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*Remembrance
Llanbedrog, Lleyn Peninsula*

The Magazine of the East Radnor Ministry Area

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Beguildy Harvest



Harvest flowers



Meeting Friends



James Reynolds Reading Deuteronomy



Lyn played the organ



Petra



Phill George with his basket of fruit and veg

St. Peter's Evancoyd Harvest Festival



Knucklas Apple Day



Beguildy Harvest

The Beguildy Harvest celebrated the generosity of God and our response. James Reynolds read from Deuteronomy about the abundance of God's gifts to us: our *"land of wheat and barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegranates."* And after a similar thought from Psalm 65 May Reuell read from Luke about the greedy farmer who wanted to hoard all those gifts in big barns until God told him he would die that night. We needn't concern ourselves with food and clothing; lillies don't work or worry, yet they are beautiful. Petra picked up that theme to emphasize simplicity; God will provide.

A good turn out of friends and neighbours enjoyed each other's company for the celebration. Community members had decorated every windowsill with flowers, some grown from seed. Phill George provided a nice touch with a big basket of fruit and vegetables specially blessed by Rev Petra for the lucky number given when we entered.

St. Peter's Evancoyd Harvest Festival

Our Festival began with a lovely Church service taken by Rev. Rachael, celebrating the Farmers and thanking God and praying for a successful harvest in the year ahead. Each season brings an abundance of a particular crop and this year it was the apples. After the Service we adjourned to the Village Hall for a Bring and Share Supper followed by an auction of produce. The Auction was very successful, thanks especially to Andrew Morris who did a superb job of encouraging us to part with our money and Nigel and Barbara Waters for tallying the bids at the end. We made the grand total of £500 in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance.

Joanna Winstone

Knucklas Apple Day

On a crisp, sunny day loads of families and friends made their way to the Knucklas Community orchard for our annual Apple Day. They brought bags of apples for pressing into delicious juice. With the help of Adam adults and children tried their hand: loading the hopper, rotating the presser, turning the tap, and even selling the freshest apple juice to be found. Children raced around and tumbled down the hill, and adults enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Live folk music accompanied the event which included a barbecue, Land Project stall, homemade cakes and teas.

Pick Your Own Pumpkin Event

Everyone at Powells Farm Wales is busy getting ready to welcome Pumpkin Pickers again this Halloween. Powell's Pumpkin Patch, at Caebanal Farm, Llanfihangel Nant Melan, will be opening to visitors on weekends and for twilight picking (on selected dates) from the 7th October.

Booking is essential so check out the website www.powellsfarmwales.co.uk to book your family ticket and find out more before visiting. Just one ticket per car. **Booking required to ensure parking space*

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- ✓ Giant pumpkin letters
- ✓ Cinderella carriage and pumpkin pod to play in
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👤 Pay for the pumpkins you want and any refreshments. 💷 Cash or card accepted

Hot chocolate cream & marshmallows with a Spooktacular twist, ☕, 🍵, soft drinks and homemade 🍰🍪🍩 available.

NEW FOR 2023 we have lots of Halloween half term fun. We will be running lantern making and potion making workshops and our mini farmer Powell VIP farm experiences. Follow us on Facebook to find out more [@powellsfarmwales](https://www.facebook.com/powellsfarmwales). If you have a celebration in October or would like to book for a group to attend, get in touch to discuss a private party with a difference.

Lisa Powell

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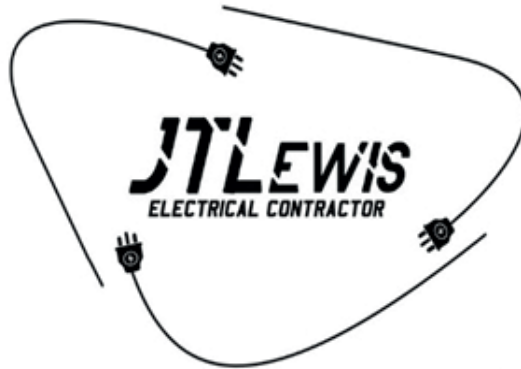
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Dear friends,

First, I apologise for the lack of an October Radnor. This was due to circumstances beyond my control. We have now sorted out the glitch, so welcome to November.

The last few weeks have seen many wonderful harvest services. So much work went into preparing the churches and the harvest suppers. Thank you so much from all on the MAT (Ministry Area Team).

We are now coming in to winter. This can be a difficult time for so many people. We must be vigilant in looking out for people who are struggling in any way as well as looking at our own needs. The struggle may be closer to home. Please do not hesitate to contact the clergy and laity who serve in our churches for help.

This time of year brings different joys from God. The trees are still showing some of their beautiful colours. There is even a rose in the vicarage garden that blooms until the middle of November. I am always amazed at this. We are fortunate where we are as we have such amazing countryside around us. We must be thankful for this ever-changing landscape.

Not everyone is as fortunate. I have in mind and prayer all who are affected or have been affected by war. Many civilian people around the world are living in, displaced by or suffering due to war. There are also many who have served in the armed forces who are affected and being affected. War is, sadly, ever present and we must never rest on our laurels and think that it was over in the past. We may feel helpless but we do have the power of prayer, so please attend a Remembrance Service and remember and pray for ALL affected in any way by war, past and present.

As winter sets in keep safe and remember that if you need help or know someone who does there is help out there. Please ask.

Love and blessings,

Petra

Apologies

We apologise for the non-appearance of the October magazine. There have been health issues in the household of the prospective new editor and he is no longer able to take up the position. This edition has been produced by Craven Design and Print. Please continue to send your contributions to Rosemary Hanna at radnoreditor@outlook.com

Deadline

The deadline for the December/January edition is 15th November.

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Cost

Please look out for new pricing. The price has remained the same for several years. Unfortunately costs are going up, so there will be a very slight rise in the new year.

About the Cover – Remembrance

This touching Remembrance image shows a wounded soldier with a rifle being lifted by an angel. The crucified Christ with a blue halo stands in the background with battle scarred, bare trees. He wears the crown of thorns to remind us that he suffers with the wounded and dying soldiers.

The inscription reads: *This window is erected by the rector to the glory of god & loving memory of the men of this parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War - 1914 1918. They whom this window commemorates were numbered among those who at the call of king and country left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger: and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten. (17 names are listed.)*

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones

Harvest at Knucklas

Knucklas Baptist Chapel and St David's Heyope enjoyed a special Harvest meal on Friday evening and a Joint Service on Sunday. We turned out in force for the supper at Knucklas Comm. The cooks outdid themselves with plentiful food and a vast array of homemade puddings. The Hall was beautiful with fairy lights, flowers and hedgerow fruits. Holly sang classics from Jim Reeves, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, as well as church favourites: "God be with you till we meet again." Her beautiful voice got many of us singing along.

Shayla Waugh led our Harvest service by focusing on the parable of the sower. Even though the farmer throws seed recklessly onto rocks, thorns and paths, God generously increases the yield on the good soil fifty times over!

