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St Matthew Writing His Gospel
Prestatyn Church

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Knighton Cattle Market



Glyn Owens 30 years ago



Glyn with Jenny calling today



Knighton Market Musings

An empty Livestock Market is a cold soulless place. Constructed of steel and concrete it hides few secrets but probably has ghosts aplenty! What brings a market to life is people and livestock.

The auction process is simple, transparent and fair. That is why it has stood the test of time and seems to be gaining in popularity as an efficient way of disposing of all types of asset and property.

For a livestock market to function you require what any market needs – sellers and buyers. For a market to be successful you need plenty of both and then everyone is happy! It is this meeting of minds with the auctioneer as referee that brings life to the auction market and it is where the real fun begins.

In the old black and white photograph below the cattle are standing in the middle of Broad Street, Knighton, ready to be sold. The auctioneer would have acted as he does now, as a broker between vendor and purchaser.

Presumably it was then decided that it would be better if the cattle were purchased and sold on a specific site within the town, and thus the purpose-built market came into being.

There were originally two markets within Knighton. One occupied the present site and the other was behind the Knighton Hotel. There was no concrete then. Perhaps a bit of hardstanding, turf and wooden pens. The present market was built by the County Council in the 1950's and has been significantly improved by McCartneys over the years.

The photograph on the left shows a young yours truly selling lambs about thirty years ago. I have been privileged to have wonderful customers over the years and wonderful staff, but more about those in my next musing.

Glyn Owens FRICS, Consultant – McCartneys
Current photos by Laura



Dear friends,

In life we always seem to be in a hurry and always seem to not have enough hours in the day to complete what needs to be done. At this time of year you hurtle through the lanes in the car on some mission of huge importance, muttering maliciously at cyclists in helmets shaped like wasps' bottoms, clad head to foot in lycra, inconsiderate enough to want the same bit of road you are on and hoping and praying that they can't lip-read what you have just called them as you squeeze past, trying not to put them in the hedge! On rounding the next bend, you come up behind the ponderous majesty of a tractor and trailer. Filling the lane with its presence, the driver seems not to have a care in the world. On closer inspection over the next ten minutes, you conclude that it is actually a convoy of three tractors and two trailers and the glory of the aforementioned ponderous majesty begins to wear a bit thin! Watching the minutes crawling by, you think how late you are going to be and how hot under the collar you are getting. And I would wager a substantial sum that most of you at this point don't start singing "We plough the fields and scatter" or bless the farmers for their work putting food on our plates! Quiet the opposite I think!

So, here is your challenge for the harvest season and beyond. Take time to give thanks to God for all that is good in your life and give to him all that needs to be mended too. Take time to be with family and friends, and do not fill every waking moment with stuff to do. Take time and stop for a moment or two, be in God's presence and recharge your batteries, without feeling guilty about it. Be kind to yourself and those around you.

God bless. Rev Rachael

ps. Please contact myself or your churchwarden to book home communion or a home visit.

Cover - Jesus appearing to St Matthew

The cover image illustrates Christ appearing to St Matthew as he writes the first gospel in our New Testament. Its most famous words are the 'Beatitudes', "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted..." (Matthew 5.3-12). Matthew, one of the early apostles, was a tax collector who would have been hated because he was collaborating with the enemy (Rome) and collecting more than was due, to keep the excess for himself.

This colourful image from Christ Church, Prestatyn, is attributed to the studio of Goddard & Gibbs to the design of Maud Sumner. It was given in 1960 in memory of Henry Gibson Jonson, churchwarden from 1939 (died 1959). The image is by kind permission of the photographer, Martin Crampin who has published an illustrated history of "*Stained Glass in Wales*."

Note

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Remembering Gwen Evans

(photo page 9). Rev Petra Goodband led the service.

Gwen was born at Birtley Post Office in 1932, the eldest of 7. On leaving school at 15 she drove a lorry for the family business collecting eggs, rabbits and game from local farms to markets in the Midlands, a business that is still running today.

She married Ron in 1959 and lived at Lower House for 60 years. They had 2 children Bryan & Haydn. Tragically in 1980 they lost Bryan in

The funeral of Gwen Evans took place on 12 July at St David's Heyope where she had been an active member. Mourners were delighted with a life-sized tea tray made of flowers

a fateful accident and in 1987 Ron died of cancer. Nessie joined Haydn at Lower House in 2006, and in 2019 Haydn had a life saving liver transplant.

Gwen catered at Knighton Market and further afield for 35 years – never missed a day. She was famous for her Welsh Cakes. Lodgers came to Lower House from far and near: shearers from New Zealand, bank clerks from Builth. Everyone left with a head full of memories & 2 sizes bigger! They still send Christmas cards and reminisce about happy days. She sent visitors on their way with "God Bless, Mind How You Go."

At the age of 78 Gwen hung up her pinny; she had cracked her last egg and never baked another cake. Following her retirement she ventured to Knighton once a week and spent Saturday afternoons watching the horse racing.

*From the eulogy by Ivor Williams
see page 9 for her Tea Tray*

Thoughts from our clergy

The Bread of Life



Rachael enhanced the meaning of bread. In Russia it means 'welcome'. In Scandinavia if a boy and girl share a loaf they are bound to fall in love. In Egypt where the grinding stone was invented 10,000 years ago, bread was used as currency and placed in tombs to feed the deceased on their journey.

Christians are reminded every time we receive communion that Jesus is the 'bread of life'. He fed 5,000 with a few loaves and fishes. If we make sourdough bread, we know to feed the starter every day with a bit of sugar and water. In the same way we feed our faith with prayer, reading, meeting other Christians.

The Plumb-line

At Whitton Petra spoke about the prophet Amos's plumb line. His vision of a plumb-line was to measure the true heart of Israel. Israel discriminated against the poor, anyone lowly in society. The wealthy were prospering at the hands of the marginalised.



Amos's plumb-line is for us to measure our own society; do we all enjoy the riches of our own country or are some left behind?

More importantly we could do with an internal plumb-line to measure our own hearts. Do we live by what is true and just?

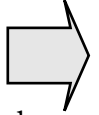
New Series - My Favourite Thing - for The Radnor

We are starting a new series, "My Favourite Thing." We hope to have someone from each Ministry Area church tell us about their favourite thing in their church.

It could be a window, a font, an altar cloth, a screen, a gravestone, a bell – anything that

catches your fancy. Look around your church. What is the one thing you always show a visitor? What is the one thing you really like? Tell us about it. Send a photo if you can. Send it to the editor.

My Favourite Thing



(The editor writes) I chose to focus on this zany tableau at St Edward's Knighton. St Ed's is a staid Victorian church, with beautiful, but controlled images. But always out of the corner of my eye (halfway obscured by a pillar) is this picture shown on the right filling a gap to the organ loft. It's colourful and crazy. The more you look at it the more you see: penguin, fish, frog, elephant, snakes, mythical beings. They frolic in waves and walk and climb on land. There are mountains, trees, plants.

It's a cacophony of creation. But craziest of all are those colourful clown legs in high heeled boots hanging in air, or are they walking around this creation scene? (Pamela tells us the truth.)

Outside the whole scene is a multi-coloured butterfly. You won't be surprised that this was a gift from the school. Pamela Richards has sent us this report on its creation in 1995:

"Those zany boots are actually **erupting volcanoes** but your interpretation is much more exciting.

"With an art background and as a trained primary teacher I was asked by Father Tim on behalf of his wife Mary to design something

for the dark Sunday school corner in the church.

"I worked with a group of about 20 year 5/6 children from the school over several sessions starting with the reading to the children of a contemporary version of The Creation story and a discussion follow up of what the story involved to give the children background

"The children then used research materials to find images of animals from the story and ideas for landscapes linked to the story. They then each made a "creation landscape" using mixed media and then each created a collage image in textured papers of an animal from the story after a chat to ensure we included a range of creatures.

"I then took the landscape images and composed them into a line sketch on a large piece of MDF and the children painted the background outline in small groups

"Each child's animal was transferred by me onto MDF having been scaled up/down to fit into the finished piece and secured onto the painted background as a relief image."

Pamela Richards

80 years ago, on 1 Sept 1941 Nazi Germany ordered Jews to wear a yellow Star of David.

