

THE RADNOR

March 2023



St David – St Non’s Chapel

The image of St David, the patron saint of Wales, is from a chapel by St Non’s well, near St David’s Cathedral. St Non, a nun, was raped by the King of Ceredigion; a fierce storm struck on the night she gave birth. David wears the bishop’s mitre and regal robes. As ‘shepherd’ of the people he carries a staff and a holy book to show his care for God’s Word. The dove on his shoulder is a sign of the Holy Spirit. David was a humble man who led the monks in a simple life; and the artist has caught that gentle spirit in his face.

Photo and text by Laura W-J

The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area.

Beguildy&Felindre | Bleddfa | Heyope&Knucklas | Llangunllo

Knighton | Norton | Whitton | Pilleth | Cascob

NewRadnor | Gladestry | Colva | Evancoyd | LlanfihangelNantMelan

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March 2023	5 th 2 nd Sunday of Lent Purple	12 th 3 rd Sunday of Lent Purple	19 th Mothering Sunday Purple	26 th Passion Sunday Red	2 nd April 2023 Palm Sunday Purple
Readings	Genesis 12. 1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17 John 3. 1-17	Exodus 17. 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5. 1-11 John 4. 5-42	Exodus 2. 1-10 Psalm 34. 11-20 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7 Luke 2. 33-35	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8. 6-11 John 11. 1-45	Matthew 21. 1-11 Psalm 118. 19-29
Beacon Hill Benefice					
Beguildy (St Michael)	No Service	No Service	4pm Evening Prayer	No Service	No Service
Bleddfa (Mary Magdalene)	7.30pm Compline	No Service	No Service	No Service	7.30pm Compline
Heyope (St David)	No Service	No service	No Service	No service	No Service
Llangunllo (St Cynllo)	No Service	No Service	5pm Evening Prayer	No Service	No service
East Radnor Benefice					
Knighton (St Edward)	11am Eucharist	11.15am Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer	11.15am Eucharist	11am Eucharist
Pilleth (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
Whitton (St David)	No Service	9:30am Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer	No Service	No Service
Cascob (St Michael)	3pm Evening Prayer	No Service	No Service	No Service	3pm Evening Prayer
New Radnor Group of Churches					
Colva (St David)	2.30pm St David Celebration	No Service	No Service	No Service	2.30pm Eucharist
Evancoyd (St Peter)	11am Morning Worship	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Worship	No Service	11am Morning Worship
Gladestry (St Mary)	No Service	No Service	10am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	No service
Llanfihangel Nant Melan (St Michael)	10am Morning Worship	No Service	No Service	No Service	10am Morning worship
New Radnor (St Mary)	No Service	10am Morning Worship	No Service	10am Eucharist	No service

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Dear Friends,

By the time that you read this a lot will have happened in our Ministry Area. The Ministry Area Team is up and running and Archdeacon Peter Brooks will have been to talk to us about how to set up our MA. These are exciting times with a lot to look forward to. I am aware that some are uncertain about how it will work but please have faith.

Faith is something that we all need to draw upon at many different times in our lives. Anxiety can often overshadow everything that we feel. God understands this. In Philippians chapter 4 verse 6 advises us beautifully.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.

In uncertain times we must not try to do everything ourselves, God is there to help us and calm our fears.

As you read this I will be preparing to have a knee replacement. This does mean that I will be out of circulation for a while. Rev Rachael Storer and Rev Canon Mark Beaton will be covering for me, so you are in very safe hands.

I will continue to pray for you and would be really grateful if you could include John and I in your prayers please.

Love and blessings,

Petra

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**Services for Gravel Baptist
Chapel. 12th February,
2.30pm Rev Leigh Spicer
5th March, 2.30pm Kim
Berry Any queries: ring
Keith Williams 01597
851122.**

Energy Advice Service in Knighton

To help respond to the cost of living crisis, energy advice is now available at the Knighton Community Centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 2.30pm. You can receive free and impartial advice, tailored to your circumstances, on how to reduce the energy use in your home - something we can all benefit from given the big increases in energy prices. You can drop in to the advice surgeries: if it is busy, you will be able to make an appointment for another time.

Nicola Colston of the Teme Valley Environment Group said "Teme Valley Environment Group is delighted to have been successful in raising grant money from Citizens Advice to fund this personal service."

To book an appointment at an energy advice surgery, or to arrange for energy advice to be given over the telephone, please contact Gary Cowell on 01547 520374 or email him at garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk

Summerthing Special from Bleddfa's faithful dozen



Pictured outside Bleddfa church are the organising committee for Summerthing Special which is to be held at Dol-Llugan Farm by permission of Mr and Mrs J. George on June 8 for Bleddfa church funds.

