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### The Village Shop/Post Office Past and Present















Top Left: Early 1900s Tea Poster now on "Old Shop"

Top Right: The Pulley Wheel

Bottom Left: "Cashing Up!"



William Smith's Retirement Certificate

# The Village Shop/Post Office Past and Present

Over the following months, the Village Shops and Post Offices of the Ministry Area and some of the shops in Knighton, will feature in The Radnor. Llangunllo begins the series.

The Village Shop and Post Office, the centre of community life, here local people meet, not only to shop, but to chat, share news and perhaps a little gossip! Unfortunately, many villages, including Llangunllo, no longer have their shop or Post Office, but memories and records of past grocers and Postmasters remain.

Before the Census of the 1800s the presence of a village shop in Llangunllo is difficult to find. The earlier Church Records give only "the village" as the address of those named and neither the 1841 or 1851 Census mentions a shop.

In 1857 William Deakins was the Village Grocer and still trading 23 years later as recorded in Slater's Directory of 1880. By 1891 Francis Rickards had taken on the role and in the 1901 Census it had passed to William West. Son Alfred is named as Grocer's Shop Assistant and Arthur Deakins, aged 15 from Rock Cottage, Grocer's Apprentice, following in the family tradition. This seems to suggest the West Shop in the village centre was a thriving business, but it was not without competition, this came from the Smith Family, led by a lady no less. In 1901 Jane Smith, Miller and Grocer of the Mill, set up a shop, by 1911 this was at the Cellar House ("The Cottage" adjacent to The Greyhound Inn) run by Mr Smith. Later the shop moved across the road and was still owned by the family during the Second World War and managed by Mrs Lloyd of Central Villa. A shop remained on the site until the 1960s.

After the death of his parents in the 1920s, Alfred West (Fred) continued in business, he remained a bachelor, but it was said, "not without an eye for the ladies!" At this time, shop deliveries arriving by train were transported from the Railway Station, just over a mile outside the village, by the West Family donkey, complete with trap. The donkey lived on the field behind The Greyhound Inn known as the "Donkey Field." Some provisions were stored in the building joining the shop and cottage and the pulley wheel used to hoist the sacks/bags from the roadside is still in place.

In 1956, Birdie Nicholls (George) inherited the property, having worked in the shop and later managing the business, since leaving school. With the help of an assistant and "Open All Hours" it catered for the village needs. Alongside the grocery deliveries, bread arrived at least twice a week from local bakeries, including Feltons of Knighton. Palethorpes brought bacon, sausages, cold meats and pork pies, Cades of Ludlow fruit and vegetables, and Lyons Cake van the village favourite and best seller of Apricot Jam Swiss Roll. Corona Pop was in wooden crates with a refundable deposit on the bottle and paraffin, bring your own container, stored in a tank in the "Oil Shed."



The Post Office was not part of the Village Shop until the 1980s. In Slater's Directory 1880, Thomas Evans is Post Master and it also states *"letters from all parts arrive 15 minutes past nine and are despatched at seven evening.*" He was still Post Master in 1912 and William Smith, the village Postman, who retired in 1934 delivered letters for more than 36 years. Later the Post Office was run by the Tong family, with the adjoining Blacksmith's Shop part of the business, then Mr and Mrs Lewis, with Mrs Lewis as Post Mistress and her husband one time Postman. On their retirement the Post Office moved across the road to the Village Shop.

The Village Shop and Post Office closed in 1995 on the death of Birdie George and the Community Shop, organised and run by a group of volunteers, opened at The Greyhound Inn. It was well supported by the locals until its closure in 2007 when the pub was put up for sale. The Post Office then operated from the Village Hall and now a Mobile Post Van visits on a Thursday.



**AND**, as a film location and starring in the movies, "Pop Up" Village Shops have also appeared in Llangunllo! In 1993 a purposely built Shop/Post Office was part of the scenery of *"Second Best"* and in 2018 The Greyhound Inn once again became the Village Shop with Kevin Bacon purchasing his groceries as he starred in *"You Should Have Left."* 

Isabel Morris - with thanks to Trevor Jones for research and additional photos by Michael Brown.

# A Letter from the Vicar's Study



#### Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this we will have celebrated Pentecost in two places. The Norton Hub, formerly St Andrew's Church, and St David's Colva. Both buildings celebrated new beginnings in their own way. Norton now has a community building, which is beautiful and functional and allows worship to take place again. Colva has a new roof allowing worship to continue.

This is just the start of many new beginnings in the future. We need to assess what we have and what we need if we are to future proof the East Radnor Ministry Area. The days of people attending Church up to three times on Sunday are long gone. Our congregations are not large

but the love for the buildings and the communities is huge. This has been demonstrated by the people who have come forward to help keep St David's Heyope open and those who have worked hard to get St Michael's Beguildy back on the service rota.

So much hard work has been done and needs to be done but we must not forget what is at the heart of this: love. Love for the Church, love for the communities and mostly love for God. When times get tough it is easy to forget that we do have somewhere to turn. God is always there for us. We need to turn to Him and ask for help, then wait to receive our answer. Very often somebody turns up just at the moment that we need them. I truly believe that God is behind this, answering our prayers.

Many people do not necessarily believe in God but I pray for all and as Christians we are there to help everyone who needs it. We do not need a label to tell us to do right by others. It is something of which we should all be mindful. In a world with so much hatred let us take the time to spread some love. The more love that we spread the weaker the hatred will become. We can all work together regardless of race, creed, colour or any other diversity to make our communities better places and consequently improve the world.

Let us all draw a line in the sand and leave the past behind, taking what we need for the future and move forward with love, hope and peace.

Love and blessings, Petra xx

# The Radnor is your magazine – so have your say!!!

The Radnor is designed and printed by Craven Design and Print who are the professionals in this venture, but alongside them are a committed band of volunteers. Each month Rosemary Hanna gathers together contributions and augments them as necessary before they are submitted to the printers.

Rosemary is supported by a group of representatives from across the Ministry Area and we are looking to extend this group to be even more inclusive. Distribution and collection of subscriptions is also undertaken by volunteers.

Readers will be aware that The Radnor is a magazine that has a far wider scope than concentration purely on church matters. We believe that much of its appeal lies in this thoughtful balance which reflects many different aspects of community life.

Appearing regularly are church service reports and information, descriptions of local events, W.I. activities, children's features, gardening news and clergy input, to name but a few, **but what we don't have is a permanent reporter, photographer or a feature writer** to cover these things. That comes from **individual contributors** who submit their pieces. Some parishes have **a loosely connected writing group** and we aim, in time, to develop this arrangement in other areas to make sure they are represented.

We want to make the magazine even more diverse, interesting and inclusive and that's where any one of you can get involved! Does your organisation have something interesting going on? Do you have an idea for a short article? Do you have an amusing story to share? Have you had a local event that you'd like everyone to hear about? Give it a try and send your piece of between 200/400 words, with photos if possible, to Rosemary at *radnoreditor@outlook.com* (Shorter snippets may also be useful if there's a little something you'd like to share. e.g. *"Granny's Words of Wisdom"* or *"You'll Never Guess What I Saw the Other Day!"* - you get the idea.) The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. July / August and December/ January run together.