30 years ago, on 6 Sept 1991 Leningrad was renamed St Petersburg, restoring its original name.

25 years ago, on 27 Sept 1996, the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Afghanistan.

20 years ago, on 11 Sept 2001, the 9/11 terrorist attack on the USA took place.



My Favourite Thing at St Edward's Knighton



Photos by Laura

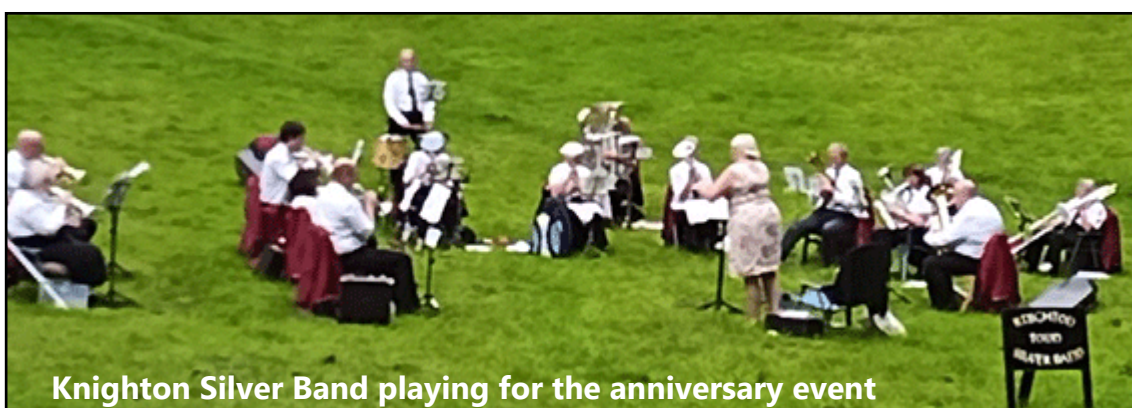


A winter walk along Offa's Dyke (left) on Llafair Hill

Offas Dyke Path 50 years



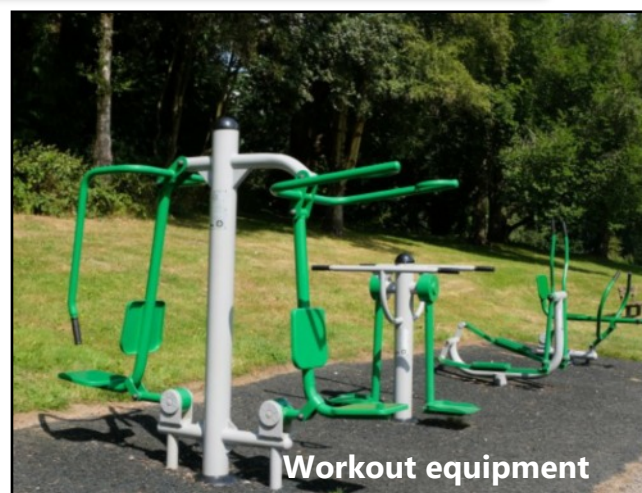
New waymark



Knighton Silver Band playing for the anniversary event



Playground equipment



Workout equipment



Skateboard park

Offa's Dyke Centre in Knighton has meeting rooms, displays, information, table tennis, skateboard park, picnic tables, children's and adult's equipment, parking and green spaces – plus the PATH!

Photos by Simon Gill and Laura W-J

Offas Dyke Trail – 50 Years

July 10 marked the 50th anniversary of the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail. Knighton Town band played on the grounds below Offa's Dyke Centre in Knighton, and a choir sang. A commemorative tree was planted and a plaque was unveiled.

The National Trail was officially opened on 10 July 1971 in Knighton by Lord Hunt. The path winds through 177 miles between Chepstow on the River Severn to Prestatyn on the North Wales coast.

Dating back to the 8th century, the iconic earthwork monument stands up to 8 metres high and was built on the command of King Offa as a divide between the two kingdoms.

The Path weaves through eight counties and three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty including The Clwydian Range & Dee Valley, The Wye Valley, The Shropshire Hills and the Brecon Beacons National Park.

A collection of new, 50th anniversary way-markers have been installed along the Path to mark the milestone occasion.

A new exhibition on display until October by Welsh artist, Dan Llywelyn Hall, was also launched.

Walking Festivals along the famous route have also been arranged by Ramblers Cymru to mark this milestone. See

www.nationaltrail.co.uk/offas-dyke-path

The care of the path that passes through three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and a National Park, is jointly funded and strategically managed by Natural Resources Wales NRW and Natural England (NE) as well as local authority and national park partners.

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Flora

In September summer gently slips into autumn, but there are still weeks to enjoy late summer colour with a border of achillea, rudbeckia, salvia, dahlias, echinacea and roses. Hardy geraniums in pink, lavender and pretty blue also add an attractive edging to the border. Carnations and roses always enhance a celebration and they are so easy to grow.

One of my favourite plants for flower arranging is the alstroemeria which produces flowers in a wide range of colours and blooms well over a long period. They are available in the most common orange with a deep yellow centre, soft cream with pink, lavender, lemon, rose and plum pink and the apricot variety named *golden jubilee*. It originates from South America, hence the name *Peruvian lily*. Be aware that its root system may wander all over your garden.

Harvest Festivals will soon take place. It is a time to decorate the Church and thank God for all His blessings. If you would like to arrange flowers in Church for the Festival do come along (schedule of services on page 58).

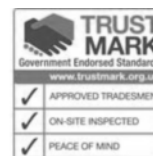
Gardening in miniature is fashionable. Stone troughs are good for planting little alpine plants that give colour all year round. Lewisia's pink bell flowers, cranes bill and edelweiss together with rosette forming succulents will provide a start. Tiny bulbs, conifers, rock and trailing plants add charm to a landscape in miniature. I have been told that collecting these small beauties is now addictive, so be warned. The bulb catalogues have started to arrive, a good excuse to sit and plan for another season.

- Jean Price



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October 31st Knighton Community Centre

November 28th Offas Dyke Centre

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Please also **collect crisp bags** in your local community and bring them in to these litter picking sessions. TVEG can arrange for them

to be recycled, as Powys County Council only send them to landfill!

Our website is tveg.org.uk – find out what else we do. You might like to be involved in:

- Looking after the Railway Station garden
- Edible Knighton sites around town,
- Knighton Community Woodland Group,
- Sustainable Food Group
- Anti pointless plastic campaign.

You might have a project you would like to start? Ask to join our mailing list of like-minded people.

Nicola Colston

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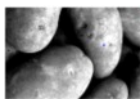
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Bobby's Beat | What Nearly Was Mine

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

Night duty at Pulborough was quiet and lonely. We often worked 10pm to 6am, with only a bike for transport, and public telephone for contact. The only other people about were the postmen who drove to the railway station about midnight to collect sacks from the last train, and then sort the mail. I became quite good at sorting while having a cuppa with them.



One night I was on the A29 road when I saw a car travelling towards the coast, and I noted that its registration letters were PLA, which in my world stood for Port of London Authority. The car was a Ford Consul, and I could see that there were 3 or 4 men in it. As luck would have it I was on the same road later in the night when the same car was heading back towards London. This time it was very

down at the rear end, and it was obvious that there was a boot full of something heavy.

I hurried to the nearest phone box and let our HQ know. Jack Stabler, the ops room controller said he would try to find an available traffic car in the north of the county to intercept it, but he could not. A day or two later I heard that the car had broken down and stopped on a pub forecourt near Dorking in Surrey in the early hours. Some time later another vehicle had arrived and the men started transferring goods from the boot to the new vehicle. The publican's wife observed this and phoned the Police who arrived and arrested all the men. It transpired they had burgled a factory on the Sussex coast. Jack told me that had they been stopped in our county I would almost certainly have got a Chief Constables Commendation. After that I never did.

Bobby Fuz

Teme Valley Gardening Club

Teme Valley Gardening Club are holding a General Meeting on

Monday 13 September

7.30pm

Knucklas Community Centre

Refreshments will be provided and no charge for this evening. We are trying to get the club up and running again after the pandemic. We are a friendly bunch and looking for new members, so if you are interested in gardening why not come along and find out what it's all about.

