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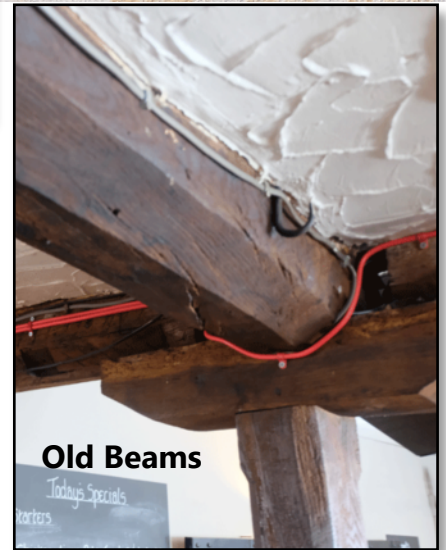
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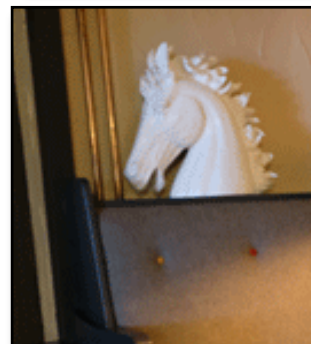
The Cottage



Original horse trough in restaurant



Coat rack in the restaurant



Horse head at booth

Old Stables

Christmas in the 'Horse and Jockey'

The **Horse and Jockey's** snug houses this white hat in a glass case. Why? As a popular meeting point for farmers and



auctioneers after cattle markets, the **'Horse and Jockey'** is particularly lively after the Christmas Fat Stock market. One day an American

wearing this white hat arrived in the crowded pub, and joining in the celebrations he offered his white hat at auction. It has stayed with the pub ever since and every year it is auctioned for the highest bidder to wear on Fat Stock day – proceeds for 'Children in Need'. To date it has raised £3,310.

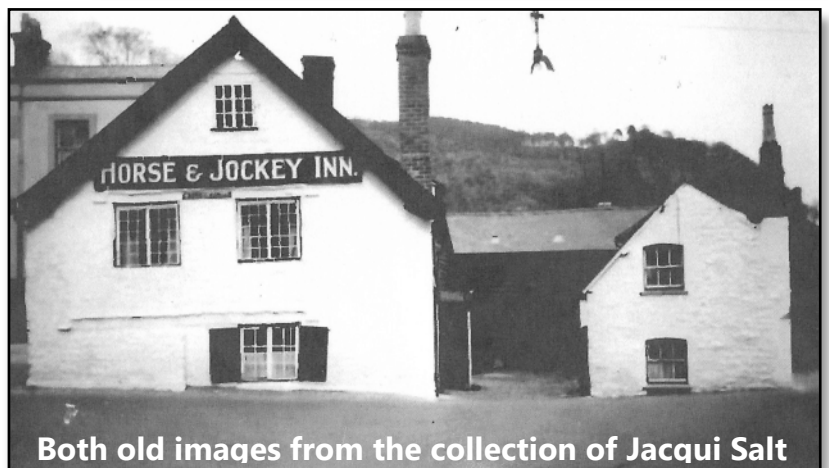
The **Horse and Jockey** has been here a lot longer than that hat; it is one of the oldest buildings in Knighton, possibly late 14th Century. From outside Boots, facing the inn, the left-hand side is below ground level, up to the edge of the window because the streets were unpaved, so all the muck slid down Wylcwm Street to accumulate on the side of the pub.

Old ship's beams inside support the struture. Gary and Jacqui Salt, former landlords, remember that their children's bedroom had one of these huge beams with a notch cut out where someone had cut out the ship's name as a keepsake.

The **Horse and Jockey** started life with another name, perhaps the **'Bull Ring'** which stood in the open area in front. There would have been bull and bear-baiting; the animal was chained to a post and set upon by

dogs. This junction of Station Road and Wylcwm Street was still called the "Bull Ring" in 1851. Then it might have been a market place.

The Inn's name would have changed to the **'Horse and Jockey'** by the early 1700's as it was then the meeting place for horse races on Bailey Hill (still 'Race Course' on maps). Originally there was a horse stable off the courtyard with a through passageway to a garden (now a lorry car park). When the Salts bought the pub in 1989 the stables had just been converted to a restaurant, but it had served as a venue for the local teenagers to meet up. The long wooden horse trough is still in situ from medieval times. The restaurant had been in the room above the front bar with stairs to it between two bars. (cont.)



Both old images from the collection of Jacqui Salt

Horse and Jockey (cont.)

From around 1926 it was a popular meeting place for cyclists. At some point in the 1930's Tim Bywater, a renowned local bonesetter, held a surgery here.

When the stables were converted a games room and kitchen were added over a yard, to join to the restaurant. The building to the right with accommodation and storage was once a separate cottage. The courtyard is now a popular seating area. The main section of the Inn has a charming snug, sometimes called the 'Farmer's Bar,' and a larger bar area with an

inglenook fireplace, not used, for safety reasons. It still bears fire marks where mugs were hung from a wick which occasionally caught fire.

The pub with eight ensuite rooms is now owned by a sympathetic Dutch couple, Stephanie and Wouter Egeler.

*Information from
"The Pubs of Radnorshire" by Tony Hobbs
Radnorshire Transactions, 1973
Jucqui Salt, former publican with archive photos
current photos by Laura*

The Kinsley and Round House

These two are down from the 'Horse and Jockey', but not open as pubs today.

The Kinsley

The Kinsley has always been a landmark for railway users. It was built around 1865 opposite the new railway to service passengers and railway workers with accommodation, food and drink. The property had three storeys with three bars (one with a piano for sing-songs), rooms on the top, a dining room and stables at the back.

It takes its name from nearby Kinsley [Kinsey] Wood, but it has traded under several names: the **Kinsley Hotel**, the **Central Wales Hotel**, and the **Railway Inn**. Originally it was owned by the Lichfield Brewery and then Ansells.

Over the years the flooding of the Teme has dogged the heels, or at least the cellars, of **The Kinsley**. More recently the demise of many public houses hit this one as well; although the owner fought to keep it open as a public house, it finally closed in 2005 and re-opened as a bed and breakfast in 2006.

Round House

Just a few steps from **The Kinsley** is **The Round House**. It represents the conundrum of Knighton; a small part of the town across the Teme, including the railway, is actually in England.

The owner who built this charming, round fronted building in 1880 imagined he would take all the Sunday trade in Knighton as Welsh licensing laws forbade trading on Sunday, but the Round House was in England with different laws. The City Fathers must have disapproved and never granted a license. He may have thought he was in England but they said that the Teme had been diverted when the railway was built, so its status as an English property was in doubt. Today this sign on the building clearly shows it in the parish of Stowe (in England).

So built as a pub, it never fulfilled its destiny.

Photos by Laura on page 10

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.

- Walt Disney



Dear friends,

I can hardly believe that I am writing the Christmas letter already. This year has flown by with many ups and downs. We have lost so many loved ones, which has meant people starting to live a different life. Christmas is a time when those who are grieving and missing loved ones can find it very hard. A phone call, Christmas card or a visit can make a big difference.

One of the ups is that all of the churches in the Ministry Area are open for services. The next step is to be open for visitors. I know that some are and this is great. As the churches are open we are able to have services to celebrate Advent and Christmas. COVID rules still apply at the time of writing.

Taking into account the difficult time that so many of us have had over the past year, we should reflect on the difficult time that Mary and Joseph had. They had fled from Mary's home town to that of Joseph's and due to their circumstances were not very welcome. Many refugees will be suffering this Christmas, which shows us that times have not really changed. There is so much prejudice and intolerance in this world, not just in war torn countries but right on our doorstep.

Let us strive to be tolerant and engage with all, personally or in prayer. Nobody should be alone in this world, whatever their race, creed or colour. As I said on Remembrance Sunday, how can we pray for peace in our time if we cannot manage peace in our town, village?

This Christmas let us do more than spare a thought for others but act on it too. Let us fight the gloom and spread the light. Christmas is much more than presents and food. It is about a child that was born in lowly circumstances who was the Son of God and taught people to love one another without prejudice. Let us follow His example and make this a happy Christmas for all. Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Love and blessings

Petra, John, Scrumpy, Simba & Hooh xx

Cover - Annunciation to the Shepherds

The angel Gabriel usually appears to Mary, but here we have his dramatic appearance to the shepherds "abiding in the fields." A colourful Gabriel appears on a rocket thrust of light while the shepherds kneel before this divine messenger. Other angels in the background complete the story from Luke: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest," which is the inscription accompanying the window.

The window by Trena Cox is in the Church of Emmanuel, Buckley, Flintshire. The window was dedicated "To the Glory of God. In memory of Ephraim Hopwood Jones [d.1946]. Given by his wife."

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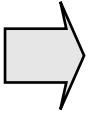
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My Favourite Thing – the Porch at St Cynllo's



My experience of St. Cynllo's Church has not been a very long one because I only moved from the Llyn peninsula to this village a little over four years ago but I do recall my first visit to the church. Because I have great difficulty walking up hills, and the approach to the church is certainly upward going, I had driven there, only to find that there was nowhere to park so I simply abandoned my car by the church gate in the hope that nobody would need access before I left.