We look forward to hearing from you! - Pam Livingstone-Lawn

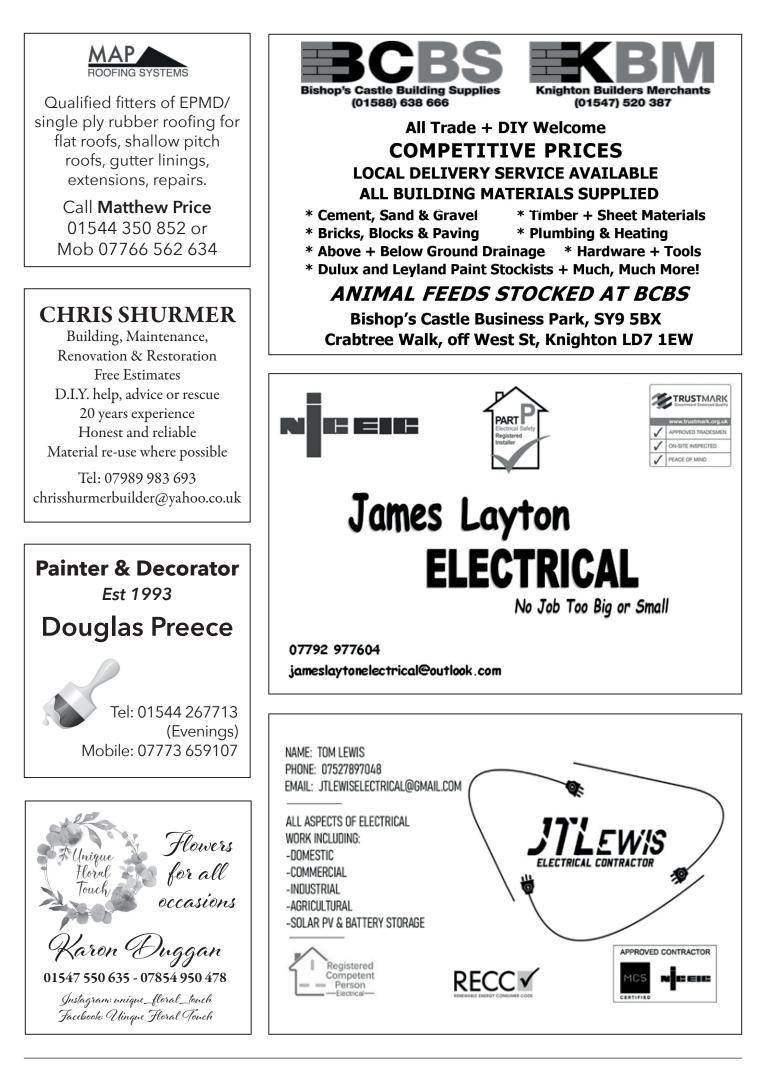
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# Llangunllo WI Spring Community Lunch

April 24th 2024 saw Llangunllo WI working together to put on our Spring Community Lunch. As usual members got stuck in early that morning setting up tables, preparing and cooking food for the community to enjoy.

Everything ready, doors opened, and we welcomed over 40 into the village hall which was full of lively chatter as friends greeted each other and took their seats for lunch.

The community enjoyed a two course lunch with wine, coffee and chocolates to finish and, of course, a raffle.

We look forward to welcoming the community to our next event.

Anne Newton

# **Radnorshire Bridge Club**

We are a friendly duplicate bridge club meeting on Thursday nights at Whitton Old School Community Centre. Interested players of any level are welcome to join us to play or improve their bridge among a supportive group of club members. Partners can usually be found for individual players. The serious card play is enhanced by wonderful cakes and 'nibbles' and an occasional fun night. Weekly results are posted on the club website: *radnorshire.welshbridgeunion.club* 

For more information, please contact Kay Taylor (01547 528 614; kay.tony@me.com) or Jane Stirling (07772 674 446; jane@janestirling.co.uk).

Where: Whitton Old School Community Centre LD7 1NP When: 6.45pm for a prompt 7pm start

# Stowe & Stanage WI

Our May meeting was well attended for the talk on wildlife photography by Bono Barrett, accompanied by his wife, Sarah.

While they are mainly asked to do wedding photography, their passion is for wildlife, so whenever possible they photograph birds and animals either locally or further afield. Recently they attempted to find red squirrels in Yorkshire, and on the Isle of Mull they were lucky enough to photograph an otter.

Bono showed us his amazing range of cameras with long distance lenses and remote controls, as well as the various items of camouflage which he uses. It can often take several patient hours, lying on the ground, shrouded in leaf-like camouflage, to catch that fantastic shot. We were all given examples of his wonderful pictures of birds and animals close up, with fine detail of feathers and fur.

Our June meeting is on **Tuesday 4th June** at 7pm in the Reynolds Room when Lorna Steel will talk about the Radnorshire Museum. All are welcome. Contact Alison Thomas *alithomas1@gmail.com* for information.



# **Gladestry WI**

A visitor to our April meeting would have thought they were in the season of Autumn! After our usual business meeting thoughts turned to preparations for our Centenary celebrations in June. 100 fabric leaves were being crafted to make a special display.

Our forthcoming trip to Aberystwyth and theatre was discussed - this will be on **Tuesday 20th August**. The theatre production is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The competition, 'My Favourite Gloves', was won by Jess, as was the draw-well done Jess!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st May** when Angela Powell will be leading a workshop on flower arranging. Our June gathering will be an Open Meeting - Kilvert Talk with Ann Dean. This promises to be an excellent evening - please join us.

Visitors always welcome at Gladestry WI.

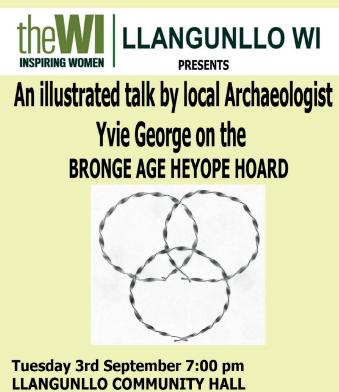
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# The Eight Bleddfa Tapestries

500AD	The founding of the church. The Age of Saints: Samson, Teilo, Tysilio, Padarn, Afan, Cynllo, Dyfrig, Cadog.
1176	Cadwallon Prince of Maelienydd granted Monaughty Grange to Cwmhir Abbey.
1179	Roger Mortimer imprisoned for killing Cadwallon.
1195	Hugh de Say rebuilds Bleddfa Castle.
1302	Maud de Mortimer obtained royal permission to use the remains of Bleddfa Castle to rebuild the tower of Bleddfa Church.
1362	Men from Bleddfa were called to fight in Ireland for King Edward III.
1402	Owain Glyndwr's army destroyed Bleddfa Church tower and marched on to Bryn Clas, near Pilleth, to do battle with Edmund Mortimer.
1535	Henry VIII proclaimed that English should be the only language spoken in Welsh courts. Judge arrives for the spring session at the Hundred House.
1873	Bleddfa School established.
1890s	Construction of Water Tunnel between Elan Valley and Birmingham.
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# The Flower Arranger's Garden

It is all systems go at this time of the year, long hours of daylight and increasing warm sunshine, providing energy for rapid growth and flower production. All plants will benefit from an extra feed. The nutrients they take from the soil need to be replaced to get the best blooms and encourage a longer succession of flowers. It is always a joy to see all the new foliage unfold, but a lot of it can be difficult for arrangers as they are very soft (hostas) so will wilt very quickly. Conditioning them well will help them last a little longer.

June is the month of the beautiful bearded iris, with names like 'Laced Lemonade', yellow with lacy edges to the petals; 'Golden Spice', clear yellow and ginger brown; 'Jungle', green flushed softly with delicate crimson; and 'Demon', maroon/black with a blue beard. With such a variety of colours you can achieve some fantastic arrangements and enjoy the scent of vanilla.

This month brings the first of the roses. For me they are supreme for arranging: full blown hybrids, sprawling clusters of the old-fashioned variety, damask and moss roses, not forgetting the wild dog rose, which I find a real delight, so delicate. Our lives are filled with references to roses. It is a symbolic flower shape, found in heraldry and church windows. The Romans loved roses. It is thought that they were responsible for bringing the first roses to Britain. But it is not until Plantagenet times that roses were brought to national attention, when the Houses of York and Lancaster chose white and red as their symbols, a lovely piece of history.

Dahlias continue to be a favourite with arrangers and show competitors. The smaller varieties are ideal for tubs and window boxes. Slugs and snails are as fond of them as most gardeners.

Summer is here, so much work to be done in the garden and so much to enjoy, to be able to sit out with the odd glass or two, to listen to the birdsong, admire the exquisite colour of the butterflies, watch the busy bumble bees enjoying their favourite plants. Did you know that ladybirds do nothing but good in our gardens as they get through fifty or so greenfly in a day. You can now speed up the pest control; you can buy packets of ladybird larvae to introduce on to your plants – what next!

It is many years since we heard the cuckoo, but on April 19th we were excited to hear it for some length of time, in the nearest wood. Very vocal. On May 6th the first of the swallows returned. It is amazing how they find their way back and start building nests in exactly the same place each year.

Jean Price

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# **Knighton News**

### **Coffee Morning**

An open invitation to you to come along to the church hall on **Saturday 15th June** between 10.30 and midday to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with friends old and new, stalls to browse and competitions for fun. To boost funds for St Edward's Church. If you have unwanted items to donate, please bring them along. We can collect: just phone *528260*. Plants for the produce stall would be appreciated. Winners at the April event were: D Bowen, J Ruff, L Heakin, J Price, J Vickerstaff and J Dyke. The amount raised was £202.60. A huge thank you to all who helped on the day.