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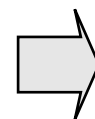
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Radnor Valley Gardening Club

with the New Radnor Community Hub



What a joy it was to open our Gardens for the NGS (National Garden Scheme) this June. This was our first venture into a Village Open Gardens Event and we had no idea what to expect for one of the first social events in the calendar for more than 18 months.

Nine gardens were opened. We had assumed that by the 27th June restrictions would be lifted, so it was at the very last minute that we found ourselves having to take extra precautions – setting up a gazebo to sell tickets safely, supplying bucket loads of hand sanitizer and encouraging everyone to keep their distance, not easy in small cottage gardens with narrow access points. But it was outside and although the sun did not shine; it did not rain either.

Our visitors numbered some 250 and they seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. One of the many comments was that all the gardens were quite different and reflected the characters of their owners. As for the owners,

I was assured by some, that their feet had not touched the ground in 24 hours, so elated were they by people's engagement with their gardens and the lovely compliments that they received. And the gardens really did look ravishing.

Teas, coffee, bar and the "all important" cakes were provided by an army of cake bakers and servers under the sure hand of Ruth Watson and the New Radnor Community Hub. We were fortunate to have a large marquee in the Hub garden where all could be safely fed and watered.

In the Hub itself, was a stunning art exhibition, with pictures expertly hung by our resident artist Rachel Schwann (see p 20).

£1500 was raised for the NGS and a further **£700 for the Community Hub**. – proceeds towards a Hub Lawn Mower.

A sincere thank you to all those who made this day such a resounding success.

Hermione Evans (secretary RVGC)



National Garden Scheme

Powys Gardens Opening in September - contact: Gail Jones gail.jones@ngs.org.uk

4 Sept 1 - 4.30pm Little House, **Llandinam**, Newtown SY17 5BH

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5 Sept 12-5pm Vaynor Park, **Welshpool**, SY21 8QE Salvias, penstemons, dahlias, hydrangeas. Rambling roses on Douglas firs. Teas.

11 & 12 Sept 2-5.30pm Church House **Llandefalle**, Brecon LD3 0ND Different moods, areas enclosed by shrubs and trees. Garden to fields, view of the Black Mountains.

15 Sept The Kitchen Garden, Ty Mawr, **Llangasty**, Brecon LD3 7PJ Tickets at ngs.org.uk Talk and tours [11, 12.30, 2pm] of this vegetable garden with fascinating methods and less well known plants.

19 Sept 2-5pm Pen-y-maes, **Hay on Wye** HR3 5PP Here vegetables mix with pretty flower borders, soft fruit and climbers. An orchard of apple, pears, quince, Mulberry.

2, 3, 16 and 17 Oct 2-4pm **Tranquility Haven, Whitton**, Knighton LD7 1NJ. Exquisite Japanese garden (see page 43).

New Radnor Open Gardens



David and Elaine's garden



Robin and Susan's garden



Natalie's garden



Michael's garden



Sue Davis at Briar Lea showing her astrantias



Cat mint at The Orchard, Bette Hamer's garden. Visitors: Robin & Sue Davis, Sally Hamer and Alison Spalding; the dog is Frankie

New Radnor Open Gardens

Art Exhibition at The Hub



Rev Rachael and Michael selling plants
in aid of St Mary's

The Bells!

We were delighted at both New Radnor and Knighton to hear the familiar sound of bells, long silent during Covid.



Bell Ringers, Tim Hollingsworth, Michael
Reynolds, Lee Moore at New Radnor



Tim Hollingsworth doubling as organist at
New Radnor

N.R. photos by Michael

"Veg Pledge" launch goes down well

On 7 July Sustainable Food Knighton (SFR) held a highly enjoyable "Veg Pledge" launch at the Knighton Football Club in their new outdoor seating area, attended by approximately 30 people. The group would like to thank John Llewellyn-Roberts of Knighton's Tower House Gallery for a really inspiring bread-making demo. Thanks too were given during the event to The Banc and the Co-op for donating some really interesting vegan and vegetarian snacks. The majority of the snacks enjoyed on the day were of course cooked with love by SFR members and supporters.

Group member Karen Plant said "If you missed the event you can still set yourself the

'Veg Pledge' challenge - to give up meat for one or more days a week for 2 months. If you get in touch via our Facebook page we can send you a "Veg Pledge" diary and answer any questions. And if you look around town in the windows of participating restaurants and cafés you can spot our "Veg Pledge Food Here" stickers.

"If you are short of ideas for tasty veggie and vegan meals to serve up at home, we will be posting on the group's Facebook page over coming weeks recipes members of the group have found successful."



Recipe: Mushroom and Cheese Croustade

One of the recipes served at the Veg Pledge Launch

For the base:

125g breadcrumbs (wholemeal preferred)
25g flour (wholemeal but white is fine)
25g wheatgerm (or add more breadcrumbs)
50g oatmeal
½ tsp salt
dried mixed herbs
125g butter or margarine

Method:

Pre-heat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C.

Mix together breadcrumbs, flour, wheatgerm, oatmeal, salt and herbs in a large bowl. Melt the butter and pour it over the dry ingredients. Mix together well. Press the crumb mixture into a greased 20cm flan case or square tin. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and leave to cool.

Meanwhile make the filling. Heat the oil and gently fry the onion for 3 minutes; then add the mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes or until they are soft. Remove the pan from the heat. Cover the crumb case with the grated cheese, then spoon over the mushrooms. Beat the eggs and milk together, season well then pour over the top. Bake for 35 minutes or until the filling is set. Serve with hot vegetables or a salad.

For the filling:

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125g grated cheddar cheese
2 eggs
150ml milk



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St Drythelm's Vision - Feast Day - 1 September

Do you know anyone who has had a “near death experience”? Drythelm's experience must be one of the first to have ever been recorded. Drythelm lived with his wife and children in the Scottish borderlands. He became very ill and one evening he died. His friends and neighbours came to mourn his passing, but in the morning he came back to life. Everyone was so scared that they ran away, except for his wife, who remained faithfully by his side. He told his wife that from now on he would live an exemplary life. He divided his wealth into three parts. He gave a third to his wife, a third to his children and he distributed a third to the poor.

Then he shaved his head, went to Melrose and became a monk. The good Ethelwald was abbot at the time and he gave Drythelm a private place to live beside the river Tweed. Drythelm would often go into the river to pray, even breaking the ice when it was frozen, and stay there as long as he could, sometimes up to his waist and sometimes up to his shoulders. This was all because of his vision in which he had seen the horrors of hell, but more importantly, the wonders of heaven where he was longing to return.

You can read about the vision in the Venerable Bede's “Ecclesiastical History”. Bede got the story from Haemgis, Drythelm's neighbour at Melrose. I am thankful that these days we don't believe that God wants us to spend hours standing in cold water. He just wants us to put our trust in Jesus and follow Him.

Rosemary Hanna



Drythelm's Vision
from humanitiesunderground.org

Welsh Expressions



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English	Welsh	Literal meaning
very close	<i>trwch asgell gwybedyn</i>	the thickness of a gnat's wing
Slovenly	<i>trefn iâr ddu</i>	the order of a black hen
an absurd choice	<i>aflu'r llo a chadw'r brych</i>	to throw away the calf and keep the afterbirth

There is gold, and a multitude of rubies:
But the lips of knowledge are a precious
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- Proverbs 20.15

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- Zhuangzi

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Knighton Festival of Books, Art, and Music 2021

The Knighton Festival is now in its fourth year. This year we plan to hold a mixture of live and on-line events during the first week in October. All events are FREE.

The Festival gets off to a rousing start on Friday October 1st with an Open Mic Night featuring local musicians at the Community Centre.

Climate Change: The theme for the following day is Climate Change and the Environment and we have assembled a panel of leading scientific experts: Gabrielle Walker, author of *"The Hot Topic, how to avoid global warming while still keeping the lights on"*.

There will be filmed extracts from *The Carbon Chronicles*, an opera about oil and climate change written by local musician and activist Camilla Cancantata (Saunders). This community production was performed live by professional musicians and local singers and actors at Pinner's Hole in August.