Organisers of an auction to raise funds for Bleddfa Church on June 8 hope the tiny village will be swamped with visitors on that day.

Bleddfa has fewer than 100 parishioners and some years ago the congregation all but disappeared. Today there are less than a dozen active churchgoers and, although the church is used for concerts or religious orientation, its finances are a major problem.

But the village is hoping that Summerthing Special will raise more than £1,000, which will help the parish pay its £430 quota into the Church in Wales' central fund.

"It's an enormous amount for about a dozen people," said churchwarden Mr Graham George, on whose Dol-lugan Farm the event will be held.

He said all rural churches were faced with the dilemma of dwindling congregations, but Bleddfa was now "poised to take off."

If there was fine weather, it was hoped to attract more than 1,200 people on June 8, when there would be an auction of stock and produce given by local farmers and businesses, as well as a Country and Western group, stalls, crafts, skittles, a clay pigeon shoot, bar and food.

Tickets for what Mr George predicts will be the biggest show of its sort in Mid Wales have been selling well in advance. They will also be available "on the door."

Chairman of the fund-raising committee is Mr Glyn Lewis.

Fiona Hughes has been sorting through her Mothers's hoardings and found this wonderful and interesting cutting showing the Church congregation of St Mary magadlene Church, Bleddfa, organising the mammoth fundraising event called "Summerthing Special" in the summer of 1984 From the left, Bob Gardiner, Janet Lewis from Village Farm, Richenda Acheson from Pentreland, Rachel Lewis, Chris Cunningham, Graham George and lastly Glyn Lewis.



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East Radnor Ramblers



You are welcome on any of our walks. For current details: ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor.

Some of our Wednesday walks in March will be:

Presteigne, including Paradise
Offas Dyke Path, Discoed & a 5,000 year old tree
Norton Camp and Onibury
Carding Mill Valley

Two of our short walks on Thursdays will be:

Castle Hill and Molecatcher Woods from Water-Break-its-Neck
Caleck's Pool & Stowe from Knighton train station

We also have walks on Saturdays. The photo is shows our walk in Queenswood Country Park in February.

Tref y Clawdd



This month was jewellery making with Katie Flutie demonstrating silver jewellery making to us and one lucky prize winner receiving an especially made silver bangle and another the winner of earrings. All was not lost, however, as after her very interesting talk, we could buy from the extensive range of modern jewellery pieces she'd brought. A few members are planning to attend a future workshop to actually make our own sterling silver pieces!

After much deliberation over tea and cakes, we discussed which pieces suited us best and made our choices. Then we completed our business, judged the competition and planned our County show entries for May.

Three ladies also visited Stowe and Stanage WI for an enamelled jewellery making workshop by "Crackpots" as we'd so enjoyed our session with them ourselves earlier in the year.

Next month, we're being eco friendly and recycling surplus fabrics or household linens etc to transform into unique shopping bags. We'll use simple patterns and folding techniques so that everyone can succeed whatever their sewing skills.

Visitors are always given a warm welcome and if you'd like to join our friendly group do phone Dorothy 01547528692 for more details.



LENTEN FAT-FREE FRUIT TEA BREAD

(No added sugar or fats. Keeps for one week)

Ingredients

300g of any chopped dried fruits (e.g. raisins, apricots, figs, dates, prunes, sultanas etc)
3 tea bags
50g chopped walnuts or pecans
250g SR flour
2 tsp mixed spice
1 large, chopped or grated apple
1 large egg, beaten into the milk
3 tbsp milk

Method

1. Start the night before (or at least 5 hours before) by soaking the dried fruits in a strong infusion of 250 mls of tea.
2. Heat oven to mark 4/180°C/160°C fan. Grease a 900g loaf tin and line the bottom with baking paper.
3. Sift flour and spice into a large bowl.
4. Mix in the dried fruits and the tea. Add egg and milk mixture. Add chopped nuts and grated apple. Mix all together well.
5. Pour into loaf tin and top with a little demerara sugar, if desired.
6. Bake for 50-55 minutes.

Llangunllo 200 club winners

January 2023

1st prize £20 Richard Pugh
2nd prize £10 Jonathan Miller
3rd Prize £5 John Mason
3rd prize £5 Jo Lloyd

February 2023

1st prize £20 David Blake
2nd prize £10 Jo, Crossing Cottage
3rd prize £5 Matt Edgar
3rd prize £5 Emrys Breeze

Women's World Day of Prayer
This year our service will be at
Knighton Methodist Church,
Friday 3rd March.3.30pm All are
welcome. The service has been
prepared by the people of Taiwan.

