

# THE RADNOR NOVEMBER 2021



The Crown of Life  
Leintwardine Church

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The Banc



The Banc vault



Old entrance



## The Banc in Knighton

The Banc is only 3½ years old! From its name you might guess that it was formerly an HSBC Bank. But the site did begin life in the pub trade as originally it was a large malt house sandwiched between the 'George and Dragon' and 'The Globe' which it serviced. It became a bank when it was sold in about 1896 to the North and South Wales Bank. Later the premises were rebuilt by the Midland Bank (HSBC), presumably including the lovely features you can still see.

Residents were sorry to see HSBC close down, but their disappointment was eased considerably by the sensitive conversion, the good food, the friendly staff with Craig, the owner, and the outdoor seating where customers can relax and watch the Knighton world go by. Flats upstairs were renovated by other owners.

Perhaps the most dramatic feature retained by the Inn is the vault. Not many Inns can boast a restaurant room in an old bank vault. It is comfy and cosy, but not for the claustrophobic, having no windows. The door, however, remains secured in its open position, so no one can close the vault!

The rest of The Banc retains that genteel atmosphere you might remember from banks in the past: the decorated plaster ceiling, the wood panelling, the front door inside a recessed porch, the cast iron radiators, even the night safe where you deposited cash after hours.

Plaster  
Cast  
Ceiling



Chubb  
Night  
Safe



### "The Crown Inn"

If 'The Banc' Pub was once a bank, Knighton is full of properties which once were pubs. Diagonally across from 'The Banc' was once 'The Crown Inn'. It is now three shops – Charity, Gifts, Hair Salon – with flats above.

*Information from "The Pubs of  
Radnorshire" by Tony Hobbs.  
photos by Laura*



Dear friends,

November is a month of remembering beginning with All Saints Day on the 1st, when we remember Christian saints. These are not just well known saints in statues or stained glass, but ordinary Christians, known and unknown, who have loved and served the Lord. All Saints Day is a time to be thankful for Christians before us, especially those who taught and inspired us. It is a time to be grateful and to commit ourselves to follow in their footsteps.

All Saints Day is followed by All Souls Day, or the 'Faithful Departed' on the 2nd Nov. Although not widely observed today, All Souls' Day invites us to remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died who have given us life in the faith.

Remembrance Day on the 11th is for honouring those who have served our country in conflict, and especially those who have died. At the Remembrance Sunday service I never fail to be moved by the words of Robert Laurence Binyon's poem 'For The Fallen': "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

The word 'remember' appears 166 times in the Bible. More than simply recalling a past event, it is a vibrant, powerful word where we can re-calibrate our lives. As Christians our faith depends upon remembering. Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we follow Jesus' instruction to "do this in remembrance of me". The simple act of eating bread and drinking wine helps us to remember what it cost Jesus to save us and calls us to reflect on our own response. Remembering what God has done for us brings healing and power; it reunites us with God, with each other, and with our inner perfect selves. Let's make the most of this season of remembering. . . . Blessings.

Rev Rachael

## **Cover - The Christian Knight**

(St Mary Magdalene, Leintwardine)

The title for the cover window is "Courage" – appropriate for Remembrance Sunday. The banner below the angel giving the Crown of Life to the Knight reads:

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee  
a crown of life."

The angel dressed in elaborate brocade robes has red wings. The knight bows in humble submission on his knees, willing to accept his fate.

The window was created in 1913 by A.L. Moore & Sons, before the Great War when warfare was still romanticized. Its dedication reads, appropriately:

"To the Glory of God and in ever most loving  
memory of Lt Col Charles Hugh Henry Gough.

This window is erected by his wife and two sons  
August 29 1913."

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## Flora and Fauna - November

Many think that November is dismal, but not flower arrangers and gardeners. Seed heads make exciting arrangements and when sprayed silver or gold they are ideal for Christmas. Gardeners can enjoy colour all year with shrubs in fiery autumn shades and rich ruby berries, with grasses turning bronze, and with the sharp colours of variegated plants. They cheer the dullest day.

A plant in vogue is *verbena bonariensis*, providing colour from late spring to the first snap of cold weather -- a favourite with butterflies.

November is tidying up time for all gardeners, weather permitting. Clear falling leaves regularly to prevent hiding places for slugs and snails. Clean and store garden furniture. Lift dahlia tubers and tender plants to make safe from Jack Frost. Finish planting spring bulbs and wallflowers, sweet William, pansies, primulas and forget-me-nots. Prepare indoor

bulbs (forced) for Christmas. Cut back perennials and divide large clumps.

With the urge to tidy up the garden we must appreciate that wild life may rely on warm safe places for winter homes. Even in a small garden you can fix small boxes to a tree or wall for small mammals. Move bird tables and feeders to prevent the ground beneath becoming infected. There are lots of things for birds to eat in our countryside but most depend on our variety of goodies in the cold days.

Poppies are summer flowers but have become the national emblem of Remembrance when we reflect on war and conflicts. Let us pray for peace and an end to suffering. Buy your poppy and wear it with pride; help to support all those no longer able to enjoy the freedom and peace we take for granted. *Jean Price*

### **theWI** **Llanfair Waterdine W.I.** INSPIRING WOMEN

It was delightful to be able to have our first full meeting with a speaker and our much loved supper. We welcomed two new members and discussed our programme for next year.

Our speakers were Julia and John Roberts of the Tower House Gallery. They gave us a lively and interesting talk about their work as volunteers with the Severn Valley Railway. It was full of anecdotes and information about history and archaeology in the area.

Our next meeting is 5th November 7.30pm Everest Hall when we are having a silver jewellery demonstration by Katherine Taylor. Some of her items will be donated as a draw.

We are always glad to welcome visitors. For further information contact Margaret Clugston (01547 529155) or Ann Harroway (01547 528477).

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**-Margaret Mead**



## My Favourite Thing at Whitton Church

Whitton will shortly be saying goodbye to David Davies, a former headmaster and churchwarden, when he moves away.

After college at Bangor University Mr Davies went to Walsall but soon came to MidWales at Franksbridge where he was headmaster and churchwarden, also supporting the Young Farmers through horticultural events.

He moved on to become headmaster at the old Knighton School (next to Offa's Dyke Centre). He remembers walking infants and juniors to the top of steep Norton Street every day for lunch. He also witnessed the opening of Offa's Dyke Path 50 years ago. When a Fair came to the fields behind the Dyke Centre the traveller's children came to his school. When the secondary school moved out of their school and went to John Beddoes, the infant/junior school moved in to the present site.

His 38-year association with Whitton Church started when his wife directed the choir here. For a period of time he lived at the Walkmill at Cascob. He became a churchwarden and Eucharistic assistant, taking home communions monthly to residents of Cottage View (sheltered housing) for 16 years. One was Dorothy Earp; another was Edna Phillips who had of wonderful array of memories of Whitton Church. Let us know if you know where her memoirs are. He also fondly remembers a former churchwarden, Peter Harrison, a retired forester, who did a lot for the church.

He particularly remembers Revd RAF Parsons, who lived in the vicarage next door to St David's and rode a white horse to his churches at Whitton, Cascob and Llangunllo. At that point Pilleth church was a "wreck", but one of his proudest moments was when Pilleth church was renovated and re-opened

by the bishop when Mr Davies read a lesson in Welsh.

He ended his professional career by being an advisor for the Powys Education Authority, when he visited Llangunllo and Whitton Schools.

Although he loves everything in Whitton Church, which he photographed for the inventory

he is particularly fond of a Lectionary (shown right) which he and his daughter gave in memory of Paddy, his wife. We wish such a

good and loyal man a peaceful, fulfilling time in his new home. We will miss him.

Presented to Whitton Church  
by David and Deborah Davies

August, 2013  
in loving memory

of  
Paddy Elizabeth Ann Davies

1931-2013

Choir leader and friend of  
this congregation

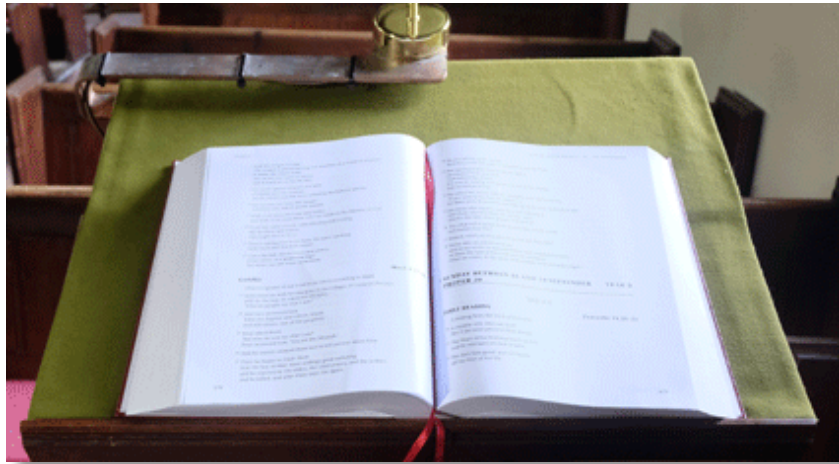
### Whitton Harvest

A beautiful harvest morning greeted a full St David's Whitton, resplendent with flowers and fruit.