We also learned about telling of Jesus' parables in a modern context, called "Haggadah" [meaning 'to tell']. For instance, the story of the Good Samaritan could be retold: "A Jewish man in hospital who was suffering from Aids asked for water. First a nurse rushed by afraid of contracting his illness; then a doctor scurried by enroute to another patient; then a Jewish rabbi on hospital visits ignored him; but then a Palestinian janitor brought him water and food."

Llangunllo's Harvest Festival

St Cynllo's Church celebrated harvest with a family service led by Revd Petra. "Mr and Mrs Harvest," seated comfortably in the porch, welcomed all and the church was beautifully decorated with aspects of the harvest season – flowers, fruit, vegetables, sheep's fleece, cereal crops, and of course, the harvest loaf.

The hymns reflected the occasion and the service opened with the singing of "Come ye thankful people come." This year we welcomed the "Open the Book" team, who, with the help of the local children, presented a story of generosity from the Book of Ruth, based on a harvest in Bethlehem long ago.

Revd Petra, ably assisted by her friend "Bob", reflected on the story and the importance of generosity to others in life.

A harvest poem was read and the children also performed "Happy Harvest to You" (to a rather well - known tune!) with actions, accompanied on the guitar.

The Psalm, prayers and final hymn "To God be the glory" concluded the service.

A bring and share harvest supper was then enjoyed, chat and laughter echoed around the church and it was so lovely to have the children and their families with us.

Church Committee

Photos from Michael Brown/Debbie Jones.

Gladestry WI

Our August meeting, an afternoon picnic, was held in the Gladestry church Quiet Garden. Several members attended. It was lovely to be out in the fresh air with bird song and the rustling of leaves caused by an inquisitive squirrel!

Our successful coach trip to Aberystwyth to see the amazing production of *Brassed Off* or explore the town was hailed as one of the highlights of our WI year. Thanks to M & J Travel for providing a superior coach and a lovely driver!

The August meeting was to discuss plans for our WI centenary next year! Several ideas for events were shared and the meeting proved most successful. The competition, a pretty posy, was won by Marlene. She was thrilled with her prize of gardening gloves and twine.

We enjoyed our bring and share picnic and agreed the meeting had been most enjoyable.

Our September meeting was 'felt' to be an evening of wonderful creation! Rev'd Rachael Storer held our members in awe as she created amazing creatures from needle felting. Everyone produced an 'owl' with supervision from Rachael. Much laughter and chatter was involved during the proceedings with everyone thoroughly enjoying the evening. Lovely refreshments were provided by Chris and Margaret. The competition for the best needle felting on the night was won by our guest, Ruth. The raffle was won by Joan.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 17th October** will be a talk by Jess Hughes from St John's Ambulance. All welcome.

Marlene Evans

Harvest at Knucklas



Fruits and flowers



Harold and Friend



Rev-Gareth-Davidson



Holly singing at supper



Harvest supper at Knucklas Comm



Kevin Dare's Table



Puddings and Crowd

Llangunllo's Harvest Festival



Children Performing "Happy Harvest To You."



"Open The Book" presentation



Mrs Harvest



Mr Harvest



Performing "Happy Harvest To You."



Petra and Bob



Children Performing "Happy Harvest To You."

Gladestry WI



Felindre WI



Whitton WI



Hay Castle Visit

Tref y Clawdd WI



MacMillan Coffee Event in Felindre



On Sunday mornings many of us have seen and heard classic cars chugging along our quiet lanes. Here is one by the Knucklas viaduct.



Beth Williams, Beguildy and Heyope Parish Magazine, Harvest 1988

Felindre WI

Felindre WI's October event was a practical workshop making Christmas tree decorations.

Demonstrator Rachael Blakeway of Recycled Art, Rhayader, displayed examples of her work and gave a very interesting talk explaining how she makes items from paper pulp and a wide range of recycled items including used coffee pods, cat-food trays, wrapping paper, bubble wrap, corrugated cardboard, plastic drawer liners etc.

WI members and friends from the local community then had great fun each making a Christmas pudding and Christmas stocking tree decoration, followed by light refreshments.

Felindre's November meeting will be their AGM and anniversary lunch, then on Wednesday 6th December the WI will be hosting an open evening with a talk and demonstration by Jane's Petals, followed by a buffet supper and raffle. The event costs £10 per head and guests are welcome but pre-booking is essential. For more information about this event and membership of Felindre WI, contact Jayne on 01547 510644.

Whitton WI

In September, we couldn't have picked a better day if we had tried. The weather was perfect for our visit to Hay on Wye and the after-hours tour of the castle with the Curator, Mari Fforde. All the other staff left the building, and the doors and gates were locked behind them - with just us inside! We learnt of the grisly fate inflicted on Mathilda; the two fires which had made the building unsafe; the money which had changed hands when the fishing-rights were worth much more than Hay Castle itself. Lots of interesting facts and boundless knowledge and enthusiasm for the research and restoration which had taken place. If you go...ask about Sebastian the bat.

The bright, sunny and warm weather made our visit extra-special, as we viewed the town from the top of the tower.

Our forthcoming programme continues to be varied, including a Games Evening, an Italian Christmas meal, talks and demonstrations. At all our meetings we finish with a relaxed supper and a chance to chat – guests are welcome, just £3 each. Just a warning 2024 we will be celebrating 100 years since the founding of Whitton WI, so we are planning even more extra-special events and activities.

Hilary Naylor

Tref y Clawdd WI

We started the 'academic' year with a bring and buy supper, which we all love. Who doesn't like a delicious supper with minimal effort? We, of course, had our regular monthly raffle and competition - but the main objective of the beautiful summer's evening was to have fun! Three members had recently had new grandchildren/ great grandchildren so we were in the mood to celebrate, and there was a great deal to catch up on from our summer break.

Several members had been on varying holidays, and it was hard to gather everyone together each time, so we set up St Edward's hall for a bowling evening - with the help of some of our partners (as the equipment is heavy) and the lure of delicious food was of course tempting. (No bribery involved !!) We all had a very enjoyable evening and even the beginner bowlers managed a reasonable score so, hopefully, won't let the side down at the Powys WI competition in October. (Update: We're in the finals.)

If you'd like to visit our friendly active ladies at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, please phone Dorothy for more information 01547 528692.

Dorothy Symonds

MacMillan Coffee Event in Felindre

On 16th September Felindre Village Hall Committee hosted a MacMillan Coffee Event on the Evergreen Area in Felindre. Despite the weather, the event raised £273.50. Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and tombola prizes; and for supporting this great cause. During the day the Coronation Sunflower Competition was also judged with Ann George taking first prize with a flower measuring 1820, closely followed by Jayne Harris with 1780!

Knighton News

Coffee Morning

An opportunity to meet friends old and new for coffee and chat on Saturday 18th November in the church hall between 10 am and midday. Produce, books and bric-a-brac on sale with competition and draw. If you would like to donate items to sell, please bring them along on the day, or we can collect. Contact Jean on 528 260. Proceeds to St Edward's Church funds.

Winners at our August coffee morning were I Greaves, B Steadman, R Reeves, J Dyke, E Davies, L Heakin and Joyce. The amount raised was £185.00 for church funds.