Presentations from the Teme Valley Environment Group (TVEG) and the Knighton Community Woodlands Group will showcase the work that volunteers do to protect, preserve, and enhance our local environment.

Art: Emma Stibbon RA will discuss her work depicting landscapes affected by climate

change and printmaker Andrew Baldwin will discuss the techniques he uses for non-toxic etching.

We are also thrilled to be joined by Tim Barringer from Yale University to discuss the Pre-Raphaelites and contemporaries, focusing on works in the Birmingham Art Gallery.

Poetry: Poets will read their works from Seren Books' landmark anthology, *100 Poems to Save the Earth*. To celebrate National Poetry Day the Marches Poets will join us at the morning café at the Comm on 5 October.

Crime Novels: Fans of crime novels will not want to miss the panel of Welsh crime writers discussing their new books.

Walks, Fossils, Geology, History: There will be an opportunity to join a series of guided walks led by the East Radnor Ramblers; plus a chance to go fossil hunting with eminent geologist Joseph Botting; and an informed tour of Knighton's architectural history with John Davis.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for up-to-date announcements of speakers and events. Full details:
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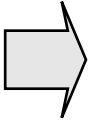
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[Presteigne Clinic has not re-opened yet.]

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A Grand Day out in Knucklas



Against the stunning backdrop of Castle Hill, Knucklas put out the bunting to welcome hundreds of visitors to its grand Village Fete on Saturday, 1 July.

Amongst the attractions the Black Crow Viking reenactment group from Hereford set up camp and delighted the crowds with impressive displays of skills and weaponry. The Fight a Viking spot where visitors were encouraged to test their skills against them proved popular with many of the younger visitors. They have promised to return next year

The dog agility display also provided great entertainment, especially when owners tried to retrieve their animals from within a tunnel or straddled across a low beam. Liz Higginson, the judge for the fun dog show, said, "It was difficult to choose winners when there were so many dogs with waggy tails and lovely eyes!"

Members of the Knighton Historic Vehicle Club brought along some of their immaculate cars for the public to enjoy, ranging from prewar classics to more recent but rare examples.

As is traditional in all good fetes there were chaotic children's races, not quite run with the precision of the current Olympics, but thoroughly enjoyable for the children and spectators alike.

Live music was provided by The Clee Liberty Band and duo Kandinsky's Sox, while there was a huge range of stalls from books and bric-a-brac to delicious food, charity organisations, cream teas and the all-important beer tent.

Suzy Pardoe Bouchard, one of the fete organisers, said 'What a great turnout, I think everyone's enjoyed getting out again and having fun. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the day such a success. We will definitely be doing this again next year!'

The fete was organized by the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project, set up 12 years ago to raise funds to purchase around 21 acres of land on Castle Hill for use by the public. For more information about the Trust see www.knucklascastle.org.uk

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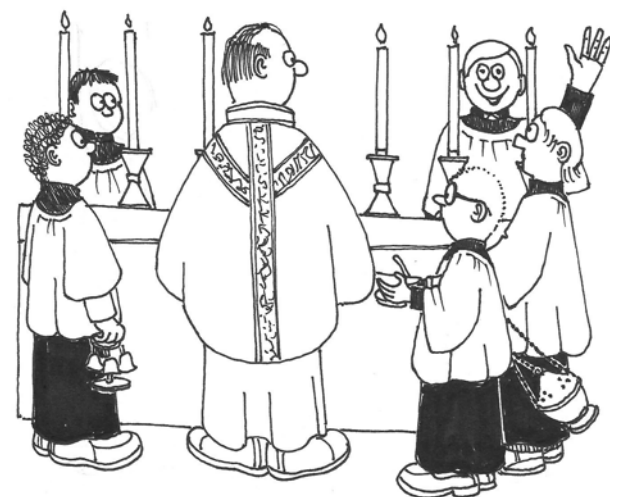
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Harvest Service

Knucklas Baptist Chapel
Sunday, October 3, 3pm



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Suddenly, Jim caught sight of his mum



The Vikings



Three legged Race



Winning the lucky programme



Dog Agility



Wood Turning

Knucklas Fete

Knucklas Fete



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Lottie's BBQ

Knucklas Allotments Open Day



Photos by Laura

Knucklas Allotments Open Day

Knucklas Allotments held their Open Day on 1st August following the successful Fete the day before. After the excitement of the Fete, the Open Day was a more relaxed affair held in the Allotments at the foot of Castle Hill next to the community orchard.

Like the Fete, the weather was kind and the gates opened to a gentle stream of visitors and allotmentees alike.

The allotments have such a variety grown within its boundaries. Everything looks very green plus the gorgeous flowers - sweet peas, hyacinths, gladioli, borage, lupins etc plus veg flowers that attract the insects to peas and beans and brassicas and asparagus and so much more.

Large (Cabbage) White butterflies danced in company with Large Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals, Meadow Browns and more, plus a myriad of day moths. Looking on, Robins and

Blackbirds and Thrushes watched out for a chance to cadge a tasty morsel as swifts and house martins called overhead.

The atmosphere at this annual event in the growing Knucklas Calendar is always convivial. Knucklas is a small village that is beginning to punch above its weight as an 'Events Place' and Allotment Open Day 2021 presented an opportunity to gather in a relaxed manner whilst listening to the mellow notes of live folk music and quietly *chew over the fat* with a cup of tea in one hand and a slice of cake in the other.

What is to come in Knucklas? Who knows? A Christmas special? Surely a Wassail is on the cards for January! For now, a big 'Well Done' to the organisers of the Allotment Open Day. I already look forward to next year's chilled afternoon amongst the greens.

Thank you.

Jot

New Radnor Carnival Fun Day

Sunday September 19 – Noon onwards on the school playing field, School Lane
Featuring a fun **dog show** and **dog scurry**, village **rounders** competition, **free bouncy castle**, **scarecrow** competition, and **tombola**. The Old School **Hub will be open** for drinks. **Bring a picnic and have a great fun family afternoon.**

Fun Dog Show Classes – register at noon

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Scarecrows – no set theme, bring your entry to the field at noon.

Tombola – we would be grateful for any donations, not just food and drink. Please contact Jane on 01544 350 809.

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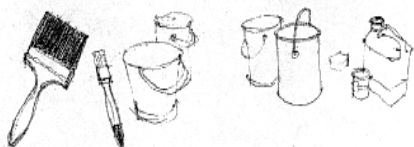
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Mothers' Union in our Ministry Area

(Continued from last month 'From Beguildy to Rhosili: The Story of the Growth of The Mothers' Union Within the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon')

Although it was established early, **Heyope** met with problems, as did so many branches. During the First World War it lapsed, and in 1919 the church held an entertainment to raise funds "to start the Mothers' Union in our parish". After the 1970s, the branch was amalgamated with Beguildy.

The **Beguildy** branch probably formed in the early 1930s. The earliest reference is in 1932 when it made a payment of 5 shillings towards the Moral Welfare Fund.

When Knighton was added to the province of Wales in 1920, at disestablishment, it came with a very strong Mothers' Union numbering 83 members, working under their enrolling member, Lady Green Price. The date at which the branch was started has not been discovered, but already by April 1890 it had a thriving society.



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Wed Sept 1 Ffynnon Gwynydd Begwyns and Ciltwrch.

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Tues Sept 7 SHORT WALK see website

Wed Sept 8 Knighton Circular. Stow Hill, Milebrook, back via Llanshay. 8.7 miles moderate. Meet at Knighton Train Station SO 290724

Sat Sept 11 see website

Wed Sept 15 Leintwardine, Church Hill, Mocktree, Jay Lane Moderate, 7.5 miles, 150m ascent Meet Leintwardine, opposite the Lion – on the green SO 404 738

The parishes of **Norton, New Radnor** and **Evancoyd** with **Knighton** became part of the new diocese of Swansea and Brecon when that was founded in 1923. Norton also brought to the diocese a well-established Mothers' Union. When its members met at the vicarage in September 1891 to hear their vicar, Rev. H. C. Green Price speak, they reported that their branch had been established 'last winter'.

Evancoyd did not have a branch in 1920, but hoped to establish one shortly. Mrs Claud Lewis was named as enrolling member.

