In 'Eatery' service at the Community Centre, alongside which we still continue with the home delivery soup from the hub project but within a limited customer amount.

The Drop-In 'Eatery' service will provide a basic 'fare' of homemade soup with roll/bread, sandwiches made to order, cake/bun and a drink.

The emphasis on our Drop-in is that of social interaction, fun and support; thus the food is being seen as important but not pivotal to the Drop-in ethos.

Within the Drop-in we will have our resident Information & Signposting Assistant, newly appointed Catherine Cadwalader, who will be available to talk to customers about any issue etc that are troubling them and hopefully offer help, support, signposting or referral to other organisations.

However the main focus as mentioned is on providing a safe and friendly atmosphere where people can catch up on much missed social engagement.

We also hope to periodically have entertainment and guest speakers.

*Annie England*



## National Garden Scheme

Powys Gardens Opening in July - contact: Gail Jones [gail.jones@ngs.org.uk](mailto:gail.jones@ngs.org.uk)

**3 July 11 – 4** Abercamlais House, **Abercamlais, Brecon** LD3 8EY.  
Grade 1 listed mansion house,

Victorian suspension bridge

**3 & 4 July 11 – 4** The Hymns, **Walton**, LD8 2RA Inspiring artists. County motto, 'Powys – the paradise of Wales'.

**4 July 1 - 4.30** South Street Gardens, South Street, **Rhayader** LD6 5BH 3 gardens

**4 July 2 – 5** Cwm-Weeg, **Dolfor, Newtown** SY16 4AT. 24 acre garden.

**9 July 11 - 4**, and **every Friday in July** Welsh Lavender, Cefnperfedd Uchaf, **Builth Wells** LD2 3HU Book online at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk). Lavender fields and wild swimming pond.

**11 July 1.30 - 5.30** Tynrhos, **Newbridge on Wye**, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6ND herbaceous, orchard, fields and wildlife pond.

**18 July 1 - 5.30** Treberfydd House, **Llangasty, Brecon** LD3 7PX. Nesfield garden, Long Walk, parterres.

**24 July 10-5** **Ponthafren**, Long Bridge Street, **Newtown**, SY16 2DY. Community gardens & **Bryn Teg**, Bryn Lane, Newtown, SY16 2DP. Caribbean garden.

**25 July 10.30 – 5** Glanoer, Bettws, **Llandrindod** LD1 5RP. Numerous 'rooms'.

**31 July – 1 Aug – Monaughty Mill, Knighton** LD7 1SH. Rusted iron 'church' sculpture.

**31 July – 1 Aug 2 -5** Old Coach House & 1 Ystrad House, Church Road, **Knighton** LD7 1ED. Riverside woodland glade.

**8 - 12 Aug 12- 5pm** **5 Berriew Village Gardens**, Welshpool SY21 8BA

**14-15 Aug (1-5)** Cefnsuran Farm, **Llangunllo** LD7 1SL. 1 acre secluded garden: birds, bats, house martins, swallows.

Many a trip continues long after movement in time and space have ceased. - John Steinbeck

## Whitton W.I. – Creating for our Communities

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### Wall Hanging:

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5 -15 August

Thursdays to Sundays 11 am to 4pm.

There will be information available and W.I. members on hand, plus a Quiz to test observation skills.

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*Articles and photos by  
Hilary McConnachie*

### Coffee Morning:

Whitton W.I. are very pleased to be able to offer FREE monthly coffee mornings supported by a grant from PAVO (and Arwain Rural Development Programme).

This will start on Tuesday 13th July and every second Tuesday in the month. Everyone is welcome to drop in to Whitton Community Hall for a drink, homemade cake and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon.

We did trial this in early 2020 and it is hoped that we will, once again be able to see smiling faces as our community start to come together. That little girl will certainly have changed....!



### Chatterbrook W.I.

Following two successful meetings in the Barn on Went's Meadow, we are planning a celebration of our 5th (and 6th) years as a W.I. in the Barn again on

Thursday 8 July at 2 pm.

There are no firm plans for the meeting on August 12th, but members will be kept informed.

Contact the Secretary : mail@galliers.org.uk (See page 37 for more Chatterbrook info, 42 for pic)





## 3 Wall Hangings



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## Evenjobb – Opening of Saturday Café



Olwen and Nigel cutting the ribbon



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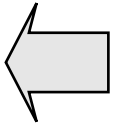


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## Woodlanders



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## News from Evenjobb

The day dawned bright and warm on the 5th of June for the Grand Opening of the Evenjobb Village Saturday Cafe. The Hall had been refurbished and painted and the bunting outside brought extra cheer.