### Bingo

Come along on **Saturday 29th June** at 7pm in the church hall to enjoy Bingo. Good prizes and jackpot waiting to be won. All proceeds for hall funds.

### Knighton Show (Saturday 24th August)

The schedules will soon be out, giving all the entertainment planned for the day, together with all the competitive classes in the community centre. Collect your copy from the Flower Box, church, library and other venues in town.

### Coach Trip (Gardening Club)

Reminder that the day out to visit two beautiful gardens near Market Drayton is on **Monday 12th August**. Still time to book your seat. Contact Margaret on 529155 ASAP.

**Our best wishes** and get well soon to all who are unwell in our community, and we pray for a speedy recovery for Val Price, Jean Shuker, Colin Phillips, Irene Boast in Bronllys Hospital and Cathey Reeves recovering from a nasty fall.

We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Lizbeth Shaw, who passed away on 19th April aged 83 years. Her funeral service took place at Hereford Crematorium on 7th May.

**Thank you** to John and Rosemary Hanna for the afternoon tea to celebrate John's 80th birthday. With blue skies, brilliant sunshine and good company, including Dipper the dog, it was a very enjoyable occasion.

### From the Registers

*17th April* A memorial service was held to celebrate the life of Lorna Heard, who passed away on 23th March aged 90 years. The service was conducted by Rev'd P Goodband, with family tributes and the singing of Crimmond. The organist was Mrs Judy North.

*18th April* Funeral service for John Bounds, who passed away on 19th March aged 78 years. In the eulogy the vicar reminded us of a lifetime spent in the plumbing trade in our community. Tributes were also paid by a member of John's family. The hymns chosen were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace". The organist was Thomas Heakin. Cremation followed at Hereford Crematorium.

*23rd April* A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Peter Smith, who passed away on 30th March aged 83 years. The service was conducted by Rev'd P Goodband. The eulogy was spoken by Mandy (daughter) and a poem recited by Maya (granddaughter). The chosen hymns were "Morning has Broken" and "The Old Rugged Cross". The Rose and Memories were played on the trumpet by a friend of the family. The organist was Thomas Heakin. Cremation had taken place earlier in the day.

*Ist May* Following a cremation service at Hereford, a thanksgiving service was held for Vivien Preece (Viv), who passed away on 10th April aged 84 years. Both services were conducted by Rev'd Petra Goodband. A tribute, written by Bill, husband of Viv, was read by Sally Hall. Hymns sung were "Abide with me" and "All things bright and beautiful". The organist was Thomas Heakin.

*10th May* The funeral service for Suzanne Roberts, who passed away on 28th April aged 62 years. There was a large attendance of family, many young friends and neighbours to say farewell to a popular lady. The service was conducted by Rev'd P Goodband. The organist was Thomas Heakin. In the eulogy the vicar spoke of someone who lived life to the full, leaving behind so many happy memories. Tributes were paid by family members and the hymn chosen was "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended". Following the service, Suzanne was laid to rest in the new cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time, with so many sad people in our community. We remember the families and friends of Lorna, John, Peter, Viv and Suzanne. RIP. *Jean Price* 

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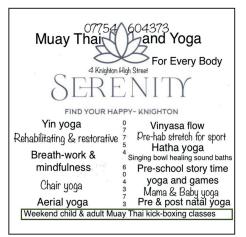
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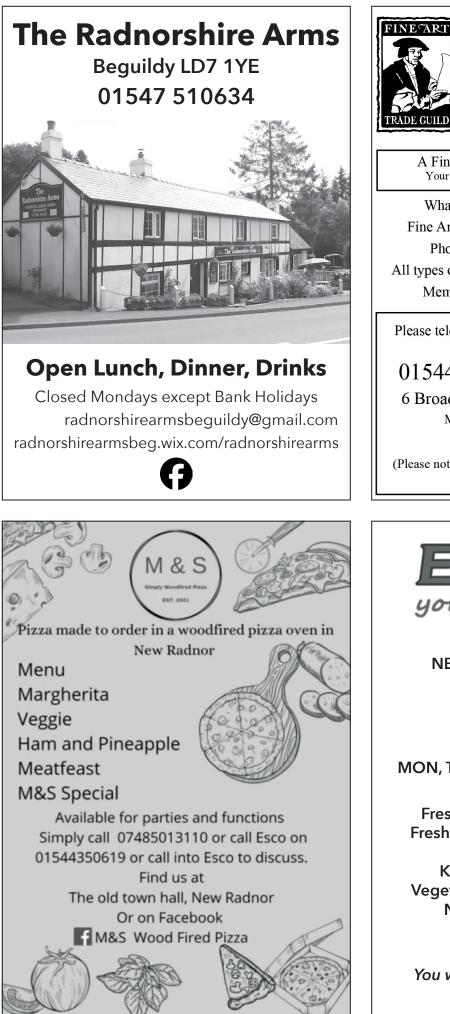
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### **Celtic Saint of the Month** St Petroc of Lanwethinoc (Padstow) – 4th June

Having spent my teenage years in Exeter (where my mother still lives, aged 103) and more recently lived in north Devon where John was vicar in Witheridge before retiring to Knighton, it came as a surprise to me to learn that there is a Devon Day. Evidently it is celebrated annually on 4th June, St Petroc's Day, and the Devon flag, a white cross on a green background, is dedicated to St Petroc. There are seventeen Devon churches dedicated to him, one over the border in south Somerset, a few in Wales and Brittany, but

it was in Cornwall (then part of the kingdom of Dumnonia along with Devon) where he settled. He is known as one of the three patron saints of Cornwall, the other two being Piran and Michael.

Petroc (Petrock, Pedrog) was born in south Wales, the son of a local king. He didn't want to inherit the kingdom from

his father and went to Ireland to study and follow the religious life. Some years later he set off with his companions to what is now Cornwall, landing at Trebetherick near the mouth of the river Camel around 518AD. Trebetherick is Trebedrek in Cornish, meaning Petroc's village. He learned that an earlier holy man called Gwethinoc had founded a church nearby and this is where Petroc built his monastery, still retaining the name Lanwethinoc (Gwethinoc's church). It was a full-blown monastery, with church, school, library, infirmary, monastic cells and a farm. Petroc lived there for thirty years. Much later it came to be known as Petroc-Stow (Petroc's Place), which eventually became Padstow. In North Devon there is a village still called Petrockstowe.

During this time, Petroc travelled through Brittany, where there are churches dedicated to him, and on to Rome and, some say, even India. As with many saints, he tamed a wolf, defeated an evil serpent and saved a hunted deer. The deer was being hunted by King Constantine, who was not at all pleased when it sought sanctuary in Petroc's hermitage at Little Petherick. After a lot of anger Constantine eventually became a Christian and founded a church near Falmouth in the village of Constantine. Constantine Bay near Padstow is also named after him,

Cornwall's largest church was also founded by Petroc, where he built a second monastery with the help of King Constantine. This was known as Bothmena (the Abode of Monks), now Bodmin. Petroc was buried at Padstow, but much later monks took his remains to Bodmin, and his beautiful Norman reliquary can still be seen there.

> St Petrock's Church in Exeter is one of the oldest of the medieval central churches. It is now the base for a charity to help the homeless of Exeter. St. Petroc's ivory and gold casket (1170) / CC BY-SA 2.0

> There is a similar charity in Cornwall, called St Petrocs, set up originally by the diocese of Truro, to provide accommodation for those who have nowhere else to go. Rosemary Hanna

# Holy squirrels

A small town had three churches: Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican, and all had serious problems with squirrels in the church. Each church, in its own fashion, had a meeting to deal with the problem.

The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that squirrels be in the church and that they would have to live with it.

The Methodists decided they should deal with squirrels lovingly, in the style of John Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park on the edge of town. Within three days they were back again.

The Anglicans had the best solution. They confirmed the squirrels. Now they only see them at Easter and Christmas.



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# Knucklas Notes

Some warm and sunny weather has been welcomed after such a wet six months. Growth of plants, especially weeds, has been phenomenal, given that we have not been without further rain during this latter springtime.