New Radnor, however, showed little interest in the movement. Not until 23 March 1955 did they decide to form a branch of the Mothers' Union. In July of that year, 17 members were enrolled, and the branch has worked steadily since that date.

Editor's note: New Radnor is the only branch still meeting.

Wed Sept 22

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Sat Sept 25 see website

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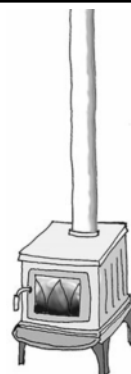
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Coffee Morning: Our next friendly get together will be on September 18 at 10am in the Church Hall. Good coffee, good company. The chance to buy many goodies on offer and a choice of books for the darker evenings. If you have items to donate please bring them along, help us to raise funds for St. Edward's Church.

Christmas Tree Festival: We are planning to hold the Festival on the first weekend in

December 5, 6 and 7. We intend to invite organisations, businesses and clubs in the town to bring along a Christmas Tree and decorate it. More details to come; if you are interested in helping, please contact Jean Price 01547 528 260.

Teme Valley Garden Club: The next meeting will be held in Knucklas Community Centre on 13 September at 7.30.p.m. This is a special meeting to decide if the club will carry on in its present form. New members are needed to help with the cost of speakers. It is a friendly group and will give a warm welcome to all. Come along with your views.

Jean Price

Thursday Drop-in Eatery

In June of this year, Knighton and District Community Centre launched a Drop-In lunch of soup, sandwich and a cake available between midday and 1.30pm each Thursday. It provides residents with the opportunity of some social contact. There will still be a home delivery for local residents who cannot physically join our new service. Whether at the centre or at home, this service is donation led.

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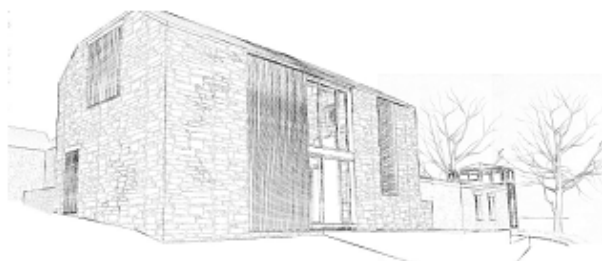
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Knucklas Notes for September

As summer melds slowly into autumn with the equinox on the 22nd Sept. Knucklas can look back on the past weeks with great pleasure. This is despite the fact that news, especially on an international level, seems to become ever more depressing.

Apart from the easing of restrictions and the ability to visit and be visited, the hospitality facilities have all fully reopened for business and a much greater freedom is in the air.

Whilst some of the major events, locally and nationally, have had to cancel again or go online (e.g. Glastonbury, the Royal Welsh Show, the Knighton Carnival and Show) others are very much open (eg The Edinburgh Festival, B.B.C. Promenade Concerts, The Llanfair Wakes etc.) And it has been a fabulous summer of sport!

Most notably, our own Village Fete and Allotments Day were both planned and organised by the Knucklas Castle Community Land Project and blessed with fine weather and encouraging attendances. The Fete in particular, was a fabulous team-effort involving many members of our community and unearthing talents that had remained hidden until now. Congratulations to everyone involved!

This month we have local exhibitors for Herefordshire Arts Week.

Life Events: St. David's, Heyope church building and churchyard both looked at their very best for the funeral of Gwen Evans, late of Lower House (Farm), Knucklas. Some eighty mourners attended on a lovely afternoon when we heard of the many deeds of kindness and the well-used gift of hospitality which Gwen had shown in her support of the church, the wider community and with individuals. This was despite some serious setbacks in her life. Sincere sympathy to all her many friends and, especially, to Haydn and Vanessa.

We were also sad to learn of the passing of Hugh Thomas, formerly of Tan y Coed, Knucklas, after a relatively short illness. With every sympathy to Mavis and the family.

On a happier note, congratulations to Sharon and David Tarrant of New House, Heyope Road, on the recent birth of Ffion, a sister for 3 and a half year old Griff.

'A warm welcome to Tracey and Les Bufton from Knighton who have now settled on the 'Lloyney Straight'.

Robert Forbath

Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society

We are delighted to be back in
Presteigne Memorial Hall for a demonstration by
Lorena Dyer

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Wednesday 8 September at 7.30

The competition to mark the Big Green Week
Is for an arrangement 'Going Green'

Visitors welcome: £5

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Details - Chairman Chris Price 01544 276898

St Michael's Beguildy

Harvest Festival

Friday, 24 Sept, 6.30pm



In Memoriam: Canon John Greaves, 1929 to 2021



The funeral of Canon John Greaves at St Edward's was a moving expression of a man who was, above all else, a priest of the gospel.

Born in 1929 he was converted to the faith in 1954 while in a TB sanatorium. He served as priest in Salford and Wythenshawe in Manchester, and then in County Durham. On his retirement he moved to Nantwich where his wife, Joy, died, whereupon he returned to ministry in the Lichfield Diocese where he met and married Iris in 2000. They moved to Bucknell where he served as a retired priest in both the Hereford Diocese and our own.

Archbishop John read a lesson and gave the commendation which included his personal regard for kindness given to him by both John and Iris. Rev Petra led the service and Rev Rachael served as Bishop's chaplain.

John's daughter Jillian Doran, spoke of how John had guided she and her brother in their early years through the persona of a teddy

bear. Iris spoke of her happy years as John's wife, of his goodness and faith. He loved nature, walking in the countryside, music and railways.

On a large screen Rev Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle, spoke about the beginnings of John's ministry when he joined a group revitalising poor areas in Manchester. He spoke of his energy as a young curate, a force which continued throughout his ministry. The picture that emerged was of a kind and gentle man who was learned, interesting, caring – the quintessential priest.

The Llanfair Singers conducted by the soloist Graham Trew, organist Richard Lewis, sang the hymns and several pieces for the Requiem Eucharist, some composed and arranged by John.

Our sympathies to Iris, Jillian, Jonathan and family. May John rest in peace with our Lord, the saints and the holy angels.

Gladestry

49 Club: Plenty of winners to announce for June and July; some have been members for the full ten years and one has recently joined, having moved to the village and cheerfully joined us. So, here they are: Margaret Maddy, Neil & Renn Botfield, Ken Waugh, Michael Johnson, Johnny Crabbe, Joanna Crawshaw, Joanna Crawshaw (again, and well done!), Roger Evans, and Susan Robinson. Thanks to everyone for taking part. To join, contact Michael Johnson on 370296.

Inspiration: On a summer's day I came across A E Housman's *Last Poems*, a slim volume published in 1922. Housman was the famous author of *A Shropshire Lad*. On

the flyleaf in pencil is the gift inscription, dated Christmas 1925, and underneath the following:

Live your poem as
though it were Life
and Live your Life as
though it were a Poem.

Michael Johnson

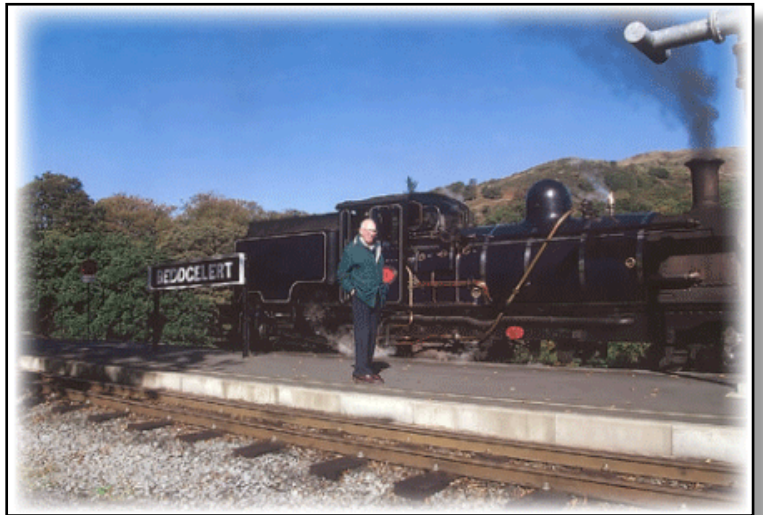
Food Bank: Items for the Food Bank are still being collected. Drop off point is the church porch. All dried/tinned foods and toiletries gratefully received. Thank you.