Evenjobb Village Hall Events

11th March Training for
defibrillator with St John's
Ambulance

22nd- 27th March Community
Shop Kington for St Peter's
Church, Evancoyd

7th May Coronation Celebrations.
Afternoon Tea and Evening BBQ

4th June 9am-1pm Big Breakfast

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

5th March **Rev Sheila Macinally**

12th March **Deacon Sara**
Windsor-Hides

19th March **Rev Dr Neil Richardson**

26th March **Rev Roger Hides**
Holy Communion

2nd April **Rev Richard Hall**

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday 12th February, Knighton Methodist Church was delighted to welcome Rev Novette Headley, chair of the Birmingham District (equivalent to a bishop in Anglican terms!) to our morning worship. Novette based her message on readings from Exodus (Moses going up Mount Sinai to receive the ten commandments) and from Matthew (the transfiguration of Jesus), to emphasise how important it is for us to be still sometimes and listen for God's voice. Following the service we enjoyed a chat with refreshments.



The photo, taken by Deacon Sara, shows some of the congregation with Novette and her friend, Naomi.

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STOWE & STANAGE W I

Our January outing to the Secret Hills Centre in Craven Arms was a great success, with members thoroughly enjoying the fascinating exhibition about the archaeology of South Shropshire and the discovery of a mammoth skeleton, which had been re-created and displayed at the entrance – it was huge!

During the business members were asked to vote for one of the resolutions to be discussed at the national annual meeting in June. Topics include saving water, a better deal for women tea workers, action on online gambling and clean rivers. The majority of our members voted for the latter.

Jenny, our president, reported on the Centenary service for the federation, which was held at Holy Trinity Church in Llandrindod Wells. This was very well-attended and included some fascinating memories from the past ten decades.



We welcomed visitors from Tref y Clawdd and Llanfair Waterdine WIs to the demonstration by Cheryl and Tony Orme from Crackpots who showed us how to create our own piece of enamelled jewellery. We cleaned our chosen copper template, sprinkled it with coloured ground glass, then positioned millefiori beads and tiny glass sticks to create our own unique design. These were fired in small kilns and were ready for us in ten minutes!

On 7th March at 2.30pm we will have a talk by Dorothy Symonds entitled Bags of Delight. If you would like to join us, please contact Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com.



The committee of St Michael's Church, Beguildy have unveiled their first big competition of the year for the children of the parish and local area.

We would like you to draw and colour in a picture of your mum or a motherly figure in your life. There will be prizes for the top entries, so all you need to do is draw your picture and bring it with you to the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 19th March at 4:00pm at St Michael's Church, Beguildy. All welcome.

Refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you. Entry forms available from Beguildy Post Office.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LAUNCHES EXCITING NEW PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Since Spring 2021, Knighton & District Community Centre, with a substantial amount of volunteer work, has undertaken a project to develop and extend the garden situated to the rear of the Comm and transformed it to how it appears today.

Both Family Centre and the Stay and Play groups based at The Comm have make use of the garden facilities. Starting in February the Library is planning to set up an under 18's gardening club, focused around the theme of 'Science and Nature' co-ordinated by Tom Johnson, the part-time Garden Co-ordinator for the Centre.

Tom ensures the upkeep and development of the garden, helps improve community relations, and is developing volunteering opportunities through gardening activities.

A photography project has been launched, to keep a weekly record of the garden through the year, calling on people of all ages to take photographs in the garden and send them in.

Given that most people now have cameras on 'phones, and that images can be so easily shared, it's hoped to attract wide support for this venture. There will be monthly displays of photographs on the K&DCC website and it is hoped to produce a calendar made up of the best photographs of the year. Photographs can be of any subject at all, so long as they are in some way or another linked to the garden, and have the necessary permissions if any people appear in images. They should be sent to gardencoordinator@knightoncomm.wales.

More details of the photography project, and other activities mentioned are on the K&DCC website. <https://knightoncomm.wales>

Knighton and District Concert Society

Our next concert will be held on

Sunday 26th March at 3.00 pm

St Edward's Church Hall, Knighton LD7 1AG

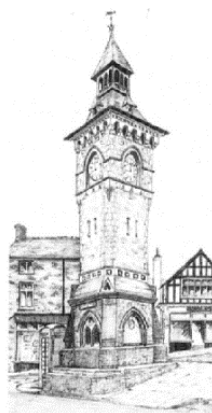
STRING QUARTET

Christof Mädler – Violin * Paula Kempton – Violin

James Drummond – Viola * Sonia Hammond – Cello

Four of the Principal players of the St Woolos Sinfonia based in Newport, Gwent. The quartet will be playing music by Haydn, Dvořák and Moeran.