Olwen Morris and Nigel Waters, long time members of the hall committee, cut the ribbon together at 11:00 o'clock to open the doors to the cafe, with about 30 people watching. Everyone conformed to Covid rules.

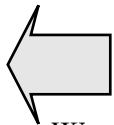
By 4:00pm closing time, **72 customers** had signed in and enjoyed a delicious lunch and cake provided by Ruth Watson and her sister Sarah Green.

This was our first village gathering since Covid started, and all the villagers, friends and families spent an enjoyable day outside in the

sunshine catching up. We hope everyone will continue to support this new Saturday attraction to village life. The next 2 village events are linked to the Café: a table sale on Saturday June 26, and a plant sale for the church on July 17. We need contributors to these events. They will take place outside, weather permitting.

*Linda Ellams*

**Tabletop PLANT SALE**  
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## Woodlanders

### **If you go down to the woods today ...**

We were delighted to find this perfect little nest, expertly constructed within a coil of rope in the shed lean-to. Later when Steve arrived two nestlings standing on the lip of the nest fledged immediately – no doubt for fear of him! Two more popped up and fledged too with two more hunkered down in the nest. Half an hour later the nest was empty but he caught glimpses of the youngsters high in nearby trees, cheeping for food. He was pretty sure they were wrens, who sometimes adopt other nests, as this looks like a long tailed tit's nest.

**Calling budding carpenters:** We need volunteers to lead on a few construction projects: a wooden base for a new shed; a removable cover for our new charcoal retort; lidded crates to season small-diameter timber for charcoal making. Full briefing provided.

**Hedgelaying:** We hope to run our hedgelaying course again this autumn – pictured is our last course. Two of our volunteers have kindly provided the venue for our courses, but they have now run out of hedge to lay. If you would like to host a course and have a hedge suitable for laying (we can advise on suitability) then please get in touch. Our training venue requirements are a suitable hedge, parking for 5 or 6 vehicles and access to a toilet – we provide everything else.

**Moth Trapping for Beginners,** Wednesday 7th July, 7:30pm to 9pm, an informative talk over zoom. County Recorder Norman Lowe will show you how to get into moth trapping, the equipment you need and how to identify some of the easier, more common moths you are likely to attract. You'll also learn about some of the iconic moths in Powys.

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## Meetings Resume for Chatterbrook W.I.



Chatterbrook W.I. welcomed 20 members to the Barn on Went's Meadow, Presteigne, for its monthly meeting, only the second time that members have been able to get together since the pandemic. Previous meetings have taken the form of a series of entertaining Zoom meetings, including a balloon modelling demonstration, an origami workshop, and talks on popular music of the sixties.

Adhering to Covid regulations, members took part in a floral workshop skilfully led by treasurer Carol Charlson, who showed everyone how to make a hand-tied bouquet. Members made their own arrangements using flowers they had brought from their own gardens, achieving great results.

A number of members had brought plants for sale in aid of Macmillan. Carol Charlson is

aiming to raise £650 for this charity by taking part in the Wye Valley Mighty Hike in September and members of Chatterbrook WI will be among her sponsors.

Chatterbrook hopes that face-to-face meetings can continue as it has a lively and varied programme planned. When the lockdown ends, meetings later on in the year will be held at the Memorial Hall in Presteigne on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. The W.I. has been able to restart its Walking Group and is aiming to restart the Book Group and Lunch Group as soon as Covid regulations allow.

Anyone interested in joining - or visiting with a view to joining - can contact W.I. president Christine Wells on 01544 260258.

*Frances Field – see page 42 for photo*

### Recipe: Courgette and Dolcellate Soup

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 med onion, roughly chopped
- 900 g (2 lbs) courgettes, sliced (thickness of pound coin)
- 115 g Dolcellate or Gorgonzola
- 1 tspn dried oregano
- 1 pint veg stock
- ½ pt single cream
- salt and black pepper

#### Method:

Heat butter and oil in a large pan, over a medium heat, until foaming. Add chopped onion and fry gently for 5 mins, stirring frequently. The onion should be softened but do not allow to brown.