Our Community Centre has acquitted itself well as a vaccination centre for the locality, although there were some problems of organisation leading to discomfort and overcrowding at times. Far less crowded and less publicised, our Centre again proved ideal for voting for a Police and Crime Commissioner to represent us in the Dyfed/Powys area. Only some 30% of the local electorate voted, half of these by post. (In a General Election it is normally 50% of those eligible). Dafydd Llywelyn (Plaid Cymru) was comfortably re-elected, for a third term, having been seen to have done a good job so far. His office is working on a fresh policing-plan for 2025-9. We are so fortunate to have caring and conscientious people to represent our interests at local, Senedd and Westminster levels.

The farming community, through their representatives, continue to be in earnest discussion with Government about where subsidies should be directed. Food production is being increasingly recognised as vital in these threatening times, affected as we all are by world politics, war and climate-change. Appropriate land use has become more important, along with implications for fairer pricing, reflecting the increasing costs of production. Wales is becoming increasingly recognised as a provider of fine foods and drinks, much of it exported to England, Europe etc. Competition with sources from Europe, the U.S. etc., who often have less strict standards in their treatment of the soil and livestock, must be seen to be fair.

Disability, illness and loneliness are growing problems in the area, along with a worrying lack of carers. Those that provide a caring service, whether employed by social services or privately, do a fantastic job, within the limits of time.

With great sadness, we have to report the passing of Cena Pike, a long-time and well-known resident of Castle Hill, Knucklas, after a short illness. Sincere condolences to her sister, Annette, and to family and friends.

Robert Forbath

# Gladestry and Colva War Memorial

During the last few months research has been taking place into the fallen of two world wars from the Gladestry and Colva areas. Eventually this research will form a binder in which each of the fallen will have his story told in remembrance of his sacrifice; the finished work will be held at St Mary's Church Gladestry.

An event will take place at St Mary's Church Gladestry on **Thursday 6th June 2024** (The Anniversary of the D-Day Landings) at 6.30pm for an official handover of this binder and an address by Mr P.C Jones.

This notice is posted for two reasons, firstly to make you aware of the event and secondly, if any relative would like to assist in providing information/ photographs to be included in this binder then please contact: Phillip C. Jones, Military Historian, phillipjones275@gmail.co.uk

# About the Cover – St Peter, the Fisherman

To celebrate St Peter's Day on Saturday 29th June the cover shows St Peter, as a fisherman. Fittingly the image comes from St Mary's on the Isles of Scilly.

Although Peter would usually be shown wearing elegant robes and carrying the keys to the kingdom, here he is an ordinary man: barefoot and roughly clothed in homespun. He is a working man with his rowing oar and baskets of fish. This fishing image runs throughout the New Testament. Jesus initially calls Peter from fishing, saying *"I will send you out to fish for people."* (Matthew 4.19) Later the disciples are in a boat when a terrific storm threatens to swamp them; Jesus calms the wind and waves with *"Peace! Be still!"* (Mark 4.39). In another story he tells the disciples where to cast their nets on the lake, and they make a tremendous haul of fish (Luke 5.4-6). He even walks across the lake to the disciples in their boat (Matthew 14.25). Peter tries, rather unsuccessfully, to walk on water as well. Even after his resurrection Jesus beckons Peter and the disciples from their fishing boats to the lakeside. There he roasts their fish and shares their breakfast on the beach (John 21.9).

Photo and article by Laura Woodside-Jones



# Powys Gardens Open in May

Each year we publish a digital booklet to mark Gardens and Health Week. *The Little Yellow Book of Gardens and Health 'The Joy Edition'*, covers the joy of creating a garden for RHS Chelsea, stories from garden owners and beneficiaries. Dig in at *ngs.org.uk/gardens-and-healthweek-celebrating-the-joy* and/or enjoy a garden visit.

Sunday 2nd June		
<b>Parson's Field</b> Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3EH *	1pm - 5pm	
<b>Llwyn</b> Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3PP *	1pm - 5pm	
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June		
<b>White Hopton Farm,</b> Wern Lane, Sarn, Newtown SY16 4EN	10am - 4pm	
Sunday 23rd June		
<b>Willowbrook,</b> Knighton Road, Presteigne LD8 2ET	12pm - 5pm	
<b>Glanoer,</b> Bettws, Hundred House, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5RP	1pm - 5pm	
Sunday 30th June		
<b>Tyn-y-Graig</b> Bwlch y Ffridd, Newtown SY16 3JB	11am - 5pm	

\*Combined admission

### Radnor Valley Gardening Club Events Calendar for 2024

Summer - Garden visits and plant sale will be organised.

**End Aug or early Sept - Annual show** *You don't need to be a member to enter.* 

21 Oct - 7.30pm - AGM

18 Nov - 7.30pm - Sabina Ruber Plant photography and bulbs.

Dec - Annual Christmas meal

Dates for the summer garden visits and plant sale are still to be confirmed, as is the Annual Show date – look out for posters.

All meetings in New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane. Everybody welcome. Non-members charged a small fee for talks, membership £5 for the year.

### Another David Roberts Poem Dated 5th April 1917

The pressures and problems for farmers are very much the same now as they have ever been – yet our way of expressing them has surely changed.

### Till the Land

Plough the land, plough the land Do your best for Motherland: Time is lost, through the frost, Plough at any cost.

Frost and snow, soon will go, Bread and "Taters" we must grow: Tho' behind, never mind, Providence is kind.

Sow the seed, sow the seed, Many mouths there be to feed; Work away, but – I say -Rest the Sabbath Day.

Plow and sow, plough and sow, God alone can make it grow: God in love – in heav'n above -Will His goodness prove.

Toil and till with a will, Plow and harrow, sow and drill; God is here; never fear; He will fill the ear.

Do not spare, do your share, For our children have a care; While you plod o'er the clod, Put your trust in God.

Sow the seed, sow the seed, For the times are grave indeed: While we till, do His will: And He'll bless us still.

Do your best, with a zest, Worship on the "Day of rest" Toil away, watch and pray, Rest the Sabbath Day.

Submitted by Hilary Howcroft

# **Flowers for Fun**

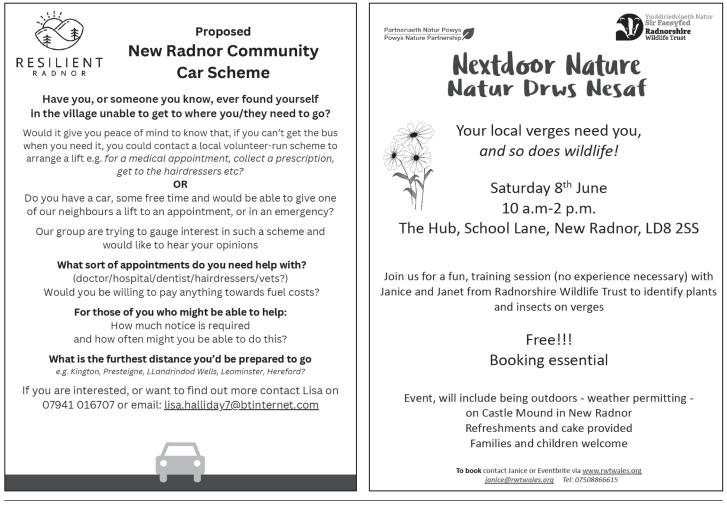
Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers? Join our friendly group to see what we do! Find us at Whitton Community Hall from 12 - 2 pm on Thursdays 6th, 20th, 27th June (further dates to follow).

Come for a coffee and a chat - all welcome - £5 per session but first visit free! Phone Sue on *07368 350 379* for more details, or just come along.



# **Community and Environment**

Resilient Radnorshire is a new group, centred on (but by no means exclusive to) New Radnor, which seeks to bring issues of community and environment together. Underlying this is a positive aim to be thinking about and acting to make our communities as resilient as possible as the climate emergency deepens, while at the same time giving nature a chance to survive. The posters below speak to two of our initial projects which we hope might garner positive response and participation from many in the area. Please do contact Lisa if you think you would like to help or be helped by the proposed community car share scheme in New Radnor (at this moment limited to the village and its environs). Equally, do put **Saturday 8th June** in your diaries for the verges event at the Hub, New Radnor and, also, weather permitting, on Castle Mound. It's for everybody of all ages, but booking is essential through Janice at RWT, as on the poster. For more information on Resilient Radnorshire contact me, Mark, at *m.levene@soton.ac.uk* 



# Is God Calling You?

This new series of talks has been organised at Bleddfa Church as missionary events for the newly formed East Radnor Ministry Area. They follow a very successful series last year, *"Ignite Me!"* when speakers with very different stories of God's calling told stories of their lives which encouraged and inspired their audiences.