Winners at the September event were R Reeves, D Richards, J Powell, Maesi O'Rourke, V Cropper R Morris. Proceeds of £185.00 were for St Edward's Church.

Christmas Bingo

Saturday 25th November at 7.00pm in the church hall. All welcome for some fun playing bingo. Festive prizes and draw. In aid of the Hall Roof Fund.

Annual Christmas Draw

If you would like to donate a prize for our festival draw, please contact Jean Price or John Goodband. Your help will be much appreciated to help maintain our parish church. The draw will take place on 16th December in the hall. Tickets now ready to sell - HELP PLEASE.

Christmas Tree Festival

Plans are now in place to hold this popular event on the weekend of December 9th, 10th and 11th. With your continued help we can make it an enjoyable time for all in our community.

Church Hall

The "Raise the Roof" fund is still open. If you can help with a donation for the new roof, please contact Derrick (Town Crier).

Family News

In your prayers please pray for all in our community who are unwell, in hospital or at home awaiting surgery, and those receiving many weeks of treatment for cancer. We remember especially Elizabeth, Helen and June, who are very much in our thoughts today.

Happy birthday to Do Phillips and John Goodband, who have recently celebrated their special day.

At the time of going to press we hear of the death of John Peregrine in South Wales. John will be fondly remembered for the many years he was headmaster of Beguildy school and his dedication and work as church warden at St Michael's Church in Beguildy. He was a popular member of Rhayader Male Voice Choir, which he enjoyed, sharing much friendship through music. Our thoughts are with Carol and the family and friends of John.

The funeral service took place in St Edward's Church on 18th August of George Sharp, who passed away on 27th July aged 87 years. The service was conducted by Rev'd Petra Goodband and the chosen hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "I Danced in the Morning". In the eulogy the vicar spoke of his long and interesting life and his many years of dedicated service to the fire service here in Knighton. Interment took place in the new cemetery.

Rev'd Petra Goodband conducted the funeral service of Ivy Blythe on 11th September. Ivy passed away, aged 91 years, on 12th August. Tributes and poems were read by family members and the hymns included in the service were "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "All things bright and beautiful". Following the service, attended by family, neighbours and friends, Ivy was laid to rest in the new cemetery.

Our thoughts are with all mourning the loss of loved ones.



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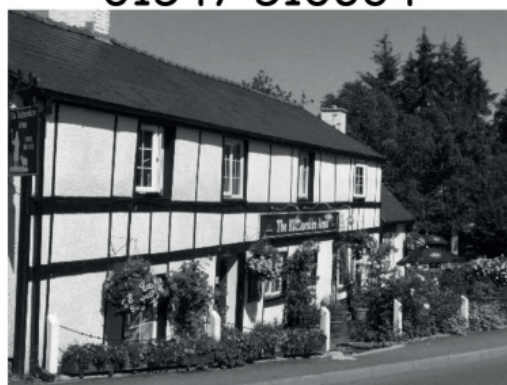
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Knucklas and District Notes

A year of relative extremes of weather has been a mixed blessing for local farmers, with problems harvesting hay etc, until a lovely little sunny spell saved the day. There are strong moves afoot to 'Back British Farming' and to make supply lines as local as possible, especially in these days of food insecurity when only some 60% of food on our shelves is home-grown, with the assurance of quality which that includes.

Apart from farming and routine dog-walking, there has been a great deal of activity recently. Herefordshire Arts Week has been and gone, with five locations in Knucklas putting on impressive displays and a friendly reception in all of them. Quite a lot of people came into the village for this and it helped generate some useful publicity as well as extra income for our talented artists. Since then the Castle Hill Community Land Project has held it's A.G.M. together with refreshments and a talk on the forestry project.

In mid-October locals are looking forward to Apple Day in the Orchard area and, later in the month, the Knighton Literary Festival, organised by a small group of enthusiasts including Knucklas residents. This is an action-packed weekend, celebrating art, music and literature (specially of local relevance) and featuring poetry readings, a film and a small concert as well as (free) children's activities.

Looking at events yet to come, at Hay, a Winter Festival will be held, chaired by Steven Fry and celebrating everything from Drama to the Natural World. This is scheduled for November 23rd - 26th. Then, on the 27th - 28th is the immensely popular Royal Welsh Winter Show celebrating prime livestock as well as some of the wonderful food and drink etc. produced locally.

During the summer it has been most pleasurable to see ongoing improvements to the outside of people's houses and gardens. Visitors always seem to be impressed.

By the time that you read this the nights will be drawing in fast and the clocks will have gone back an hour to give us lighter mornings.

There have been some problems of access recently with trains not running on occasion and bins not collected from some outlying areas, along with another blockage on the Knighton road and long-lasting work on the lane beyond Heyope to help prevent future flooding.

It is sad to have to say 'farewell' to longer term residents including Carol Eyers, previously of Glyndwr and now in fulltime care.

Robert Forbath



Gwyneth Lloyd of Cleobury Farm, Heyope, taking delivery of their copy of The Radnor in the early summer.

Festival at Bleddfa

The Presteigne Festival filled St Mary Magdalene at Bleddfa for a beautiful afternoon of a Beethoven String Quartet. The talented Solem Quartet started with strings "flowing, pulsating, revolving, crying out" another work to reflect Beethoven's, a piece by a modern composer, Edmund Finniss. (Image is from the Solem quartet website.)

William Newell, Amy Tress, Stephen Upshaw, Stephanie Tress



Welsh Words

Bwyta i fyw, nid byw i fwyta...... To eat to live, not live to eat.

Bwyta llymru â mynawyd...... To eat flummery with a bradawl.

Bwyta'r wy cyn ei ddodwy...... To eat the egg before laying it.



Powys National Garden Scheme

In 2023, National Garden Scheme Community Garden Grants were awarded to 86 projects including Helping Our Homeless Wales and Borders, based in Llanellwedd, near Builth Wells who set up Trugs for growing vegetables and Tubs for growing plants to enhance the community hub and provide an additional activity supporting men's mental health. Applications for 2023/24 close 12 noon on 13th November 2023 for guidelines visit ngs.org.uk.



Tranquility Haven

7 Lords Land, Whitton, Knighton LD7 1NJ has the only dated opening Sunday 5th November, 2 to 4pm when sounds of water will fill the air. This garden is also open by appointment. For more information and other gardens open by appointment visit ngs.org.uk

The National Garden Scheme's 2023 Annual Lecture with Robin Lane Fox

'What garden visiting does for us' is on **Thursday 23rd November**, 7pm which you can attend in person, at The Royal Geographical Society, London or watch live-streamed online. For tickets visit ngs.org.uk/shop where you can also find Seed Paper Christmas Cards. After Christmas the whole card can be planted and with a bit of water, light and love grow into beautiful wildflowers. Every penny spent in our shop this Christmas will go towards our valuable donations to the vital nursing and health charities supported by the National Garden Scheme.

Flora and Fauna

Over the past months we have all spent a lot of time talking about the weather, especially the shortage of sun and the plentiful rain. However in the garden, plants, shrubs and trees have made the most of the water to provide lots of growth and colour, extending the growing season.