That is where, and when, my love affair with St. Cynllo's Church really began. Just seeing all those wild flowers blooming in the churchyard, hearing the sounds of so many birds and noticing the many butterflies and other insects flitting about was enough to start the romance. When I eventually made my way up to the building's entry porch I found what I think is the favourite impression of any of those various churches I have ever attended.

A porch carrying wonderful notice boards was displaying delightful photographs taken at recent events and of activities in which the church family had taken part in addition to the expected collection of other informative notices.

St. Cynllo's Church porch gives one such a warm feeling of family welcome which, when I attended the next available service, was borne out by the other congregation members, especially at the end of the service when socialising took over. Tables were brought out and spread with plates of cakes and savouries, whilst tea, coffee or soft drinks were to be had plus lots of chat and laughter to accompany it all.

God's Welcome Home truly starts at the porch of His house and continues until the last of His visitors leave, knowing that the welcome still awaits them for when they return.

Maureen G. Joyce

Radnorshire Christmas 'Plygain'

With the Church bells ringing the day both in and out, church and chapel goers went to the early "plygain" (which derives from the Latin for 'cock-crow' and refers to the early service) or the more conventional morning service.

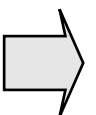
Congregations both in church and chapel assembled at five or six o'clock on Christmas morning, and sang carols often in Welsh, until daybreak. The custom may date back to pre-Reformation or even Celtic times, deriving from the aurora (dawn) mass, which the nonconformists continued. The Primitive Methodists of Presteigne persisted with the "plygain" until about 1890, and went home singing carols through the streets after the service. *From Elizabeth Newman of the Radnorshire Society from "Folklore of the Welsh Border" by Jacqueline Simpson.*

New Radnor Mother's Union

We had a lovely Christmas crafts afternoon on Tuesday 2nd November, making tinsel sweetie wreaths and decoupage angels.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th December where we will be at the New Radnor Rectory for Christmas tea. A warm welcome awaits you, a place to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. We meet usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Hub in New Radnor, everyone welcome. *Photos & article by Rev Rachael Storer*



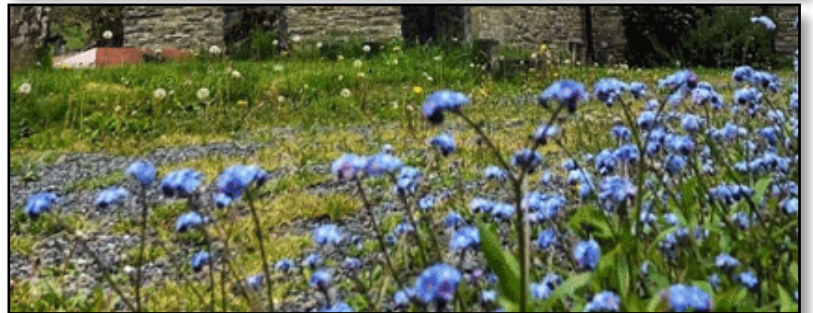
Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.

- Helen Keller

St Cynllo's Porch



*Photos by Isabel Morris and
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The Kinsley



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Mother's Union Christmas Crafts





Songs of Praise

Knighton Silver Band

Ministry Area

All Saints at Gladestry



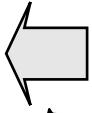
Geoff Weaver conducting



Rev Rachael



Organist - Ann James



Songs of Praise Oct 24

The Knighton Silver Band inspired a rousing Songs of Praise at St Edward's. Geoff Weaver conducted the band, played the organ and introduced the ten favourite hymns of Great Britain.

Each hymn, from the Victorians to the present had a story. "Jerusalem" was top drawer as it was based on the romantic legend that Jesus came to England, specifically Glastonbury, to "*walk upon England's mountains green.*"

Another classic "Amazing Grace" was written by a reprobate captain, John Newton, whose ship, the "Greyhound," was seriously floundering. Crew and captain fought to save it until, exhausted, he was tied to the helm from 1pm until midnight. In desperation he turned to the New Testament, specifically Luke 11.13 "*If you then, though you are evil, know*

how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask." He was converted, saved from the storm and "Amazing Grace" is our legacy.

The funeral favourite "Abide with Me" was written by Henry Lyte, who died ten weeks later.

"How Great Thou Art" wasn't an English hymn at all, but Russian (maybe German). When Stuart Hine was a missionary in Ukraine, he discovered it and translated it to English. Verse 4 is about displaced Russians: "*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.*"

Of course we finished the afternoon with William William's best loved hymn from as far back as 1762, "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah."

Churches Together

Calling all budding authors

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

Next session will be 7 December - short story about a journey or a voyage.
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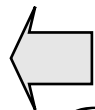


Nos Galan New Year's Eve

Nadolig Llawen Happy Christmas

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda Happy New Year

Iechyd da! Cheers! Good health!



All Saints Day Reveals the Patron Saint of Television

Gladestry celebrated All Saints Day with a congregation from all areas of the East Radnor Ministry Area. Geoff Weaver led us in a rousing "Peruvian Gloria." Rachael celebrated Communion and Petra preached about all, or at least some, of the saints.

We tried to guess who might be the patron saint of television. Pope Pius XII designated Clare of Assisi the patron saint of television in 1958. When she was too ill to attend Mass,

she had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

In our time we have all known saints and Petra's message was that ALL of us can be saints. When we try hard to do and say the right thing, to accept everyone as children of God, we too are candidates for sainthood (even when we fail now and then).



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Sat 4 Dec, 7.30pm, **Blinded by the Lights**
[12A] Bettys-y-Crwyn

Fri 10 Dec, 8pm **Love Sarah** Clungunford

Fri 10 Dec, 7.30pm **West Side Story**
Leintwardine Comm

Fri 17 Dec, 7.30pm **The Boy Friend** Knighton

Fri 17 Dec, 7.30pm **Personal History of David Copperfield** Bedstone & Hopton Castle

Tue 21 Dec, 2pm **A Christmas Carol** SpArc

Thur 13 Jan, 7pm **No Time to Die** SpArc

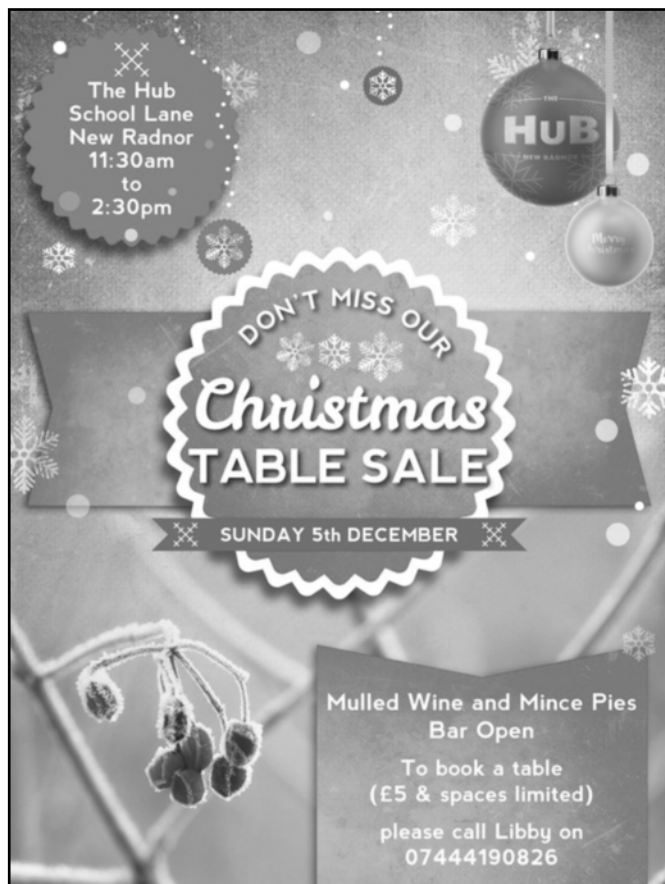
Tue 18 Jan, 2pm **The Last Bus** SpArc

Fri 21 Jan, 8pm **Ammonite** Clungunford

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Whitton News

Remembrance

The Remembrance Day service was held at St David's Church, in brilliant sunshine and was led by Iris Greaves. During the service Iris read from the Sermon that her late husband Canon John Greaves had given a couple of years ago, a poignant moment, both for Iris and the congregation. Without an organist we had to resort to new technology in the form of downloaded organ music which did, after some technical issues, help with the singing of the hymns: "O God our help in ages past," "Guide me O thou great Redeemer" and "For the healing of the Nations." It also gave us the Last Post and Reveille sounded at the Cenotaph in the church yard. The poppy wreath was laid by Peter Hood as members of the Community paid their respects. (Photos on page 25)

Whitton Community Hall

Now that events are being held once again, the Hall has been very busy with events on most weekday evenings. Tuesday nights are usually for local meetings such as Community Council, WI, Community Hall, Church and Dame Anna Child's Charity. The local Freemasons also have Tuesday as their monthly meeting night. Every Wednesday the Whitton Indoor Short Mat Bowls club have their matches, and it is one of the most successful teams in Brecon & Radnor. Thursday evenings see the Bridge

players from Knighton, Llandrindod and Rhayader converge on Whitton for their evening's games. Friday and Saturday evenings are available for private hire. It is good to have the Hall back in full use and a plan of refurbishment with new entrance doors and new curtains is in the process of being quoted for. The cloakrooms have been redecorated and hopefully next year the outside walls will receive a makeover. It does not seem like 31 years since the Whitton Community Hall was opened; that is half the age of the old Church Hall that it replaced! Many thanks to the people who use the Hall and to those who maintain and clean it. If anyone in the Community feels able to join the Hall committee, new blood would be very welcome.