Petra had the happy task of including three children who charmed us all by fetching and naming their farming toys. Petra made a "sermon" out of it by explaining the cycle of life. The flowers and the animals were at their apex between birth and death.

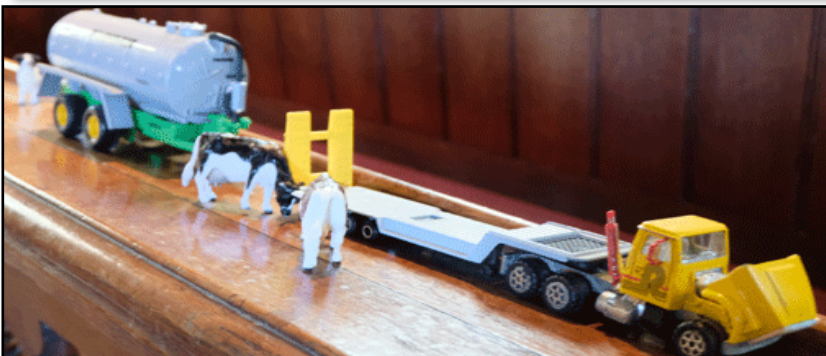
We skipped out of St David's to the "Ashgrove, played by Kathryn O'Rourke.

*Photos and article by Laura based on interview with David Davies*



**Lectionary dedicated to Paddy Davies**

# Whitton Harvest



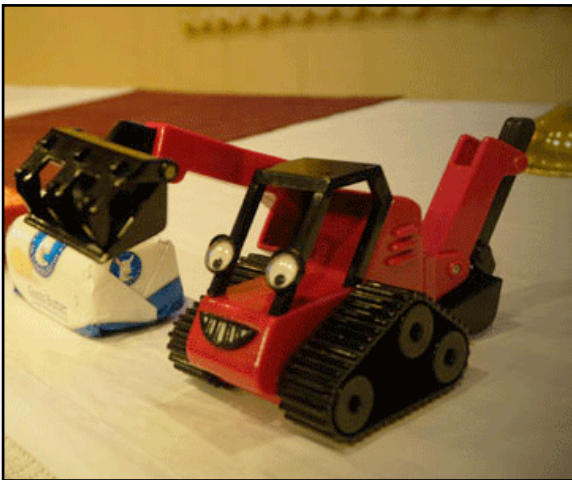




## Bleddfa Harvest

When all else is lost, the future still remains.

- Christian Nestell Bovee



## Norton Harvest







## Bleddfa Harvest Festival

St Mary Magdalene's, Bleddfa, was beautiful in the candlelit afternoon with decorations of produce and flowers. Rev Rachael preached about creation in Genesis.

We sang with some gusto that great chapel favourite: *"Bringing in the Sheaves."* Afterwards volunteers brought in our own 'sheaves':

- Soil and water

- Fruit and vegetables
- Farm produce (cheese)
- Farm machinery (a toy tractor)

After the service we shared a welcome Ploughman's with cider. A lovely cake and a pleasant time of re-connecting (from a distance).

*Photos and article by Laura*

## Knucklas Notes for November 2021

By the time you read this the clocks will be back onto Greenwich Mean Time and the huge and massively important conference on pollution of the planet, Cop26, will be under way in Glasgow. Meanwhile, the shadow of Covid and other nasty viruses still hangs over us, along with shortages worldwide, due to weak links in global supply chains. Accompanying all this, we have to contend with (sometimes steeply) rising prices for almost everything.

But, morale in Knucklas has never been higher, thanks, not least, to some really successful organisations and those who help run them. Our fine Community Centre is available for all to use. We still have representatives on the local council, two or three thriving clubs and a well-run pub. In addition to all this, we have the Castle Hill Community Land Project mounting imaginative events throughout the year as well

as talented and outgoing artists and craftspeople. Our increasing number of visitors seem to love it here. Increasingly, the Baptist Chapel and Heyope Church are worshipping together. Messy Church (for children and their parents) as well as an adult discussion group are under way in Knucklas.

Losses to Knucklas: After many years on Glyndwr, Betty Fowkes has moved into full-time care. She has seemed a 'larger than life' personality.

Sad to record the passing of Ann Hawkins, previously of Glyndwr, after quite a long illness. She was a friendly, unassuming, loyal and active member of the community for a number of years and was extremely popular with customers in the former Tuffins in Knighton. With every sympathy to David, their dog and members of her family.

*Robert Forbath*



## Norton Harvest Festival

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated our Harvest Festival Service in the Churchyard, conducted by Petra. This was well attended by villagers in beautiful weather. It was followed by a Harvest Lunch at the home of Peter and Eirlys Spawton where we had a Raffle which raised over £300 for the Churchyard Fund, which will come in very

useful for some major tree work that needs to be done. Everybody had an enjoyable time where we could all meet up after the past 18 months of lockdown.

A big thank you to all who made it such a successful event, especially Peter and Eirlys.

*Photos and article by Helen Ackland*



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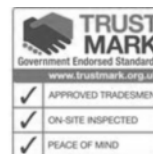
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First, a few residents living in Rhos-y-meirch who were disgruntled at the slow internet and poor service from their current providers contacted Reece Simmons at Powys County Council. He was very helpful and explained a grant scheme for super-fast broadband that requires us to come together as a community.

He also recommended that involving the local Community Council and the local County Councillor would be useful. The Community Council supported our proposal, and the County Councillor has been actively involved.

Next, we needed to select a Broadband Provider. Reece supplied contact details of all the companies in this area. We invited them to

submit an expression of interest. The steering group considered the responses and decided to select Broadway Partners. They had the most pro-active approach, and a clear strategy to move the project forward. Steve Ellis from Broadway Partners organises the steering group meetings and maintains the momentum of the project.

Critically, funding from Government is triggered by 30% of residents and businesses registering before we can go to the next stage. Registering interest does not commit you to enter into a contract once the scheme goes ahead.

We hope to reassure you that this project is controlled by local people with the community's interest at heart. Please contact your local Community Councillor if you have any more questions, and they can either provide the answer or pass it on to someone who can.

*Local Steering Group*



Thu 04 Nov 7.30pm

**Supernova [15]** Brilley Hall

Fri 05 Nov 7.30pm

**Blinded by the Light [12A]** Knighton Com

Thur 11 Nov 7pm

**The Truth [PG]** SpArC Theatre, Bish Castle

Fri 12 Nov 7.30pm

**23 Walks [12A]** Staunton-on-Wye Hall

Tue 16 Nov 2pm

**The 39 Steps [U]** SpArC Theatre, Bish Cas.

Fri 19 Nov 7.30pm

**1917 [15]** Knighton Comm

Fri 19 Nov 8pm

**The Father [12A]** Clungunford Hall

Fri 19 Nov 7.30pm

**Emma (2020) [U]** Leintwardine Comm

Sun 21 Nov 7.30pm

**Dream Horse [PG]** Pembridge Film Nights

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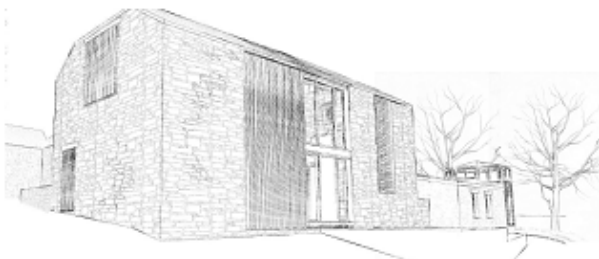


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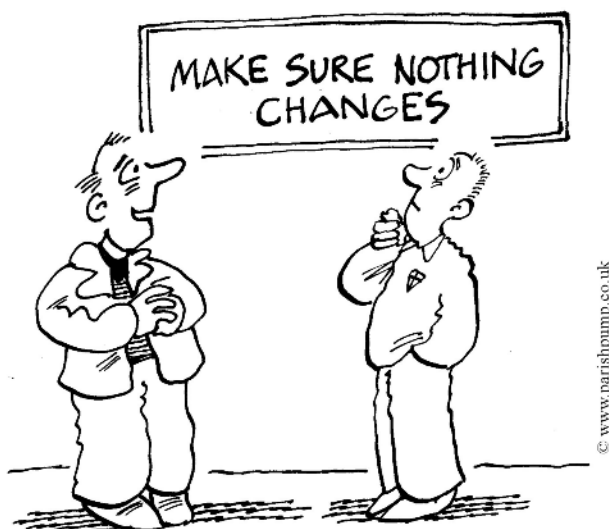


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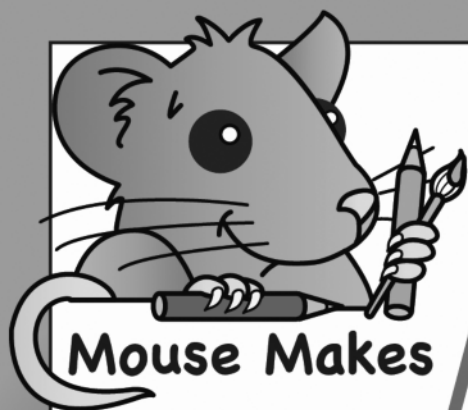
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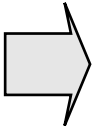
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in Exodus 3:14  
Jesus is telling us who He really is.