We start this year with something a little different on **Friday 24th May**. **Mahashvara Caitanya** will talk about the benefits and methods of meditation and the spiritual insights it can offer us all regardless of our own individual chosen faith or denomination.

Laura Woodside-Jones will talk on Friday 28th June. Many of us know Laura as the ex-editor of the Radnor and her involvement with Open The Book, amongst many things. She will talk about her life and faith.

Michael Tavinor, ex Dean of Hereford and accomplished organist will speak of his life and experiences on Friday 9th August.

We encourage anyone thinking of coming to book in advance by emailing *nicola.payne@btinternet.com*. These events are free of charge but we invite donations to help cover expenses.

# What's on in the East Radnor Ministry Area?



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Grants are issued, at the discretion of the Trustees, for school leavers between 16 and 25 years old who live in Whitton or the local area. nb. proof that you have started a course will be required.

### **Gladestry 49 Club**

Here are the winners for March and April: Susan Robinson (51/48), rollover, Margaret Maddy (17), Dee Harrison (47), Re Botfield (32), and the last one of the month was a rollover. So a double win the next time. Thank you for your support. *Michael Johnson* 

### Norton Hub 100 Club May Winners

1st - £40 No. 64 - Jan Maynard 2nd - £25 No. 39 - Allan Flexman 3rd - £15 No. 55 - Ms R M Bradstock (Rolly)

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### **Date For The Diary**

The Friends of St Cynllo's Church, Llangunllo present

An Evening of Popular Music with the Dolau Mixtures on Saturday 13th July 2024.

Further details to follow.

### Welsh Words

mis Mehefin -June canol haf midsummer



haul-orsaf yr haf – the summer solstice

mefus ac hufen – strawberries and cream



### School Lane, New Radnor LD8 2SS

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The Hub is available to hire for meetings, parties, rehearsals, meals etc at very reasonable rates. The bar can be provided and also the use of our large marquee which will be erected this Saturday and will remain up until the Autumn. Several concerts are already booked for the summer, and watch this space for news of other social events.

Lastly, a quick reminder that details of our very popular Sunday Lunch are on our Facebook page, including the menu and how to book.

The Hub Team

### Monthly Sunday Lunch at the Hub

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15th June	19th October
20th July	16th November
17th August	21st December
21st September	

Suggested donation: £3 per session. If you are interested, please contact Louis: *louis\_joyce@btinternet.com*, 07483 211 171 or 01547 560 874, or if you prefer, simply turn up on the day.

### Women's Hour at Knighton and District Community Centre Every Tuesday between 11am and midday in the Reynolds Room at K&DCC

The "Women' Hour" programme, started in September 2023 by Volunteer Co-ordinator Annie England, is a free provision with a rolling programme, and provides an opportunity for women from the local community to meet in a safe space to socialize, explore a range of issues and concerns, listen to guest speakers and have the opportunity for joining guided walks in the surrounding area. Organised around a monthly schedule, week 1 is a Meet-and-Chat session, weeks 2 and 4 are with guest presenters, and week 3 is an organised walk with support from the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust. The regular Tuesday cafe provides light refreshments, and the programme also has a Facebook Group with around 200 members. Those attending come from a wide demographic and across the age-range, from young Mums to those in their 80's, with around 25-30 in attendance each week.

In addition, after an initial and very successful trial, Ali Lambie is providing a free half-hour Mindfulness session every week prior to "Women's Hour", between 10.30am and 11am, and there is also the opportunity to take part in an all abilities movement activity, facilitated by Elly, which runs between 12.15pm and 1pm, at a cost of  $\pounds 6$  - more details can be found at *www.groovewithelly.co.uk* 



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# **Dates For Your Diary**

#### June

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6D-Day Anniversary		
6Flowers for Fun	•	
7WI Talk: Dogs for Good		
7Whitton WI Quiz Night		
8Bingo		
8Nextdoor Nature		
8Plant Sale		
10Garden Trip		
13Music Concert		
13Talk: Cops Today	Evenjobb	25
15Coffee Morning		
15Plant Sale	U	
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13Evening of Music		
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August		
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20WI Aberystwyth Trip		
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# **Organising an Event?**

Spread the word with The Radnor. Contact the editor for inclusion of your poster. radnoreditor@outlook.com

#### **Monthly Events**

1st Tues	Tea & Natter	St Edward's Church Hall 19
1st Tues	Stowe & Stanage WI	The Comm
1st/3rd Tues	sCraft Afternoon	Walton Hall
2nd Tues	Coffee Morning	Whitton Comm Hall
3rd Tues	Hear to Help Clinic	The Comm
Last Tues	Cerdu Carers Group	The Comm
1st/3rd Wed	Braken Trust	The Comm
1st Wed	Singing Group	Llangunllo Village Hall
1st Wed	Felindre WI	Felindre Village Hall
301st Wed	Tref y Clawdd WI	St Edward's Church Hall
2nd Wed	Book & Jigsaw Swap	Walton Hall
4th Wed	Hear to Help Clinic	Presteigne
1st Fri	Llanfair Waterdine WI.	Everest Hall
2nd/4th Fri.	Mind Friday Group	The Comm
Last Sat	Bingo	Knighton Church Hall
2nd/4th Sat.	Community Market	The Comm
4th Sat	Library Open	The Comm
Weekly Ev	vents	
Mondays	Lunch Club	Knighton Methodist
Mondays	Family Centre	The Comm
Mondays	Pop In Cafe	Gladestry
Mondays	Welsh - Adanced	The Comm
Mondays	Army Cadets	The Comm
Tuesdays	Community Cafe Hub.	The Comm
Tuesdays	Women's Hour	The Comm
Tuesdays	Citizens Advice	The Comm
Wednesday	Art Classes	The Hub
Wednesday	Pilates	The Comm
Wednesday	Youth Club (Termtime)	)The Comm
Wednesday	Zumba	The Comm
Thursdays	Knighton Leg Club	Reynolds Room19
Thursdays	Coffee, Cakes, Chat	The Hub
Thursdays	Table Tennis	Llangunllo Village Hall
Thursdays	Art Group	The Comm
Thursdays	Welsh - Beginner	The Comm
Thursdays	Karate	The Comm
Thursdays	Drop-In Eatery	The Comm
Thursdays	Bridge Club	Whitton Comm Centre8
Fridays	Bar and Food Night	The Hub
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# What's on in the East Radnor Ministry Area?



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# **Events in Evenjobb**

### Saturday Café, 10:30am - 3:30pm

Our Café is going from strength to strength, with locals and visitors passing through. Freshly made cakes, lunches, and takeaways at reasonable prices.

### Coming Up in Evenjobb:

### Saturday 8th June, 10:30am - 2:00pm, Plant Sale

Tables in aid of the church. Other table holders welcome at £6. Café open as usual.

### Thursday 13th June, 7:30pm,

### Talk "Where do the cops of today come from?"

The early history of the Police Service will be presented by Colin Rogers, professor of Policing and Security at the University of South Wales. Colin has spent 50 years, first in the force and then as an academic. He is the author of many books and has sat on advisory panels for the government and in Australia. Tickets are £5, and proceeds will go to the Welsh Air Ambulance and the Hall. Refreshments in the interval. To book: *lindaellams44@gmail.com* 

### Saturday 13th July, 10:30am - 2:00pm, Table Top Sale

Table holders welcome at £6. Café open to 3:30pm.

# Knucklas Castle Community Land Project

The next Work Party is on **Wednesday 5th June** at 5.30pm for a couple of hours. Volunteers are very welcome to help to take care of the land. Refreshments are provided. We meet in the orchard or the allotments in Knucklas.

To celebrate Midsummer, there will be a Guided Wildflower Walk followed by a Picnic on the top of Knucklas Castle Hill on **Friday 21st June** at 6.00 pm. Donations for the walk are welcome; bring your own picnic. Meet at the top of Knucklas Castle Hill.

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2 x course freshly cooked lunch plus tea/coffee £5

Over 50? Spaces now available for anyone looking for company and good food.