Community Carols

There will be Community Carol singing in the Whitton Community Hall on Sunday 12 Dec at 3pm – led by Knighton Town Silver Band. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas and a warm welcome is extended to everyone and especially to families to come along and make the afternoon a joyful occasion. The afternoon is being hosted by Whitton Church and no doubt there will be refreshments of a seasonal nature on offer afterwards, so please make every effort to come along and start your Christmas festivities in Whitton. *- Colin Pugh*

Radnorshire Bridge Club

During Covid the Knighton Bridge Club is about the only Bridge Club which has gained new members due to the Online Competitions the Club set up using Bridge Base online. We have now joined with the Llandrindod and Rhayader Clubs to form The

Radnorshire Bridge Club and meet in Whitton Village Hall at 6.45 on Thursday evenings.

We are a very welcoming Club and are keen to encourage new members with or without experience of the game. If you would like to know more, please contact Kay Taylor 01547528614 kay.tony@me.com

New Bishop for Swansea and Brecon



The Archdeacon of Wrexham, John Lomas, has been chosen as the 10th Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. John Lomas was an aircraft engineer who served in the Royal Navy during the Falklands War. He left his engineering career to train for ministry and was ordained in 1994.

Since then, John has served in St Asaph Diocese and has played a key role in planting churches and transforming those in difficulties. He was part of the team leading the diocese's successful £1.9m bid for a major evangelism project in the heart of Wrexham. Prior to that John was the diocesan Transition Minister, helping parishes with no current Vicar to think about the future in innovative ways. As Vicar of Holywell for a decade he oversaw the building of a new church, St Peter's, as a resource for the whole community.

The appointment was confirmed on November 22, and his consecration at Brecon Cathedral is yet to be fixed.

The Senior Welsh Bishop, Andy Jones said, "...he is people focused – he knows how to get alongside others and to help them. His

experience in the Royal Navy, in particular, gave him an appreciation that life can be tough and he faces challenges with hope and energy, as well as a gentle sense of humour."

Bishop-elect John said, "My motivation has always been to work with people and clergy to release them and resource them to build church in the community and to be the very best interpretation of the Good News of Jesus in whatever situation we find ourselves, whether we are in a large urban setting or a small deeply rural setting. Helping people on the road to living their best life in Christ is a huge privilege."

In his spare time, he enjoys walking and reading and is looking forward to hikes in the Brecon Beacons.

He is also looking forward to paying his respects at the Harvard Chapel at Brecon Cathedral, the regimental chapel of the South Wales Borderers. His grandfather served in the regiment in the First World War. In the 1990s, John was Padre to the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

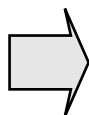
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The Joys of Knitting

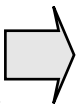
Betty Johnson has been knitting Christmas figures: a marvellously colourful Nativity scene of the three Kings, baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a donkey and sheep. The other photos are a Christmas doll and a couple of largish pandas!

Betty has rediscovered knitting as it is therapeutic for her arthritic fingers etc. She enjoys doing the patterns in different sizes.

Michael Johnson



Bible Videos



For well produced videos of Bible Stories, try the free LUMO project. These are video images from each gospel – here he is by the Sea of Galilee. If you want to view a Bible book, you can either request the entire book, or just chapter by chapter if your broadband is limited.

The videos are shot in Israel with stunning backgrounds, and believable disciples dressed authentically. They speak the local language, but the narrator tells each gospel in English. It has been translated into several languages.

Articles and photos by Laura



Bishop-elect John Lomas



Red Admiral on Remembrance Sunday
Allan Flexman

LUMO Project - Gospel of Mark



Interment of Fay's ashes.

1. Photo of Fay with a class
2. Richard burying her ashes
3. John Hanna reading God's word.



Fay



Llangunllo Bumper Sale

Photo by Debbie Jones

Cinema Seats

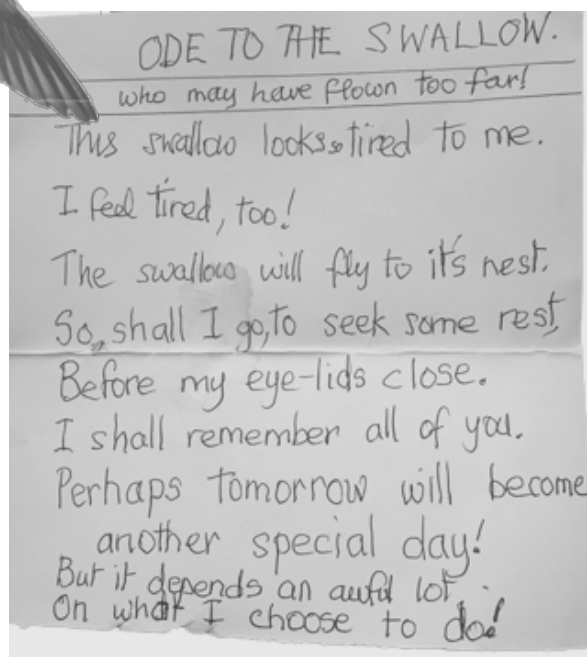


Fay Exworth-Dent's Fitting Interment

← Fay, who led services in the East Radnor Benefice, died in May 2020, - typical Fay.

when a proper wake couldn't be held, so on 3 November a group of friends gathered at St Edward's churchyard for the interment of her ashes. Hilary Howcroft had valiantly dug a perfect hole and her cousin, Richard, placed the basket with her ashes inside. The basket 'coffin' was made in Somerset where she was born. John Hanna read two suitable passages (Job's "I know that my redeemer liveth" reflected Fay's faith). Petra said the prayers.

After the interment we gathered in St Edward's hall for a delicious tea. Several people spoke about how influential Fay had been on their Christian journey, mostly by being her delightful, caring self. She wrote stories, particularly for children, and Hilary



Bumper Sale Success

← Everyone Loves a Sale, so they say! It was certainly true, in Knighton, recently, where plenty of bargains were available, at the fundraising, Bumper Sale, held by The Friends of St Cynllo's and Llangunllo Community Hall, at St Edward's Church Hall, 28-30 Oct.

Donations of quality clothing, books, household items and bric-a-brac were collected over several weeks by the generous community in and around Llangunllo. It was quite a feat to transport and sort all the items,, but plenty of volunteers gave their time from set-up to closing.

Bargain-hunters were queuing outside the hall, before opening and a steady stream of traffic filed through the doors over the entire 3 days. Liquid refreshments, homemade biscuits and cakes were available for a small donation, enabling visitors to take a break and enjoy a chat during their searching and shopping.

A big thank you to everyone at St Edward's, to those who helped in any way, and especially to all who came along and supported the cause.

Our next Bumper Sale will be at the Charity Shop in Llandrindod – 19 to 26 Feb. Look forward to seeing you there! *Debbie Jones*

Old Cinema Seats Available

← Felindre Village Hall has purchased new seating for the hall via the Garreg Lwyd Community Benefit Fund and therefore the old 'cinema seats' (originally from Knighton Cinema) that have been in the hall for many years are now redundant.

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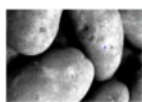
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Bobby's Beat

From the diary of a parishioner who served in the police, last in the series.

All of our police cadets were entered into the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, part of which was a four day hike, on a route planned by themselves, in a remote part of the country. In 1971, I and a policewoman took several groups of four in a minibus to Dartmoor for their training expedition. Each day the



WPC and I would meet each group at a designated checkpoint to make sure they were safe and well, as they had no means of communication. At this time the IRA terror campaign was gathering pace.

One afternoon we went to Burrator Reservoir to meet a group. This was, and probably still is, a popular picnic and recreation place for the public. We parked up to wait for our group, and a military Land Rover came next to us. It contained a Sergeant and two others from the Royal Marines. After a while we saw a platoon of trainees with rucksacks and rifles coming down a track, led by an NCO. Next to the

track, at a higher level, was a small dense plantation of fir trees.

All of a sudden a volley of automatic fire and loud explosions came from the trees. Obviously the soldiers were as unprepared for this as we were. The NCO signalled for them to lie down in the ditch. The soldiers jumped from the Land Rover and ran towards them, and at the same time three men in civilian clothes ran from the wood and drove off, fast, in an unmarked car. Hazel and I were quite bewildered. We had a police radio in our bus, but not on local police frequency.