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S H E P H E R D F A T H E R  
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R E S U R R E C T I O N B L

Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

## Pilgrimage to Holy Wells



Many 'pilgrims' met at Brecon Cathedral on 25 September for a local pilgrimage led by Canon Mark Clavier and Rev Sam Aldred, both pilgrimage enthusiasts.

Mark had helped establish a route from the Cathedral, taking in ten local sites, although we only did the first two. We walked down to Priory Wood along the River Honddu where we visited the first site, Priory Well where the Benedictine monks would have come for

baptismal water for their 12th C font, as well as for drinking and cleansing water.

We continued along a lovely woodland path until we ascended a small lane to Llanddew, once the home of the Bishop's Palace with its Bishop Gower well. The well was next to the remarkable Llanddew Church, a perfect medieval, cruciform church. We celebrated holy communion in an outdoor service in the grounds of the church with beautiful views out to valley and hills.



**Revd Sam Aldred**



**Canon Mark Clavier**

On this lovely afternoon we had our picnic sandwiches in the garden of Rev Gill Todd before we returned on the other side of the river. For 200 years this sleepy, pastoral valley we were following had witnessed heavy industry.

We finished in the churchyard, where Mark read us an excerpt from his latest book, a reflection on words, such as we might read on tombstones.

*Laura W-J*

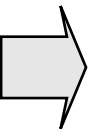
## Archdeacon's Service at Heyope

St David's Heyope had a welcome visit from Archdeacon Alan Jevons to lead a Holy Communion service. Our lesson was about James and John, the "sons of thunder," who wanted a high position in God's kingdom. They were good loyal disciples and deserved to sit next to Jesus, but he didn't grant them their request. They might have said, "It's not fair!"

Alan reminded us of many stories about Jesus where life didn't seem fair: when farm workers all received the same pay whether they started at 9 in the morning and worked all day or whether they started near the end of the day and only worked for half an hour.

The Gospel is about Jesus turning our notions upside-down.

*Laura W-J*



I personally think we developed language because of our deep need to complain.

- Lily Tomlin

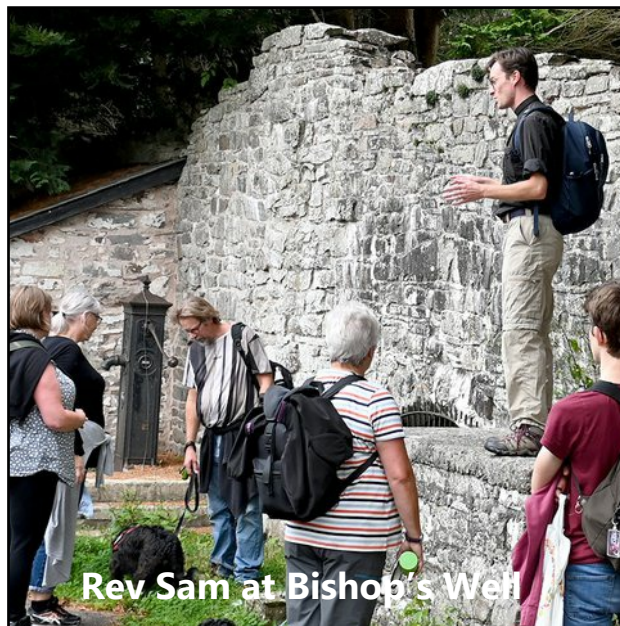
When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.

- Saul Bellow

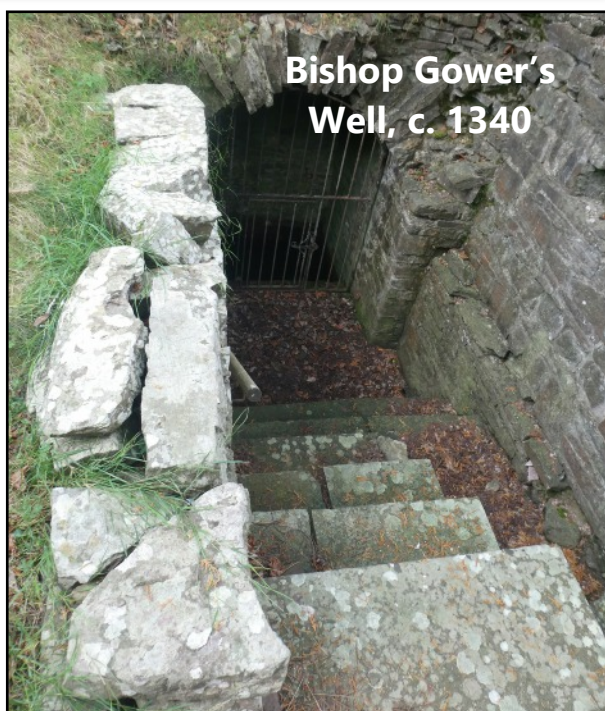




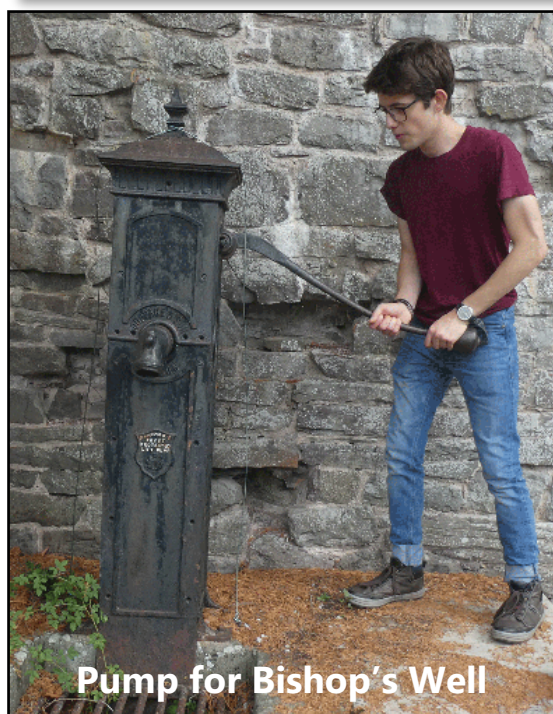
Priory Well



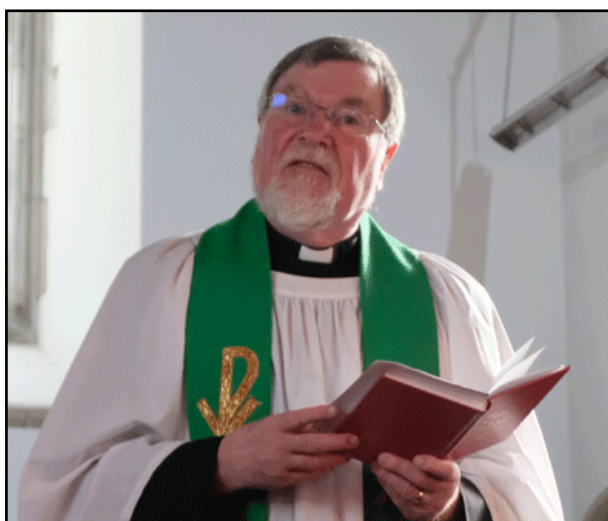
Rev Sam at Bishop's Well



Bishop Gower's Well, c. 1340



Pump for Bishop's Well



Archdeacon Alan Jevons



Sundial at Pilgrim Picnic





Singing for Sunday Communion at St Edward's

## Pilgrimage of Song



Dinner at Lingen Village Hall



Pilgrimage Walk near Lingen

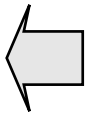


Geoff Weaver, Rev Annie Balard, John Wardle



## Baptism

At Llangunllo's October Service of Evening Prayer, taken by Rev Rachael, we celebrated the Holy Baptism of Myah, daughter of Richard and Louise Pugh.



## Pilgrimage of Song, 24 - 26 September

This year we celebrated two Pilgrimages, a scaled down one in May and another in September. Over the years we have made 18 pilgrimages.

In September we welcomed back Rev Annie Ballard, now retired in Knighton, who planned and delivered the liturgy – under the title “In Everything Give Thanks.” We reflected that during the pandemic the line “Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend” from “O Worship the King” had new meaning.

On Friday we headed to Lingen (on wheels) where we were warmly welcomed by the minister, Sharon O’Connell, for rehearsal and our first service in the Methodist Chapel (the first service there since before the pandemic). We enjoyed a substantial picnic on tables in the Chapel yard, before setting off on a 4 mile delightful and varied circular walk back to St Michaels Church in Lingen. Tea and cake, an essential to all our Pilgrimages, cut many minutes out of rehearsal time – straining the schedule and causing some anxiety as the Church and Village Hall are a quarter mile apart!

Saturday we drove to St Edwards Church in Hopton Castle – where a potential disaster was narrowly averted. The portaloos safely delivered earlier in the week had disappeared overnight. A kindly neighbour offered us the use of her downstairs toilet – in exchange for donations to the Church! Is this the way ahead for fund raising in our Churches?

After another picnic lunch we hotfooted it to St Swithun’s Church in Clunbury, where we found a beautiful ‘in-house’ closet constructed in oak.