Add the sliced courgettes and oregano, salt and pepper to taste. You don't need much salt as the cheese is salty!!!! I used a scant teaspoon.

Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently to prevent sticking, for 10 minutes. Pour in the stock, bring to boil. Lower heat, half cover pan, and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Add the cheese and stir until it's melted.

Process the soup using a blender.

Add two thirds of the cream and stir over a low heat. Don't allow it to boil! Pour into preheated bowls and swirl on the remaining cream. If you have any cheese and oregano left over just sprinkle a bit over. Serves 4. (Recipe from [www.allotment-garden.org](http://www.allotment-garden.org))



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## The Bomb That Finally Exploded

On Thursday evening on the 10th June the normally peaceful village of Norton was rattled by two loud explosions. These were caused by the Bomb Disposal Team in order to make safe an unexploded World War II 4" mortar bomb. This had been found earlier in the afternoon by Gareth Pugh of Cwmwhitton whilst preparing the field alongside Norton Manor Park for potatoes to be planted. He noticed that his de-stoning machine had become blocked and found that there was something stuck in the front share, probably a stone or tree root, so he proceeded to knock it out with a large iron bar carried on the machine for that purpose. When it was cleared he decided to see what had caused the blockage and found under layers of soil and rust a complete 4" mortar bomb about 12" long but with the detonator in the nose missing. So he put it on a nearby stone manhole cover and rang the landowner who in turn rang the Police. Meanwhile potato planting continued across the field.

A little while later 2 Police vans and 3 officers arrived to survey the situation and then called in the Royal Logistics Corps, Bomb Disposal Team. One Police van and 2 officers remained to keep the site safe until the Bomb Disposal Team arrived from Tewkesbury later that evening. They decided it was best to destroy it on site so they buried it in 18" of soil, laid their explosives and stood back. The explosion was louder than we had anticipated and rattled windows in houses in Norton about half a mile away and it was also heard in Presteigne around 2 miles away. On inspection they found that the first explosion had split the mortar open but there was still

some old explosive inside so to make absolutely sure they decided to give it a second blast. By this time a good number of startled Park home owners from Norton Manor had appeared and the Norton Facebook page had sprung into action! The first blast had also startled the local reporter for Hereford & Worcester Radio, Trevor Owens, who arrived on site just in time to record the second explosion and the incident made H & W Seven o'clock news and a later report next day. The second blast did the trick and there was not much left to be seen.

During the Second World War the Canadian Army were stationed on this field at Norton Manor and several other pieces of Ordnance had been found over the years on the land surrounding the Manor, but none as intact as this one. Whether it had been fired and failed to explode or whether it had been disposed of by burying at the end of the war no one knows. Tragically 2 young people had been killed by a grenade that they found on Stonewall Hill just across the valley from Norton around the time of the war. Fortunately this incident passed off without such dire consequences even though the mortar had been hammered with an iron bar. We have found many things in potato fields, horseshoes, lumps of metal, golf balls but nothing quite as dangerous as an unexploded bomb!

*Colin Pugh*

*Photos by Colin on page 41)*

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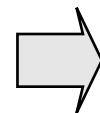
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## The Drovers



From the early Middle Ages, Welsh farmers bred cattle for the English market and to take full advantage of this, Welshmen learned how to drive their cattle great distances to the east.

Cattle in different parts of Wales were congregated at agreed places where they were organised for the long journey out of the country in autumn and spring. Before the departure of the droves of cattle, which later included sheep, pigs, geese and turkeys, all the



Cues for cattle's cloven hooves

animal's feet had to receive adequate protection. Different animals needed different types of footwear - shoes (cues) for the cattle to fit the cloven hooves, the geese and turkeys driven through tar and sand or given leather boots and pigs had knitted woollen socks with leather soles.