When the panic had subsided I went to the sergeant and let him know who we were. He explained that the squad were trainees on a march exercise, but the other men were part of a separate exercise for advanced Royal Marines who had to return to base without being spotted by supposed terrorists. I expressed our concern that in such times as we were experiencing, and in a very public place, such things were going on that could be easily misunderstood. I don't suppose this ever got to the ears of the local Chief Constable!

Bobby Fuzz

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Harvest Auction - Air Ambulance

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Captain James Grenfell, the Regional Managing Pilot, wrote a letter of thanks to the church. "Your support means we are now able to provide life-saving emergency care in Wales 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; lives like Ellie Harris from Caerphilly.

"13-month old Ellie was suffering from what seemed to be a normal cold; later that day it soon became apparent that Ellie was far more poorly than was first thought. She started deteriorating quickly with concerning symptoms, including seizures. Ellie's parents immediately rang 999 and moments later the Wales Air Ambulance Critical Care Crew arrived.

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"Thank you again for supporting Wales Air Ambulance Charity. Your donations are the only way we can provide this service and continue "Serving Wales, Saving Lives".

Fungi Foray

Although it was damp and misty on the 19th October it was just the perfect weather for our purposes. A group of us gathered at St. Peters to look at and identify the various fungi in the Churchyard. This project is connected with the Beautiful Burial Ground initiative and forms part of the work for the conservation charity Caring for God's Acre.

At first glance we could not see a great deal but once our eyes had become accustomed to looking, it was apparent that we do indeed have a large variety of fungi, including wax cap toadstools of regional significance. Churchyards which have been tended in the same way for over a hundred years without chemical sprays and with close clipped grass, potentially contain some of the rarest fungi. This land is therefore most important for our heritage and maintaining the biodiversity of species. New scientific information on the role of fungi in connection with the health of the soil and their symbiosis with trees and plants is being uncovered all the time.

The organiser of this research event, Georgina Sharp, confirmed that we found a total of 13 different waxcaps along with corals, spindles and earth tongues. Our expert on these matters who led the expedition, Rob Rowe, thought there were enough species for Evancoyd Churchyard to be a regionally important site for grassland fungi.

Joanna Winstone



Fungi Foray

Photos by Joanna Winstone and Georgina Sharp



Fungi Foragers



Autumn Splendour at St Peter's



Earths Tongue



Otrine Waxcap



Honey Warcap

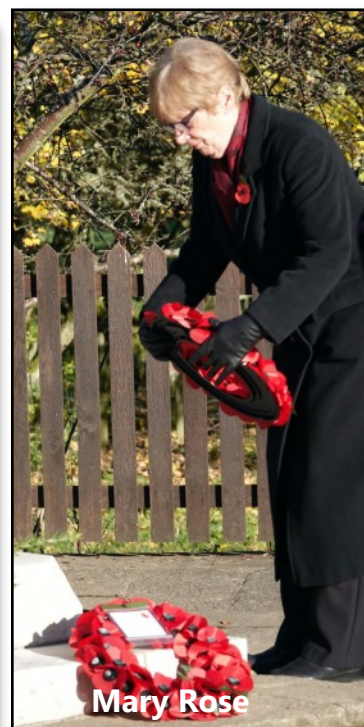
Whitton Remembrance

*Photos by Colin Pugh
Story on page 15*





Theresa



Mary Rose



Rev Gareth Davidson



Tim Gayther



Karen Edgar



Keith Williams



**Nicola
Payne**



Harold Lewis

Burns Night

Blow away the January blues at the Knucklas Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh Party

Once Christmas and New Year are over, January can be cold and dark, with the prospect of spring a long way off. So, why not brighten up the month with a night of good food, music and dancing at the Burns Night Ceilidh on Saturday 29th January at Knucklas Community Centre?

Enjoy a three-course meal of traditional Scottish food, with award winning haggis from Pugh's, Knighton's celebrated butchers. There will also be a vegetarian option, locally supplied vegetables and dessert and, of course, a wee whisky to toast the haggis.

PACDG - Did You Know?

Presteigne Area Community Development Group (PACDG) have several registers with information about local groups, local venues for hire, local traders, etc. Whatever you're looking for, we might have the answer.

For our register of local venues visit the town website www.presteigne.org.uk and click on "Local organisations," and then click on "Premises in Presteigne and Norton...." For local traders email our Community News editor, Terry, at news@pacdg.org.

Hear to Help "Drop Off" Clinic

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To comply with Covid restrictions ticket numbers have been reduced and track and trace will be completed. For Covid updates, more info and to register your ticket please email knuckasburnsnight@gmail.com.

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Fiona Roper



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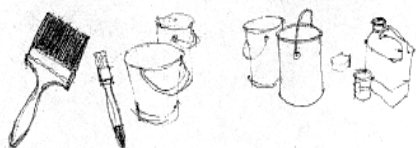
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Everyone enjoyed a silver demonstration by Katherine Taylor. She drew lots from the members' names and made some bespoke pieces. There were some lovely bangles and earrings which she will polish and return.

Next month we hope to enjoy an early Christmas with a wine tasting of hedgerow wines with Simon Nix. To quote "It's all homemade, hands on," an evening that suits Llanfair Waterdine W.I. very well. The meeting is on Friday 3rd December 7.30pm in the Everest Hall.

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Gail Jones

Knucklas Notes for December/ January 2021/22

I write this in the midst of a lovely colourful autumn. The leaves on the trees and hedgerows look absolutely stunning – autumn seems to me to always hang on for a long time around here But from the solstice on 21 December, the 'astronomical winter' season begins, lasting until late March.

Meanwhile, especially before but also after Christmas, we have a plethora of activities in the area, organised by the diverse groupings who plan and work on behalf of the community.

The international conference on action to be taken about changing climate, hosted by Britain recently, seems to have mixed results

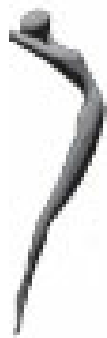
In June 2022, Britain hosts the Commonwealth Games, centred on the Birmingham area.

In recent years, Beguildy C in W Primary School had been lost to our locality, as was Whitton. Now, other small primary schools, a little further afield, are also threatened with closure and fights are on to try and save them – they even impact our district.

Those who have been local residents for some years may recall, with respect and affection, Herdis Rule, previously of Rock House, Knucklas. Sadly, she passed away in South Wales after a relatively short illness. All sympathies to Alison and the family.

Robert Forbath

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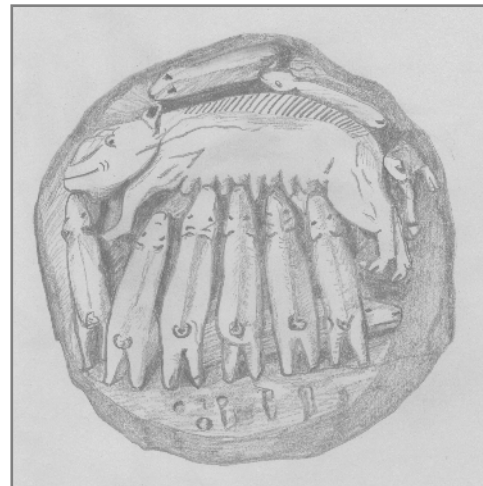
St Brannoc of Branton 7th January

St Brannock's Church in Branton is a beautiful 13th century Norman church, but there was a church on the site many hundreds of years before that. In fact it may be the oldest church foundation in North Devon. In the 6th century Brannoc came to Devon, from Wales (or Ireland), floating on a stone coffin. Actually, that last bit seems unlikely, but stone coffins or stone altars often appear in the lives of the saints as a means of transport. It seems more likely that the stone was used as ballast in their flimsy ox hide curraghs as they travelled over the wild waves.

Brannoc found a nice hill where some people were living and he decided to build his church there, but whatever he built one day had fallen down by the next morning. Perhaps the locals had some objections. Anyway, Brannoc had a dream in which an angel advised him to find a white pig suckling seven piglets, which would show him where to build his church. He found the white pig with her piglets in a lovely meadow beside a slow flowing stream, and

that is where he built his church. The present Norman church is a fine building with lots of interesting detail. There is a roof boss carving of the pig with her piglets and the story is again illustrated in one of the windows. Branton (Brannoc's Town) is now said to be the largest village in England and its church has long been a place of pilgrimage and worship.

Rosemary Hanna



Medieval Roof Boss of 7 Suckling Piglets at Branton Church

Recipe: Grandma's Christmas Pudding

Ingredients:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| — 24 oz currants | — Juice of one lemon |
| — 16 oz raisins | — 1 teaspoon mixed spice |
| — 16 oz sultanas | — 1 teaspoon nutmeg |
| — 16 oz suet | — 16oz dark brown sugar |
| — 7 oz self-raising flour | — 2oz mixed peel |
| — 1 grated carrot | — 4oz fresh breadcrumbs |
| — 1 grated cooking apple | — Brandy - about 3 oz |
| — 2 eggs | |

Method:

- Place all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl, stir well and make a wish!
- This mixture fills two 1½ pint sized pudding basins.
- Steam basin for about 4 hours, then leave to cool and store in cool place.
- On Christmas Day, steam for a further two hours.
- Serve with brandy butter, brandy sauce and cream.