Our final Evensong back in St Edwards in Knighton was as beautiful as ever – our voices having warmed up nicely over the two days.

Dinners on Friday and Saturday evening were truly sumptuous affairs – thanks to Ruth Watson (Sarah’s sister and accomplished oboeist) and Leya.

In-house entertainment is our custom at dinner on Saturday evening – a humorous and eclectic mix of songs, poems, readings – always including hippopotami, and our very own Pilgrimage anthem, composed in 2019 by Una Moore, to the tune of “Onward Christian Soldiers.” A flavour:

*‘Like a mighty army,  
Basses boom and roar,  
Tenors, soprs and Altos ,  
Belt out even more . . .’*

*Chorus:*

*Onward Pilgrim singers,  
Tramping through the vales,  
Over England’s borders,  
Onward into Wales.”*



Our Sunday Eucharist in St Edwards was the finale before our next scheduled Pilgrimage in May/June 2022. For me, the services are probably the most meaningful in the year. If you enjoy singing, walking and eating join us next year.

Our thanks to Geoff Weaver without whom few notes would be sung, John Wardle (our faithful and long suffering accompanist!) Annie Ballard and Sarah Green – for organising everything.

*Photos and article by Hilary Howcroft*

Pilgrimage members sang, read lessons and said prayers at St Edward’s. Geoff Weaver preached a thought provoking sermon considering the two sides of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a leading 20th century theologian executed by the Nazis. We pondered his patient, kindly stoicism in the face of death paired with the different ‘face’ he wore inside.

*Laura W-J*



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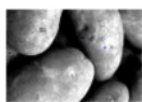
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## Bobby's Beat | Swearing in

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

For my initial police training I attended Peel House, Westminster, which was then under the command of a loud and fearsome Supt. Tom Wall. Near the end of the 3 months, a mock magistrates court was set up in the gym, with the said Supt as magistrate, and we each had to make up a fictitious case, and present the incriminating evidence in the correct fashion.

John Rule, one of the trainees, stood in the witness box, took the testament, and recited, "I swear by almighty God that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God."



He put the book down, and said "Your . . ." and we could see him searching for the word "Worship" but it would not come. Then he remembered that the super was the magistrate, "Your Majesty" he blurted out. Even Tom Wall burst into laughter, and retorted, "Not quite, but almost."

When we returned for a refresher course, the instructor asked us each, on the first morning, to call out our names, the location and station codes where we worked. The man next to me said, "PC George Fulham, BF, sergeant." Then I said, "PC Fuzz, Putney, VD, sergeant." Again there was laughter, and the sgt. said, "I might have expected that." In explanation, Fulham is north of the Thames, in B division, and Putney, is south, in V division, and is the divisional station.

*Bobby Fuzz*

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*tân gwyllt* fireworks

*Coelcerth* bonfire

*taffi triagl* treacle toffee



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## Rotary Club - Update Summer 2021

We have started to meet face-to-face again, though only twice a month rather than weekly. We have had a few social and fundraising events in between these meetings, including three frugal lunches, a car treasure hunt, and a stall at the Family Fun Day in Leintwardine (shown in photo). We have also stewarded at the recent Knighton Community Market.

We pay our usual lunch price for 'frugal lunches' in Rotary members' homes and the profit goes towards our charitable efforts. Even with Covid restrictions we have supported the Wales and Midlands Air Ambulances, the local food bank, local woodland community groups, the Hereford Haven, local wildlife groups, Dementia friendly projects, the East Radnor Day centre, the list goes on. See our website.

Finally, and most importantly, we have been delighted to welcome two new members to the Rotary Club, Doug Ridley and Di

Cosgrove. They will be a great addition to the Club. If you too want to find out more about, or even get involved with, our Rotary Club you can explore the Knighton Rotary Club website or Facebook page. Come and visit us on a Wednesday lunch or evening – you will be warmly welcomed. Contact Norman Thorp 01547 529666 or Cathy Jones 07813 733240 for more details.



Rotary Family Fun Day at Leintwardine

### Calling all budding authors

We have a new monthly creative writing group taking place at The Knighton Community Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 11-1pm.

Next session will be 9 November, 11-1pm.

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

- Epictetus

### Bonfire & Fireworks

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Saturday 6 Nov

6.30pm Lighting Fire | 7pm Fireworks

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### *Prestegne & Borders Floral Art Society*

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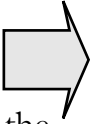
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Meetings are subject to all COVID rules and requests in force at the time

## Family Visit to St Edward's



Rev James Richard Brown

On Sunday the 17 October I had the pleasure of meeting three generations of a family whose ancestor, Reverend James Richard Brown, was Rector of St Edward's, Knighton between 1836 and 1878.

Opposite is the pulpit that was dedicated to him by his six surviving children on completion of the Church in 1897. In the vestibule there is a memorial window to his wife Ann Sarah Brown. It tells the story of a woman anointing Jesus with costly perfume: "She hath done what she could" [Mark 24.8]

*Rev Rachael*

## Tending Graves in a Churchyard

Several parishioners have told me of plastic flowers on graves in several churchyards in the New Radnor Group of churches. This is a sensitive topic and the last thing I want to do is to upset anyone tending their loved one's grave. But plastic flowers should not be placed on a grave for health and safety reasons among others.

In the WELSH CHURCH (BURIAL GROUNDS) ACT, 1945 in the section REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCHYARDS, Rule no 17 states that: "Save for silk flowers and Remembrance Day poppies, no artificial wreaths or flowers, shrubs, permanent flower vases or containers, ornaments, chippings,

gravel, paving stones or kerbs shall be placed on or around any grave or area set aside for cremated remains in a churchyard."

Plastic flowers can sometimes become a hazard to those who maintain the churchyards. In one incident plastic flowers made their way into the long grass and were strimmed over, causing pieces of sharp plastic to flick up, narrowly missing the person strimming.

May I kindly request that any plastic flowers on the graves you tend be replaced with silk flowers or bulbs in the grass for year round colour. Thank you.

*Reverend Rachael Storer*

One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

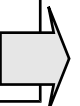
- Psalm 27.4

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Recent music night with 'Alive and Brel'  
which was brilliant.







## St Edward's Dedications



Sacred to the Memory of **Anne Sarah Brown**: who died New Years Day 1876

Pulpit dedicated to the memory of the Rector, **James Richard Brown**. Pictured are Ann, his great x 2 granddaughter, Jane his great x 3 granddaughter & Jamie his great x 4 grandson.



Alive and Brel

## The Hub in New Radnor





## Colva Harvest



Photos by Rev Rachael

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Challenge us to change our lifestyles. Guide our leaders to take courageous action. Enable your church to be a beacon of hope.

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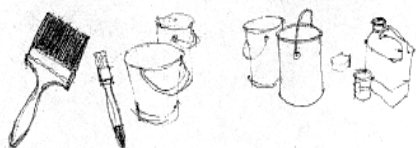
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## Llangunllo W.I. took a trip on the Ocean Waves

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Well we didn't cruise literally, but courtesy of our speaker and member Dawn we had a really interesting insight into cruising, from the cabins to dining at the captain's table; from the places she and Colin, her husband, had visited, to showing us some



of the amazing dresses and gowns she wore on the various

ships she had sailed on. We heard about life on the ship, some of the activities and trips she had made including the Northern Lights and the Hermitage Museum.

We laughed about the descriptions of some of her fellow guests, and felt decidedly hungry at the description of the meals she enjoyed on board. We skipped over the not so pleasurable Bay of Biscay, sea-sickness and wobbly legs on reaching land, but we were all left with a wonderful picture of life at sea and the interesting places Dawn and Colin had visited.

I'm sure if a fabulous supper hadn't been calling there were several members who would have loved to try on the fabulous gowns Dawn had brought.

This of course followed our usual business meeting where we welcomed our new members, but sadly said goodbye to another who leaves the village for Devon, as well as celebrating the 90th birthday of another member – quite an eventful meeting really.

Plans are shaping up for our 2022 programme, and our 100th celebrations, following members being canvassed for their views. We congratulated our two newly qualified First Aiders who attended the course run by the Federation, with the presentation of their certificates. Both hope they will not have to use their training, but feel it is an advantage to have done the course especially when we get back to running community events.

Our next meeting will see us celebrating the appointment of a new committee and officers followed by a bonfire and fireworks, I can't wait for the hot dogs, parkin and treacle toffee, not to mention mulled cider.

*Anne Newton*

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## St Kea (the Wanderer and Toothache Healer) 5 November

St Kea has been celebrated on 5 November for far longer than Guy Fawkes! In 2000 an ancient manuscript was found in the National Museum of Wales. It was part of a play telling the story of St Kea. In Cornwall there are three places south of Truro called: Kea, Old Kea and Playing Place. Playing Place is a translation of the old Cornish "Plain an Gwarry," an amphitheatre for entertainments including plays about St Kea.