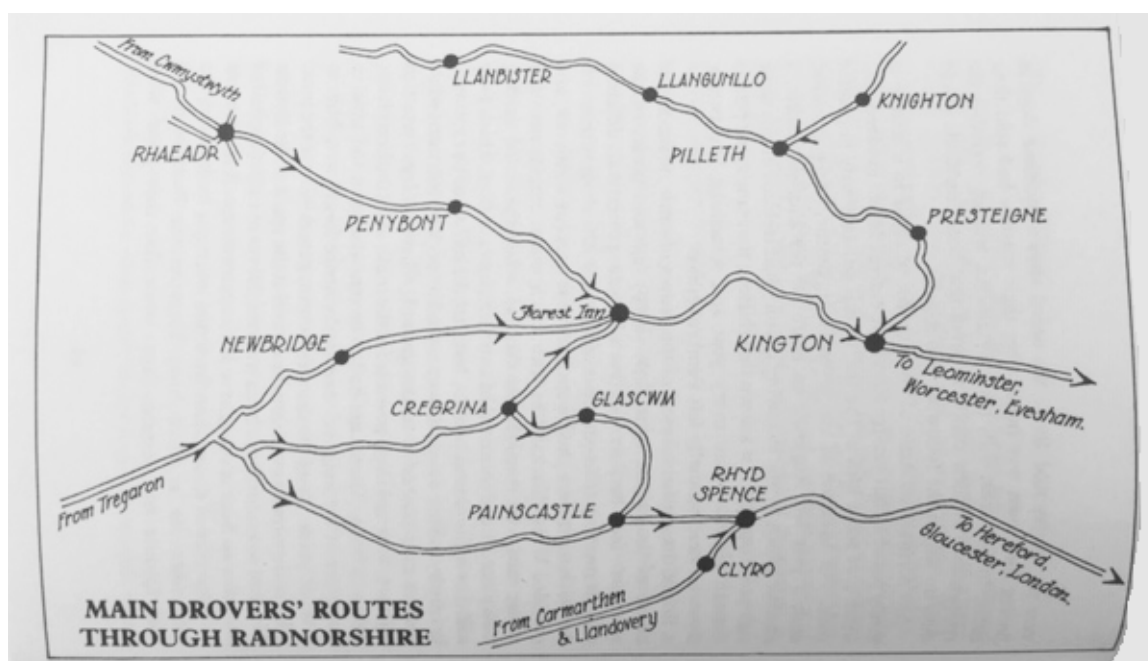
Up to 12 men were responsible for 400 head of cattle assisted by their dogs, often corgis, chosen for their speed, tenacity and intelligence. Most drovers were on foot, but

the drover leaders rode on ponies, which also sold for good prices in England before the long, leisurely trek home on foot to Wales. The pay of the drovers was considered good compared to the wages of others who worked on the land.

The map shows the drover routes of Radnorshire and four of the busiest in Wales (from Cwmystwyth, Strata Florida, Tregaron and Carmarthen, via Llandovery) passed through the county. Within the Ministry Area was the route through Llangunllo and Pilleth to either Knighton or Presteigne and then on to Ludlow and Leominster. Routes also converged at the Forest Inn and on to Kington and Herefordshire. On average 2 miles per hour was travelled and journey time, for example, from Tregaron via Radnorshire to Warwickshire was 16 days.

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per hour

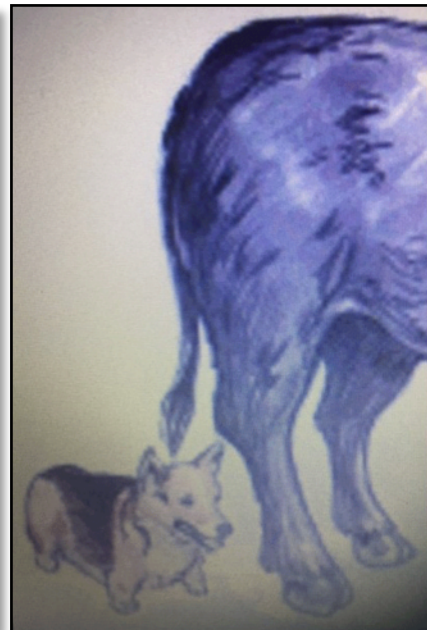
By the 16th Century drovers had to be officially licensed and be at least 30 years of age, married and the owner of a house. Through the 17th and 18th Centuries the *(continued on page 43)*



# The Drovers



Drovers on route



Drover's valuable assistant



## WW II bomb in a Radnorshire Potato Field

The Mortar bomb

*See page 39 for story*





## New Radnor Over 60's Club

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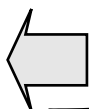
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## Dolau Duck Race

**F**riends of Dolau School and The Dolau School Action group joined forces to hold a duck race as a fundraiser for Dolau School.

A great effort was made by friends, family and pupils of Dolau school and 1250 ducks were sold. We are very grateful for the donations we

also received, particularly from the Beefy Boys and Field to Fork Catering.