Happy Christmas!



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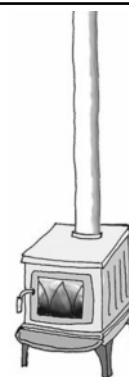
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St Edward's Church News

Christmas Tree Festival

We look forward to seeing many visitors and friends to the Festival. The Church will be open from 10am to 4pm on 4-5 December. The Christmas Draw will take place at 3pm on 4 December. We still have a few tickets on sale, lots of seasonal prizes to be won.

Bingo

The Christmas Games will take place in the Church Hall at 7pm on 4 Dec. Come and join in the fun. Jackpot still waiting to be won.

Coffee Mornings

The next social get-together will be the New Year one on 15 January at 10.30am in the Church Hall. Our thanks to all who have supported the events over 2021 and very much appreciate the generosity with cakes, gifts and donations to raise money for our parish church.

Results of the September Coffee Morning. A profit of £270 was made. Competition winners M. Beddows, P. Pugh, B. Steadman, A. Williams, P. Parker and D. Price.

Results of the October Coffee Morning. A profit of £280.71 was made for Church funds. Competition winners were J. Read, D.

Richards, R. Isherwood, D. Bowen, J. Vickerstaff, V Cropper and D. Minton.

Family

Congratulations and best wishes to Beth and Joseph Connolly married in St. Edward's Church 30th October 2021. Congratulations to Colin and Phylis Pugh on the birth of a new grandson born 14 November to proud parents Gareth and Georgie.

Please remember in your prayers all who are in hospital, unwell at home, anxious awaiting surgery and those with Covid Virus.

We too remember all who are sad mourning the loss of a loved one.

November 3 - Interment of ashes in the churchyard of Fay Exworth Dent aged 84 years. A short service took place conducted by Rev Petra Goodband and Rev John Hannah, attended by family and friends. Fay was a faithful member of the Church and will always be remembered. R.I.P. (pp 18-19)

November 19 - The funeral service of Rose Farmer who passed away aged 86 years. The service was conducted by Rev Petra Goodband. Rose was laid to rest in Knighton Old Cemetery. *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.

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Whitton W.I.



We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Whitton Community Hall. We usually start with business and end with supper but November was our AGM, so at that meeting there was probably more time than usual spent on business and passing on of information. BUT still time for an activity. How fascinated and involved everyone became with not only the art of Origami but creating their own lidded-boxes from paper. When the old grey-matter got fuzzy or the not so nimble fingers gave way, we were helped, guided and saved by Paz. Members were surprised by what they achieved and lost all track of time in their determination to succeed.

At the November 7th community coffee morning (now an established event on the second Tuesday of each month 10.30 until 12) there was more creative activity. 10 lucky attendees became involved in designing a slip-clay tile. This session was led by



Lois Hopwood and made possible by the support of The BIG Skill. It was amazing to see the talented and wide-ranging designs emerging from a slab of grey clay. Many surprised themselves and those who were just there for a cuppa and cake, were very complimentary and perhaps just a bit envious. As I write, we are waiting to see the final fired product.

We were also pleased to see a wide variety of lovely items for sale – the proceeds going to Africa Greater Life Mission. The Kiddies Korner was available with something to attract the eyes and ears of everyone – it seems the

batteries in those noisy toys never seem to wear out.

It goes without saying – but I willthe cakes were even more delicious and varied as ever. Next month (14 Dec) W.I. members are intending to provide seasonal-themed delights. This is still a free event – please come along.

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Coffee Morning



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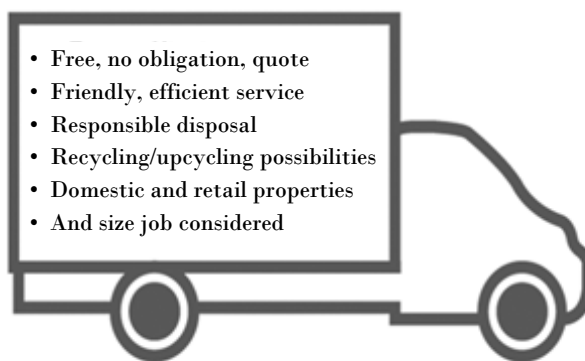


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Saturday 4th December at St Cynllo's Church — Steve Hollinghurst in Concert at 7.30pm.

An enjoyable evening with music from the shows, the festive season and easy listening standards. Tickets cost £10 to include refreshments. Please contact Karen on 01547 550246 or Ryan on 07748 188222. Proceeds to Llangunllo Village Hall and Friends of St. Cynllo's Church.

Sunday 19th December — Carols around the Christmas Tree in Llangunllo Village centre at 6pm.

Our traditional Christmas Carols around the tree with mince pies and mulled wine. Do come and join us for a lovely sing along.

Friday 24th December at 3pm — Community Carol Service at St. Cynllo's Church. Enjoy seasonal refreshments after the service. All welcome.



Radnor Valley Gardening Club Programme for 2022

- *17 January, **Any Questions** – Members Evening, solve your gardening dilemmas
- *21 February, **The Secrets of Garden Design** with Jessica Middleton
- 21 March, **Tool Sharpening for the Terrified** with William Scott
- 25 April, **The Botanist Gin, Our Part in a Global Success** with Dr Richard Gulliver
- 17 October, **Annual General Meeting** with Quiz
- 21 November, **The Natural History of Christmas** with Dr Michael Leach

The Club also organises Summer Outings, Open Gardens, Flower Arranging Classes, a Christmas Celebration and the Annual Garden Club Show in September. We actively encourage children and young people to join and are always looking for new ideas to incorporate into our programme. Membership costs £5 a year.

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Christ is baptised and the whole world is made holy; he wipes out the debt of our sins; we will all be purified by water and the Holy Spirit. Antiphon – quoted in A Pilgrim's Manual by Canon Brian Brendan O'Malley. This points to the power of water, once energised to renew and heal. Some years ago Canon Brian led a course at the Bleddfa Centre on the overlapping themes of the language of Nature and the power of Holy Wells. He explained that the sounds of Nature have a pattern, and if one is open to recognising them – working to comprehend those patterns – then one's soul may be soothed. He played sounds to the class to demonstrate: sounds such as birds twittering, wind blowing on trees and especially that of running water. All of these represent the energy present in Nature. This was an introduction to the energy stored in Holy Wells.

The origin of Holy Wells, as distinct from natural springs, is to do with the Age of the Saints. In Wales they are associated with Anglesey and the Llyn Peninsula in the North and Pembrokeshire in the southwest. When visiting St Non's well (mother of St David) our pilgrimage group encircled it, holding arms outstretched, and did an incantation to open the well. We waited ... the air became alive, buzzing with energy. It was similar to the feeling of an anointing with the Holy Spirit. Not surprisingly pilgrims from all over the world visit such Holy Wells. They are usually in isolated and secluded spots. The nearest one to us with known healing properties is Ffynon Ishow at Partrishow, near Abergavenny.

It sprang up from the martyrdom of St Issui. Pilgrims are known to lay flowers in his memory – for the healing properties live on. Not so long ago the Bishop of Hereford took his wife to be healed at the well. That was a physical healing, but one may find the soul is also regenerated. It's the water of life.

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Whitton W.I. Are Looking Forward to 2022



The W.I. has thrived particularly through difficult times and it has a wonderful network of members at the heart of their communities. Local W.I. members have shown their individual resilience and collective strength in many ways, and stepped forward to support others. In Whitton this has ranged from organising Sheepdog trials for over 30 years and more recently sewing and knitting for the NHS during the Covid pandemic.

Our meetings in 2020 and 2021 were curtailed but we are very much hoping to be able to complete our full programme in 2022 on the basis of ... Get out and about ... Get Moving

... Get Creative ... Get Competing ... Get Campaigning and ... of course ... Get Cooking.

We have plans for talks and demonstrations relating to local History, Fruit farming, Red kite watching, Flour milling, Crafts and creations.

Come along to Whitton Community Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. (Unless we are out on a trip)

For more information contact Whitton W.I. Secretary Tel. 01547 560350

Hilary Naylor

Llangunllo W.I. Celebrates with Fireworks and Mulled Wine

Our November meeting saw us reflecting on the last year and celebrating what we had achieved despite lockdowns, and the uncertainties of coping with a pandemic. A new committee was elected along with a new president, secretary and treasurer, as the serving officers decided to step down after a considerable number of years in post. The outgoing president thanked the secretary and treasurer for all their support over her time as president, and gave each a posy of flowers.

Following the AGM a business meeting took place, with important decisions on our

December Christmas Celebration meal, and Secret Santa being settled, as they say "it's beginning to look like Christmas". Members agreed that further work to finalise our 2022 programme was to be undertaken by the committee.

The meeting was closed, and the evening was turned over to a bonfire, fireworks, hotdogs, parkin, cakes and warming mulled wine enjoyed by members and partners, not forgetting young Lexie who made us a fabulous Guy for the bonfire.