Tickets are on sale at the door and cost £10.00 for adults (no concessions) with entry for students and children £2.00.



For further information contact: Peter and Becky Sherman 01547 530530
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Open the Book

The Open the Book Team told Knighton School children the story of the tremendous catch of fish. New disciples followed Jesus after catching so many fish that they needed two boats to transport them to shore.



GLADESTRY POP UP CAFE

Gladestry Pop In Café, set up in 2015, is held in Gladestry Village Hall every Monday morning 10.30am - 11.30am

It's a lovely opportunity to have a chat and catch up with friends and neighbours over tea, coffee and sometimes a sweet treat! £2 for as many refills as you can manage.

Once £100 is raised it is donated to a charity chosen by Pop Inners. So far over £2,000 has been donated to various charities including Welsh Air Ambulance, Women's Aid, Gladestry Playgroup, About Face, Faith in Families, Bracken Trust, Gladestry School and Open Arms to name a few.

Please join us on Monday mornings and be part of a group who know the importance of friendship and of giving to others.

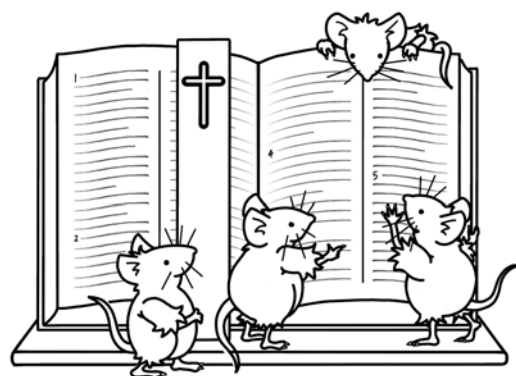


GLADESTRY WI EASTER BINGO!

Gladestry WI will be holding an Easter Bingo in Gladestry Village hall on Saturday 25th March at 7pm

Fantastic prizes to be won! Draw and light refreshments Put the date in your diary.

Eyes down for a full house! 'All funds raised at Bingo night will be shared between Welsh Air Ambulance and Gladestry WI'



Italian Cooking with Romance as the theme:



New Radnor WI Members arrived at the Community Centre on 6th February to discover that a romantic scene, with small round tables bedecked with red and white gingham tablecloths, cutlery, wine glasses and napkins had already been arranged to welcome them, by our very own member Miranda ably assisted by Libby. Red foil containing a chocolate heart for each diner and tiny candles completed the lovely table settings.

The side buffet was adorned with a white cloth, twinkling lights and GREEN hearts, to acknowledge Show the Love which is celebrated each February. Miranda had prepared side dishes to accompany the risotto of green salad, grated and sliced cheeses, bread sticks and classic Italian meats.

Miranda demonstrated her Classic Italian Risotto Recipe, omitting il burro (butter) in consideration for the vegetarian members. She had prepared a fascinating and informative leaflet about February in Italy and how the Italians celebrate San Valentino.

Italy grows its own rice in the Po Valley region, namely Arborio and Carnaroli, which are most commonly used to make risotto.

Throughout the demonstration Miranda gave us a lesson in the vocabulary and pronunciation of relevant Italian words and phrases.

The tantalising aromas emerging from the kitchen awakened our digestive senses and everyone enjoyed the wonderful supper.

Our wine glasses (vino bianca e rossa) were continually topped up!

A wonderful evening was had by all and Jane proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miranda and Libby.



Millie from New Radnor put on a bake sale of all her own baked cakes in aid of Shelter UK recently. She ran out of cakes by 11am! Raising an amazing £270 for the homeless charity. A big well done to Millie for her sterling fundraising effort.

Llangunllo Community Hall Presents

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday March 2nd

Doors Open 7:00 pm - Quiz 7:30 pm

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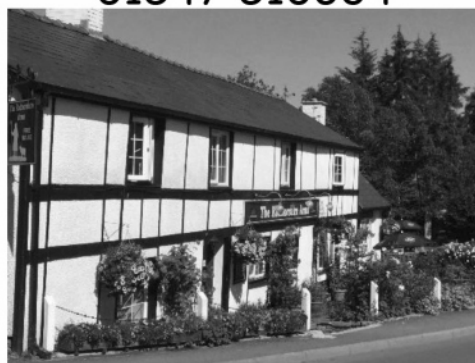
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Coffee Morning –Saturday March 18th

Good company, chat, stalls, competitions and coffee for you to come along and enjoy, together with a warm welcome in St Edward's Church Hall at 10am on Saturday March 18th. If you have paper back books, jewellery or bric-a-brac you would like to donate please bring them along. We can collect please phone 01547 528260.