Lots of plants that gave us glorious colour in the summer will now be showing off with glossy red hips, berries, cones and attractive seed heads. In larger gardens and parks the horse chestnut trees will have satin smooth conkers. In the past excited children would collect them and enjoy many hours of pleasure outdoors. It is good to hear that up north they are continuing to hold conker championships for children and adults.

In the garden we are still enjoying colour from the chrysanthemums, Japanese anemones, Michaelmas daisies (now have a new name) and dahlias. We now have to stake these late beauties. Strong winds with rain will ruin and destroy them. Dahlias continue to be popular with gardeners, flower arrangers and the show bench. The judges were kept very busy at Knighton Show with the magnificent entries in the dahlia classes, exquisite blooms in gorgeous colours. They are easy to grow in a sunny position, but beware of frost, which will kill the flowers, foliage and stems. The tubers (roots) will survive in a mild winter, but in our area I think it is best to lift them and store for another year.

It is big and beautiful when it comes to spring bulbs, with a multitude to choose from to give a delightful display. All need to be planted as soon as possible. Tulips can be left till late November. They dislike long periods of very wet weather.

November is the month when we see volunteers selling poppies, a reminder of all those brave people who gave their lives for us all to live in peace, not forgetting the countries where the horrors of war and suffering are still raging today.

From time immemorial poppies have been regarded as the flower of forgetfulness, but today they have become the national emblem of remembrance. It was Dr John McCrae who noted that wild poppies were growing in the middle of ploughed up fields of battle, flourishing well amongst muddy shell craters. Like lots of wild flowers, poppies depend on the breaking up of soil. Battlefields, like ploughed fields and bomb sites, mean life to the poppy, and so they grew in great profusion wherever battles raged at their fiercest. It is not surprising that the young doctor saw the poppy as a symbol, turning the image into his poem, "*In Flanders Fields*". Moina Michael also wrote a moving poem, which includes the following words:

"We cherish too the poppy red, That grows on fields where valour led
It seems to signal to the skies, That blood of heroes never dies."

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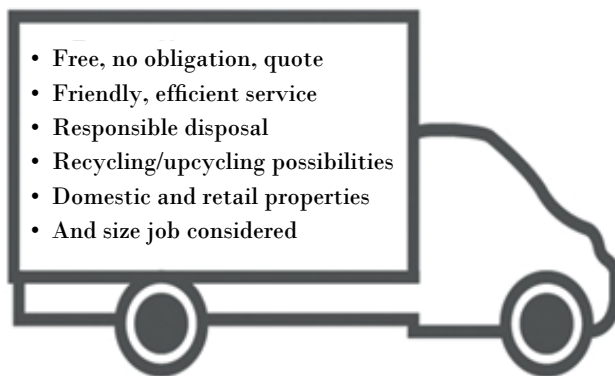


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Date: 12th June

Garden Visit – Brobury House **11AM start**, £8.00. Light lunches available to be pre-booked (disabled access to gardens and toilets available)

Date: 10th July

Talk by Kathryn Robey – Dorothy Clive Gardening throughout the year

Date: 17th July

Garden Visit – Colebatch Farm, Bishops Castle, SY9 5JY, **4PM start** £5.00 per person to include tea & cake

Date: 14th August

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Talk by Mary Fenton – The Wonder of Trees

Date: 13th November

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Bank Holiday Rounders and Music



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Stowe & Stanage WI

There was a lot to discuss at our October meeting, and many forthcoming events arranged by our federation. A group of us attended the celebration lunch at the Metropole Hotel, marking the centenary of Powys Radnor Federation of WIs. It was a splendid afternoon with members dressed in their finery, as you can see from the photo!

We discussed our Christmas lunch and plans for a craft workshop to make Christmas tree decorations, as well as the wording for the plaque for the tree which we have planted in Stowe churchyard to commemorate our WI's centenary in 2022. We hope to have a small ceremony in the spring.

Sadly our speaker on bee-keeping was unable to come due to Covid, but we hope he will appear on our 2024 programme. On 7th November at 2.30pm in the Reynolds Room we will hold our AGM. This is a good opportunity to get to know us in Stowe & Stanage WI, and we promise not to vote you into office!! (Note that from now until March we will meet at 2.30pm). Contact Alison Thomas on 01547 528 678 or alithomas1@gmail.com

Women's Only Quad Bike Ride

Saturday 2nd September 2023 saw the first ever 'Women's Only Quad Bike Ride' starting in Llangunllo. After a somewhat cool and wet Summer, the sun came out and shone brightly for this group of spirited ladies on their quad bikes. Meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 3:00 pm, the quad bikes made their way out of Llangunllo along a route that showcases some of Radnorshire's finest scenery.

A stop was planned along the way for any of the ladies who wanted to cool down and have a swim. Some did, while others took on refreshments. There was a total of 30 Quad Bikes that covered the 18-mile route which eventually saw the ladies return to the Greyhound Inn, Llangunllo just after 5:00 pm.

To finish the day, a hog roast was waiting, not only for the lady riders, but anyone else who had come to see this fine event. I'm sure we haven't seen the last of the 'Women's Only Quad Bike Ride.' A great idea, great fun and a great day out in some of Wales' finest countryside.

Special thanks must go to Clo Blain, Karon Duggan and Anna Jones for organising the event.

Trevor Jones

Photos: Karon Duggan

Bank Holiday Rounders and Music

It has become something of a tradition in Llangunllo for the August Bank Holiday Sunday to welcome an annual Rounders Tournament, followed by an outdoor Open Mic session and BBQ at The Greyhound Inn.

This year was no exception, so willing participants of all ages met at 12.30 p.m. outside The Greyhound for the drawing of players. The teams then headed off to a field at Lower Bailey Farm, by the kind permission of Haydn Jones, for the commencement of the matches. Some hard-hitting strikes saw plenty of rounders scored & some good fielding, with plenty of encouragement from bystanders, there to cheer on the victorious team, by around 3.30 pm.

After working up an appetite, the players were happy to return to the pub for liquid refreshments and enjoy the freshly cooked goodies from the BBQ, run and served by Richard Lloyd and Phil Price.

About the same time, performers for the Open-Mic took turns to play their varied sets, whilst the audience relaxed & refuelled. A brief pause in the music was made as the draw for the raffle took place, with an array of excellent prizes claimed and the winner's cup presented to the triumphant rounders team.

The music continued for a short while afterwards, but was eventually rained off, unfortunately.

However, it was still a fun day, with the fantastic sum of £400 being raised for The Wales Air Ambulance.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a success and to The Greyhound for hosting.

Regular, Open-Mic nights take place on the 1st Saturday of every month, from 8.30 pm at The Greyhound and all players are welcome.

Debbie Jones

Photos by Trevor & Debbie Jones



Mozart's Requiem

If you missed the sell-out performance of The Armed Man in June in Presteigne, then now's your chance to book your ticket for Kington Choral's winter concert - Mozart's Requiem in D minor - on **Saturday 18th November** in St. Andrew's, Presteigne, 7.30pm.