Kea is thought to have come from Yr Hen Gogledd (The Old North), his father being Lleuddun Luyddog, king of Lothian. He eventually made his way through Wales to Glastonbury where he became a monk and was called by God to spread the Gospel. With his companions Rumon and Fili he travelled to North Devon, where there are still parishes called Landkey (Lan-de-Kea), Romansleigh and Filleigh. Parishes in Cornwall also named after these three. Kea eventually settled at Old

Kea, where he founded a monastery, but he had great trouble with the local king, Teudar, chiefly because he sheltered a stag that Teudar was hunting and Teudar confiscated Kea's oxen. The stag of course got his friends to draw Kea's plough.

After all this trouble Kea moved on to Brittany where he is now known as St Quay. He is thought to have died and been buried at Cléder, where there is still a holy well in his name.

*Rosemary Hanna*



Chapelle Saint-Marc in Saint Quay-Portrieux

### Recipe: Malva Pudding from Emma's Kitchen, Tywford

*Malva Pudding originated in South Africa. It's a great winter pudding.*

#### *Pudding*

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| — 250g sugar                               | <i>Sauce</i>          |
| — 2 eggs                                   | — 250ml cream         |
| — 30ml apricot jam                         | — 125g butter         |
| — 30g butter                               | — 125g brown sugar    |
| — 5ml vinegar                              | — 125ml water         |
| — 125ml milk                               | — 5ml vanilla essence |
| — 310g all purpose flour                   | — 30g golden syrup    |
| — 5g bicarbonate of soda & a pinch of salt |                       |

Heat the oven to 180°C. Beat the eggs and sugar together until light and fluffy.

In a small pan melt the butter, add the milk and vinegar – it will curdle, don't worry.

In a separate large bowl, sift together the flour, bicarbonate and salt. Slowly add to the egg mixture, alternating with the milk mixture. Mix until all ingredients together. Pour into a large 2 litre ovenproof dish and bake at 180°C for 45 minutes until the top is browned.

For the sauce, bring the butter, cream, sugar and water to the boil and then simmer. Add the vanilla and golden syrup, stirring constantly for 5 minutes.

Pour over the hot pudding. Serve immediately with custard, cream or ice cream.

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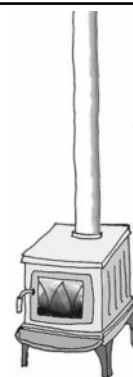
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## St Edward's Church News

**Bingo** 6 Nov in the Church Hall at 7pm. Come along for some fun and good prizes.

**Coffee Morning Christmas Special** We invite you to share our festive morning on 27 NOVEMBER at 10.30am in the Church Hall. Cakes, produce, books, festive gifts. Cards, competitions and more on sale. If you have items to donate please bring them along or phone 528 260 so that we can collect. All funds for St. Edward's Church running costs.

**Christmas Draw** Tickets are now on sale at £1.00 each with a good selection of seasonable gifts. If you can help sell a book or two, contact Jean Price. The draw will take place on 4 December at the Tree Festival event. Items for the hamper will be appreciated.

**Christmas Tree Festival** Starts in St. Edward's at 10am on Friday 3 December and continues for a week. Are you willing to bring along a tree and decorate it? We shall be pleased to hear from you to make the plan a.s.a.p. Contact Rev Petra or Jean Price.

**Family News** Please continue to pray for all in need, many unwell, in hospital, awaiting surgery and recovering from surgery and receiving treatment for cancer. We remember those who have lost loved ones.

Congratulations and best wishes to Doe Phillips who celebrated a big birthday in

October. We know an enjoyable day was spent with family and friends. Happy Birthday from all at St. Edward's.

Another big birthday was also celebrated recently by Dennis Richardson. The special day was spent with a family tea party. Congratulations Dennis.

**Pilgrimage of Song** It was a pleasure to have the choir join our congregation to lead the Eucharist service. Geoff Weaver organized and conducted the choir for this special service. Our thanks to Rev. Ann Ballard, Geoff and all the choir members. See you all at the next Pilgrimage in 2022

**Teme Valley Gardening Club** We are now meeting again in Knucklas Community Centre. The next meeting will be on 8th November at 7.30pm. a warm welcome awaits new members and guests. Our speaker will be a popular demonstrator with ideas for all our seasonal decorations. Members are delighted that we have a new Chairman and committee, all eager to plan an exciting programme for next year.

**Knighton Show and Carnival** The Annual Fireworks Evening will be held at Llanshay on 6 November at 6.30pm. The A.G.M. has taken place with a new chairman and committee looking forward to the 2022 show.

*Jean Price*

### Thursday Drop-in Eatery

A Drop-In lunch of soup, sandwich and a cake is available between midday and 1.30pm each Thursday in the Knighton Comm. It provides residents with social contact. There will still be a home delivery for local residents who cannot physically join in. The service is donation led.

### Churches Together Lunch Club

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## Knucklas Harvest Service



What a super Harvest St David's shared with the Baptist Chapel. After sadly cancelling our harvest supper due to a Covid spike, we moved our Festival Service to Knucklas Community Centre. It was spacious and light with a BIG screen. Window sills were lined with rowans and hawthorne berries, chestnuts and apples. In front were two HUGE pumpkins and marrow; they almost upstaged Rev Gareth Davidson.

But his message of Jesus connecting with everyone through caring and loving was powerful; especially when we were called to do the same!

*Photos and article by Laura*



Five members attended the October meeting at the Alex Allpress Ceramic Studio in Builth Wells. Members enjoyed a practical pottery session, each making a coil pot. Three members made pots on the wheel and then painted them. Jayne will arrange for the pots to be collected from the studio once they have been fired.

Formal Meeting: HSBC bank is discontinuing charity accounts, so Rhona will check out possible alternative banks.

## Felindre W.I.

We will hold our AGM and painting afternoon on Wednesday 3rd November, 2pm at Kath Horn's Art Studio.

On Wednesday 1st December we will have a guest speaker for our meeting and invite Whitton and Llanbister WIs and possibly local non-members.

Our Christmas Lunch in December will be at the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy, with partners welcome.

*Photo and article by Maggie*

## Tref-y-clawdd W.I. – Just 5 Seconds !

That's all we had to each answer 3 quick-fire questions in our new game after the meeting. We were hysterical with laughter at our attempts to beat the clock and all thoroughly enjoyed our evening – hence the happy smiles captured just before we left for home.

Our programme is planned until January, including a special Christmas meal with partners, and a separate Christmas party for just the ladies, with a Santa visit, party food and fun decoration-making in December.

Next month is our AGM and we'll have a beetle drive and refreshments after the business of voting etc. Three new members would like to join the existing committee so we'll have lots of new ideas and input.

New members are always welcome. Our regular meetings start at 7pm in St Edwards Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Dorothy for more details 01547 528692.

*Photo and article by Dorothy Symonds*



## Knucklas Harvest Festival



View out the window to Knucklas Castle



Rev Gareth Davidson



Felindre W.I.  
at the pottery



Tref-y-clawdd  
W.I. – 5 seconds



## Macmillan Coffee Morning



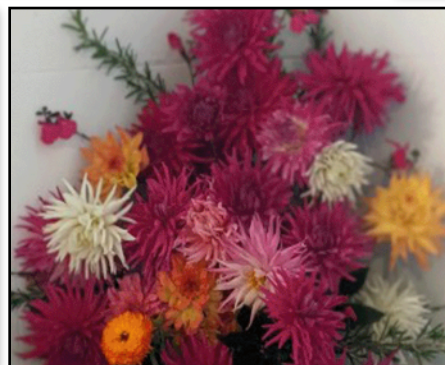
The Macmillan Coffee morning at Beguildy Post Office made the marvellous amount of **£805.17** – more than ever before. We met outside on a sunny, pleasant morning. Ann would like to thank everyone who helped and donated so generously.

## Norton Churchyard – Caring for God's Acre



On the 14 Sept the Team from Caring for God's Acre came to strim our hay meadow. Luckily the weather was good and we would like to thank them all for the brilliant job they did.

## New Radnor at Harvest



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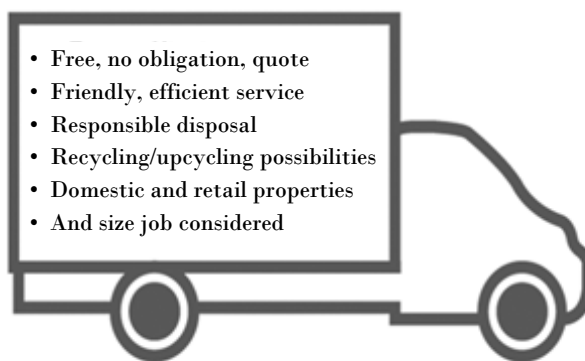


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## Noah's Ark

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"Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans." He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights." Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard but no Ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval because the Ark was over 30m<sup>2</sup>.

"I've been arguing with the Fire Authority about the need for a sprinkler system.

"My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site even though in my view it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high. We had to go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision.

"The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was going to be too steep, and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible.

"Then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls, but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA prosecuted me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

"I then had a visit from the Health & Safety Inspectorate, who told me that I needed to carry out an individual written risk assessment in respect of each species of animal. This was bad enough in respect of the 44,000 species of vertebrates, but the 751,000 species of insects have created a real problem, and with great respect, Lord, it would have been helpful if you had curbed your creative enthusiasm. I pointed out to the HSE that the risk from the flood was rather more immediate, but to no avail, O Lord.

"Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood.