Competition winners at our January get together were:

Peter Medlicott D.Price J.Dyke Rev Petra L.George W.Evans

A profit of £200 was made for St Edward's Church funds. Our thanks to all who support and provide lovely things to sell each month.

Bingo-Saturday March 4th

Doors open at 6.30pm, ready for eyes down at 7pm. Good prizes and lots of fun in St Edward's Church Hall.

Many hands make light work

Easter is the most joyous festival in the Christian Calendar. We would like to make sure that St Edward's Church is ready with a good spring clean. Can you spare a little time to help? Dust or polish a small area of the church in the week commencing March 27th until April 1st between 10.30am and 4.30pm – please bring your own materials and a friend. There will be an action plan at the back of the church for you to record which area you have kindly completed.

Easter Sunday-April 9th

St Edward's Church will be ordering white lilies for the altar. If you would like to donate the cost of a bloom in memory of a loved one, please contact either Rev Petra or Jean Price.

Coronation Day-May 6th

If you have any ideas or would like to be part of our celebration in Knighton please contact either Jean Price or J.Naughton

Prayers

In your prayers please remember all who are suffering as a result of disasters, or are unwell in hospital, recovering or awaiting surgery, especially our Vicar, Rev Petra. Our thoughts are with all recently bereaved in our community, families, friends and neighbours of Freda Powell and David James.

The funeral service for Freda Powell took place in St Edward's Church on January 28th 2023, conducted by Rev Petra Goodband and Methodist Minister Sara Windsor-Hides. Tributes were given by the clergy and family members to a lady who will be missed by many. Included in the service were favourite Welsh pieces from recordings by Rhayader Choir. Cremation had taken place earlier in Hereford with Rev Petra officiating.

The funeral of David James was conducted in St Edward's Church on February 10th 2023 by Rev Petra. A tribute on behalf of his family was given by David's sister, Diana, reminding us of schooldays in Knighton. David was also a proud member of Knighton Town Silver Band. Committal took place in Knighton New Cemetery.

Flora and Fauna in March

It is a little premature to think that Winter is over just yet, with forecasts of cold, windy wet weather. However, March is considered by many to be the beginning of Spring, with longer daylight hours encouraging new shoots of plant life to burst through the still cold soil and shrubs to produce buds. Our feathered friends become more active looking for ideal nesting spaces and serenading us with dawn chorus and evening song. Snowdrops are joined by aconites, crocus, early daffodils, primroses, hellebores and spring flowering ericas. Gardeners get excited at the prospect of putting their Winter time planning into action, to achieve beautiful displays and delicious vegetables for future months.

March 1st is St David's day when we celebrate our patron saint and wear a buttonhole of either a daffodil or a leek. We know that Dewi Sant (St David) was a 6th Century monk but it wasn't until the 12th Century that he was made patron saint of Wales. He holds the honour of being the only person of Welsh origin to be Canonised. Mothering Sunday is the fourth in lent, March 19th this year. It is customary for children to give their parents gifts of flowers and cards. Flowers are the perfect gift to say thank you to someone special! Since the Middle Ages priests and parishioners have been expected to visit their mother church i.e. the church in which they were baptised, on this day.

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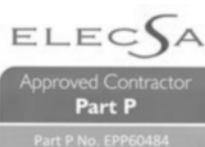
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Burns Night was celebrated in style, thanks to Ruth for cooking the Haggis supper, for those who manned the bar and for everyone who attended the event.



On Sunday 5th February the 1st fundraising quiz for The Radnor Arms was held. A packed house and thank you to Tony the Quiz Master and all those who helped make the evening such a success. The next quiz @ The Hub is Sunday 5th March @ 7pm



The 1st pudding night was held on the 14th January. There was a choice of 13 puddings both hot & cold. A great success and a fun evening



The monthly workshop in January was a bread workshop lead by Chris Storer. We made French sticks and pain de mi. The Hub smelt amazing



The workshop in February was decoupageing a wooden box lead by Rev Rach. A very sticky workshop but everyone enjoyed them selves



Juliet Honor Boobyer
(née Rodd)

October 28, 1930 – January 24, 2023

Juliet will be very much missed as she was a big part of the community in Presteigne & Whitton. She travelled to all corners of the world in her life time and met her husband Brian whilst working for the faith based Oxford Movement now known as the Initiatives of Change.

They married in Michigan in 1957 and lived in Japan & the Philippines. When the children came along they settled in Oxford working among the students of the university for the next 30 years.