Due to Covid regulations the event was held at an undisclosed location, when 13 races were held plus a grand finale.

Thank you to all who bought, sold and helped steward the duck race.  
*Sarah Price*

## The Drovers (Continued)

*(Continued from page 40)*

trade expanded considerably with the number of cattle crossing into England greatly increasing from year to year. By the middle of the 18th Century upwards of 30,000 cattle from Wales annually travelled through Hereford.

rough,  
tough  
men

During the journey, land and feed for the animals, food and lodgings for the men and renewal of the animal's footwear had to be arranged. Blacksmiths, inn keepers and farmers offering accommodation and land, welcomed the arrival of the drovers, while others regarded these rough, tough men less favourably. A farrier would sometimes accompany the herd on horseback to supply, fit and replace shoes. Drovers would also buy stock on route and many locally produced animals would join the welsh cattle on their way to England. Knighton and Presteigne markets benefited from this trade.

**Men of some substance** Leading drovers became men of some substance and had an assured position in their society.

Through their travels they met people from other walks of life with whom they exchanged opinions and discussed news. They also acted as letter carriers and performed an important financial role between the two countries, with

the fear of robbery, encouraging the growth of private banks in Wales. The best known of these was the "Black Ox Bank" which in 1909 became part of Lloyds and later the famous Black Ox replaced by a Black Horse.

Two events in the 18th Century made significant changes to the lives of drovers. Firstly, as non-conformity spread in Wales, the sanctity of the Welsh Sabbath was stressed, causing all drovers to stay where they were on Sundays, with a heavy fine for defaulters. Also Turnpike Roads came into existence, with toll gates and charges, leading the drovers to take the cattle off the roads and make their own tracks toward England.

However, in the 19th Century, came the greatest change of all, the arrival of the railway meant stock could be sent by train to their destinations and the long and useful career of the drover came to an end.

The Welsh cattle drovers were a hardy and famous breed of men and their story has already gone down in legend.

*Isabel Morris*

*Ref/photos - Radnorshire: A Historical Guide –  
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## **Llangunllo Summer Notice Board**

We hope some of the events and activities will be Covid Restriction Free!

### **Changes in the Village Centre –**

In May, Chris Morgan, Chair of the Community Council, held an onsite meeting to discuss the newly adopted phone box and ideas to enhance the village centre. The phone box is to be used for the community defibrillator at present located in the bus shelter. As the bus shelter is now a library and gift store the removal of the defibrillator will increase storage and display space. Over the summer a group of volunteers will undertake the work of refurbishing the phone box, installing flower boxes, plus a sign, and general tidy up.

### **The Charity Shop Llandrindod Wells –**

Due to the ongoing Covid situation, the Friends of St Cynllo's Church and Village Hall Committee, are unable to run the shop from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July as planned.

Many thanks for all donations received and we look forward to selling the items in the autumn.

### **Service at St Cynllo's Church –**

A community service will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm and all are welcome.

### **Car Treasure Hunt –**

Friends of St Cynllo's Church and Village Hall Committee are holding a Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 3pm.

Starts from village centre and ends with a BBQ at the village hall, £2 per person for Treasure Hunt with Open and Family prizes.

Contact Karen on [kjedgar01@gmail.com](mailto:kjedgar01@gmail.com) / 01547 550246 or Ryan on [ryandavies1981@icloud.com](mailto:ryandavies1981@icloud.com) / 07748 188222

### **Community Walk -**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August, meet at The Greyhound at 10.15am to walk to Llangunllo Station to catch the train to Dolau and return walk to Llangunllo of 6/7 miles.

Please bring packed lunch and drinks. There will be an opportunity to top up on water and arrangements can be made to undertake half the walk if so wished.

Contact Jan on [susanscottage@btinternet.com](mailto:susanscottage@btinternet.com) for more information.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

### July 2021

- Sat 3 Bingo, St Ed's Church Hall, 7pm.  
Thur 8 Chatterbrook W.I, the Barn 2pm.  
Tue 13 Coffee Morning, Whitton Comm.  
10.30-12 noon (page 20)  
Wed 14 Presteigne Flower Club, Memorial  
Hall, 7.30am.  
Sat 17 Saturday Cafe (11-4) **Every  
Saturday**, Evenjobb Village Hall.  
Sat 17 Plant sale Evenjobb Vill Hall 11- 4.  
Coffee Morning, St Ed's Hall 10am.  
Sat 31 Knucklas Village Fete, Knucklas  
Comm 12-8pm (see page 9).