The KCS choir will again be accompanied by the Bannau Brycheiniog Chamber Orchestra, with soloists Eleanor Bosworth, Susanna Spicer, Simon Harper and Fearghus Cooper, and the evening will include Mozart's Ave Verum and Sancta Maria, and an orchestra performance of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.

Mozart knew what it was to experience life interrupted. He was the youngest of seven children, five of whom died in infancy. Of his own six children, only two survived. Death wasn't an abstract idea but pursued him from birth until his death in 1791 – the most productive and successful year of his life. The Requiem in D minor was his final work - he died before completing it. He was only 35. Mozart's Requiem is a choral masterpiece written for a patron who had lost his young wife to illness earlier in 1791. But after his death, his widow, Constanze claimed that throughout Mozart's last painful days he believed he was writing the Requiem for his own funeral. And he was! Even though it had to be completed by his contemporaries, the circumstances of the composition, combined with Mozart's genius, make it no ordinary piece of music.

Reserve your tickets now at www.trybooking.com or through the KCS website www.kingtonchoral.org.uk.

Dol-Llughan Diary Snippets

In rural areas, perhaps more noticeably than in the towns, Harvest Thanksgiving still plays an important part in the list of autumn services. Every year John George, always a regular chapel man, made especially sure that he attended two such services at his own chapel as well as a good many in other places of worship.

It was a time not only to give thanks for the bounty of the season but also to reflect on all that had led up to it - the hard work, the anxious nights, the aching backs, the disasters and the heart ache but also the joy of a new born lamb, the gleam of the sun on a cow's healthy back, a barn full of sweet smelling hay and, at the end of the day, the satisfaction of a job well done.

In John's diaries short sentences paint a good picture of all this.

March 19th started lambing; finished 19th May.

7,589 bales of hay harvested in spite of '1st August thunder storm put an end to baling' (for the day), 'Felled big ash tree', 'hauling hen manure', 'hoeing swedes', 'cutting rails out of wood', 'vet castrating 1 bull and filing teeth of Slobber Chops', 'drilling corn', 'shearing', 'cleaning lambs', 'hedging', Oct 25th 1967 'Foot and Mouth broke out in Oswestry', Nov 17th 'All Radnorshire shut down', '600 barley bales, 1/9 per bale', 'Found Yorky dead, calf bed throwd out', 'getting potatoes out', 'vaccinating for orf', 'Graham and me laid poor old Shep to rest, aged 12 years', Dec 1997 'av.weight lambs 38lbs, 3/6 per lb.' June 1990 'Meat ban to Europe lifted'.

It's a picture familiar to many of our Radnorshire farmers and shows just how much we have to be grateful for not just at our Thanksgiving Services but all year round and everywhere.

St David's Church Colva

It's finally happening! St David's is undergoing essential building works including re-roofing this autumn. During this time the church will not be accessible.

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this project through donations and also a big thank you to those who have been involved with the long process of grant applications, essential surveys and fundraising.

Also we are grateful to those who willing assist throughout the year to care for this special place.

Dorothy Rogers , Rosalind Tarrant

St David's annual harvest festival took place on Sunday 1st October. The donated groceries will be distributed through the food bank. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Rosalind Tarrant

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Date for your diary... Please note that rather than the usual 2nd Saturday in the month, our December screening date will be: 30th December and will be 'Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris!' Hooray! More details to follow.

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Anthony says his confidence has grown so much since he started learning with Read Easy. He is getting his life and his bills under control. He now reads a newspaper and books and does things he would never have even considered doing in the past. He even has the confidence to go on walking holidays in Anglesey with plans to venture further afield.

How to get in touch

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Evancoyd Christmas Fayre



St Peter's Church, Evancoyd are going to be at Evenjobb Village Hall for the Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 25th November** 2pm-4pm with a Tombola Stall raising funds for supplies for the Christmas Craft afternoon on Saturday 9th December. Any donations of bottles, tins, packets or toiletries will be gratefully received.

Drop off points: Alison & Colin Davies bungalow in Evanjobb, the Vicarage in New Radnor or in St Peter's church porch. Thank you.

Rev Rach

St Edward's Church Fête

St Edward's hosted a fete on Saturday 23rd September. We had contributions and donations from several local businesses and volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon (you know who you are!) The barbecue loaned from Stuart McIvor proved to be particularly popular, helped by the fine weather. Tim Hollinghurst had a queue of enthusiastic visitors wanting to brave the staircase to the bell ringing chamber.

Demonstrations of yoga and Thai kick boxing by Serena and floral crowns by Tanith drew many enthusiastic comments. I for one was overwhelmed by the popularity of the event, which we hope will be just the first of many.

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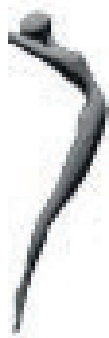
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Nicola Colston of the Teme Valley Environment Group said *"Teme Valley Environment Group is delighted to have been successful in raising grant money from Citizens Advice to fund this personal service."*

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Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre



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Evancoyd & New Radnor Mother's Union Branch News

Transformation Now: Our Mother's Union Vision for 2023

The aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union are:

- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity
- To promote and support married life

You don't need to be a mother to join, everyone is welcome and there is always cake!

Branch diary of events – We usually meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month

November 7th, 2pm

Guest Afternoon @ the Community Centre, Speaker TBC. Members to provide cake please for the refreshment table.

December 5th, 1.30pm

Visit to Three Cocks Garden Centre Christmas Extravaganza, with a visit to the cafe

Rev Rachael Storer, Branch leader, 01544 350 760, revrachaelstorer@gmail.com

The Late Maggie Lloyd

Maggie passed away on 20th July aged 86 years old. Her funeral service was held in St Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine, conducted by Rev'd Martin Quayle, on 17th August. She will be remembered for her loyal service to the church where she was organist for many years. She was manager of Gwyther's Shoe Shop in Broad Street over a long period, a job she loved, and many will remember her kindness and willingness to please.

Jean Price

An Ode to Maggie by Beth Williams

Dear Maggie, how we miss you, you are so good and kind,
And Gwyther's was the best shop that we could ever find.

Sandals for the sunny days, new boots to walk the Dyke,
High heels for a wedding, wellies if you like.

Kiwi polish, black or tan, new laces by the mile,
Maggie always served us with such a caring smile.

If she didn't have your size she'd order straight away,
Then phone and say, "Your shoes are in". It only took a day.

Gwyther's though was more than that, a harbour in the storm.
When rain poured down on Broad Street we'd go in for a warm.

And when the summer sun beats down and Broad Street looks too steep,
We'd go to have a sit down to rest our weary feet.

And there we'd find our Maggie, lending a listening ear,
To help, advise and sympathise, make problems disappear.

Happy retirement Maggie, you served us to the end.
But most of all we miss you for being such a friend.



Events in Evenjobb

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November - 2pm to 4pm

Our annual event - 17 stalls selling crafts, gifts, food and decorations. A festive occasion to start the season. The cafe is available for food and drinks.