In the 1970's Juliet wrote with her great friend Joanna Sciortino, the play of the life of Saint Columba with music composed by Elaine Gordon, In 1978 they took the play to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and it was directed by Elizabeth Tooms. The play was then taken on tour around Scotland & England, such fun times.

In the early 1990's Brian & Juliet moved permanently into Little Rodd and was instrumental in the restoration of Pilleth Church.

Juliet painted, wrote, organised exhibitions, hosted literary groups and history lectures. Also she loved her garden especially her roses.

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Knucklas and District Notes March, 2023

By the time you read this, we will be on the cusp of spring and already in the Christian season of Lent, culminating in Easter Sunday, on April 9th. The Spring Equinox is March 20th. this year, after which we will have more daylight than darkness for some five months.

A great deal else has been happening too: The Burns Night at the Community Centre was another happy occasion, the allotments area has been further cleared and tidied up ready for the fresh season with some more fruit trees soon to be planted, the buses, and local pub continue to provide an excellent service and the local railway is offering an attractive deal until the end of March.

During this month, the Borderlines Film Festival is showing a fantastic selection of films including the much-acclaimed 'Banshees of Inisherin' and 'Aftersun' to be seen at Knighton Community Centre. Some of these films are being incorporated into the 'Flicks in the Sticks' programme.

On 1st. April an Easter Craft Fair is being held at the former Knighton Library (West Street), from 10a.m. Until 3p.m., with considerable input from the Knucklas area..

Also available locally now, as well as the Leg Club and the Hearing Aid Clinic, are Dementia and Grieving support groups, in addition to the well-established Knighton and District Community Support, Luncheon clubs etc. These are publicised in the local weekly papers, and, in several cases, further means of encouragement and help can be found in this magazine!

Congratulations to John (Johnny) Lewis of Heyope who was a member of the G.B. Axe Team which, during a recent competition, came 7th. in the World!

Robert Forbath



St David's Church, Colva has now been granted the faculty to replace the roof at the front of the church. The cedar shingles on the roof are in bad repair and water is getting into the church putting the medieval paintings at risk of further damage. Now the hard work begins applying for grants and major fundraising to pay for the work to be started this autumn. The total is in excess of £90, 000, the church has funds to cover the remedial work but has to raise in excess of £45,000.

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Dol-Llugin Diary Snippets.

Over the next few months, thanks to Graham and Liz George, we have the chance to dip into their late father's diaries. Although primarily a record of a stock dealer's transactions assorted footnotes may also provoke interest or raise a smile.

However, before we get to the diaries it seems only right to have a bit of a look at the John George himself. He was born in Dol-Llugin farm house which was his home for the next 97 years. An exceptionally bright pupil he finished his education at Bleddfa School two years early and went on to help with teaching the younger children.

Maybe thinking of following his mother's example – she was a nurse in WW1 – he had ideas of becoming a doctor but settled to farming as well as taking his place in his father and uncle's live stock business buying and selling all manner of beasts across Wales and the Border country, his keen intelligence being an invaluable asset in keeping track of the many transactions and long list of customers.

When about two years old John's father told him of a little girl just born up the road who he might marry in due course. This prophecy proved to be right and his marriage to Joyce was later blessed with first Graham and then Elizabeth.

His business commitments, devotion to family and Chapel didn't stop him having a lighter side. He was an excellent shot, this being his main hobby, he enjoyed listening to a song or two from Jim Reeves before bed and, in his later years, embarked on foreign travel. Well known for his mischievous sense of humour, one story tells of him putting laxative tablets in his pocket at market to fool the regular pranksters who usually dipped their hands in to steal boiled sweets.

This is a brief glimpse of the man and hopefully the diary extracts, in the months to follow, will give further insights into John George's life and the world he inhabited

Pam Livingstone-Lawn



line drawing done by Beth Williams for the parish magazine of Beguildy and Heyope in 1994.

Ministry Area Eucharist Service at St Peter's Church, Evancoyd

The last Sunday in January was our turn to host the Ministry Area Service and what a joy it was to see our Church full of people after the previous years of restrictions.

The service was taken by Petra and Rachael and with the church full our voices soared to the rafters as we sang rousing hymns accompanied by Heather on the organ. Rachael preached about Jesus' first miracle when he changed water into wine at a wedding; the water represented the Holy Spirit infusing all the guests with a love which changed the ordinary into wine.

We enjoyed delicious refreshments including Olwen's famous Welsh cakes & Jo's scrummy cakes; we took the opportunity to chat and catch up with friends.