Ann Dean

John Greaves



John and Iris



In his element



Archbishop John's commendation



Some of the Llanfair Singers at John's funeral

Evancoyd



Dr David Evans -- new People's Warden at St Peter's

St Peter's Church Plants, Bric-a-brac & Raffle fundraiser on Sat 17th July at the Village Hall



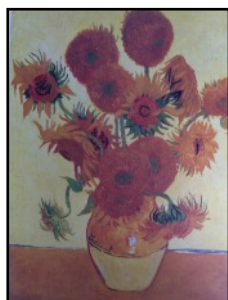
Art Class



Winifred Nicholson



Student Works

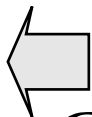


Van Gogh: Sunflowers



Marc Chagall: flying figures over a town





St Peter's Evancoyd Church News

Congratulations to Dr David Evans who has been elected as the People's Warden of St Peter's Church, Evancoyd. He will be working alongside Nigel Waters, Rector's Warden & Rev Rachael in the day-to-day running of the church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Olwen Morris for her dedicated service to St Peter's as the People's Warden over the many years in this role. Even though Olwen has retired as churchwarden, she will remain a much loved and valued member of the

church. To mark her service to the church Olwen was gifted a garden bench by the PCC, which she was delighted to receive.

Thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser such a success, £388 (including £55 for the raffle which Alison organised) was raised for church funds. It was a very hot day, but despite this the stall was constantly busy and many a happy customer went away with arms full of indoor & outdoor plants for the house and garden.

Article and photos by Rev Rachael

Inspiring Artists at Knighton

Over the summer Knighton Comm has hosted a free art class on Thursdays, 11-1. We have exceeded their numbers of 17 attendees and 2 reserves. We get soup and sarnie lunch from 1-2pm for those who want to stay for lunch, finish off their work and chat with peers. No need for those with a busy schedule to stay.

The course is led by Lois Hopwood whose enthusiasm for the project is infectious.

Lois posts the pictures on Padlet before each lesson and also gives an outline of what is expected as a guideline. Participants adapt to their own thing.

Some of the artists the group has worked from are Winifred Nicholson, Elisabeth Blackadder, Van Gogh, Chagall.

One week we sat outside and copied or adapted drawings of Knighton as viewed from the community centre, and following Chagall we put flying figures in the air! That was the fun bit.

A Learner

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- Paul Klee

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Ton up for the Church in Wales

The Church in Wales was a **hundred years old** in July. The Prince of Wales visited his Principality as part of the Celebrations. During his visit he went to Nevern where ancient yew trees locally known as the 'Bleeding yews' leak out their sap staining the trunks red. The legend is that they will do this until there is a Prince of Wales who is born in Wales. The local Reader at Nevern had the task of explaining this to the Prince.

The Church in Wales came into being as a result of an Act of Parliament which dis-established and dis-endowed what was until then the Church of England in Wales. The early Celtic Church succumbed to the Augustinian Mission to Britain at the Synod of Whitby in the seventh century. There was a dispute between the Celtic Church and the Church of Canterbury over the date of Easter; this was resolved when the Celtic Church accepted the dating used by Canterbury and as a result came under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This is how it remained until the Reformation

in the time of Henry VIII when the Church in England parted from Rome. From then until 1921 the Welsh Church was the Church of England in Wales.

The Act of disestablishment was put forward by the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George. It was an Act which had serious consequences for the Welsh Church. First it meant having its own Archbishop who was to shepherd the new Province. He had to be elected rather than chosen by the monarch as all English Bishops and Archbishops

Who will be Bishop?

are. This meant deciding on the structure of the Electoral College for the Bishops. This was to consist of the Bishops themselves with six priests and six lay folk from the vacant diocese and three priests and three lay folk from each of the other dioceses. It also meant the creation of two new dioceses, namely, Swansea and Brecon and Monmouth.

(Continued next month)

- Geoffrey Anson

Editor's note: Electing a new Archbishop of Wales will take place over three days in September at St Mary's, Swansea.

Dolau Mixtures

The Dolau Mixtures Choir are singing again! After fifteen months of lockdown the Dolau Mixtures have been delighted to meet, although under strict Covid guidelines and to get the lungs working again. They are already planning a new programme for the autumn and are singing a variety of music old and new, from *Skyfall* to Spirituals, from John Rutter to *Les Misérables*, and lots in between.

The Dolau Mixtures are a friendly mixed choir and would be glad to welcome new members. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at Dolau Community Hall and the new term will begin on Tuesday 7 September. For further information please telephone Barbara on 01597 851427 or visit the website www.dolaumixtures.wordpress.com

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- Marlene Dietrich

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Fri 24 Sept 6.30pm St Michael's, Beguildy

Sun 26 Sept 6pm St Mary's, New Radnor

Sat 2 Oct 7pm St Peter's, Evancoyd

Sun 3 Oct 11am Knighton Harvest with Lunch

Sun 3 Oct 2.30pm St David's, Colva

Sun 3 Oct 3pm St Michael's Cascob

{ Fri 1 Oct Harvest Supper with Baptists at Knucklas Community Centre and
Sun 3 Oct 3pm Knucklas Baptist Chapel (joint service with St David's Heyope)

Sun 3 Oct 8.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Bledffa

Fri 15 Oct 6.30pm St Mary's, Gladestry

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Chatterbrook W.I.

We are now able to resume our evening meetings

Presteigne Memorial Hall.

**On Thursday September 9
at 7.30**

Our speakers, postponed from last year, will be Kay Pritchard and Jane Roberts describing their project

'Ugandan Dream'

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Visitors are welcome to join us.

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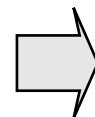
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Felindre W.I. Celebrates Member's 90th Birthday



July: Felindre W.I. Secretary Rhona Barnett hosted a socially-distanced tea party on 7th July to celebrate Joyce Matthews' 90th birthday, followed by the first W.I. meeting held since the Covid lockdown began.

A thank-you letter for the card and flowers sent to founder member Elsie Brick on her 100th birthday was read out. President Jayne Harris had also organised flowers for three members who had undergone illness or surgery during lockdown. Rebe Brick thanked Jayne and Rhona for keeping in touch with members during the lockdown.

August: In August we visited the Japanese Stroll Garden at Tranquility Haven, Whitton. Garden owner Mrs Val Brown gave members a private guided tour round her quarter-acre garden. She showed photos of how the garden had looked when she and her husband first bought it and explained all the work done to

bring the garden to its current state of lovely dense oriental planting: a stream, ponds and other water features, bridges, pagodas, statuary, wind-chimes etc.

After the tour, members had their formal W.I. meeting on the veranda and over refreshments discussed suggestions for possible outings in September. Tranquility Haven is open on specific dates through the National Gardens Scheme (see page 16) or by prior arrangement between April and October for groups of up to 20 people. Entrance fees are £4 per person, with profits going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Further information is available from www.ngs.org.uk or by contacting Val Brown on 01547 560070;

e-mail: valerie-brown1502@gmail.com

New members are always welcome – contact Jayne on 01547 510644.

*Article and photos by
Minutes Secretary Maggie Flanders*

Llangunllo W.I.

July: We swapped our coffee mornings in a member's garden for a visit in July to Westonbury Mill Water Gardens. Members, partners and some new prospective members spent a lovely morning exploring the interesting gardens, the planting and the unusual sculptures, and for once it wasn't raining.

It was also a time to reconnect with each other, as well as thinking where some of the amazing plants might go in our own gardens. After walking around the garden we certainly worked up an appetite for lunch, which we all enjoyed in the garden's café. Being able to eat outside in the sunshine was an added bonus.

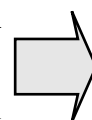
August: Our plans for our August BBQ were derailed twice by the weather, and we needed a quick rethink. So thanks to our secretary Shirley we managed to get a very late booking

at Knucklas Village Hall. Our BBQ became a lunch for members, partners and new members. We certainly enjoyed the buffet lunch which all members contributed to, and taxing the "little grey cells" with a quiz courtesy of Isabel and of course the company.