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Childrens Crafts

Saturday 9th December - 11.00am to 3 pm - FREE

Our popular craft day which includes a visit from Father Christmas. Free snacks for the children, the cafe will be open for refreshments and lunch.

Carol Singing For Local Charities.

Monday 18th December - Meet at the village hall at 6pm. Warm refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Saturday Cafe

Every Saturday - 10.30am to 3.30pm

We welcome village friends and people passing through. The lunches are popular with quiches, soups, sausage rolls, toasties at reasonable prices, with tea and coffee at £1 a cup. The cakes are to die for!

Please note the cafe will be closed on 23rd December and 30th December. The cafe will re-open again on 6th January 2024.

Bowls Night

Saturday 20th January. Details to be announced.

Knighton Thursday Drop-in Eatery

A drop-in lunch of soup, sandwich and cake is available between midday and 1.30pm each Thursday at the Knighton Community Centre. Home delivery is available for local residents who cannot join us.

The service is donation led.

Walton Hall Events

There is a book and jigsaw swap at Walton Hall on the second Wednesday of every month, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come and have a cup of tea, a slice of cake and a friendly chat with us.

A craft afternoon is held in the hall on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Spend a relaxing couple of hours working on your own arts and crafts with some like-minded enthusiasts. £3 entry, which includes bottomless tea and coffee and a slice of cake.

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Colman mac Duagh - 29th October - died c. 632

It seems there were a lot of Irish saints named Colman. Some say there were nearly a hundred, some as many as three hundred. Our Colman was the son of a local king named Duac. He was born around 560 at Corker in County Galway, but his father was very jealous of him, so he went to Inishmore, one of the Aran Islands, to be educated by St Enda. He even built two churches himself on the island of Aranmore. Colman loved the solitary life. He wanted to spend his time in the presence of God in as peaceful a place as he could find. The ideal spot was the Burren, an extensive area of limestone pavement, karst, rocky hills, cliffs and caves and more impenetrable Celtic rainforest than remains today, but with an amazing variety of plants and wildlife. The remains of an ancient church building can still be seen, plus a holy well and a small cave known as Leaba Mhic Duagh (the Bed of the Son of Duagh).



Colman mac Duagh's Cave in the Burren Forest

While living alone in his hermitage, Colman had three unusual companions: a rooster, a mouse and a fly. The rooster would wake him up every morning in time for his morning prayers. The mouse would wake him if he fell asleep during his prayers by scratching him with its little claws. The fly would follow the line he was reading in his manuscript and stay to mark the place if he was called away. Colman rewarded them with extra food. When his three friends died, Colman was very sad and he wrote to St Columba on the isle of Iona. Columba replied: *"You were too rich when you had them. That is why you are sad now. Great troubles only come where there are great riches. Be rich no more."*



Kilmacduagh Abbey Ruins

Eventually the king, Colman's cousin, found him and asked him to build a monastic community at Kilmacduagh (the church of mac Duagh). You can still visit the remains of the abbey and smaller chapels, which were later built in stone on Colman's original site, including the tallest round tower in Ireland. King Guaire made Colman abbot and bishop.

Colman eventually retired back to the Burren and settled in the secluded valley of Oughtmama in County Clare, where the remains of three churches can still be seen. Colman mac Duagh may not be well known to us, but in Counties Galway and Clare he is much revered and pilgrimages take place every year on the date of his passing to heaven, 29th October.

Rosemary Hanna

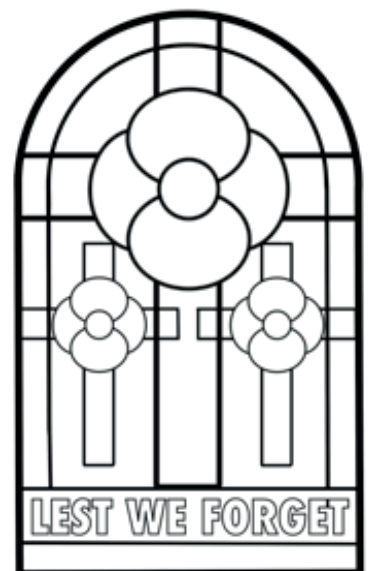
Reflection on Remembrance Sunday

In July 1914, as war clouds gathered over Europe, the Brecon Radnor Express reported on a social event held in Llangunllo -

"Llangunllo Entertainment – on Monday last week the "Royal Cinema Company" gave an entertainment in the schoolroom. An amusing item in the programme was the "Local Singing Competition." There were four competitors and the prize was won by Mr W Deakins (Rock Villa.) The entertainment was well attended."

As we mark Remembrance Sunday (this year on November 12th) and reflect, was the winner of the competition, Lance Bombardier William Deakins, then aged 28, who sadly lost his life in World War 1. He is buried in one of the WWI military cemeteries in France and remembered on the War Memorial in the village centre, or perhaps it was his father, also William, who lost two sons in this war.

Llangunllo Community Website/WW1 Records.



Llanfair Waterdine WI

We had an interesting evening for our September meeting when one of our own members, Christine Chainey came with her husband Steve and gave a presentation on “Jive”. They are very experienced dancers and gave us a wonderful display. Christine told us about the history of jive and a number of us tried to learn a few of the steps. That was interesting!! Since then we have been invited to Llangunllo where we tried belly dancing. I am not sure that the world is ready yet for our performances!

In October we had a lively evening playing “Beetle Drive”. Lots of laughter and a chance to chat. Our November meeting is our AGM but we also have a very interesting speaker, Lynn Kynsey, who is a fibre artist.

Friday 1st December Pam Clarke is holding a String Workshop

All our meetings are on the first Friday of the month in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to enjoy the speaker and share our finger buffet supper. So please come along.

For further information contact Ann Harroway 01547 528 477 or any Llanfair Waterdine WI member.

John Peregrine

29th November 1937 - 29th August 2023

On 29th November 1937, John and Mary Peregrine of Penybryn, Penrhiwceiber, welcomed into the world the youngest of their four children, John. He grew up bilingual in the close-knit coal-mining community of Penrhiwceiber, going to school there and also Carmel Chapel.

Whilst at Grammar School, he met Carol, also from Penrhiwceiber. Living in Church Street, she was “church”, not “chapel”!

At 18, John left for Teacher Training College at Caerleon, where he continued his love of playing rugby. His first job was back in ‘Ceiber, where his pupils included some of Carol’s family!

John and Carol married, teaching in Calne, Wiltshire, where David, Gareth and Sarah were born. They stayed for 12 years and John joined the rugby club, the folk music club and even became a confirmed member of the Church of England! (Don’t tell his mother.)

John’s longing to return to Wales brought them to Beguildy, where he became Headmaster of the Primary School. Rhayader Welsh Male Voice Choir was nearby, where John was a member for over 30 years. In fact, they were so contented here that they stayed for over 40 years. (A bit more than the 5 years they had originally planned!)

John played a full role in the community: Church, Felindre Village Hall, Young Farmers Club, Youth Club with Rev. Elwyn John, as well as helping to found Tref Y Clawdd Rugby Club in Knighton.