We all felt that the atmosphere was brimming with goodwill and hope for 2023 and we very much look forward to the other Group Services this year, starting with the Ministry Area St David's Day Service on 26th February 11am with The Bishop at Whitton and St David's Day Celebration at Colva on 5th March @ 2.30pm.

Joanna Winstone (photos by Laura W-J)



Snowdrops in St Mary's churchyard in New Radnor.

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Susan was buried at St. David's in December, aged 83. She had spent a lot of her working life teaching in the Middle East at British Schools and then moved back to Presteigne in later life and continued teaching at Presteigne Primary School. Susan was awarded the MBE for her services to education. She and her sister Elizabeth, who had been interred at Whitton earlier in the year, were great supporters and fundraisers for the Church, especially at the Xmas Bazaars which were held until a few years ago. Susan was also Treasurer for St. Mary's Pilleth and very involved with the restoration of Pilleth Church.

Juliet Boobyer was the daughter of Lord Rennell of the Rodd. Although born in Oxfordshire she had always thought of her ancestral home in Mid Wales. And much like Susan she had spent a lot of her earlier years working and travelling around the world with her husband Brian. She was a great writer of plays and dramas and had one play "Columba" performed at Edinburgh Fringe festival before travelling around the country. On a much smaller scale she got the members of Whitton Church to take part in a Nativity play with a difference called "We could go in" which told of Jesus's birth as seen through the eyes of the animals in the stable and as producer she got us all into acting mode. On retirement she and her husband returned to live at Little Rodd, Presteigne and became involved with both Whitton and Pilleth Churches, fundraising and again involving themselves with the restoration of Pilleth Church. Juliet, aged 92, was buried at Whitton Church on February 13th where her grandson bade her farewell by playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. This was followed by a service of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Presteigne, where she had also worshiped.

Two amazing ladies who had both travelled the world but found peace and tranquility in the hills and valleys of Radnorshire, long may they be remembered for their service to others.

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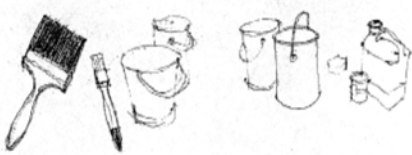
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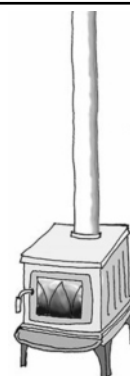
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St Patrick of Ireland - 5th century - 17th March



St Patrick was born somewhere on the west coast of Britain. He himself says he was born at Bannavem Taburniae, which must have been near the sea as he was captured by Irish pirates as a teenager and spent several years enslaved in Ireland, looking after sheep, which is where he came to know God for himself. Patrick wrote in Latin, but his native language would have been Brittonic, the ancestor of Welsh, Cornish and Breton. Until we were overrun by Angles, Saxons, Danes etc, the whole of Britain as far north as Glasgow and Edinburgh would have spoken Brittonic. There is a strong tradition in south-west Wales that Patrick came from a village called Banwen in Neath Port Talbot, but there are strong traditions elsewhere also.

He could equally well have come from the Old North (Hen Gogledd) as we call it in Wales. The Old North stretched through Cumbria and Dumfries and Galloway as far as the Clyde and this is the area that our oldest Welsh poetry comes from (Taliesin, Aneurin and The Gododdin).

Kilpatrick, an ancient parish not far from Dumbarton (the Fort of the Britons) on the Clyde, is one of the churches dedicated to Patrick. Other examples are Patrick's Well in Patterdale in Cumbria and the very ancient church of St Patrick at Heysham in Lancashire, from where you get the ferry to the Isle of Man. Wherever it was Patrick was born, it would have been a Roman settlement with a church, for his grandfather was an ordained priest and his father was a decurion, which entailed civil as well as ecclesiastical duties.

Rosemary Hanna

SUCCESSFUL TRADING AT THE CHARITY SHOP

Llangunllo WI Members emptied their wardrobes and cleared out their cupboards to provide items for our Charity Shop week in February in Kington Hig Street. The week turned out to be very busy with a large number of goods for sale giving buyers lots to choose from. The till kept ringing as customers bought from the variety of items on offer helping us to raise a sizable amount of money.



LLANGUNLLO WI TRY OUT FOR POTTER OF THE WEEK!