The club is run with a loyal group of volunteers and is always looking for anyone with a spare few hours to join the group on a rota system for kitchen or service help.

Interested? Message on Facebook or tel: 528 125

# 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.

# Knighton Library Opening Times

Monday Closed Tuesday 10.30am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 10.30am - 1pm and 2 - 6pm Friday 8am - 12.30pm 4th Sat of the month 10.30am - 12.30pm

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# Llangunllo Community Events

**Singing Group at the Village Hall** 1st Wednesday of the Month. Between 7.30 and 9pm. All welcome

### Table Tennis at the Village Hall

Every Thursday, between 5 and 6.30pm. £2.00. All welcome

Please see our Llangunllo Village Website: *www.llangunllo.co.uk* 

# Hear to Help "Drop Off" Hearing Aid Clinic

### Knighton Community Centre

3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am -12 noon

For more information: Rachael Beech 07552 165 800 or rachael.beech@rnid.org.uk

### Presteigne

4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm - 3pm

# Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

# citizens advice

For anyone in the Knighton area who needs help or advice from the Powys CAB, the Community Centre in Knighton are offering a video link appointment with a CAB adviser every Tuesday between 10 am and 1 pm.

At the Community Centre they offer a private room, computer access and help with starting the interview. All interviews are by appointment only. To make an appointment either phone the Community Centre on 01547 428 088 or drop in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or message the Comm's Facebook page.

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# Felindre WI

Felindre WI's May event was an outing to the Old Railway Garden Centre, Three Cocks, Brecon, on Wednesday 1st May. Members and one guest enjoyed a light lunch in the Centre's restaurant, followed by their formal meeting, at which it was agreed to give charitable donations out of WI funds of £100 each to Birmingham Women & Children's Hospital and to Hope House. Members then enjoyed a browse round the garden centre and purchased plants there.

Felindre's next event will be a visit to the Newtown Textile Museum on **Wednesday 5th June**.

Felindre WI meets on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome - contact Jayne on *01547 510 644* for further information.

# **Celebrating Antonia**

Exhibition of the works of acclaimed sculptor and artist Antonia Spowers (1934 to 2020), **Sunday 30th June**, from 11am to 6pm at The Hymns Farm, Walton, Powys, Wales, LD8 2RA. Entry: Free

Refreshments, Tea, Coffee, Cakes etc will be available for purchase. Contact: radnorshireartists@gmail.com

Works include sculptures, drawings and paintings by Antonia, in the largest ever collection of her work held in one place.

Born in Knaresborough in 1934, Antonia moved to Wales in 1996 as she yearned to leave London and live with greater connection to the natural world. She lived first on the edge of the Black Mountains and later moved to Presteigne and designed a studio into the house which she built. Passionate about the environment, much of her inspiration came from the Welsh countryside. Her work has an environmental and sustainable emphasis with particular focus on solar power for self-circulating water sculptures and re-cycled and re-usable materials combined with new technologies.

She left behind a huge range of sculptures, from table-top pieces to large outdoor installations, and a fantastic collection of drawings and paintings, **all of which are being sold at the exhibition, to support young Welsh artists**. An online catalogue is being produced and will be available in due course. Please contact *radnorshireartists@gmail.com* to receive a copy when it is published, or keep an eye on *www.radnorshireartists.com/exhibitions* 

# Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

At the A.G.M., most of our major post-holders on committee were prepared to serve for another year. They are a talented bunch. We were sorry to learn of Ann Harroway's illness; she will be missed during her recovery period. Refreshments will continue to be available, thanks to Sue Fountain.

Planned for the coming season are some further enlightening talks and some attractive garden visits, including to Caebach, at Titley on **Monday 10th June**, from 6pm

A small competition is always laid on each month when we are 'at home' in Knucklas Community Centre. Visitors are always welcome.

Robert Forbath

# Llanfair Waterdine WI

For our May meeting (3rd May), we had a very interesting, entertaining and informative presentation by Ray Rand about the excellent work of *Bloodbikes Wales*. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session in which all members were able to take part. Thank you so much, Ray, for making the evening so enjoyable.

On **Friday** 7**th June** we have a presentation by the *Dogs for Good* led by Desna Mcall. We are looking forward to finding out more about their work in our local area.

Then for July we will be hosting a Whist Night which will be entirely new to some of our members.

Our meetings are on the first Friday of the month in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker/activity 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 Margaret Clugston 01547 529155 or Christine Chainey 01547 519254



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# What does a Ministry Area look like?

From the website of the Diocese Of Swansea & Brecon Continued from the April edition of The Radnor.

### Local Churches

Each church or group of churches within the Ministry Area should have a church committee and appoint church (sub) wardens. This group will be responsible for matters of local concern.

### **Ministry Area Executive**

The Ministry Area Council may have an Executive to assist in its functions.

### Ministry Area Team

Clergy will be licensed to the Ministry Area by the Bishop and, within that envelope, hold specific responsibilities and primary pastoral areas. These will be defined by a working agreement which will be drawn up by the Archdeacon in consultation with the Ministry Area Council and the Bishop.

### Finance

Each Ministry Area will have its own accounts, forward ministry share to the diocese, and hold financial responsibility for the Ministry Area. Each local church, or group of churches, should retain its own local accounts and deal with local financial arrangements. Legacies may be retained locally. Ministry Share will be allocated by the diocese to the Ministry Area. The Ministry Area Council will agree allocation between local churches or groups of churches.

### **Online Toolkit**

An online toolkit will help with the setting up and the running of a Ministry Area. This will be added to over time as questions and good practice develop. This will provide detailed advice about governance, representation, finance, and many other things.

#### Property Sub-Committee Delegated powers (and spending limits)

Oversee property matters, including strategic planning for property, faculties, Quinquennial inspections

#### **Church Committee**

Delegated powers (and spending limits) Oversee day to day matters relating to the running of the church inc. preparing for and delivering church services, minor repairs, Health and Safety etc.

A Church Committee may oversee more than one church.

### Ministry Area Council (MAC)

#### The Trustee Board

Responsible for all matters concerning the running of the Ministry Area Finance Sub-Committee

Delegated powers (and spending limits) to oversee finance matters including strategic financial planning, share allocation, investments, grant applications and shared MA expenses

#### Ministry Team (MAT)

Comprises all Ministry personnel, clerical and lay.

Delegated powers to oversee ministry matters including provision of church servies, fresh expresions, chaplaincy, youth and children's work, pastoral etc. Ministry Area Executive (MAE)

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Completes tasks requiring actioning between MAC meetings.

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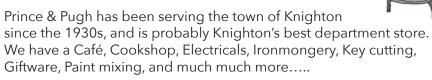


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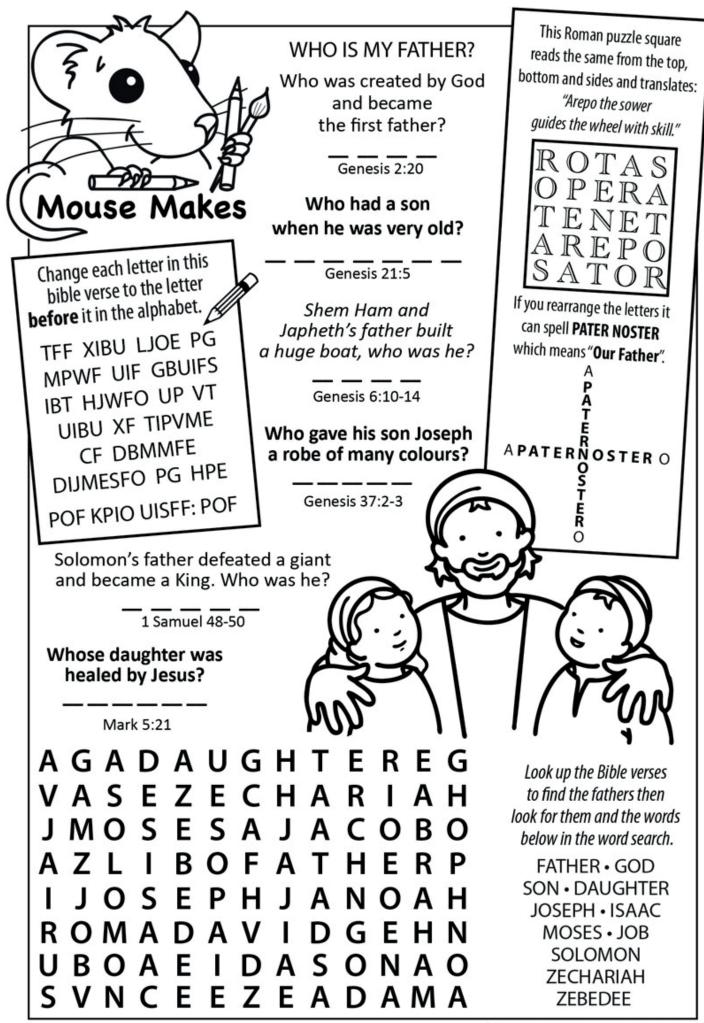
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## Rev'd John Hanna's 80th Birthday Tea Party

Thank you to all who came and to those who sent their best wishes, cards and gifts. We had a lovely afternoon, enjoying each other's company and the delicious food provided by Louise Hardwick and her daughter. I wonder which football team John supports?