Photos and article by Anne Newton

St Edward's Churchyard

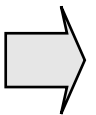
A group of eight 'tackled' the overgrown St Edward's churchyard yesterday afternoon (Oct 30) in the sunshine. Some cleared ivy off gravestones/church walls, some tackled the brambles with strimmers and some did pruning, etc. We uncovered graves that had been buried for years.

After some refreshment, we felt that we had made good progress but there is so much

more to do! We are going to continue with these working groups, so anyone is invited to join us.

Simon Gill

Photos by John Goodband



When it comes to luck, you make your own.

- Bruce Springsteen

Llangunllo W.I. Bonfire Night



St Edward's Churchyard



Leo Brooks & Geoff Weaver remove ivy



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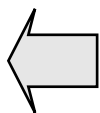


New Radnor W.I. Corn Dollies



Article and photos by Debby Amer





Knighton (Tref y clawdd) W.I.



Our AGM is coming up, with the re-elections of several new committee members, so lots of new ideas will be forthcoming as we finalise our 2022 programme to include plenty of our favourite workshops and activities. The internal book club is flourishing as we swap and discuss various recently read books with other members.

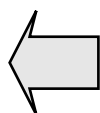
We've planned and booked our Christmas meal to include partners. Earlier in the month we will enjoy a Christmas Party with a Santa visit, games, and making Christmas decorations (some of which we will add to our tree to be part of the Christmas tree festival in

the church hall) We will also make dramatic 3D snowflakes for our windows which are great fun to do, together with tiny snowflake trees as seasonal ornaments.

Our January meeting is a talk by one of our members who is an extremely keen walker. She has many enjoyable tales to tell of her exploits as she certainly travels around the country. There cannot be many areas she has not visited.

We meet at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month at St Edward's Church Hall. For more details please phone Dorothy 01547 528692

Dorothy Symonds



New Radnor W.I. Corn Dollies

New Radnor W.I. ladies had a fun day making corn dollies whilst helping to keep an old tradition alive.

It was believed that the spirit of the corn lived amongst the crop, and that the harvest made it effectively homeless. Making the corn dollies helps to preserve the spirit of the corn.

Chatterbrook W.I.

Our next meeting is on Thursday Dec 9 and is a festive evening with Christmas activities and a bring-and-share supper.

The New Year begins with a 'Talk to Entertain' by Ian Marchant on Thurs Jan 13.

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Stowe & Stanage W.I.

November is AGM month for W.I.s and we welcomed most of our members to the meeting, including a potential new member, Yvonne. The business part of the meeting resulted in the officers remaining the same. Reports from Jenny, president, and Alison, secretary, showed that despite the pandemic and lockdowns we retained our membership and enthusiasm for our W.I.!

Discussions are under way as to how to celebrate our centenary, which falls in May

2022. We have plans for a celebration tea party and a scrapbook of memories of long-standing members.

We look forward to a full programme in the new year, but first there is the joy of our Christmas lunch in early December at The Lion in Leintwardine.

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Info

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Bleddfa Tunnel Disaster

*Many thanks to Graham George for this story from the **County Times**.*

“THE explosion was heard for miles around and the residents of Knighton had feared the worst.

“It was midday on July 4, 1896 and deep underground five men, employees of the Birmingham Waterworks at Bleddfa, had been seriously wounded and lay deep inside a tunnel.

“The men had entered the tunnel at 6am, venturing deep underground into a tunnel which had spanned three quarters of a mile.

“The Montgomery County Times reported: ‘About noon a loud and unexpected explosion was heard, and at the farther end five men were found on the ground.

“Two of them are reported as very seriously injured, and the other three slight. All the men are blinded.’

Among the worst of the injuries was suffered by James Farley whose hand and arm had been blown off.

“The report continued: ‘Dr Hardman and Dr Graves, of Knighton, were summoned by telephone and rendered every possible assistance to the sufferers, who had been removed from the tunnel and taken to their homes. Little hope is entertained for Farley's life.’

“Thomas James Farley did indeed succumb to his injuries soon after.

“The inquest into the accident was heard with evidence from foreman Abraham Gray and the other survivors whose sight had recovered a week later.

“The men's names were Peter Lithgrove, David Evans, Ernest Higgins and John Morgan.

“The men reported completing bore work by 8am and charging four holes which had each exploded.

“They had continued their work by charging four more holes – one of which had contained a small piece of stone with the men placing a small charge to remove the stone which had been around two feet wide

“Following the explosion the men returned to the stone face and discovered the stubborn piece of stone had remained intact so set about working on it with a hand drill when the unplanned explosion took place.

“Farley, Gray and Lithgrove had been closest to the explosion which would claim Farley's life and leave them Lithgrove and Morgan seriously injured while Gray and Evans also sustained injury.

“Miraculously Ernest Higgins walked out of the tunnel unharmed.”

by Gavin Grosvenor @CTSport Reporter

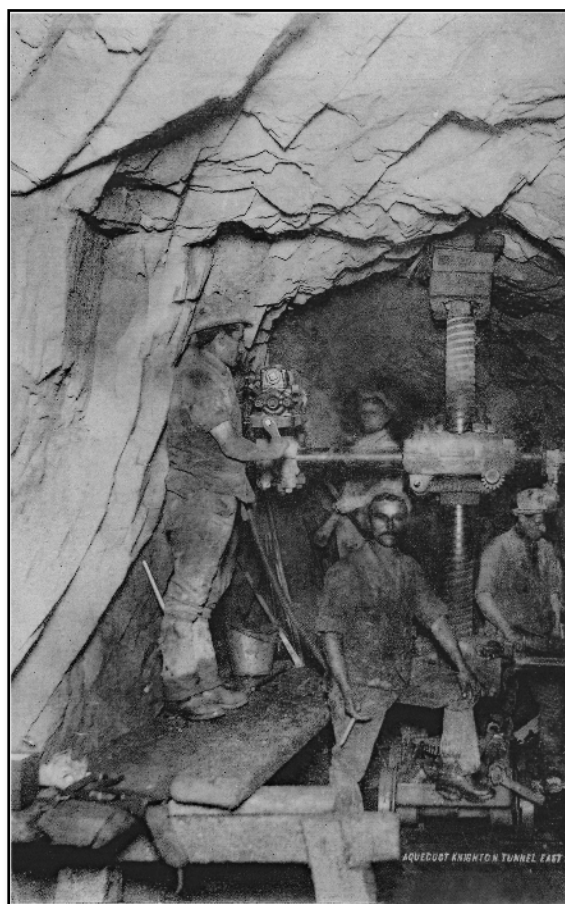


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Flora

Flower arrangers love the Christmas season with so many wonderful evergreens: holly, ivy, laurel and spruce are all traditional seasonal greenery. Holly has grown in this country from time immemorial; its glossy leaves and bright berries in the depths of winter charmed our ancestors and ourselves. It is indispensable at Christmas. The dramatic sculptural form of seed heads gives the garden a magical air on frosty mornings. Although flowers are in short supply, the bright starry yellow flowers of Winter Jasmine and the sweet smelling yellow flowers in Mahonia ('Charity') provide a stunning Christmas display.

Jobs: It is time to check stakes and ties on trees and climbers, making sure they are secure. Climbers like Honeysuckle and Golden Hop need pruning. Lift and divide large clumps of Hosta; discard the old central portion and replant small outer sections only. Take hardwood cuttings from Broom, Buddleia, Escallonia and Weigela. Check shrub cuttings. Attend to slippery footpaths

and patio. Regularly clean bird tables and feeders to avoid diseases. A spot of digging is good for the circulation (they say) so prepare the ground for spring planting. Consider a few garden alterations for your Christmas 'wanted' list.

If you are lucky you may have the lovely white Christmas rose in bloom for the big day. Legend says that this lovely Hellebore first bloomed on the shortest day of the year (21 December) to welcome the infant Christ.

This is a busy time with seasonal garlands, welcome wreaths, table decorations and church flower arrangements for the special day. In our celebrations we might think about the real meaning of Christmas, and stop to remember those for whom Christmas will not be a happy one, especially the recently bereaved families in our town.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy, peaceful Christmas.

Jean Price

St David's Heyope
Combined Carol Service
With Knucklas Baptists
Sunday 19 December, 6pm



Llanfair Singers
Readings, Poems,
Carols
Seasonal refreshments if
Covid permits



Walks in Dec and Jan

You are welcome on any of these.

Wed Dec 1. Hundred House
Moderate 7 miles.

Tues Dec 7. SHORT WALK. Wapley Hill. 4.5 mi.

Wed Dec 8. Westhope Hill. Moderate 8.5 mi.

Wed Dec 15. Gutters and Dingles. Shelderton.

Thurs Dec 16 SHORT WALK. Wigmore
towards Adforton 5 miles Leisurely.

Wed Dec 22. Almeley with pub lunch. 7 miles.

Tues Jan 4 SHORT WALK. Wapley. 4 mi.

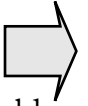
Thurs Jan 20 SHORT WALK. Richard's Castle.
4.6 m.

Please see website for more information.

ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor

Schedule is incomplete at time of printing.