Forget the Great Pottery Thow Down TV programme, our members demonstrated they too can make pots, I'm not sure they were to the standard of the potters on the television, but we certainly tried hard making coil pots under the watchful eye of Alex Allpress. Once our bowls took shape, amid much laughter, we set about glazing our creations ready for them to be fired by Alex. We all agreed that we had a really great afternoon working with clay and we now eagerly await the finished items, which hopefully will not have cracked. After clearing away we held our business meeting discussing a number of issues including the resolutions vote, our knit and natter afternoon which we think should be renamed to crafts and natter as not all members are currently knitting items, and our plans for the County Show. Following the business meeting we shared a lovely tea, caught up on news, and the arrangements for our charity shop week where we hope to raise money for our WI. Please contact Isabel Morris on 01547 550689 for programme details

Anne Newton



A Glimpse of The Past - Llangunllo in 1863 -160 Years Ago!

Police Constable Required! Hereford Times in January reported -

“Mr Green -Price MP expressed hope that the constable would be posted at Llangunllo where he is most needed and where a vast portion of the population were employed in railway making. They were in an unsafe state and as he had been written to on the subject, he stated the matter to the open court. The Chief Constable said that in consequence of representations made to him by Mr Green- Price and the Rector, he had addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Bleddfa Petty Sessions calling his attention to the fact, and hoping the contractors of the railway would make arrangements for the support of a Police Constable in that district.”

Incendiary Fire!

Despite the railway support and the posting of a Police Constable in Llangunllo, The Shrewsbury Chronicle later reported –

“The barn and outbuildings at The Old Vicarage House were totally destroyed by fire and supposed the work of an arsonist. A joint reward of £80 (over £12,000 today) was offered by the proprietor and the Yorkshire Fire Insurance Company for the apprehension of the offender or offenders.” (I Wonder if anyone was arrested for the crime?)

Opening of Llangunllo New National School.

In Summer 1863 the Hereford Times said of Llangunllo –

“A village of some twenty dwellings, a very rude, old church with a strange looking square tower, and now a pretty modern school room, in comparison with which all the other buildings of the place sadly suffer.”

A large number of people attended the opening and the report goes on to say - “The entrance gates were surmounted by floral arches, the doorway was wreathed with flowers and the school room tastefully decorated by Mrs Evans, the wife of the gentleman whose duty it is to lead the responses in the Church Service. At 3pm an eloquent sermon was presented by Rev J Casebow - Barrett, MA, incumbent of St Mary's Birmingham, the lessons having been read by the Vicar, Rev David Davies, and the place was thronged by an attentive congregation.”

Extracts from “Llangunllo news of the past” Community Website.

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For further information or to sign up as a volunteer please contact Rev Rachael Storer, thank you

Welsh Words



Three more names from the north of our ministry area:

Knighton is an Anglo-Saxon name meaning “settlement/farm of the”. In Welsh we call it **Tref-y-Clawdd**, though the purists say it should be **Trefyclo**. **Tref** means “town” though in the past it would have meant “settlement” or “farm”. **Clawdd** means “ditch” or “dyke”. In this case of course it refers to Offa’s Dyke, which runs through the town. **Llangunllo, or Llangynllo** in its Welsh form, simply means “Cynllo’s Church”, though originally **Llan** meant an enclosure in which the church and related dwellings were built. St Cynllo was an important early saint in this area and there are several churches dedicated to him. **Bleddfa** is believed to derive from **blaidd (wolf)** and **bach (nook)**, though **Blaidd** could also be a personal name. Anyway, we like to think that this narrow, wooded valley belonged to the wolves.

Felindre WI

Felindre WI’s February meeting was held at The Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy. President Jayne Harris welcomed members and Rhona Barnett thanked Jayne for organising the annual Dinner held in January.

Rebe Brick had represented Felindre at the County Carol Service in December and the Centenary Service in January with the Felindre banner and sash, and will attend the St David’s Day Afternoon Tea in March.

The programme for 2023 was discussed and it was agreed that a visit to the County Archives would be arranged and outings to gardens and other places of interest organised.

Following the meeting, a light lunch was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 12 noon, when members will look through the WI items currently held and decide which should be put in the archives for retention.

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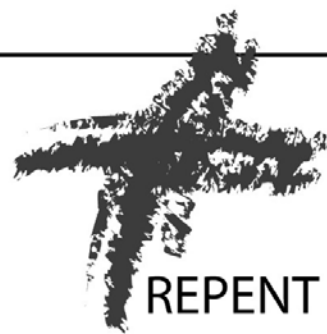
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Llanfair Waterdine WI

Our February meeting was a workshop on recycled cards led by Sue Lovell who is a member. Everyone got well engrossed and we all came away with some lovely cards. Sue had provided a wonderful selection of materials and suggested that we should “release our inner creativity”. It worked!

For our March meeting (3rd) we have a talk by Phil Morris “Adventures with a Polytunnel”. Another well-known local resident who not only has a prolific polytunnel but also has a wonderful knowledge of the wild life in his garden.

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