The family have received many messages, including:

“His enthusiasm, his integrity, his kindness, but always insistence on exacting standards, rightly earned him the respect of those lucky enough to have been taught by him”.

“John gave us the best time at Beguildy School: we could all fly over the horse in P.E, school trips went on for days, we swam our way through the summer, and I loved him reading a story at the end of the day, in particular ‘Stig of the Dump’”.

John will always be remembered as a fun-loving, dedicated and compassionate man, who brought his wonderful humour and kindness to many lives. He will be hugely missed and remembered by his family and many friends.

Sarah Bridge (nee Peregrine)

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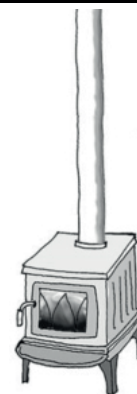
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Gladestry Pop In Café Macmillan Coffee Morning Fund Raiser

It was wonderful to see so many support our Macmillan FundRaiser. We held a successful draw with generously donated prizes. The soft toy owl was won by our youngest supporter! Pop In regulars supplied delicious cakes and nibbles for the event which were greatly enjoyed.

An amazing £320 was raised with an addition of £100 from Pop In Café funds. Each time the takings from the cafe exceed £100 we donate it to a local charity. Well done to all and thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.

Marlene Evans



Open the Book

The Open the Book team have taken three stories to Knighton Primary School. We started with Adam and Eve disobeying God by tasting the forbidden fruit. They were kicked out of the Garden of Eden, and the child with the sword is an angel guarding its entrance.

Then we told the story of loyal Ruth who stayed with her mother-in-law. She travelled with her to a foreign land and worked hard to support her. She is rewarded with a prosperous marriage and a son.

The children loved the tale of young David slaying the mighty giant, Goliath, with a sling and a stone.



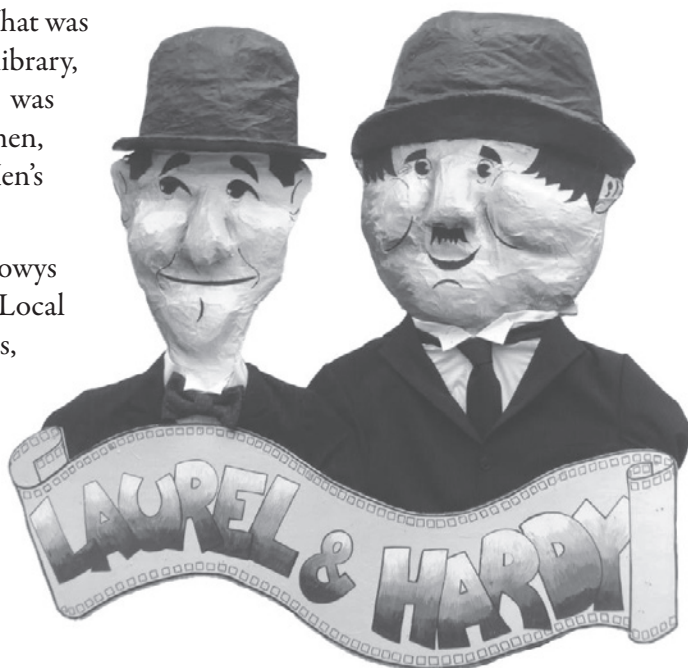
Flowers and Faces Delight

Rest a bit on one of the new benches and delight in the colourful flowers in a new garden beside Knighton's Civic Centre. What was once a derelict strip next to the Civic Centre, formerly the library, on West Street has been transformed. The flower garden was created through the vision and hard work of two local women, and the features, including two benches were built by the Men's Shed.

Councillor Adams-Evans obtained the grant from Powys County Council through a scheme to attract wildlife: "Local Places for Nature." The grant also funded troughs and baskets, bug hotels and bird boxes around town. The bug and bird amenities were put up by local cubs and councillors.

Opposite the garden, Restorella continues to charm us with changing displays. Now Laurel and Hardy grin on Knighton in honour of the 125th anniversary of Laurel's birth.

Article and photos by Laura Woodside-Jones



Gladestry Pop In Café Macmillan Coffee Morning Fund Raiser



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From Coffee Morning to Belly Dancing and Everything in Between, Llangunllo WI has had a Busy Few Months.

The summer months, if you could call it that, have been very busy for Llangunllo WI. We kicked off our annual WI BBQ hosted by Chris and Di, sadly not in their lovely garden this year, but inside which didn't prevent members, partners and Lexi having a lovely afternoon of good food, the odd glass of wine or two and lively conversations.

Next we hosted a community coffee morning, which proved very popular, with members of all ages, the youngest being just over 12 months, popping in to the village hall for coffee, tea and cakes made by our members. It was lovely to see so many enjoying a chat.

Later in August, husbands and partners joined members on a visit to the "Orgasmic Cider Company" at Eardisley.

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A Bring and Share Picnic, in one of the orchards and late afternoon sunshine, rounded off an enjoyable visit.

Our September meeting saw members and guests from several other WI's and ladies from our community having a go at Belly Dancing to much laughter.

Abbie Mason our tutor gave us a wonderful demonstration before she took us, and some of our guests through their paces, which is a lot harder than Abbie made it look I can tell you. Following the session we all enjoyed a fabulous supper.

Finally, some of our members have been actively supporting this years NFWI resolution by supporting the drive to improve the water quality of our rivers. They have been sampling water quality locally and several are enjoying weekly wild swimming, a little chilly, so not for the faint hearted.

We welcome new members and details of our programme can be obtained from our secretary Isabel Morris on 01547 550 689.

Anne Newton

Beguildy Community Council

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Idris Lloyd earlier this year. He was our long standing clerk of over 40 years, and he made tireless efforts and contributions to the community.

It was with great sadness the council learnt of the passing of Cllr Chris Thomas in June. He spent many years championing the local community and he, and his lively contributions, will be missed.

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Van Diemen's Land was the colonial name of the island of Tasmania and named after the governor general of the Dutch East Indies.

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Compensation for Injury.

As reported in the Western Mail on 9th August 1869

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The learned judge, Baron Channell, pointed out during the course of the trial, that a passenger had a right to demand that a carriage should be backed under such circumstances, or refuse to descend, and at the risk of the company taken beyond her journey.”

Reference - Llangunllo Community Website.

A New Kind Of Remembrance Poppy

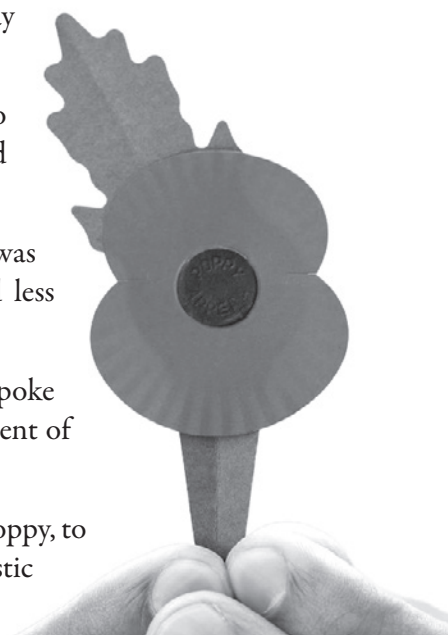
For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

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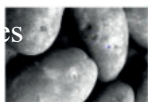
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Success at Knighton Show

Llangunllo WI members entered the WI Class at this year's Knighton Show and were delighted to be placed first. Open to WIs within a radius of 12 miles of the town, the exhibit depicted "Art Deco" of 2 craft items, 2 cookery items, 1 preserve and a floral arrangement. Marks were also awarded for staging and interpretation.