Gladestry Remembrance



Rev Rachael Storer led the service and Norman Evans read aloud the names of the Fallen on the War Memorial from the two World Wars.

Wreaths were laid by Ros Tarrant on behalf of St David's Church, Colva; Susan Mullin, Chair of Gladestry WI laid a tray of crosses with poppies, one for each life lost from the villages of Colva and Gladestry. Jess Squire laid a wreath on behalf of St Mary's Gladestry and Robert McGough and grandson Ethan, aged 6, laid poppies in remembrance of a relative Private Arthur Hewitt (Huey) Turner of

Gladestry. At the onset of the Second World War, Huey enlisted with the 5th Battalion the Gloucester Regiment. He served as a dispatch rider, carrying messages between units and officers when radio communication was poor. Sadly, on the 10th May 1940, Huey took a direct hit whilst riding his motorcycle and is buried in Belgium. He was 22.

At the end of the service, Rev Rachael read the Kohima Epitaph: "When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today."
Ann Dean

Another Remembrance in Gladestry

Lovely to have a sermon at The Cross this year; it was poignant and thoughtful, delivered by the Reverend Rachael Storer.

For many years ex-military personnel living in the village conducted the service. We had Colonel Paul McMillen, who had served in Brussels with NATO Command. After Peter sadly passed on with cancer Colonel Peter Mayes, formerly of the Tank Corp organised the annual services, aided by Gerald Smith, who had undertaken his National Service. Peter and Gerald were regular visitors to the battlefields in France and Belgium. They would visit the war graves and pay their respects. Neither Peter and Gerald are with us, having died in the last few years. But Robert and Sheila McGough (connected to the

Turner family) were present, and a photographic display of their trip to the war graves is to be found in the church. This year we also had another highly decorated serviceman, in Steve Ward and his partner Alison. They had recently moved to the village and we wish them well.

Those who have visited the war graves are struck by the fact that there are no headstones or markers for the fallen where massive numbers were killed. Beside a communal grave where 25,000 Germans were buried is an inscription: ich habe dich bei deine Name Gerufen. ("I have called you by your name. You are Mine"). Simply put, God's love extends beyond human boundaries.

Michael Johnson

Teme Lodge

The Teme Lodge of Freemasons celebrated its centenary on 16 November, to which wives, partners and guests were invited. The lodge used to meet at Knighton Hotel, but more recently at Whitton Community Hall; however, this extra special

meeting was held at Ludlow Racecourse. Many senior members from Shropshire Province and beyond attended. The Centenary Warrant was presented, and the Provincial Grand Master dedicated the Lodge Centenary Banner.



Congregation gathers at the Memorial

Gladestry Remembrance



Robert McGough & grandson

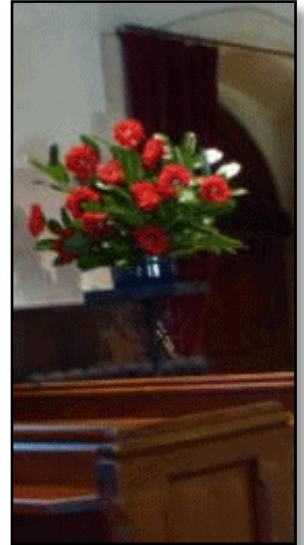


Poppies
by
Playgroup



Joan Hughes,
a founder
member of
Gladestry
W.I., with Sue
Mullin,
present Chair

Evancoyd Remembrance



Over the past month someone has mysteriously cleaned Evancoyd's beautiful Angel on the grave of Reverend Burns which now looks beautiful in the autumn sunshine.

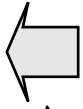
Wellies and Woolies

St Mary's Pilleth

Friday 10 Dec

7pm



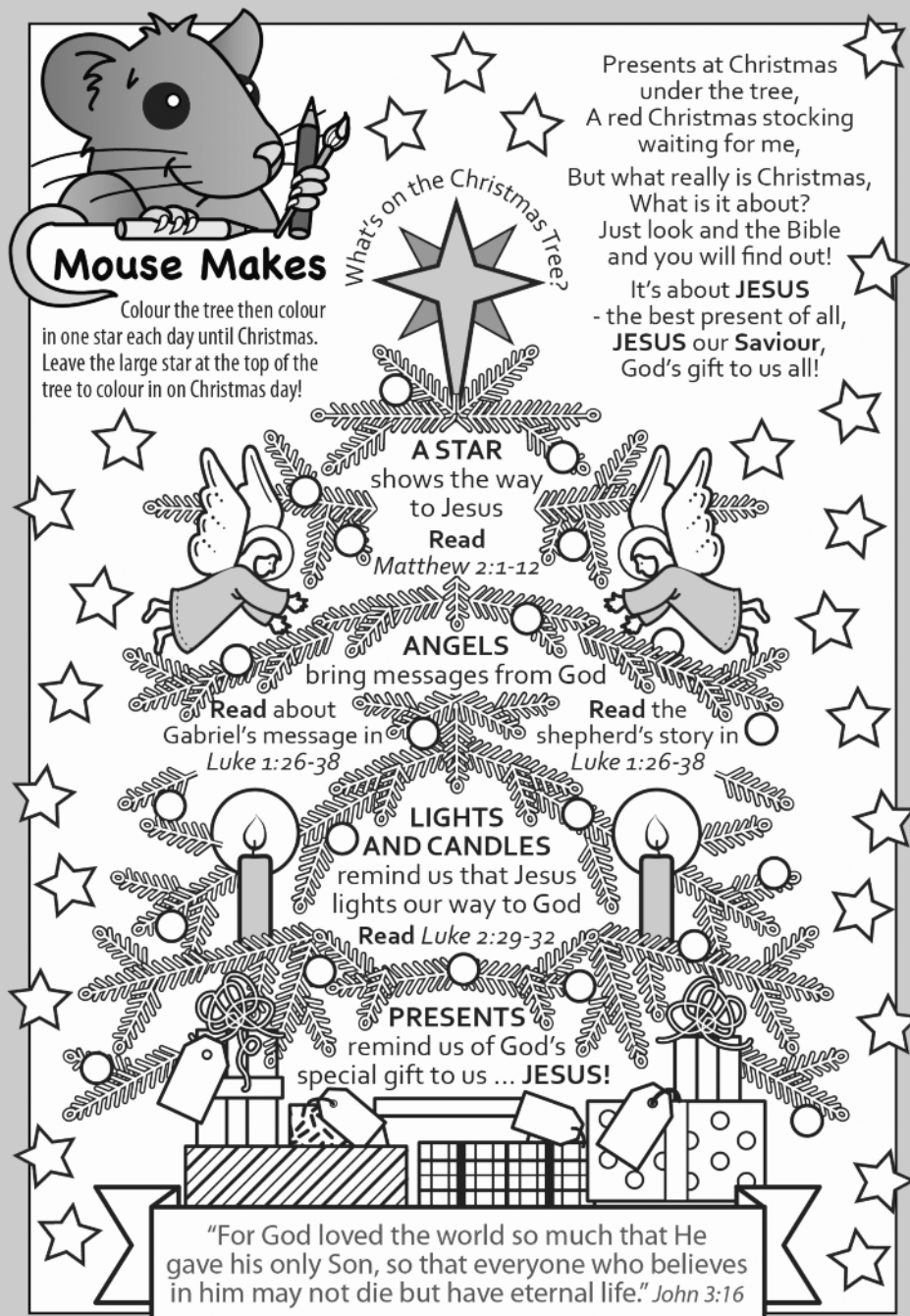


Remembrance Sunday at St Peter's, Evancoyd

The sun shone brightly on our Remembrance service, which was ably taken by Steve Jones. He spoke about the 100th anniversary of the founding of the British Legion in 1921 by Field Marshal Earl Douglas Haig and the use of the poppy symbol. Madam Guerin was inspired by

seeing poppies growing in the fields of Flanders after the First World War.