**Pentecost Sunday in Exeter Cathedral** 





Exeter Cathedral was packed on Sunday evening for the culmination of this year's Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

From the website *www.thykingdomcome.global* - Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into

a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." - Archbishop Justin Welby



We made a "stained glass window" from coloured tissue paper to illustrate our text from Revelation 21.5, "And he who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new...'"

We had a discussion about what we can do to help transform the world.



The inspiring spirit-filled worship was led by Andy Flanagan and the talk was given by Dr Ruth Valero. Church leaders from Churches Together in Devon led the prayers. We were also able to ask for personal prayer from helpers stationed around the edges of the nave.

After the service, coffee was served outside in the evening sunshine.

From the editor (looking after her 103 year old mother in Exeter)

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." - Dereke Bruce

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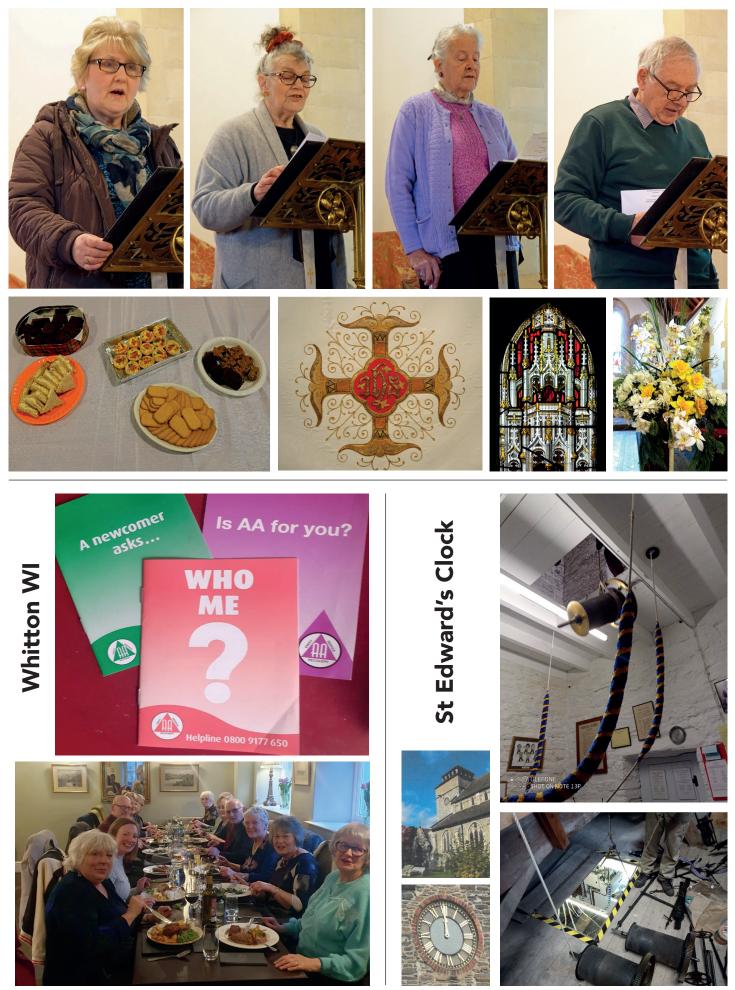








## St Cynllo's Morning Worship



## Technology and a Valiant Soloist to the Rescue

We weren't sure what the outcome would be when we decided to try morning worship in Llangunllo for a change but it proved to be quite popular. However, the down side of having a service at that time was that all our usual borrowed organists tend to be busy playing elsewhere. This problem was soon overcome by a CD of favourite hymns sung by a cathedral choir, which had the effect of greatly encouraging the efforts of the congregation and filling the church with sound.

The Gospel reading spoke of Jesus '*The Good Shepherd*' which seemed very appropriate in a parish well represented by its own shepherds – some of whom had stolen an hour or so off from lambing in order to join us.

Linking with this was a lovely solo rendition of the beautiful 23rd Psalm, *'The Lord's my Shepherd'*, that led gently into our time of contemplation and prayer.

We were delighted with the attendance at this service and will probably repeat this timing later on in the year.

There will be **no service at St Cynllo's in May** as St Andrew's, Norton are to have their first service after the recent refurbishments of Norton Community Hub on **Sunday 19th May** at 10.30am and we are keen to lend them our support. There will also be a service of blessing of the new roof by the Bishop at Colva on the same day in the afternoon.

St Cynllo's next service will be on Fathers' Day 16th June in the usual evening slot.

## Whitton WI

As Whitton WI continues to celebrate its Centenary, some of the members and their partners and guests enjoyed a splendid meal at The Lion Hotel, Leintwardine. Unfortunately, due to ill health, some of the members were not able to join in the occasion. The celebrations continue with a Centenary quiz at Whitton Community Hall on **Friday 7th June.** 

Others might be surprised to hear that Whitton WI Members were very interested to listen to representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous. It was riveting to hear about the experiences of the two people who came to our WI Meeting. They were informative, funny and above all honest, as they explained that Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) can be managed. They each spoke candidly about their own journey and the devastation that alcoholism had on them, their health and their relationships. Clearly, the support and guidance they received from AA was profound. We learnt that AA is non-secular, with no governing officers, no rules or regulation and no dues or fees.

It was clear that individuals are not necessarily identifiable, as they can have ways and means of disguising their alcohol issue. It is a fact, that we all must know someone who has this addiction - but do we actually know them? Without knowing we can still perhaps help, by distributing the information which is available. This could enable an individual to make their own decision and take steps towards a better outcome.

If any WI want an interesting speaker, it is suggested they contact the national helpline tel. 0800 9177 650.

## St Edward's Clock

On Monday 25th March, the clock in St. Edward's tower was at last dismantled and taken away for cleaning and refurbishing at the workshop of Timsbury Clocks in Bath.

It was both interesting and exciting to see all the different parts of the clock being lowered down through the access panels in the floors, ending up in the inner porch of the church.

On completion of the work, which will take around 6-8 weeks, it will be reassembled and tested, and then disassembled again, ready for its return to the tower, together with two automatic winders, where it will be reassembled yet again, and set running in full working order.

It will be lovely to see and hear the clock working again!

"When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall." - Anonv

## 20th June - Summer Solstice, longest day of the year

Article from Parish Pump

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. Sol + stice come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here are some Christian alternatives that honour the Creator rather than the created.

#### A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures, Especially Sir Brother Sun, Who makes the day and enlightens us through You. He is lovely and radiant and grand; And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi

#### God in All

He inspires all, He gives life to all, He dominates all, He supports all. He lights the light of the sun. He furnishes the light of the night. He has made springs in dry land. He is the God of heaven and earth, of sea and rivers, of sun, moon and stars, of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley, the God above heaven, and in heaven, and under heaven.

A prayer of St Patrick

## Planted in the love of the Father

Planted in the love of the Father You can grow, dear one, You can grow.

Watered by the spring of the Spirit His fruit you'll show, His fruit you'll show.

And when the sun scorches, And the thorns threaten, And the storms around life's garden blow -Your roots will hold, And hold secure, Because you're planted in the love of the Father,

By Daphne Kitching



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind

## A Night in June

The sun has long been set,

The stars are out by twos and threes,

The little birds are piping yet

Among the bushes and the trees;

There's a cuckoo, and one or two thrushes,

And a far-off wind that rushes,

And a sound of water that gushes,

And the cuckoo's sovereign cry

Fills all the hollow of the sky.