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many members of the black and minority ethnic community I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only CSCS accredited workers with relevant Ark-building experience.

"To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark" Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" "No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it."

*Dave Latham*

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## Holidaying in Gladestry

### The second year of getting away from the Pandemic

Last year I wrote in 'The Radnor' about some of the experiences of those seeking peace and quiet, wanting to get away from COVID. This year with the emphasis on staycations this Gladestry holiday cottage, at the foot of Hergest Ridge, has been enormously busy. Yet one factor has remained – the urgent desire for somewhere safe, comfortable and peaceful.

We had a variety of young and older guests; some retired, some had good jobs and others whose work was lost to the pandemic. The young couples were professionals such as a London banker hired by an American hedge fund to buy Footsie 100 companies. The couple were extremely cautious concerning COVID guidelines insisting on lateral flow test results. They had come for the bank holiday weekend and took a trip down memory lane by visiting the University where they studied and met each other at Aberystwyth. But the majority were from the busy cities of the North, coming to get away

from the crowds and to find peace in the natural surroundings that we are blessed with on the rural border. In contrast, a couple from South Wales had become unemployed; they were carers, and formerly employed by a government funded charity – but the money was diverted to fight COVID. One may ask: was it the right to restrict social care budgets making key workers redundant?

Many guests had not been away since the start of COVID and were recovering from such setbacks as stroke, cancer and bereavement. They were so thankful to find beautiful places to visit such as Huntington Church where they bought homemade jams, or the ever-popular Hergest Croft Gardens, or walking north and south on the Offa's Dyke Path. Some ventured further afield to the Elan Valley reservoirs; one couple left at 7am so they could climb Snowden. Such a busy holiday season and at the same time a real pleasure to meet with and console holidaymakers.

*Michael Johnson*

### Gladestry 49 Club Winners

Thanks to all those participating in the weekly draw. Plenty of winners this time as we cover August and September: firstly, Viv Lloyd, then Dave Bowen, wait for it .... a roll over, so the big winner is Betty Johnson – no definitely not a fix! – just lucky. Then Liz Evans, some guy called MJ, Hattie Budd and finally Nigel Pinches. Again, thanks for your support.

*Michael Johnson*

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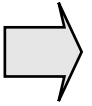
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## Knighton Festival

The whole Festival is now freely available on Facebook. The Festival's first day, Oct 2, was dedicated to Climate Change.



### Climate Change Discussion Panel

The Panel came from different viewpoints: Gabrille in the corporate world, Peter Harper at the Centre for Alternative Technology, and Angie Zelter in activism,

They all were "green" in that they supported personal life style changes, e.g heat pumps, electric cars, insulation, not flying, changed diets, but those alone would not significantly

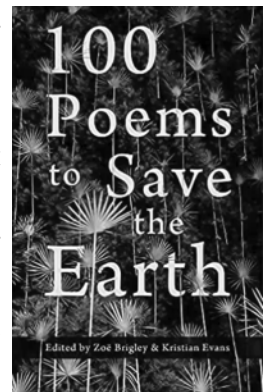
de-carbonise. We need technology (a new method removes carbon from the air and stores it) banks investing in carbon neutral companies, support for industries trying to reduce carbon emissions, governments backing new initiatives. They suggested that we might all contact our MPs, even our pension providers to invest only in carbon neutral companies.

### Climate Change Poets

Seren Book publishers, Zoe Thompson and Kristian Evans, introduced their new anthology "100 Poems to Save the Earth". Kristian's 'radical' advice for us was to switch off both the internet and our mobiles and step outside.

John McCullough was close to nature with a Reebok shoe hanging from a tree and beautiful, yet tragic luminescent plankton on the sea. Paul Henry's poetry hummed with life

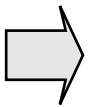
as he sensed a deeper river running below; even as he watched his two sons asleep: "something is about to happen". Clare Pollard was "banging the table" for environmental issues in the significance of late season roses or an oil slick, reminiscent of Jonah's warnings to Nineveh.



### Climate Change Artists

Andrew Baldwin, a local printmaker, developed, non toxic methods of printmaking by replacing traditional nitric acid for etching with ferric chloride, which is not toxic. Instead of caustic and explosive methods he found kitchen substitutes: brushing with instant coffee, icing sugar as an aquatint, soya sauce instead of ammonia to degrease etching plates, molasses to transfer text.

Emma Stibbon created landscapes from her on site sketchings. She hoped to impart the fragility of nature.



Madi Acharya-Baskerville created sculptures, with found objects on littered beaches or in fast fashion rejects. She transformed things we might throw away: moth eaten fabrics, bottle tops, lighters, etc.

### Teme Valley Environmental Group TVEG

Nicola Colston gave an eye opening talk about the many projects of TVEG. Besides allotments they have fruit and nut trees and herb gardens scattered around Knighton for

everyone to use. They keep Knighton tidy with litter picking sessions and crisp bag collection and beautify it by maintaining the railway Station Garden.

*Articles and photos (from Zoom) by Laura*

# Knighton Festival: Climate Change

## Panel



Gabrielle Walker



Peter Harper



Angie Zelter

## Poets



John McCullough



Paul Henry



Clare Pollard



Zoe Thomson

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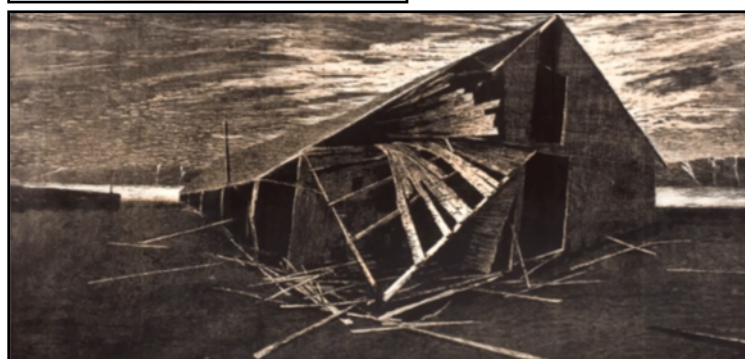
## Artists



Coffee Lift  
*Andrew Baldwin*



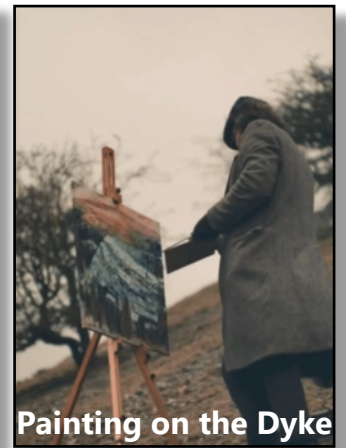
Bird by *Madi Acharya-Baskerville*



Abandoned Whaling Station - Deception Island  
*Emma Stibbon*



## Walking with Offa



## Festival Rambling



## Walking Knighton History



## Carbon Chronicles



# Knighton Festival

## Walking with Offa

← Dan Llywelyn Hall painted a range of scenes along Offa's Dyke Path. The Festival screened a delightful film combining Dan painting at various places along the path interspersed with poets reading their works in those areas.

## Festival Ramble

Blessed again with a beautiful October day. Twenty-seven of us started a Knighton Festival walk from the Station. Ramblers ← leaders, Brendan and Felicity, led us through the lower reaches of Kinsey Wood across fields to Stowe where we

To add to the charm of the piece Martin Redfern added Kindinsky's Sox, (Todd and Mick) playing folk melodies like "Ookpick Waltz" on fiddle and guitar.

ascended Holloway Rocks for coffee on the top. We strolled down a beautiful lane to Five Turnings on the Heart of Wales Trail to join Offa's Dyke Path where we picnicked above the Teme Valley. Then back to Knighton with glorious views all day.

## Historic Walk Around Knighton

On 9 October John Davies led 21 of us on a walk round Knighton to see the changes over the years.

We explored old Knighton at the top of the town with its inaccessible medieval castle, but with the line of walls and city gate clearly visible. We imagined houses once spilling ← down the hill.

We walked along the Narrows to see how it was once a true High Street. We saw the sites

of inns, the Buttercross; Nelson Square, markets, alms houses, village pound, even roads that no longer exist. We went inside St Edward's for Victoriana and inside a home for its medieval cruck.

John started his tour with the shocking revelation that the 1340 plague had killed three quarters of the Knighton population. Today's pandemic seems benign by comparison.

## Carbon Chronicles Opera

The Opera composed and directed by Camilla Saunders was performed at Pinner's Hole at the Offa's Dyke Centre last August. The Festival produced a video now available on ← Facebook.

Each of the singers wore a large symbol of chemical elements. Historically exploitation of people and places went as far back as Henry the Navigator in the 1400's.

Followed by many others he found a fortune in the earth and extracted what he could without a thought for those who lived there. Globalisers in the mining industry took precious stones and uranium throughout the world in Namibia, Peru, Australia, South Africa.

We were challenged in the end to decide "Which Way" to go.

*Articles and photos (some from Zoom) by Laura*

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## Llangunllo Looks Back

Football is the most popular sport. By the 1880s there were football clubs locally in Beguildy, Bettws (presumably Bettws-Y-Crwyn), Knighton, Llangunllo and Presteigne. The sons of local gentry who attended soccer playing public schools had a significant role in the formation of the clubs.