Steve also told us of the work undertaken by the Legion and how relevant it is to the Servicemen and women today. The wreath was laid upon the War Memorial by Lauren Morris and our Standard bearer was Nigel Waters. *Photos and article by Joanna Winstone*



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Readings for Dec 2021 and Jan 2022

5 Dec Advent 2 *Purple*

Malachi 3. 1-4
Canticle: Benedictus Luke 1.
 68-79)
 Philippians 1. 3-11
 Luke 3. 1-6

12 Dec Advent 3 *Purple*

Zephaniah 3. 14-20
Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6; or
 Psalm 146. 5-10
 Philippians 4. 4-7
 Luke 3. 7-18

19 Dec Advent 4 *Purple*

Micah 5. 2-5a
Canticle: Magnificat (Luke
 1.47-55) or Psalm 80. 1-7
 Hebrews 10. 5-10
 Luke 1. 39-45, [46-55]

Fri 24 Dec Christmas Eve

Purple (White at midnight)

2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8-11, 16
 Psalm 89. 2, 21-27
 Acts 13. 16-26
 Luke 1. 67-79

Sat 25 Dec Christmas Day

White

Isaiah 9. 2-7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2. 11-14
 Luke 2. 1-14, [15-20]

2 Jan Christmas 2

(Epiphany) White

Isaiah 60. 1-6
 Psalm 72. [1-9,] 10-15
 Ephesians 3. 1-12
 Matthew 2. 1-12

9 Jan Baptism of Christ

White

Isaiah 43. 1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8. 14-17
 Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

16 Jan Epiphany 2 *White*

Isaiah 62. 1-5
 Psalm 36. 5-10
 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11
 John 2. 1-11

23 Jan Epiphany 3 *White*

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19 or 19. 1-6
 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a
 Luke 4. 14-21

30 Jan Epiphany 4 *White*

Ezekiel 43.27 – 44.4
 Psalm 48
 1 Corinthians 13. 1-13
 Luke 2. 22-40

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We are now collecting household items,
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Please contact Karen Edgar on 01547
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Llangunllo	SO 211712	LD7 1SW
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Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG
Pilleth	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
Cascob	SO 239664	LD8 2NT
N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
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Colva	SO 199531	HR5 3RA
Evancoyd	SO 262627	LD8 2PA
Llan'li N M	SO 180581	LD8 2TN

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

- Alexander Smith

COMMUNITY EVENTS December 2021

- Wed 1 Knighton WI, St Edward's Hall, 7pm
 3 -10 Xmas Tree Fest, St Ed's, 10am +
 Fri 3 Llanfair WI, Everest Hall, 7.30pm
 Sat 4 Concert, Llangunllo Church, 7.30pm
 Christmas Fayre, Knucklas, 12 +
 Thur 2 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Sun 5 N.R. Hub, Xmas Table Sale 11.30-2.30
 Mon 6 Felindre Village Hall AGM, 8pm
 Tue 7 Knighton Writing Grp, Comm 11-1
 Mother's Union Tea, N.R. Rectory
 Whitton WI, Chocolate Creations, 7
 Wed 8 N.R. Comm Hall, Communion, 10am
 Floral Arts, Presteigne, 7.30pm
 Thur 9 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Fri 10 Pilleth, Wellies and Woolies, 7pm
 Sun 12 Whitton Community Carols, 3pm.
 Messy Church, Knucklas Comm 4pm
 Tue 14 Cuppa & Cake, Whitton, 10.30-12.
 Thur 16 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45
 Fri 17 Carols New Radnor [Bereavement]
 6pm
 18-19 Tranquillity Haven, NGS Garden, 4-6
 Tue 21 Hearing Aid Clinic, Knighton, 10-1
 Sun 18 Llangunllo Carols around tree, 3pm
 Thur 23 Gladestry Family Carols, 6pm
 Fri 24 Llangunllo Carols, Church, 3pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS January 2022

- Tue 4 Whitton WI, 7pm
 Wed 5 Knighton WI, St Edward's Hall, 7pm
 Thur 6 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Tue 11 Knighton Writing Grp, Comm 11-1
 Mother's Union, N.R. Hub, 2pm
 Whitton Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.
 Wed 12 N.R. Comm Hall, Communion, 10am
 Floral Arts Lunch, Corners, Kingsland
 Thur 13 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Tue 18 Hearing Aid Clinic, Knighton, 10-1
 Thur 20 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Sun 23 Messy Church, Knucklas Comm 4pm
 Thur 27 Bridge, Whitton Hall 6.45pm
 Sat 29 Burns Night, Knucklas Comm, 7.30
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Felindre Village Hall AGM

Monday 6 December

8pm

at Felindre Village Hall

The current committee members would love the opportunity to welcome new members and volunteers to support the hall - a valuable asset to Felindre and the surrounding community, which is run solely on a voluntary basis. All welcome.

Advent Wreath

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| Advent 1 | The Patriarchs | <i>Awake</i> |
| Advent 2 | The Prophets | <i>Be Glad</i> |
| Advent 3 | John the Baptist | <i>Return</i> |
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Carol Service

**St Mary's
Gladestry**



**Thursday
23 December
6pm**

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Pugh, daughter of Matthew & Melissa Pugh,
Upper House, Treburvaugh, Knighton
16 Jan Beguildy Church, Annie Rose Swancott,
daughter of Barry Swancott & Mandy Evans,
Llancwrn, Dutlas

Wedding

4 Dec, Llanfihangel Nant Melan Aaron &
Georgia Powell

Baptist Sunday Worship - December

- 5 Norton Street, 11am, Communion
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm
- 12 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
Knucklas Com, 4pm, Messy Church
- 19 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
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- 26 Norton St, 11, Post-Xmas reflections

January

- 2 Norton Street, 11am, Communion
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm
- 9 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
- 16 Norton St with Methodists 11am
- 23 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
Knucklas Comm, Messy Church 4pm
- 30 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service

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with the

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Hosted By St. David's Church, Whitton

Knighton Remembrance



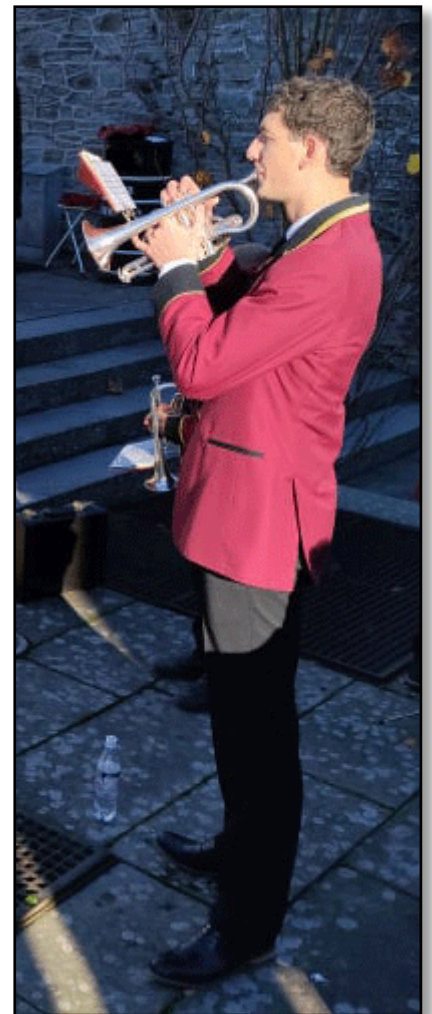
Angie Zelter laying a wreath



Gwen Davies laying a wreath



Petra leading the prayers



Sean Milward
Photos by John Goodband



Dec 2021 Jan 2022	5 Dec Advent 2	12 Dec Advent 3	19 Dec Advent 4	24 Dec Xmas Eve	25 Dec Xmas Day	26 Dec Xmas 1	2 Jan Xmas 2	9 Jan Baptism Christ	16 Jan Epiphany 2	23 Jan Epiphany 3	30 Jan Epiphany 4
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Beacon Hill	Beguildy <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	8pm Communion	9.30am Christmas Day Communion St David's Whitton	No Services	No Service	3pm Communion	8pm Communion	8pm Communion
	Bledfa <i>M Magdalene</i>	7.30pm Compline	No Service	No Service	7pm Carols			7.30pm Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Heyope <i>St David</i>	No Service	No Service	3pm Carols	No Service			No Service	11am Communion	No Service	6.30pm Evensong
	Llangunllo <i>St Cynllo</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm Carols			No Service	5.30pm Worship	No Service	No Service
	Cascob <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	No Service	3pm Carols	No Service			3pm Communion	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Knighton <i>St Edward</i>	11am Communion	11am Communion	11am Communion	5pm Crib 9pm Commu'n			9.30am Communion	9.30am Communion	11am Family Service	
East Radnor	Norton <i>St Andrew</i>	No Service	3pm Carols	No Service	No Service	Ministry Area Services to be announced		No Service	No Service	No Service	
	Pilleth <i>St Mary</i>	No Service	*No Service	No Service	No Service			No Service	No Service	No Service	
	Whitton <i>St David</i>	No Service	No Service	9.30 Communion	No Service			9.30am Morn Worship	9.30am Morn Worship	No Service	
	Colva <i>St David</i>	2.30pm Carols	No Service	No Service	No Service			2.30pm Service	No Service	No Service	
New Radnor	Evancoyd <i>St Peter</i>	11am Morn Worship	No Service	11am Carols & Crib	11.30pm Communion			11am Bible Study/Morn Prayer	11am Communion	11am Morn Worship	No Service
	Gladestry <i>St Mary</i>	9.30am Family Service	No Service	No Service	No Service			11am Communion	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer
	Llan 'I N M <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	3pm Carols	No Service	6pm Carols & Crib Service			No Service	No Service	11am Morn Worship	No Service
	N Radnor <i>St Mary</i>	No Service	10am Communion Comm Hall	6.30pm Family Carols & Crib	No Service			No Service	10am Morn Prayer Comm Hall	No Service	10am Communion

New Radnor: 2nd Wed of the month - 10am Holy Communion in the Community Hall

*Pilleth: 10 Dec 7pm, Woolies and Wellies

Whitton Community Centre: 12 Dec 3pm, Community Carols

New Radnor: 17 Dec 6pm, Bereavement Carols

Gladestry: 23 Dec 6pm, Family Carol Service