It also gave us an opportunity to say goodbye to Chris our Vice Chair, and Ron her husband who are leaving us to return to Devon. They will be very much missed. We wish them good luck with the next phase of their lives, and look forward to catching up with them when they come back to visit.

As restrictions have lifted we look forward to returning to our usual programme of meetings starting in September, and to planning for celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2022.

Anne Newton



Felindre W.I.



Birthday
Girl



Felindre WI on Japanese Bridge, Tranquillity Haven, Whitton

Llangunllo W.I.



Strolling – Westonbury Mill Water Gardens



Chatting Before Lunch



Community Coffee Morning



Whitton W.I.

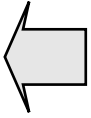


Music Game

Completed Wall Hangings



Hangings displayed at Hall Barn, Bleddfa Centre



Free Coffee Mornings

The W.I. is the largest women's organisation in the U.K. It is a trusted place for women of all generations to share experiences and learn from each other. We offer a varied programme of meeting, talking, eating, learning, doing. We get creative, competitive, physical, out and about, and campaign on issues that matter.

This summer, Whitton W.I. members successfully applied for a grant from PAVO, to support **FREE Coffee and Cake** events. These took place in July and August, and will continue on the second Tuesday of every month until at least December, 10.30 am until 12. How lovely it has been to see our community once again gathering in the Community Hall. The aim was to provide an opportunity for a wide variety of people to meet and chat and it clearly worked (even The Radnor Editor was welcomed in). A steady stream of people of all ages have been positive and encouraging.

W.I. members not only made delicious cakes and served tea/coffee but also did the marketing and publicity, rules and regulations, maintaining records, setting up the venue and clearing up afterwards. We offered a **children's play area**, a bookstall, adult games and puzzles and an information corner. We want to encourage like-minded people to meet and establish more activities such as a walking group, a book club, mother and toddler sessions, history society, social evenings, ...the list is endless.

Please come along on the second Tuesday of the month (14 Sept then 12 Oct). It's an opportunity for a change of scene, to meet with others, relax, chat plus a chance at winning in the free raffle! Everyone is welcome and what's not to like about free coffee and homemade cake?

Completed Wall Hangings

Whitton W.I. Members have been so pleased to display their unique Wall Hangings at the Bleddfa Centre. W.I. members stewarded the event to answer questions and there was plenty of information and resources available regarding the project. These stunning creations have now been seen by countless people and it is thanks to the support of the Centre and the dedication of W.I. members, that these were seen by so many.

The feedback received was complimentary: "inspiring"... "a work of art"... "clear example of the progression of skills and confidence culminating in an outstanding display"... "so pleased I was able to view these as every time I looked I saw more!"... "it blew me away"... "fabulous creativity"... "A future historical treasure."

Visitors were invited to undertake an Observation Quiz – which had people inspecting the design and skills in greater detail. Congratulations are in order for those who submitted correct answer sheets but there can only be one winner of the prize – to be selected at random during our meeting in September.

Alongside the Whitton display was a wall hanging created in 1998 to commemorate 75 years of W.I. in this area. This brings together individual panels created by each of the 32 WI's who were in the Powys and Radnor Federation at the time of the project. Sadly only 27 still continue.

The Whitton Wall Hangings will shortly be installed in their intended place, at the village Community Hall but already visitors to the Bleddfa display are suggesting and requesting wider viewings – so maybe they will be off 'on tour' before too long.

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A Mysterious Stone!

Gardening on a hill, especially one as steep as Castle Hill in Knucklas, presents its own problems and its surprises. The problem was digging post holes for a new line of banking along the path. The surprise was a lump of rock. We all know that there is no shortage of stone in Knucklas. Walk around the village and you will see many walls built from stone from the old castle: straight stone slabs that build easily into the wall of a garden, or in some cases the wall of a house.

But this rock was different! It was nearly round. Not a perfect sphere but clearly shaped., quite small, about the size of a child's football, and very heavy. It was not Knucklas stone. It was a hard rock, a lightish brown, almost orangey in colour. Not the slate grey of local rock. Nor did it have the smoothness of river-shaped stone from the Teme. In fact it looked hand-made. For some reason the rock had been shaped by someone!

Putting it to one side I didn't give it much thought; I had the banking to finish. It was only later that I began to puzzle over the origins of this strange stone. My attention turned to events in Knucklas seven hundred years ago and to the fate of the original Knucklas Castle. Not the more recent castle that was destroyed to provide stone for the railway, but the Knucklas Castle of the Mortimers, rulers of the Welsh Marches in the Thirteenth Century, who constantly faced attack from Wales.

In 1262 a Welsh army led by Llewelyn ap Grufford seized the Mortimer's stronghold at Cefnilyys, (close to the present Llandrindod Wells). On Llewelyn's command Owain ap Madog then prepared for an assault on Knucklas Castle, also held by the Mortimers. He came armed with siege engines, (giant

catapults with which to fire large stones) to destroy the castle walls. In the event they were not needed. Seeing them coming, the castle's garrison surrendered, and the castle was taken without a fight.

There is no record of the fate of the siege engines but it is likely that they were hauled away, along with the wagonloads of stone that served as ammunition. All that is apart from one lump of stone which turned up in my garden seven hundred and fifty and years later.

At least that is my story!

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Knighton Men's Shed News

On 3 - 4 July, we had a stall at the Hymns Open Garden event for the NGS. An amazing £420 was made from selling wildlife habitats and gardening equipment. Members are sorting through donated tools for 'Tools for Self-Reliance' which sends them to Africa. We also had a stall at the Knucklas Fête on 31 July and Knill Open Gardens on 29 August.

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"Carbon Chronicles" Opera in Knighton

Footloose Community Arts produced an opera about climate change, *"Carbon Chronicles"*. The free opera, written by composer, musician, and Knighton resident Camilla Cantantata was performed on 15 August outdoors in Knighton at Pinner's Hole near Offa's Dyke Centre.

The production was scheduled as a prelude to the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), which is being hosted by the United Kingdom and is taking place in Glasgow between 31 October and 12 November of this year.

"Carbon Chronicles" used music and humour to narrate the history of carbon and other elements that became – over billions of years – fundamental to life on earth. It explored the role of colonialism and corporations in

speeding up global warming, and the often-fraught relationship of humankind to the species with whom we share this planet. The opera also aimed to open up debate and discussion about what we could and should do to implement the changes so desperately needed if future generations are to inherit an inhabitable and life-supporting earth.

This is the first stage of a joint project with Knighton Community Centre and Knighton Festival, to develop music, poetry and artworks about our changing climate and the impact of human activities on all life on earth. Highlights will be screened online by the Knighton Festival on Saturday 2 October, when the entire day's programme will be devoted to the theme of climate change, the environment and landscape.

- Camilla Cantantata

Messy Church Taster



Knucklas
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4.00 pm

Sunday, September 26

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September Awareness

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Oddfellows Friendship Month
World Alzheimer's Month
Organic Awareness Month
3 Sept - National Doodle Day
6 Sept- Read a Book Day
7 Sept - Youth Mental Health Day
10-19 Sept - Heritage Open Days
17-22 Sept - Great British Beach Clean Up
20-26 Sept - Recycle Week
21 Sept - International Peace Day
29 Sept - World Heart Day

How different churches cope with adversity

- When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"
- When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

- When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"
- When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"

- Parish Pump

The "Pilgrimage of Song" will be singing at:

Friday 24 Sept [times to be determined]

Lingen Methodist Chapel

St Michael and All Angels, Lingen

Saturday Sept 25

St Edward's, Hopton Castle

St Swithun's, Clunbury

6.30pm Evensong at St Edward's, Knighton

Sunday Sept 26

11am at St Edward's Knighton

Pilgrimage of Song

Thanks to Sarah Green and Geoff Weaver we enjoyed a week end of singing and walking and eating together. There were only around 20 of us, but an enormous boost to our lives as Christians. For us music is central to our expression of belief, denied us since March 2020.

Hilary Howcroft



Llanfair Waterdine W.I.