Soccer at this time differed greatly from the game today – each team had its own version of the rules and the custom was for the game to be played in accordance with the rules of the home team. As goals had no nets and often a rope rather than a crossbar, there were many disputes about whether a goal had been scored.

By the early years of the 20th Century, the modern game of football had been established

and more local clubs appeared on the scene, including Radnor Valley. The photograph of Llangunllo Football Club 1919 - 1920 includes players from the village, surrounding farms, Gravel Arch and the neighbouring parish of Bleddfa.

With “Bridgewater” living at the Hundred House Inn, no doubt fellow players and supporters enjoyed after match socialising there, as well as at The Greyhound!

Over the years football clubs have had their ups and downs, many continue to play, others hang up their boots and sadly the playing days of the Llangunllo Team ended long ago.

*Isabel Morris*

*Ref - “The Story of Knighton” - Keith Parker.  
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**Llangunllo Football Team 1919-1920**

Back Row left to right 1 Bridgewater [Bleddfa Pub] 2 Charles Viney [Railway Cottage]

3 Jack Lloyd [Shell Cottage]

Mid Row 1 Bill Watkins [C'oedharbour] 2 Jack Morris [Malygoed] 3 Fred Poole [Cefnsuran]

Children: Stan Evans behind Bessie Jones & Dorothy Morris

Front Row 1. Pryce Lloyd [Whimble] 2 Ted Morgan [Great House School Teacher] 3 Billy Picton [Larch Grove] 4 Alf Lewis [Ferndale] 5 Austin Hicks [No.3 Terrace]

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Wed Nov 3. Bodenham. 8 miles moderate. Meet at Bodenham Parish Hall SO 544 541.

Wed Nov 10. Llanbister Road to Knucklas. linear walk 7.5miles Moderate. Train **at 11.06** from Knucklas Station..

Thurs Nov 18. **SHORT WALK** Shobdon Airfield Downwood, Shobdon Arches circular. 4.5 miles moderate, 100m ascent. Exp 201 SO 398609.

Wed Nov 24. Roundton Hillfort & Corndon. 9 miles strenuous. Park near Mitchell's Fold Stone Circle. Exp 216 SO 302 980.

Please see website for more information.

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## New Radnor – A Quick Thank you

With trepidation and excitement on Bank Holiday weekend we started a new venture in New Radnor, a mobile wood fired pizza oven. It turned out to be a successful weekend, lots of pizzas made and eaten.

We have done more since, including a fantastic evening last Friday. New Radnor had various activities raising funds for Macmillan. We took our pizza oven and it was very well supported, so was able to donate £70 to the fund. We are venturing now to offer us to be able to attend parties and functions, so that's our next challenge.

The feedback on the pizza has been fantastic and everyone has really supported us, so thank you very much, after all those anxious moments, it really has been appreciated.

Looking forward to our next evening of pizza.

*Martin & Sharon Simcock (Me&S pizza)*

St Mary Magdalene Bleddfa  
Hall Barn Bleddfa  
at the Christmas Fair  
11.00 - 4.00pm

We will have two tables at the Christmas Fair to raise much needed funds.

## Special Days in November

31 October - 6 National Adoption Week

1 All Saints Day

2 All Souls Day

2 National Stress Awareness Day

5 Guy Fawkes Day

10 Remembrance Sunday

11 Armistice Day

13 World Kindness Day

14 World Diabetes Day

16-21 Road Safety Week

16-20 World Nursery Rhyme Week

19 World Toilet Day

28 **Advent Sunday**

30 St Andrew's Day

Churches Together

## Advent Service

Sunday 28 Nov  
3pm

Methodist Church

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Sister Margaret Davis  
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Choir practice at 3pm Fridays at  
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## Knighton Festival - Books



### Crime Writers

Three 19th C crime writers held a forum about changes in Victorian life: telephones, films, electric cabs, jobs, the state of women and children, forensic medicine.

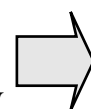
Alis Hawkins spoke about her “Teifi Valley Coroner” series of investigations into deaths in West Wales. Her blind investigator probes a death during the Rebecca Riots. The background for the other books are Welsh emigration to America, Welsh education discouraging spoken Welsh, and the Welsh woolen industry.

### Poetry Pharmacy

Deborah Alms of the delightful Poetry Pharmacy in Bishop’s Castle once drove an ambulance. Dressed as a doctor she was the “Emergency Poet” visiting bookshops and

Katherine Stanfield, sets a crime series in north Cornwall, the first, “Falling Creatures” on remote Bodmin Moor where a young woman’s body is found. The locals suggest that as an upstart she got what she deserved.

Leslie Scase sets his police investigator at the end of the 19th century in Pontypridd where a body is found in a river, but in the novel’s twist that body has already been buried. In “Fatal Solution: a body is found in a burned out workshop and two others are poisoned on a park bench.

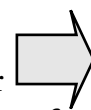


literary events to prescribe poetry. Now the “pharmacy” is an extensive bookshop and she still prescribes pills which are capsules containing a poem for your condition.

### Parthian Books

Susie Wild read several of her poems. One was about a charming series of unsatisfactory dates, another the tribulations of being vegetarian.

Gary Raymond who now writes humour read an amusing section from “Angels of Cairo” where the narrator is stuck with a very boring travel companion over breakfast.



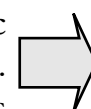
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### Marches Poets

On National Poetry Day the Marches Poets arrived for a LIVE event at the Comm. The specially commissioned cake was, inscribed with Dylan Thomas’s ‘Fern Hill,’ made by Jo and Michelle’s ‘Incredible Edibles’.

The poets used artwork as inspiration: a Gainsborough woman complained about her beautiful but uncomfortable frock; a couple in New York were sadly divided in an Edward Hopper painting. Poets also reflected on the past: a relative facing a term in Newgate prison, a Saxon hoard, the sounds of grandmother’s house. Nature also featured: a rock pool as a metaphor for life, or rough

Radnorshire compared to the romantic Lake District in Wordsworth’s poetry. Some reflected on words: a ‘Luthier’ is one who makes violins

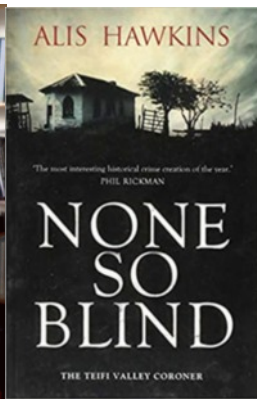


Poems were short and largely free verse, sometimes experimenting with poetic forms, e.g. the Japanese Renga three lines of (5-7-5) followed by two lines (7-7). It was a wonderful reading: many voices, many ideas, and all quite accessible on first hearing. The Marches Poets are grateful to the Knighton Library Friends who paid for the cake and refreshments, which we all enjoyed at this event.

*Photos by Fiona*



**Alis Hawkins**



**Katherine Stansfield**



**Leslie Scase**

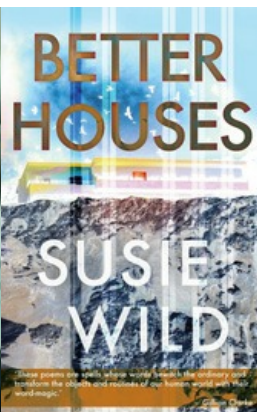


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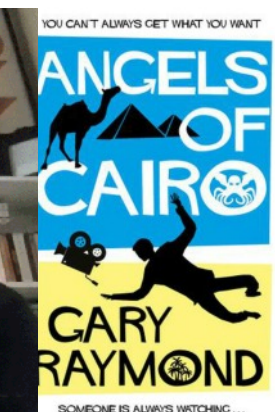
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**Susie Wild**



**Gary Raymond**



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## Whitton Coffee Morning

## New Radnor

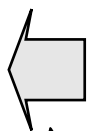


New Radnor W.I. Litter Pick

## Stowe & Stanage W.I.







## The longest coffee morning? ... for Whitton anyway



The Whitton Community Hall's FREE coffee morning is now an established event on the second Tuesday of each month. But in October we set out the hall, to start at 10.30 am and we were clearing up at 9.30pm. No, we aren't that slow – it was a special day!

The WI's unique wall hangings were finally up in their intended place and for all to see. So, neighbours were invited to drop in and W.I. members were on site all day with endless cakes, drinks, nibbles and early evening the bar was open. There was a good atmosphere and it was so lovely to see our community chatting and laughing.

There was a play area for the children and a shopping opportunity for the adults. We had a raffle and other activities available. Next month we are including a session offered by The Big Skill (page 54).

At each coffee morning there have been more and more participants but we still have room and thanks to the talented W.I. Members -- always enough delicious cake.

This monthly event is supported by a grant from PAVO and is open to the wider community so we hope others will feel welcome. *Article and photos by Hilary Naylor*

## Stowe and Stanage W.I.

We were delighted to see our two models at the federation's transformation fashion show. The team had worked hard to turn duvet covers and curtains into two stunning outfits, as you will see from the photos. Overall, the event was a great success with a wonderful variety of clothes recycled from items as diverse as a collection of silk ties!