### Aug 2021

- Sun 1 Knucklas Allotment Open Day, 1-5.  
Sat 7 Evenjobb Village Hall Plant Sale,  
11am - 4pm.  
Bingo, St Ed's Church Hall, 7pm.  
Tue 10 Coffee Morning, Whitton Comm.  
10.30-12 (page 20).  
Wed 11 Presteigne Flower Club, Memorial  
Hall, 7.30am.  
Sun 21 Coffee Morning, St Ed's Hall, 10am  
Sun 22 Car Treasure Hunt Llangunllo (p 45).  
Mon 30 Llangunllo Community Walk (p 45).

## Baptist Sunday Worship

Morning Worship at Norton Street every  
Sunday at 11am

4 July and 1 August, 6pm, (first Sunday each  
month) Knucklas Chapel  
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## Methodist Sunday Worship

Service in Knighton every Sunday at 11am.

## Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11am.

## REGISTERS:

### Funeral:

The funeral of Mrs Jean Sandercock, New  
Radnor was held at Hereford Crematorium  
followed by a memorial service at St Mary's  
New Radnor on Monday 8th June, officiated  
by the Reverend John Stocker. The WI ladies  
laid on a beautiful afternoon tea at the Hub  
after the service, which was enjoyed by all who  
attended.

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As water reflects the face,  
so one's life reflects the heart.

- Proverbs 27.19 (NIV)



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Bleddfa	SO 206683	LD7 1PA
Heyope	SO 239745	LD7 1PY
Llangunllo	SO 211712	LD7 1SW
Knighton	SO 287724	LD7 1AG
Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG
Pilleth	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
Cascob	SO 239664	LD8 2NT
N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
Gladestry	SO 230551	HR5 3NR
Colva	SO 199531	HR5 3RA
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# Church Services and Readings July and August

## Anglican Sunday Worship

**Zoom** worship every Sunday at 9.30am

### July 4 Trinity 5 Green

11am St Edward's HC	Ezekiel 2. 1-5
11:15am Gladestry HC	Psalm 123
3pm Cascob	2 Corinthin's 12.2-10
8:30pm Bleddfa Compline	Mark 6. 1-13

### July 11 Trinity 6 Sea Sunday Green

9:30am Whitton H C	Amos 7. 7-15
10am New Radnor MP	Psalm 85. 8-13
11:15am Evancoed MP	Ephesians 1. 3-14
	Mark 6. 14-29

### July 18 Trinity 7 Green

11am St Edward's HC	Jeremiah 23. 1-6
11:15am Evancoed MP	Psalm 23
6:30pm Llangunllo	Ephesians 2. 11-22
Patronal Festival	Mark 6.30-34,53-56

### July 25 James, Apostle Red

11:15am New Radnor HC	Acts 11.27 – 12.2
	Psalm 126
	2 Corinthians 4.7-15
	Matthew 20. 20-28

### August 1 Trinity 9 Green

11am St Edward's HC	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15
2:30pm Colva EP	Psalm 78, 23-29
8:30pm Bleddfa Compline	Ephesians 4. 1-16
	John 6. 24-35

### August 8 Trinity 10 Green

9:30am Whitton HC	1 Kings 19. 4-8
10am N Radnor Hall MP	Psalm 34. 1-8
11:15am Gladestry HC	Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2
3pm Llan NM EP	John 6. 35, 41-51

### August 15 Mary, Mother of our Lord, White

11:15am Evancoed MP	Isaiah 6. 1, 10-11
11am Beguildy HC	Psalm 45. 10-17
11am St Edward's HC	Galatians 4. 4-7
	Luke 1. 46-55

### August 22 Trinity 11 Green

11:15am New Radnor HC	Joshua 24.1-2,14-18
11:15am Evancoed MP	Psalm 34. 15-22
11am Heyope HC	Ephesians 6. 10-20
	John 6. 56-69

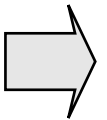
### August 29 Trinity 13 Green

11am <b>Ministry Area</b>	Deuter'y 4.1-2,6-9
<b>Holy Communion at</b>	Psalm 15
St Edward's Knighton	James 1. 17-27
	Mark 7.-8,14,15,21-23

Abbreviations: HC = Holy Communion

MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer

## Norton Treasure Hunt



On the 13th June a Treasure Hunt in aid of Norton Show took place. As there are no facilities in the village of Norton we served refreshments in the Churchyard at St. Andrew's to which over a hundred people came (spread over the day) From this about £211.00 was raised for the Churchyard fund. There were a lot of very positive comments on the Norton Website page and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it.