AT LAST. After so much time with only seeing each other on zoom we have managed to meet up. Our member Andrea Moore invited us to her beautiful garden in Leintwardine where we indulged in home-made cake and tea. I think that we all felt that because we have not been able to do much over these last months we might not have much to talk about. How wrong could we be! We had a wonderful afternoon with photographic evidence to prove it. Sadly our

hostess Andi is not in the picture because she was behind the camera.

We are now looking forward to our first proper meeting on 3rd September. We meet in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine on the first Friday of every month at 7pm and love to welcome people. If you would like further information please contact either Margaret Clugston (President) on 01547 529155 or Ann Harroway (Secretary) on 01547 528477. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Ann

Stowe & Stanage W.I. Meet for Tea

We were delighted to meet for an afternoon tea party in July in the beautiful garden of Pontfaen House, courtesy of Brenda Morgan. It was almost a year since we had been able to get together and it turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year.

Sixteen members were able to attend and we conducted a face-to-face business meeting after months of emails and phone calls. Five members are working on two outfits made from recycled materials to be modelled at the Transformation Fashion Show to be held on 24th September. We were delighted that two members won awards for their entries in the virtual County Show: Rene Morris for her appliqué cushion and Anne Warwick for her pastel drawing of a nursery rhyme.

Welcome cups of tea were served with a variety of delicious cakes, and we held a raffle in aid of an NHS charity, as the tea party was to celebrate the NHS' birthday earlier in the month. We collected a magnificent £130.

We hope to resume normal meetings in September, and all being well we will have a talk from Knighton First Responders on 7th September at 7pm in the Reynolds Room of Knighton Community Centre. If you are new to the W.I. and wish to come along, please check first on the contact below.

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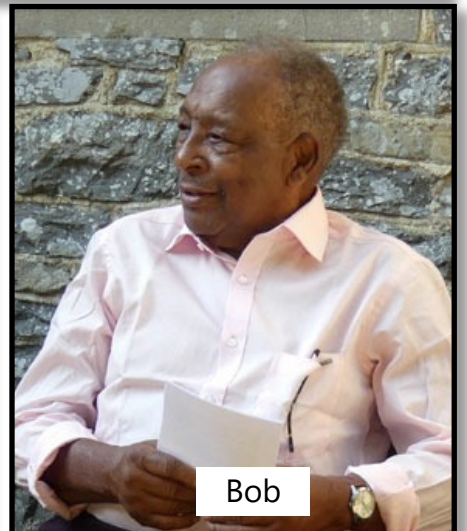
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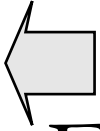
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Llangunllo's Evening of Reflection and Regeneration

For our outdoor service at St Llangunllo's in July we were blessed with sunshine and birdsong and **two** vicars. Inevitably our thoughts rested with the difficulties of the past months – those we have lost and those who have suffered but also the way we have pulled together to meet the challenge. This interdependence was very much part of our readings, prayers and the address which also reminded us not to forget to give thanks even when, with life rather dark and spirits at a low ebb, we are more inclined ask for relief than be grateful for what we have. Further cheering our spirits were the uplifting hymns helped by the singing and guitar music of two talented local folk.

Covid precautions prevented our usual spread but there were refreshing drinks and a treasure hunt for the children. Enjoying fellowship with friends and neighbours no-one was in a hurry to rush off and we had the additional pleasure of welcoming newcomers to our community.

All in all our first service for a very long time gave us plenty a reason to smile and say 'Thank You' and look to the many blessings to come.

*Pam Livingstone-Lawn
photos by Michael Brown and Laura*



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Sunday 19th September

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Sat 4 Bingo, St Edward's Church Hall, 7pm
4-12 h.Art Open Studios
Sun 5 C & S Concert, Heyope Church 3pm.
Tue 7 Dolau Mixtures rehearsal, Hall, 7.30
Stowe Stanage W.I. Knighton 7pm
Wed 8 Floral Arts Society, Pres Mem H 7.30
Thur 9 Chatterbrook W.I. Pres Mem H 7.30
Sun 12 C&S Concert, Knighton Church, 3pm
Mon 13 Teme Valley Gardening Club,
Knucklas Comm Centre, 7.30pm
Tue 14 Knucklas Craft Club, Knucklas
Community Centre, 2-4.
Coffee Morn, Whitton Vill H, 10.30-12
Sat 18 Coffee Morn, St Edward's Hall,
10am.
Sun 19 C & S Concert, Cascob Church 3pm.
Llangunllo Vehicle Blessing &
Harvest Festival, 4.30pm
New Radnor Fun Day, School Lane,
Noon onwards
Tue 21 Hearing Aid Clinic, Knighton Comm
10-1
Sun 26 Litter pick: start at Offas Dyke Centre,
10am.
C & S Concert, Colva Church 3pm.
Tue 28 Knucklas Craft Club, Knucklas
Community Centre, 2-4.

Oct 2021

- Fri 1 Heyope/Knucklas Harvest Supper,
Knucklas Comm, 6pm
1-10 Knighton Festival
Sat 2 Rock and Roll Bingo, Felindre
Village Hall, 7pm
2-3 NGS Tranquillity Haven, Whitton 2-4
2-16 Charity Shop, Llandod (for
Llangunllo)
Sun 3 Heyope/Knucklas Harvest Service,
Chapel, 3pm

REGISTERS:

Weddings:

- 31 July Harriet Lewis and Dan Price St Cynllo
Llangunllo
7 August Bethan Jones and Ieuan Thomas St
Peter's Evancoyd

Baptisms:

- 1 Aug. Noah Frederick Rupert Storer in the
Rectory garden, New Radnor

Funerals:

- 12 July Gwen Evans 89 St David's Heyope
15 July Lisa Deakins 47 St Mary's Pilleth
22 July Rev Canon John Greaves 90 St
Edward's Knighton
2 August John Roberts 90 St Michael's
Beguildy
13 Aug. Bernard Hodnett 89 St Edward's,
Knighton
14 Aug. Mrs Barbara Joan Probert, St Peter's,
Evancoyd
21 Aug. Ashes of Frances Eleanor Mason
interred St Mary's, New Radnor, joining
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Sat 21 Aug. Ashes of Mrs Joan Victoria Warren
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Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG
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Sept 12 Trinity 15 Green	
9:30am St David's Whitton HC 10am New Radnor Community Hall MP 11am St Peter's Evancoyd MP 11am St David's Heyope HC	Isaiah 50. 4-9a Psalm 116. 1-9 James 3. 1-12 Mark 8. 27-38
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Sept 19 Trinity 16 Green	
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Sat Septurday 25 6.30pm Evensong at St Edward's Knighton - Pilgrimage of Song	
Sept 26 Trinity 17 Green	
11am St Edward's Knighton Pilgrimage of Song 3pm St Michael's Llanfihangel Nant Melan EP 3pm St Mary's Pilleth EP 6pm St Mary's New Radnor, Harvest Festival	Numbers 11. 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19. 7-14 James 5. 13-20 Mark 9. 38-50
Abbreviations: HC = Holy Communion, MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer	

Baptist Sunday Worship - September

- 5 Norton Street, 11am, Kevin Dare
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm, Gareth
- 12 Norton Street, Kevin Dare, 11am,
followed at 12 by Church Meeting
- 19 Norton Street, 11am, joint meeting
with Methodists
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm, Gareth
- 26 Norton Street, 11am, Kevin Dare
Knucklas Community Centre, Messy
Church Taster, 4pm

Methodist Sunday Worship

Service in Knighton every Sunday at 11am.

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11am.

"And yet Solomon in all his glory was
not arrayed like one of these."
- Matthew 6.29



Fiona Gomersall with
Yorkshire Fog

Wildflower Walk on Castle Hill - June 19



Heath Speedwell - little spikes



Germander Speedwell
(Veronica)



Birdsfoot Trefoil (3 petals) + Seedhead ('birdsfoot')



Musk Mallow



Heath Bedstraw



Ladies' Bedstraw - dried for ladies'
mattresses - pleasant aroma



Sheep's Sorrel - tall version is
simply sorrel



Out and About



Save
Dolau
School
Scarecrows



Dolau Mixtures sing again



Restorella in Knighton supported the Olympics



Pembleton kit car, once a rusted wreck off Ebay, but with a good engine, mostly Citroen 2CV parts.

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