At our October meeting we were pleased to welcome Jane Roberts and Kay Pritchard who spoke about their Ugandan Dream. Inspired by a talk in Lingen about education in Uganda the two former midwives decided to volunteer. On their visits to Uganda Jane

maternity clinic, teaching basic infection control and delivering babies. Sadly, one in five babies dies in the first month of birth.

Kay and Jane take out 92 kilos of supplies each time they visit: basic medical supplies, paper, pens and books, and toys, of which there are none in the country. They brought a quantity of locally made goods for members to buy, including colourful swatches of material, and many gifts made from bamboo.

Our next meeting is our AGM at 2.30pm in the Reynolds Room of Knighton Community Centre. If you are new to the W.I. and wish to come along, please use the contact below. Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or [alithomas1@gmail.com](mailto:alithomas1@gmail.com)

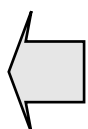
*Article and photos by Ali Thomas*

## New Radnor W.I. Litter Pick

At the beginning of October members of New Radnor WI undertook a litter pick around the village. Generally our village is

that our village bins were overflowing so we arranged for Powys CC to empty them the next day.

*Article and photo by Debby Amer,  
New Radnor W.I. President*



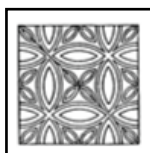
fairly clean and tidy but we did manage to collect 4 bags of litter. We also noticed

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## Rural Bus service for Whitton

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In March 2021, the Welsh Government, Transport for Wales, Local Authorities and Bus operators signed an agreement to deliver better bus services for communities in Wales.

This strategy must take into account the views of people in the local area.

I have started a petition to re-instate the bus service to Whitton to be presented to Matt Perry, the Head of Transport, Powys County Council. Our Assembly Member, James Evans, is continuing to call for more investment into public transport in Mid Wales, and expansion of services and timetables. If anyone else feels strongly about this issue, please do all you can to put pressure on the Councillors to give us support.

*Helen Skipworth*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS Nov 2021

Wed 3	Felindre WI, K Horn Art Studio, 2pm Tref-y-clawdd WI, St Ed's Hall, 7pm
Thur 4	Flower Arranging Whitton Hall, 12-2
Fri 5	Flicks "Blinded ..." Knighton Comm 7.30pm. Llanfair WI, Everest Hall. 7.30pm.
Sat 6	Bingo St Edward's Hall, 7pm. Bonfire & Fireworks, Llanshay, 6.30
Mon 8	Teme Valley Gardening, Knucklas Comm. 7.30pm
Tue 9	Coffee Morning, Whitton 10.30-12, Also Slipware Course, start 11am Creative Writing, Knighton Comm 11am-1pm
Wed 10	Communion at N.R. Hall, 10am. Floral Art, Presteigne Mem Hall, 7.30
Thur 11	Chatterbrook WI, Presteigne Mem Hall 7.30pm
Sat 13	John Kirkpatrick, N.R. Vill Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 15	Deadline for The Radnor Dec/Jan
Tue 16	Caring for God's Acre, Crug-y- byddar. Come and help. 10am. Hearing Aid Clinic, Knighton Comm 10am-1pm. National Garden lecture 7pm. P16.
Thur 18	Flower Arranging Whitton Hall, 12-2
Fri 19	Flicks. 1917, Knighton Comm, 7.30
Sat 20	Autumn Fair, St Edward's Hall, 10.30 -2.30 (for Bleddfa Church) Flicks "Yesterday" Llanfair. 7.30.
Thur 25	Flower Arranging Whitton Hall, 12-2
Sat 27	Xmas Coffee Morning, St Ed's Hall, 1030am.
Sun 28	Messy Church, Knucklas Comm 4pm Advent Service, Methodist Church, 3pm
Fri 3/12 - 10/12	Xmas Tree Festival, St Ed's, 10am onwards.
Sat 4/12	Hollinghurst Concert, Llangunllo Church, 7.30pm

## Notice for the diary

The New Radnor Group of Churches monthly Holy Communion & Lunch in the New Radnor Community Hall, has been much missed since COVID changed our lives. But unfortunately the team running the lunch headed by Mark & Kit, has decided to step down due to family commitments and ongoing health issues. It's a three day commitment and lots of organising and heavy lifting which can't be done by them now. I would like to give my grateful thanks for all their hard work in the last few years in bringing lunch to the group once a month; it has been a godsend to a lot of people in the community.

But it has been decided to recommence the Wednesday mid-week Holy Communion on the second Wednesday of the month, in the Community Hall in New Radnor, with a chance to catch up with each other over tea, coffee, biscuits and maybe cake sometimes.

We look forward to seeing you on the following dates at the new time of **10am**:

Wednesday **10th November** & Wednesday **8th December.**

*Rev Rachael*

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Bleddfa	SO 206683	LD7 1PA
Heyope	SO 239745	LD7 1PY
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Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
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Our Ministry Area hosts a  
Zoom Service every Sunday.  
The time has changed to 6pm.

If you haven't joined zoom before contact  
Revds Petra or Rachael to receive the link.

### **Baptist Sunday Worship - November**

- 7 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service  
Knucklas Chapel with Heyope, 6pm
- 14 St Edwards, 11am, Remembrance
- 21 Knighton Methodist Church, 11am,  
Joint Service with Baptists  
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm, Service
- 28 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service  
Knucklas Community Centre, Messy  
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### **REGISTERS:**

#### **Baptism:**

Myah Louise Pugh, daughter of Louise &  
Richard Pugh of Oak View, Upper  
Woodhouse Farm, Knighton, Sunday 17  
October at St Cynllo, Llangunllo

#### **Funerals:**

Fred Hughes from Lyonshall Friday 1 October  
St Peter's, Evancoyd laid to rest in the  
churchyard

Garry Richard Banks Presteigne Thursday 14  
October in his back garden in Presteigne

Betty Hammond Llanfihangel Nant Melan  
Friday 29 October St Michael's, Llanfihangel  
Nant Melan laid to rest with her husband in  
the churchyard

### **Methodist Sunday Worship**

Service in Knighton every Sunday at 11am.

### **Knighton Roman Catholic Church**

Service every Sunday at 11am.

### **Knucklas 2021 Apple Day**



The rain held off for  
Knucklas 2021 Apple Day.  
Since 2016 storms and  
pestilence had caused its  
cancellation or removal, but on  
17th October tentative sunlight shone on a  
large and happy crowd in the orchard.

Home-made cakes were judged and devoured;  
apples were eaten, juiced, drunk, and varieties  
compared; the opening of a new compost  
toilet was applauded by the roll of a big drum;  
medals were liberally divided among youthful  
Applympics participants; people swayed to  
live music; eagerly collected raffle prizes.

When all was cleared, stragglers, warmed  
by a small fire, watched the moon rise  
above the steep woods of Craig-y-don.

*Jamie Ritchie - photos by Laura*







Adam pressing apples



Lottie serving barbecue

## Apple Day



Musicians



Cutting the ribbon for opening our loo with a view!



Camilla's drum roll for the opening

<b>November 2021</b>	<b>7 Nov Kingdom 2</b> <i>Green</i>	<b>14 Nov Kingdom 3</b> [Remembrance] <i>Green</i>	<b>21 Nov Christ the King</b> <i>White</i>	<b>28 Nov Advent 1</b> <i>Purple</i>
<b>Readings</b>	Jonah 3. 1-5, 10 Psalm 62. 5-12 Hebrews 9. 24-28 Mark 1. 14-20	Daniel 12. 1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10. 11-25 Mark 13. 1-8	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13, 14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1. 4b-8 John 18. 33-37	Jeremiah 33. 14-16 Psalm 25. 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21. 25-36
<b>Beguilyd</b> <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	10.45 Llangunllo Cenotaph + St Cynllo's	No Service	9.30 Holy Communion
<b>Bleddfa M</b> <i>Magdalene</i>	7:30pm Compline	10.45 Llangunllo Cenotaph + St Cynllo's	No Service	No Service
<b>Heyope</b> <i>St David</i>	11am Holy Communion	10.45 Llangunllo Cenotaph + St Cynllo's	6.30 Evensong	No Service
<b>Llangunllo</b> <i>St Cynllo</i>	No Service	10.45 Llangunllo Cenotaph + St Cynllo's	11am Morning Prayer and Baptism	No Service
<b>Cascob</b> <i>St Michael</i>	3pm Holy Communion	10am at Whitton	No Service	No Service
<b>Knighton</b> <i>St Edward</i>	9.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Remembrance	11am Holy Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
<b>Pilleth</b> <i>St Mary</i>	No Service	10am at Whitton	No Service	No Service
<b>Whitton</b> <i>St David</i>	9:30am Morning Prayer	10am Remembrance	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service
<b>Colva</b> <i>St David</i>	No Service	10.45 at Gladestry	No Service	No Service
<b>Evancoyd</b> <i>St Peter</i>	11am Morning Prayer	10.45 Remembrance	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
<b>Gladestry</b> <i>St Mary</i>	No Service	10.45 Remembrance	9.15am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
<b>Llan'i N M</b> <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	10.45 at New Radnor	3pm Evening Prayer	No Service
<b>New Radnor</b> <i>St Mary</i>	No Service	10.45 Remembrance	No Service	11am Holy Communion