We did have to reassure quite a number of people that as soon as the building work and alterations have been completed and St. Andrew's is fully open again there will be monthly services including Christmas, Easter and Harvest. As well as these services we will also be able to hold Christenings, Funerals and Weddings/ Blessings.

In September we are also planning an open air "Norton Harvest Festival Service" in the Churchyard followed by a Harvest Lunch in one of our beautiful local gardens. Further details will follow nearer the time.

- Helen Ackland



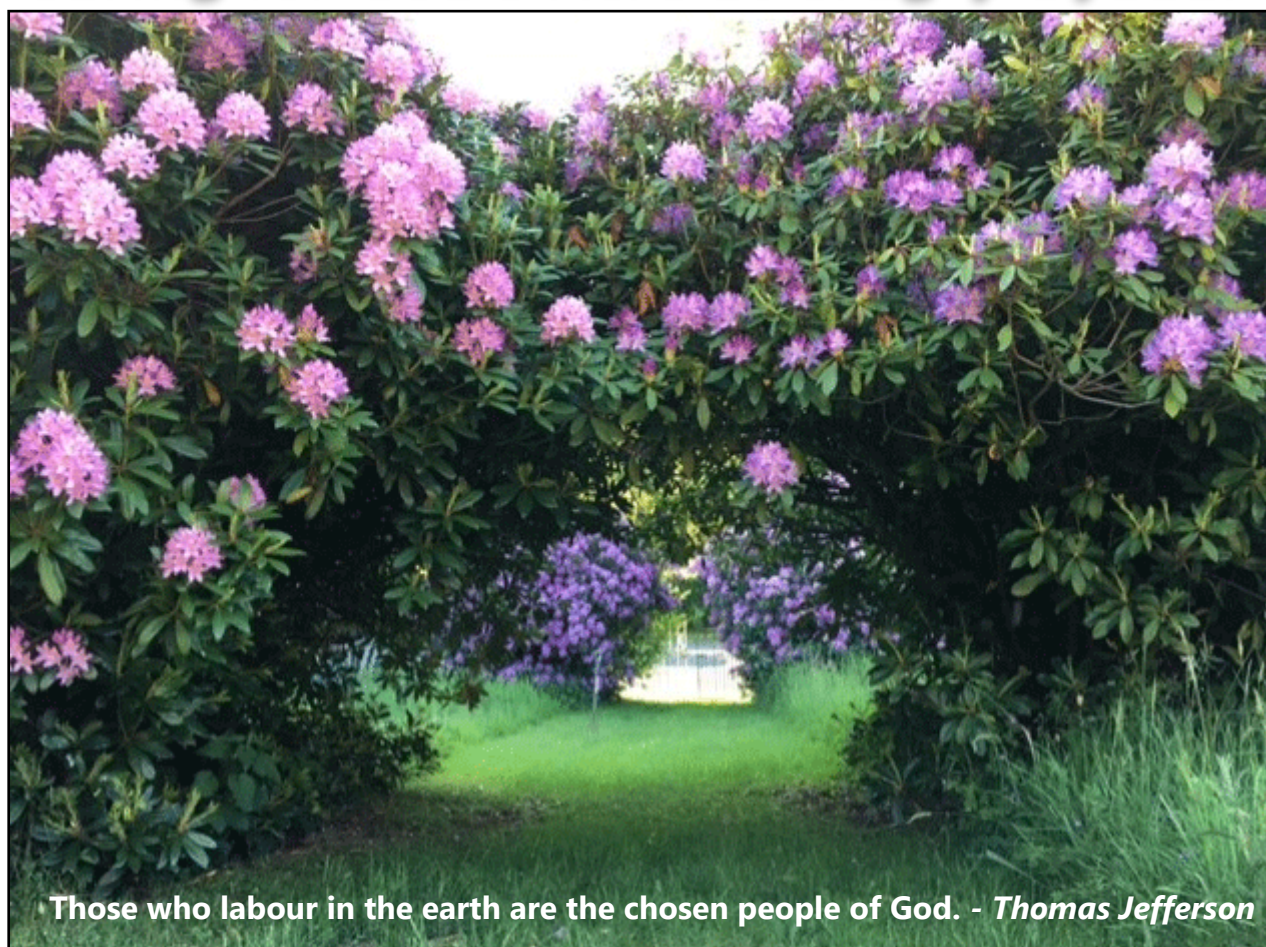


## **Norton Treasure Hunt**



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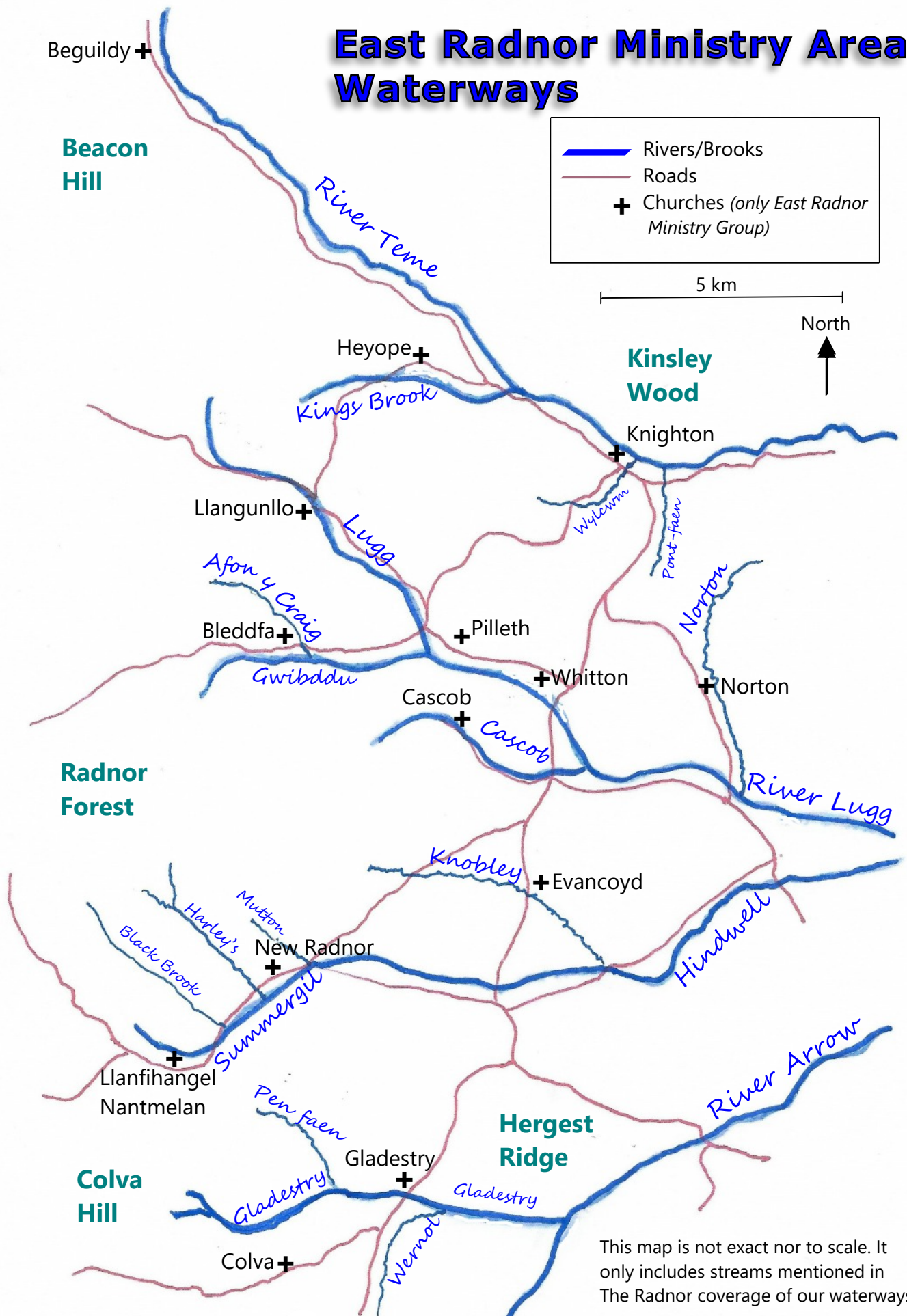
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