By William Wordsworth

## **Baptist Church Services**

		Worship Service Sunday @ 6 Service	
Monday 3rd	7.00pm	Prayer SpaceCommunity R	Room, Norton Street, Knighton
Sunday 9th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton
•		Joint Worship Service with Knighton Methodist Churc Sunday @ 6 Service	ę
		Worship Service Messy Church	
Sunday 30th	11.00am	Worship Service	Norton Street, Knighton

In addition to the above, our popular Toddler Group meets 10.00 -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 Methodist Church Services**

2nd June11am	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides	
9th June11am	Rev Sheila MacInally	Holy Communion
16th June11am	Mr Adrian Williams	
23rd June11am	Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides	
30th June11am	Mrs Vivienne Thomas	
7th July11am	Local Arrangement	

## St Mary's, Pilleth Services 2024

June 23rd, Sunday
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## New Radnor Baptist Chapel

## **Gravel Baptist Chapel**

 Further information from Keith Williams 01597 851 122

 9th June
 2.30pm

 Leigh Spicer

## Knighton Roman Catholic Church

Service every Sunday at 11 am

## Sankey Services and Songs of Praise 2024

Sun 2nd June7.00pm	Franksbridge Chapel
Sun 9th June7.30pm	Penuel Chapel, Llanwrthwl
Sun 16th June7.30pm	Howey Baptist Chapel
Sun 1st Sept6.00pm	Kerry Baptist Chapel
Sun 8th Sept6.30pm	Dolfor Free Church
Sun 27th Oct7.00pmC	rescent Christian Cnt, Newtown

Above details are correct at time of printing, but if in doubt please check first.

## St Mary's Church, New Radnor, Services

Every 2nd Sunday, 10am, Morning prayer in church Every 3rd Sunday, 4pm, Evening Praise in Community Centre Every 4th Sunday, 10am, Holy Communion in Church Please contact Reverend Rachael Storer for any queries about the services, thank you. The Rectory, School Lane, New Radnor. Telephone: *01544 350 760* 

## **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

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#### MW - Morning Worship

A less formal service based on MP

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**Morning or Evening Worship/Praise** - A less formal service. Sometimes with a theme eg harvest.

**Compline - A short Night Office** Set readings and prayers for night time.

**Compline Plus** - A service of hymns and reflection based around the liturgy of Compline.

Holy Communion/Eucharist - A service that includes the sharing of bread and wine as directed by Jesus at the Last Supper. This can be with hymns or said without hymns. The Liturgy will be CinW 2004, BCP or occasional Celtic.

Are there any types of service that you would like to see? If so please contact your church sub warden, any member of the Ministry Area Team or the clergy.

23rd June

## **Readings for Regular Services June**

#### 2nd June

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 1 Samuel 3. 1-10, (11-20)
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 Psalm 139. 1-6, 13-18
 Psalm 81.

 2 Corinthians 4. 5-12
 Mark 2.23 - 3.6

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 1 Samuel 8. 4-11, (12-15)
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 16-20, (11. 14. 15)
 Psalm 130

 2 Corinthians 4. 13-5.1
 Mark 3. 20-35

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 1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13
 Ezekiel 17. 22-24

 Psalm 20
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 Mark 4. 26-34
 Mark 4. 26-34

Psalm 9. 9-20

~ 30th June

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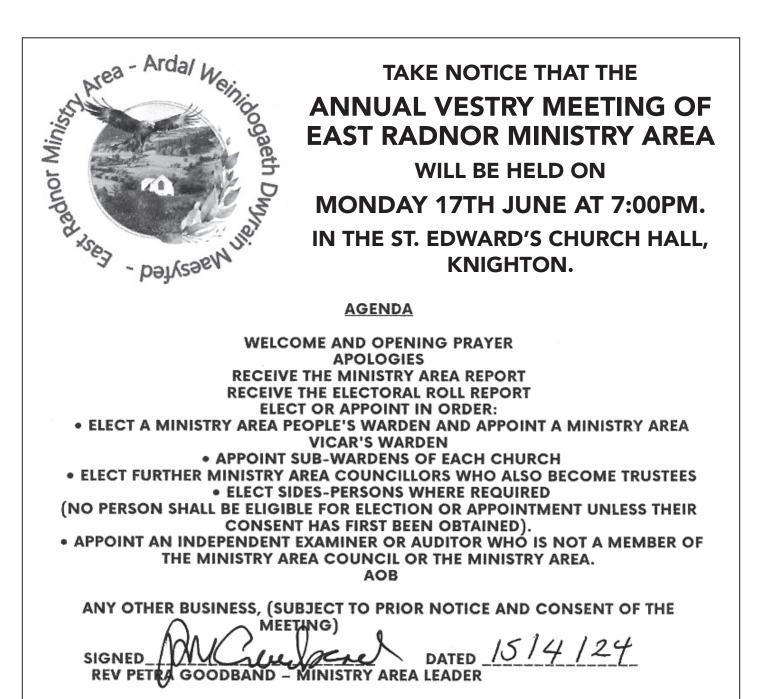
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Whitton Community Hall	Gill Powell			



## **Can You Help?**

The East Radnor Ministry Area needs a Treasurer.

If you feel you could help with this we would be most grateful. In the first instance please contact our administrator Danica Gulliver at *danicagulliver@churchinwales.org.uk* or speak to Rev'd Petra Goodband or Rev'd Rachael Storer (contact details on page 5).

### East Radnor Ministry Area Volunteers Needed

The East Radnor Ministry Area is now up and running but there are still some essential people needed to ensure that it will run smoothly.

We need a Ministry Area Treasurer, Secretary, Warden and more members of the Ministry Area Council to fill roles on various sub committees.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Petra on 01547 529 254

## Is GOOD calling calling you...? We invite you... to a series of inspirational talks given

by people whose lives have been transformed by spirituality and faith

Mahashyara Caitanya Friday 24 May 7pm From the Abhedashram Meditation centre, Welshpool

Laura Woodside-Jones Friday 28 June 7pm Reader Emeritus (Retired) Church in Wales

Revd. Michael Tavinor Friday 9 August 7pm Retired Dean of Hereford Cathedral

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH Bleddfa, Nr Knighton, Powys Admission: Donation to include a glass of wine Advance booking email: nicola.payne@btinternet.com New Radnor Informal Worship Team



Invite you to join our cafe worship

Taizé Worship

An inclusive space for quiet

reflection and meditation This will include a special homage to fathers as it is Fathers' Day

> SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AT 4 PM

> > New Radnor Community Centre

Contact Hermione if you would like a lift 01544 350691

## Ascension Day St Mary's New Radnor

Photos by Michael Capstick



School Lane, Oak before Ash







## East Radnor Ministry Area Service Rota June 2024

#### 1st June – Pilgrimage of Song

12pm	St David's, Colva
5.30pm	St Mary's, Gladestry

#### 2nd June – Trinity 1 (Green)

10am St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Morning Worship
11am	Morning Worship
11am	Pilgrimage of Song
2.30pm St David's, Colva	Holy Communion
3pmSt Michael's, Cascob	Evening Worship
7.30pm	

#### 9th June – Trinity 2 (Green)

9.30am St David's, Whitton	Holy Communion
10am	Morning Worship
11am	Holy Communion
11am	Holy Communion

#### 16th June – Trinity 3 (Green)

9.30am	St David's, Whitton	Morning Worship
10am	St Mary's, Gladestry	
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	
4pm	New Radnor	Informal Worship @ the Community Centre
5.30pm	St Cynllo's, Llangunllo	Evening Worship

#### 23rd June – Trinity 4 (Green)

9.30am	St Edward's, Knighto	nHoly Communion
10am	St Mary's, New Radno	or
11am	St Michael's, Beguildy	
3pm	St Mary's, Pilleth	
4pm	St Mary's, Gladestry	Holy Communion

#### **30th June – Trinity 5 (Green)**

11am	
2.30pmSt Mary's, Gladestry	WI 100th Birthday

#### 7th July – Trinity 6 (Green)

10am	St Michael's, Llanfihangel Nant Melan	Morning Worship
11am	St Peter's, Evancoyd	Morning Worship
11am	St Edward's, Knighton	Holy Communion
2.30pm	St David's, Colva	Evening Prayer
3pm	St Michael's, Cascob	Evening Worship
7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa	Compline Plus