It certainly proved to be a winning day for our members, awarded not only the cup for the overall display, but also the rose bowl for the best individual item within one of the displays entered and the rosette for the best floral arrangement.

Isabel Morris

East Radnor Ministry Area Service at Pilleth



The Ministry Area service was held at St. Mary's, Pilleth, on Sunday 27th August. It took the form of a Holy Communion service led by Reverend Rachael Storer with George Baker playing the hymns on the harmonium. It was a change for Pilleth as most services are Evening Prayer and it is several years since Communion has been offered there. It was a lovely morning and a good congregation from around the Ministry area had ventured out to this beautiful Church sat remotely on the hillside. Two sets of Banns were read out and it was pleasing to see that one young couple there to hear their Banns being called. Refreshments were enjoyed by all after the service, and it was nice to see that congregations are beginning to move around the various Churches

as we begin to settle into our new Ministry Area. Although Pilleth Church does not have many services throughout the year it does get an amazing number of visitors, many coming to see the Church in its glory, to enjoy its peace and tranquillity, to visit the Holy Well and to follow the connection with Owain Glyndwr and the Battle of Pilleth in 1402. The visitors book rapidly fills up with wonderful comments about the Church and gratefully many donations are left for the maintenance of St. Mary's.

Colin Pugh, Ministry Area Benefice Warden



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January 2024

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Monthly Events

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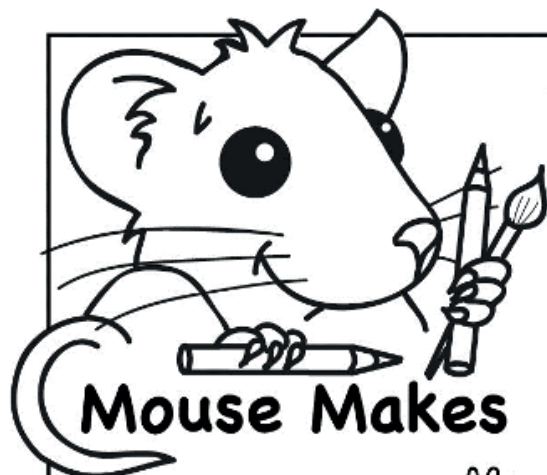
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_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____

is _____

to all who _____

on him in _____."

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three _____

in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____

your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."

James 5:16

" _____
yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
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Prayer

Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching (from Parish Pump)

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

From the Registers

Weddings.....

Saturday 15th September, St Mary's, New Radnor
Martin & Sharon Harris were married at the church and held their reception at The Sheep Shed in Llanfihangel Nant Melan.

Friday 29th September, St Mary's, Gladestry
Ryan & Bethan Jones were married at the church & the wedding reception was on Bethan's family farm.

Funerals.....

Saturday 9th September, St David's, Colva
Mrs Shirley Price

Diocesan Prayer

Our diocesan prayer, which captures our vision for Ministry Areas so well, says this:

*Bless us as we **gather** in your name;*

*Guide us as we **grow** into the likeness of your Son;*

*Lead us by your Spirit to **go** out and make disciples of others.*

Ministry areas are the structure we are using to journey together with God as a pilgrim people, turning that vision into reality.

from the diocesan website

Methodist Church Services For November

Sunday 5th November.....	Rev Richard Hall.....	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th November.....	United Service at St Edward's.....	Remembrance
Sunday 19th November.....	Baptists join us at Victoria Road.....	
Sunday 26th November.....	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides.....	

Baptist Church Services For November

Sunday 5th.....	11.00am.....	Worship Service.....	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 5th.....	6.00pm.....	Service.....	Knucklas Chapel
Monday 6th.....	7.00pm.....	Monthly Prayer Space.....	Community Room, Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 12th.....	11.00am.....	Cytun Joint Remembrance Service.....	St Edwards Church, Knighton
Sunday 19th.....	11.00am.....	Joint Worship Service.....	Knighton Methodist Church, Victoria Road, Knighton
Sunday 19th.....	6.00pm.....	Service.....	Knucklas Chapel
Sunday 26th.....	11.00am.....	Worship Service.....	Norton Street Chapel, Knighton
Sunday 26th.....	4.00pm.....	Messy Church.....	Knucklas Community Centre

In addition to the above, our popular Toddler Group meets 10.00am -11.30am each Thursday morning in the Community Room at our Knighton Chapel during school term times. We also have a network of Lifegroups meeting daytime and evenings during the week - please call our Pastor Rev. Gareth Davidson for details of times and venues on *01547 528 679*. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11 am

Gravel Baptist Chapel

Sunday 12th November.....	10.45am.....	Llangunllo Cenotaph and afterwards in St Cynllo's Church.....
Sunday 17th December.....	2.30 pm.....	Leigh Spicer.....

Further information from Keith Williams *01597 851 122*

St Mary's Church, New Radnor, Services

2nd Sunday of the month 10am, Morning prayer in church

3rd Sunday of the month 4pm, Evening Praise in the Community Centre

4th Sunday of the month 10am, Holy Communion in church

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November Readings

5th November - Kingdom 1

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43 Or 107:1-8

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 24:1-14

12th November - Kingdom 2

(For Remembrance contact Worship Leaders.)

Wisdom 6:12-16. Or Amos 5:18-24

Canticle: Wisdom 6:17-20. Or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

19th November - Kingdom 3

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Psalm 90: 1-8[9-11] Or 90:1-8

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

26th November - Christ The King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a Or 95:1-7

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota November 2023

5th November – Kingdom 1 (Green or Red)

10am	St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Holy Communion
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Holy Communion
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline

12th November – Kingdom 2 (Green or Red)

10am	Whitton	
10.30am	Knighton Cenotaph	11.15am St Edward's
10.45am	Llanfihangel Nant Melan	
10.45am	New Radnor Cenotaph	
10.45am	Gladestry & Colva	
10.45am	Llangunllo Cenotaph with Gravel Baptist Chapel	
11am	Norton	

19th November – Kingdom 3 (Green or Red)

10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	Holy Communion
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Prayer
4pm	St Mary's, New Radnor	Evening Praise in the Community Centre
9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Morning Prayer

26th November – Christ the King (White)

9.30am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
10am	St Mary's, New Radnor	Holy Communion
4pm	St Mary's, Gladestry	Evening Prayer

3rd December – Advent Sunday (Purple)

11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
11am	St David's, Colva	Advent Carols in the Barn
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Advent Evening Prayer
4pm	Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Dressing the Tree
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline