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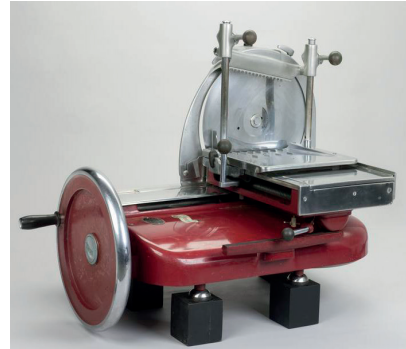




*Today the former Shop/Post Office is a private house*



*Seamstresses  
at work in  
1880s/1890s*



*1960s Bacon Slicer*

## **New Radnor walking Treasure Hunt followed by BBQ in The Hub gardens, good time had by all on Sunday 10th August.**





# Memories of Felindre Village Shop and Post Office

In the 1911 Census, Meredith Thomas lived at "The Stores," Felindre and was both grocer and draper. His family built the premises in the late 1870s and above the shop was a large room where two tailors sat crossed legged on the floor, and eight or nine seamstresses worked on garments. Customers were measured for a suit, or whatever garment they wanted, and then returned in three to four weeks to collect and settle their account.

In Welsh, the name Felindre comes from the words "melin tref" meaning "mill farm" and the fleeces of the local hill sheep may well have been the source of the cloth used by the Thomas family. It is said, a certain lady called Polly travelled from Abbey Cwm Hir to the mill with fleeces and then visited the room above the shop to order her latest outfit.

Over the years, Meredith Thomas appears to have built up a successful business and, alongside the grocery shop and tailoring, he also had live-in apprentice "store keepers" - boys who were trained on a four year tenure.

Slater's Business Directory of 1880 names Matthew Thomas as living at the Post Office and his occupation as Post Master and tailor. As a tailor did he possibly also work in the room above the village shop?

Interestingly in the 1881 Census, William Parker, born in Bleddfa, is also listed as a Store Keeper and Grocer in Felindre, along with a Sarah Reese from Llanidloes, suggesting competition to the Thomas family!

Over the years the shop and Post Office changed hands and in the early 1950s, on a Saturday morning, local boy Derek Brick, helped Mr Frank Barber who then ran the business. As the Saturday help, his duties included assisting Mr Barber to put up orders for the local customers, this would take place every fortnight. He was generally kept busy weighing up loose brown sugar to put in bags and cutting pieces of Maderia Cake and cheese from the large slabs of each displayed on the counter. Once in a while, he would have a telegram from the Post Office to deliver on foot to a villager, or possibly, to an outlying cottage and farm.

Before Mr Barber's day he remembers his parents talking of Mr and Mrs Jones at the shop and Post Office. Their son Jack was clerk to Knighton Rural District Council, the offices then located at the side of the now Knighton Hospital.

In the 1960s Leslie and Mary Morris took over the running of the shop and Post Office, having previously been the licencees of the village public house, The Wharf Inn. They stocked a good range of groceries and provisions for the community and deliveries in and around the village were also undertaken. Jars of sweets were found on the shop shelves too, the sweets were weighed into paper bags, usually 1/4 of a lb, and enjoyed by the children and adults alike. Large pieces of bacon were sliced to order with the hand operated bacon slicer and pieces of cheese cut to customer size with a sharp wire, then all wrapped in paper. At this time bread, came from Felton's Bakery in Knighton and from Watsons, Llandrindod Wells, baked by father Fred and delivered in a van by son Bill.

During the week, the papers came to the shop with the post, but on a Sunday, with no post available, Mr Jones collected them from Knighton on his motorbike. The shop and Post Office worked together and petrol and paraffin were also sold.

When deliveries and supplies to the area were disrupted by winter weather and heavy snow fall, local farmers were ready to lend a hand. During one particular snowy winter Mr and Mrs Morris' son, Bernard, travelled down the valley by tractor to Knighton to collect milk and bread for his parents' shop and Felindre folk.

Their daughter-in-law fondly recalls that each night Mary took the daily takings to bed, placed them safely under her pillow and slept on them until the morning!

In 1978 Doug and Clarice Thomas moved from the Wain Farm to the shop and Post Office, which they kept until it finally closed.

*(From recollections of local residents, Census, Slater's Directory and photographs via the internet.)*

**Post Script** - in the past the draper's shop and ladies/gentlemen outfitters in Knighton was known as Meredith Thomas. Was there a connection to Felindre's Meredith Thomas, maybe a reader of "The Radnor" can shed light on this?



*Village in 1930s with Shop/PO on the far left*



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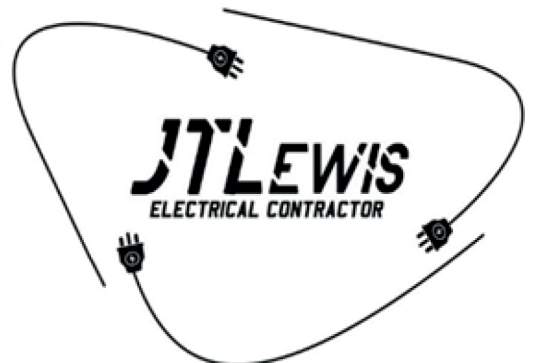
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Each new day brings with it a new beginning and a challenge. So how about a challenge, a challenge to be thankful! To make the effort to see the positive in a situation rather than the downside. To stop us when we start moaning and give thanks instead. And I think that if we can do that, we will discover that whatever life may bring, it will be the better for having consciously tried to live it in an attitude of thankfulness.

Blessings, Rachael

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## A Message from the Editor

I am going to have to say goodbye to editing "*The Radnor*" and to all the wonderful contributors who support us. John and I have bought a house in Exeter and we will be moving as soon as the sale of Victoria House goes through.

It has been a pleasure editing the magazine over the last few years, since Laura Woodside-Jones moved away. I would like to thank her for her continued support, and also the small committee who have kept the magazine going in so many ways.

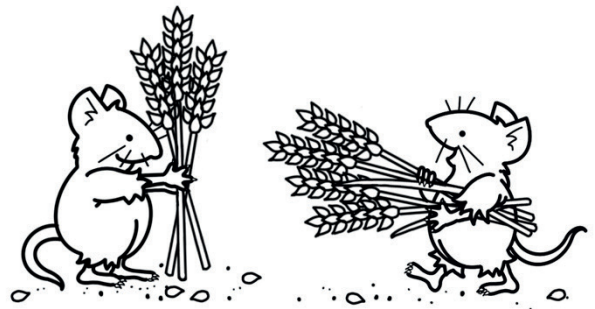
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It is possible that the new editor may change the deadline, but at present it continues to be the 15th of the month.

The deadline for October will be **15th September**.

Thank you everyone for your friendship and support. I will miss you.

With many blessings,  
Rosemary Hanna



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## About the Cover - Healing the Lame Man

This 'Arts and Crafts' window from 1925 is a touching memorial to a Bromyard physician, Josiah Browne, who died in 1924 at just 40 years of age. The New Testament is filled with tales of Jesus healing the lame, the blind, the deaf and those with mental illness. The window shows Jesus gently offering healing to a crippled man holding his crutch. He is supported by a woman, perhaps his wife or daughter, and they stare hopefully at the master physician. Jesus's halo is a red cross on a white surround; his robes are a rich drapery of white and gold. The rich colouring throughout reflects the 'Arts and Crafts' style as do the natural elements: flowers, leaves, trees. Scattered above and below the scene are symbols of the medical profession: a jar of ointment, a mortar and pestle, the Rod of Asclepius (snake on a pole).

The window at the Church of St Peter in Bromyard was designed by A.J. Davies and bears this inscription: "*The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth. He hath given man skill that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.*"

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



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# Gladestry WI

Our June meeting was held at the delightful Westonbury Mill Water Gardens.

Jess, our president, welcomed the members and guest to our unusual meeting place. A sunny walk around the gardens, which are known for their unique follies including a stone water tower with spouting gargoyles, a 5,000 multicoloured glass bottle dome and a giant water powered cuckoo clock. We then decided to hold our meeting in the African round house! We discussed various matters including a desperate need for a treasurer and secretary – if no one steps forward our WI will close.

After the meeting closed we continued to walk around the beautiful mass of moisture-loving plants, the highlight of which was listening to the history of the construction of the great water powered cuckoo clock, believed to be the largest in the world! It duly 'cuckooed' for us at 3 o'clock.

We concluded our sunny afternoon with delicious refreshments from the cafe.

On Tuesday 15th July ten members and guests were welcomed by our president, Jess, to our meeting. WI business was discussed, during which the desperate need for a treasurer and secretary was voiced. Jess then introduced our guest speaker, Robin Vincent.

Robin, who lives in Gladestry, kept us enthralled with his knowledge of and devotion to his bees. Apparently there are 20,000 species of bees - all vegetarian. There can be 40,000 bees in a colony and Rob has eight hives. The queen can live up to five years. She is marked with a coloured dot (different colour each year) and can lay up to 2,000 eggs a day!

Robin told us of the intricacies in the life of bees - we were held in awe of the intelligence of such small, vulnerable creatures. Robin answered many questions and we were pleased to purchase honey from him. It was a most interesting evening enjoyed by all. Our meeting concluded with shared refreshments.

Marlene Evans

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## Stowe & Stanage Women's Institute

The meeting in August took the shape of being our summer 'day out' and was organised with extreme precision by Shauna. We visited the Ludlow Mascall Centre, which is a very well-appointed centre with excellent facilities. We met Sarah Berry and her colleague Keely and were served coffee and biscuits and had a very short WI briefing from our President Jenny.

Sarah is a craft workshop facilitator/knitting designer who talked to us all about the beauty of needle felting. Sarah's talk was very engaging, and her passion for this art form was very apparent. We learnt about all the different wools, tartans and techniques used for this craft, and at the end members were able to have a 'go' at felting. Keely talked about her wool shop in Ludlow, all items needed for felting can be purchased at this shop.

We went to the Ludlow Kitchen Cafe, and enjoyed great (and somewhat delicious) food, conversation and laughter. We were well looked after by the Ludlow Kitchen Cafe staff, and we then went and had a look round the very engaging Ludlow Farmshop, some of us buying cheeky cheeses and delicious strawberries to take home.

The day was really quite delightful, and enjoyed very much by us all. Again, just having the opportunity to be with members from all walks of life, bringing with them skills, attributes and knowledge that we can all share, is truly enriching, especially for those of us who are not local. Having Margaret, our 90 year old member, regaling us with stories about how she fractured her arm whilst tackling a very strong cow many years ago on the farm she and her husband owned, was really very entertaining.

If you or anyone you know would like to hear more about our Stowe and Stanage WI please contact [sswisecretary24@gmail.com](mailto:sswisecretary24@gmail.com). Our members are always keen to meet prospective members, and we are open to people coming along for a 'taster session' as the secretary's guest.



## Coffee Morning in Walton Hall

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 20th September from 10am onwards in Walton Hall, in order to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice.





# Gladestry WI



*Meeting in the African round house*



*Under the water tower*



*Waiting for the 'cuckoo' to appear*



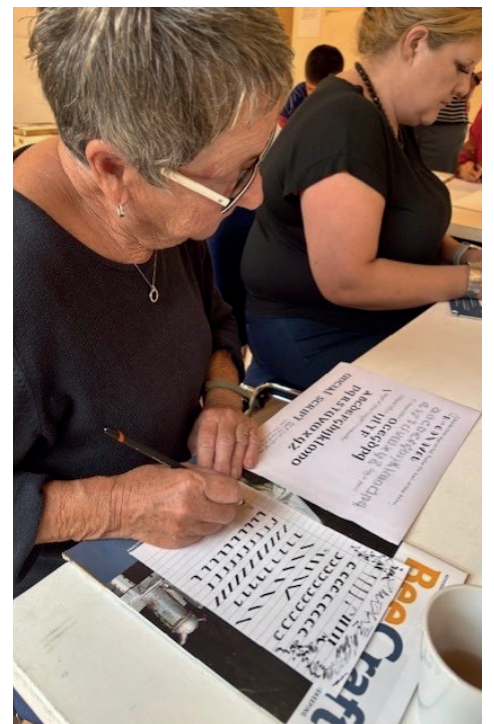
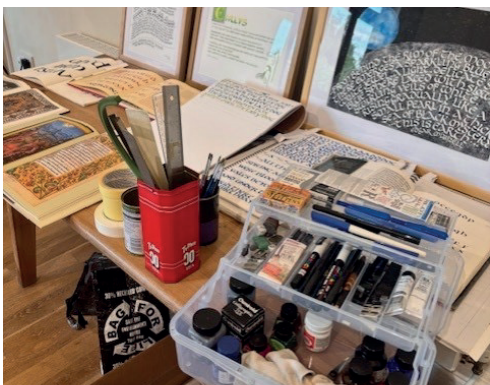
*Robert Vincent explaining the amazing life of bees.*



*Rob showing Joan a frame of honeycomb.*









## Tref y Clawdd WI

On a glorious summer day in August some of our ladies met up for lunch at the Old Barn Cafe in Hopton Heath. Not all members could attend as anniversary celebrations and grandparent duties took precedence, but those who attended had a delicious lunch before going for a leisurely stroll and returning for afternoon tea. It was a good chance to catch up in beautiful surroundings and make vital decisions about future events. After five hours of convivial chat (and food - the cakes were truly delicious) we headed home.

Next evening meeting we shall be indoors again for a Curling Competition. The last time we did this we were mostly collapsing with laughter as we watched each other's inexperienced attempts. We seem to be better at bowling, but are determined to improve. The lure of an after-game supper may encourage us to up our game.

If any lady would like to join us, you'd be very welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in St Edward's church hall at 7pm. We have a monthly raffle, a book exchange and an activity or speaker, then tea and cakes or biscuits - we also have occasional extra meetings with various local WI's or we can join local craft clubs and book clubs affiliated with WI.

Do phone Dorothy for extra details 07974 678514

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## Whitton WI

July's meeting was 'magical' – well, it seemed like that to most of our members. We were 'entertained' by Simon the scientist who gave us a demonstration of what he would normally deliver to primary school children. It's possible he got an even better reaction from our WI Members, as the wonders of basic science were presented in a novel way. We ended the evening with a delicious supper, but also each member made up a bag of sherbet (sugar, citric acid and baking powder) to take home. (and probably dunk their wet liquorice in).

August usually sees us on an outing and this year we met with Palaeontologist, Dr Lucy Muir, to see, hear and touch the past in Llandrindod Wells. It's known for its historical Spa established in the 1800s, but the area is considered to be astounding and unique. It's all about the rocks and the time line back 460 million years. Lucy's knowledge and enthusiasm for the established Geopark ([heartofwalesgeopark.org.uk](http://heartofwalesgeopark.org.uk)) was catching. She talked of the wonders of the geological world and the fact that many entirely unique species have been found in this locality. After passing around museum-quality specimens of fossils, she led our group on a gentle walk to see the evidence at the Chalybeate Spring, the glacial deposits and edge of the Volcanic Magna Chamber alongside the lake. A good day out, which was then made even better, by lunch at the Lakeside Cafe.

In September we are looking forward to a Farmhouse Cookery Demo at Llandegly but we are back in the Hall in October for Chair Yoga.

On Friday 12th September, everyone is welcome at the Quiz we have organised. Bring a team of up to 6 members or come alone and join with others. £5 each, including a hot dog and cash prizes. Bring your own drinks and cash for the raffle. Tel. 01547 560081.

Also, a reminder that the Coffee Mornings have continued throughout the summer and are still free on the second Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am until 12 noon. All welcome at the next one on 9th September.

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## Bleddfa Craft Group

The Bleddfa Craft Group met on Friday, August 8th at the Hall Barn. This month's focus was on Calligraphy, and we were fortunate to have the exceptionally talented Christine Haslock as our instructor.

During our first session, Christine introduced us to a simple yet elegant script. She emphasized the importance of proper pen grip and demonstrated how to determine the appropriate height for each letter based on the nib size. After practising the alphabet, we moved on to inscribing some famous quotes. The atmosphere in the room was hushed, as everyone was deeply immersed in their work. By the end of the evening, we had produced a variety of writing styles, each one striking in its own right.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be in September, where we will begin preparations for the Christmas Craft Fair, scheduled for **Saturday, November 22nd**, at Bleddfa Church and the Hall Barn. More details will follow soon. If you're interested in joining future sessions, please reach out to Kim Bacon at 01547 740 236 or via text at 07956 358 380.

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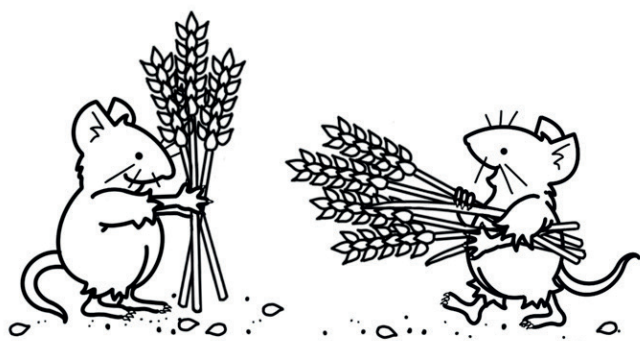
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## Celtic Saint of the Month

### St Ultan of Ardraccan – 4th September – died c. 657

St Ultan was a very talented member of the O'Connor clan of Meath, though he is best known for his care for poor young orphaned children. During the 7th century the Yellow Plague was raging through Europe and the British Isles, including County Meath in Ireland, where Ultan was abbot or bishop, or perhaps both. Many adults died of the plague, leaving orphaned children. Ultan cared for as many as he could, as many as 150 at a time. He is said to have invented the feeding bottle or, at least, this is the first mention in literature of such a thing. He bought cows' teats, filled them with milk and used them to feed the babies. A rann in the Leabhar Breac says of him,

*"The great sinless prince,  
in whom the little ones are flourishing,  
greatly play the children  
round Ultan of Ard Breccain."*

Ultan succeeded St Breccan as Abbot-Bishop of Ardraccan around 570. There he founded a school and it is said he educated and fed thousands of poor students from all over Ireland. Among his many talents, he was the one who collected the writings and miracles of St Brigid, adding his own illuminations to this and other manuscripts. He wrote beautiful hymns as well, including one in praise of St Brigid for her part in bringing the Gospel of Christ to Ireland: Christus in nostra insula (Christ in our island). He also collected stories about the life of St Patrick, which were used as a source for later writers, especially Tírechán.

St Ultan's Church was part of a small monastery and St Ultan's Well can still be visited. Unfortunately it has now run dry, due to nearby zinc mining, but it is still a place of pilgrimage, especially on the eve of St Ultan's Day. The church itself was destroyed many times, by Vikings at first and later by various Irish insurgents. The present building is 18th century, but is no longer in use. The parish church is now at Bohermeen, but still dedicated to St Ultan.

Inspired by the story of St Ultan's care for children, medical doctor and political activist Dr Kathleen Lynn established St Ultan's Infant Hospital in 1919 at 37 Charlemont Street in Dublin. Her work with Dublin's inner-city poor led her to open up a hospital specifically for mothers and infants in response to the high infant mortality rate in the city, extreme poverty and living conditions at the time. It was the only hospital in Ireland entirely managed by women. Every year, the hospital organised a pilgrimage and a picnic to the site of St. Ultan's Well in Ardraccan. The hospital closed in 1984 and merged with the National Children's Hospital.



*St Ultan's Holy Well, Ardraccan*

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## Knighton Wellbeing Festival

**Sunday 14th September at Knighton and District Community Centre**

**Free Admission**

The Knighton Community Centre will host their annual Wellbeing Festival for the fourth year running on Sunday 14th September 2025 from 10am - 4pm. Admission is free to this popular event which will be even bigger and better than in previous years.

Alongside a wide range of eclectic stalls showcasing the clinical/medical, holistic and complementary treatments available, there will be talks from eight guest speakers, as well as music from folk duo Mice in a Matchbox at 1 - 2pm. Dogs are not left out either as the Snuffle Bus will be on hand to look after our 4-legged friends' wellbeing.

Therapeutic practitioners will be offering one to one 'taster' sessions (massage and zero-balancing) in the Reynolds Room and guest speakers will be giving presentations in the Library on topics such as spiritual healing, therapeutic hypnotherapy and womb healing.

There will be vegetarian and vegan food available, and a raffle with prizes donated by stall holders. This event is a must for anyone interested in complementary therapies.



## Llanfair Waterdine Women's Institute

For our July meeting (4th), we had a very interesting and informative talk by Evie George on her family's involvement in The Bronze Age Find at Heyope. This was followed by a wonderful "Bring and Share" supper.

For our August (1st) meeting, Karen Bennett and Ann Lloyd were speaking to us about "Antarctica".

We are also looking forward to our September meeting where we will be preparing for our 100th Year Anniversary celebrations. Both meetings will be followed, as usual, by a "Bring and Share" supper.

Our meetings are usually on the first Friday of the month in The Everest Hall, Llanfairwaterdine. Meeting 7pm. Speaker/ activity 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors or new members to enjoy the speaker/ activity and share our finger buffet supper. So please come along.

For further information contact Margaret Clugston 01547 529 155 or Christine Chainey 01547 519 254

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## Stowe & Stanage Women's Institute

Our meeting in July was held in one of our members' beautiful gardens, we attended to all things business, and then relaxed in lovely surroundings. Despite being advised that "You'll get a cup of tea, and a biscuit", the attendees were treated to an absolutely fine and delicious afternoon tea provided by our host, and her assistants. The care and attention paid to our delicious fare was so very much appreciated by everyone. We also had the opportunity to 'get out' the Stowe & Stanage WI tea service, a very rare occasion, but how delightful to drink tea out of a beautiful bone china cup.

At the end of a very pleasant afternoon, filled with much chatter, fun and laughter, our president Jenny gave heartfelt thanks to our host Shauna, and her very able assistants Rene and Liz.

From my perspective I'm relieved that my fellow members appreciate my role as secretary, as if they were ever to expect such culinary perfection as we experienced that afternoon, they would be sadly wanting. I think this demonstrates that our membership is one that is very diverse, with members from all walks of life, bringing with them skills, attributes and knowledge that we can all share. Yes, a lot of our 'ladies' are indeed extremely competent chefs, and very creative with their hands, but this does not stop those of us who don't have a creative gene in their body from joining the group and bringing something unique to it.

Thus, if you or anyone you know would like to hear more about our Stowe and Stanage WI please contact [sswisecretary24@gmail.com](mailto:sswisecretary24@gmail.com). Our members are always keen to meet prospective members, and we are open to people coming along for a 'taster session' as the secretary's guest.

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Crug y Byddar is going to be the site of our last Hay Day this summer. We are inviting local people to bring a bag on **Tuesday 2nd September** and collect green hay, which you can use to establish a diversity of plants in your own wild grassland area, however small. This method has been shown to be more effective than using wildflower seeds or plug plants and anyone collecting grass will be given instructions on the best way to use green hay.

The postcode is LD7 1YT.

If you are interested and for further information email Alex Logan on [alex@cfga.org.uk](mailto:alex@cfga.org.uk)

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## News from St David's Colva

### Appreciation for a long serving treasurer

After 40 plus years Dorothy Rogers has stepped down from her role as church treasurer. She was thanked by Rev Rachael Storer for her dedication and commitment. In addition, she was presented with a message of gratitude signed by Bishop John, along with a crystal vase and spray of flowers.

The role of treasurer is at present vacant. If anyone is able to take on this role, please contact Rev Rachael Storer.

### October Harvest Thanksgiving

*'Come ye thankful people come'*

Please join us at St David's Colva on Sunday 5th October 2.30 pm to celebrate the harvest and give thanks for our daily food. The Radnor Valley Band will accompany the singing. Refreshments following the service.

### Remembering Audrey Probert, late of the Drevour.

Following the July service of Evensong members of Audrey's family were present for the interment of her ashes. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time. Audrey and her late husband Estyn served on the PCC in the past and regularly attended services and supported the upkeep of the church.

R Tarrant

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## St David's Colva Saturday 19th July, 2025 - The Radnorshire Society Visit

Reverend Rachael welcomed The Radnorshire Society to Colva Church on a very sunny Saturday in July. The church was packed and we were not deterred by a sudden power cut that left us in semi-darkness and put an end to projected images but did not put an end to our talk and tea!

We learned about life growing up at Colva Farm next door and Colva's mentions in Kilvert's Diary. Colva Farm was formerly The Sun Inn and an overnight stop for drovers on this busy drovers' route. We learned about the Davies Family who used to live there and then heard the spectacular account of Denys Corbett Wilson who made a forced landing of his monoplane in a field opposite the church in 1912. This caused quite a stir as you can imagine as most people hadn't seen a car, let alone an airplane. To celebrate the centenary of this event in 2012 a full-size replica was built out of willow and baling twine and the local community celebrated with an Edwardian-themed party.

We also learned about the background of our 13th century church, its medieval wall paintings, memorials and artifacts. A member of the audience knew the architect who discovered the paintings and told us that, had the talk been 45 years ago, the architect would have had us all on ladders picking off the Snowcem that covered them!

We even learned about Jane Evans, the first woman ever to join the Drove, walking livestock all the way from rural Wales to lucrative markets in London. Not content with this, she then travelled to Scutari in Turkey to work at Florence Nightingale's hospital, and then on to Balaclava where she nursed soldiers injured in the Crimean War.

What a wonderful afternoon full of interesting facts and anecdotes. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions, for coming along and for their generous donations toward the upkeep of St David's. St David's is always open, so please do visit the church, there is lots of information on display.

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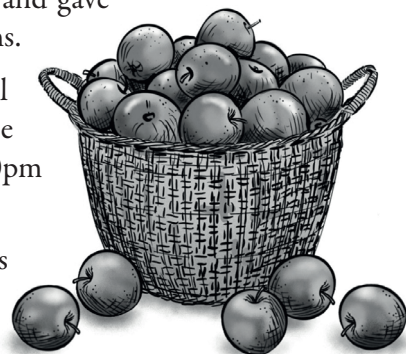
# Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

Meetings are normally held in Knucklas Community Centre at 7.30pm, on the second Monday of the month. But, during high summer we made a series of visits to local gardens, which were all delightful and gave inspiration, showing what amazing things can be done, even in quite adverse conditions.

Our next meeting is on the evening of **September 8th** when Margaret Herbert will speak on the subject of 21st Century Gardens. This will begin at 7.30pm, but those with interest in the potato-growing competition will assemble an hour earlier, at 6.30pm for weighing and judging of their crop in a bucket.

Visitors are very welcome to join with this friendly group. Refreshments are always available.

Robert Forbath



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## Knighton News

### St Edward's Coffee Morning

**September 20th** is the date for our next get together in the Church Hall, 10.00 am onwards. A warm welcome awaits you for coffee, good company, stalls and competitions. If you have items for us to sell, please bring them along on the day. All proceeds for church funds.

July Event - This raised the splendid sum of £325.00 for St Edward's running costs. Thank you to all who support with draw prizes and other gifts, most of all your company.

### Church Hall

The Roof Fund is still open, with some tiles available at £10.00 each. If you would like to help us with this task, please contact Jean Price (528 260).

### From the Registers

A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Derrick Price MBE, who passed away on July 14th aged 90 years. The service on 25th July was conducted by Rev. Petra Goodband and the organist was Geoff Weaver. The hymns chosen were "Abide with me" and "Make me a channel of your peace". There was a large congregation, including representatives from the town council, town criers from neighbouring areas, and businesses in town. In the eulogy the vicar recalled someone who had worked and supported so much for Knighton and the locality. Family tributes were read by Sally Hall, also mentioning her family's friendship over so many years. As the cortege left the church, a selection of Welsh music was played. Derrick was laid to rest in the New Cemetery. R.I.P. Our thoughts are with Margaret, Phillip, Debbie and all the family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

### Strawberry Tea

After the singing of favourite hymns in church, everyone moved into the hall to enjoy fresh strawberries and cream with a large table filled with other delicious tea-time treats, sandwiches and lots of tea. David was kept busy selling draw tickets, with so many attractive prizes to win. The children had an exciting time attempting to find escaped bears in the church grounds (all found). Thank you to all who organised and gave generously to the lovely social occasion. Special thanks to the gentleman who took charge of the washing up.

### "Bon Voyage"

We all want to wish Rev. John and Rosemary Hanna the very best of health and happiness in their new home in Exeter. We appreciate all the good work they have done for St Edward's. John was always willing to step in and help during the interregnums and other special services. Rosemary too worked so willingly to make a success of The Radnor. We are going to miss you, but will always remember your good company and kindness. All the best.

**Best wishes** are extended to Bob Jones and Derek Brick who have both undergone surgery recently at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobwen - a full recovery to both.

Jean Price



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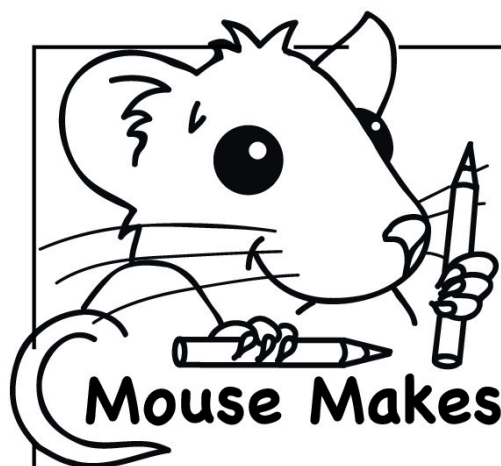
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## Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...  
The **land yields** its harvest, God,  
our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.  
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains  
at the right time. He makes sure that we  
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"**Honour** the  
**Lord** with your  
wealth and the  
first part of  
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"God... gives you **rain** from  
heaven and good harvests  
at the right times. He gives  
you plenty of **food** and  
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not  
important, and the one who **waters**  
is not important. Only GOD is  
important because He is the one  
who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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# Holidaying on the Border is Not What It Was

A few years ago the holiday-let business was for people seeking a break, time away from work. Not any more it seems. Gladestry is well positioned for visiting places of interest in Herefordshire and Powys; yet the majority of my guests to my self-catering cottage now come to work – or combine work and leisure.

During the winter months a telecoms cable engineer came for weeks, doing remedial work. Then there was the roofer working at the Ministry of Defence project near Hereford. He would make an early start on a never-ending contract; he booked again weeks later and said on leaving “I’ll see you again”.

Every year the main attractions have been the Hay Literary Festival and the Royal Welsh. For Hay we had a couple with a large van up-cycling deckchairs for the festival guests; and for the Builth week our guests were traders selling hand-made gifts. However, the high roller business guests outshined these small traders. Firstly, a female Swiss economist went horse riding every day, coming back in the afternoon to mark college papers after warming down with yoga. Then a market trader spent his days deciding on where the financial markets were headed, placing his positions and then going outside to smoke his cigar. One day he was shaken. What has happened I asked? “I’ve made too much”. “What, millions?” I replied. “No, more than that, much more,” was his response. He then said he made a dreadful error and if he did it again they would come after him. I asked him, “Did you happen to place your own money as well today?” “Why yes.” “Don’t be so down hearted,” I said, and we grinned. Talking of making money, a millionaire, who reminded me of the actress Joan Collins, came to stay for a month. She was looking for a rundown property to develop. Her budget was in excess of a million. She also made time for a game of online bridge.

Michael Johnson

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## Knucklas Notes

As we approach the end of summer, we can reflect upon a great deal of hot and dry weather, with records continuing to be broken. Farmers, in particular, have been having a hard time with poor pasture, grain and vegetable growth and the need to give extra feed to livestock far too early. This will mean problems in purchasing ever more expensive fodder to see the winter through. Day and night will be of equal length on September 22nd.

Leading up to the summer there have been several successful ventures including, at Heyope Parish Church, in late May, a much-enjoyed concert given by the Rhayader and District Male Voice Choir. This raised nearly £600 towards repair of the church tower.

Our need for, and dependence upon, the natural world are not forgotten in this area. At Llanfair Waterdine there is a Nature Recovery Group in action, whilst, on this side of the Teme, Christine Cooper will be leading the last of her summer series of meditative walks up on Castle Hill on the theme of ‘Rewild and Restore’. These sessions are scheduled for **Saturday 20th** and **Sunday 21st September**.

In June, our local Baptist Chapel celebrated its one hundred years in Knucklas with a communal Tea in the Community Centre and a special service of thanksgiving in the chapel. There were several interesting exhibits on display.

There have been a large number of fetes, carnivals and shows all around the area including, in Knucklas, the highly successful Village Fete and the more relaxing Allotments Open Day. Both required a great deal of dedicated work by the organisers and helpers but were blessed by fine weather and a great atmosphere. Further afield, the Royal Welsh Show seems to go from strength to strength and must be one of the finest of its kind in the country and beyond.

But there is more to come; not least Herefordshire Arts Week which can boast six different venues in Knucklas alone and notably, at Knucklas Community Centre, a joint exhibition by four local artists along with a continuing supply of refreshments including even light lunches! This venture was very popular last year. The Hall and the artists’ studios are open daily from **Saturday 6th until Sunday 14th September**, 11am until 5pm.

There are quite a lot of serious illnesses and other problems affecting people in the area. Local residents are sad at the passing away of much-loved Jean Linaker following a long illness. With every sympathy to George, their niece Sheila and all family and friends. Her body has been laid to rest in the grounds of the Baptist Chapel.

Robert Forbath

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# Chancel Repair Funds – What's that all about?

If you look at your church's statement of accounts you may have noticed details about the income and capital of one of these. The Church in Wales currently has the administration of 318 of these worth around £2.5 million in total and ranging from a value of approximately £70,000 to £30.

## What's the history?

Dating back to Medieval times the obligation for the repair and upkeep of the Chancel (the separate part of the church where the altar and choir stalls are usually to be found) fell to the Rector, who would receive income from tithes, glebe lands and other such sources to assist with this obligation.

Centuries passed and these lands and assets changed hands in ever more complicated ways until the 1836 Tithe Act replaced the somewhat unwieldy tithes, being a **tenth of produce** (hence tithe barns for storage) with an **annual monetary tithe rent payment**.

Various Church of England institutions, including the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, acquired the right to receive these tithe rent-charges and then, following the disestablishment in 1914 under the Welsh Church Act, those rights for our churches passed to the Church in Wales.

1936 when tithe rent-charges were abolished by statute, certain institutional bodies who had the right to receive these payments were issued stock in compensation for the loss of income.

The Tithe Act of 1936 then empowered the Church in Wales to stipulate how these funds were to be held and run and those regulations were adopted in 1937 and never amended until, in 1988, that power was repealed by the UK Parliament.

## So - what was the problem?

Only the **income** from these funds and **not the capital sum** could be used and **only** for the **upkeep of the chancel**. However, many chancels were in good shape whilst other parts of the church were badly in need of repair.

Many of the funds were too small for their income to be of any use. Also, the administration of these funds was unproportionally costly in time and money, there were issues when a church closes, and any application to use these funds involved an onerous process.

## What was the answer?

To **amend the regulations** so that the **capital could be used** as well as the income, and work on **all parts of the church structure** could be **eligible**. Also to rationalise the ways other problem issues are dealt with.

Fortunately the Charity Commission indicated that they have the power to make an order to achieve this purpose without involving an Act of Parliament and those amendments were established in October 2024.

## So – what does this mean for individual churches?

Now, if you need to do work on the structure of any part of your church building you can refer the matter to the Ministry Area Council, with an indication of what you need to do and quotes from builders.

Subject to their approval an application can then be made for shares to be sold at one of the quarterly sales so that funds can be released to cover the cost of the repairs.

St Cynllo's has been very grateful to be able to use our Fund to pay for the recent work to the masonry of the tower and gable end walls of both transept and chancel. The process has been very straightforward, with everyone involved offering greatly appreciated help and advice.

**I hope this information is of some use. Good luck with any project that your Chancel Repair Fund might be able to support.**

Pam Livingstone-Lawn. Llangunllo

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## Gladestry 49 Club

The winners of the weekly lotto in May and June were: Bob Terry (18), rollover (26), John Cook (4), Stuart & Heather Jones (54/13), Chris Kendrick (56/31), Sue Mullin (46), Ed Posey (15), John Cook (4). Congrats to all winners and thanks for your support. The current weekly price is £23. If you would like to join do contact me.

*Michael Johnson*



# Cyril's Diary

Ann Edwards, from Beguildy post office and shop, has come into possession of her Uncle Cyril's diary. In 1920 Cyril was 18 years old and he decided to leave home for New Zealand, voyaging on RMS Corinthic. Here are some extracts of the final days of the voyage before the start of his new adventure in New Zealand.

## Wednesday 17th March 1920 (St Patrick's)

This morning we came to Colon and we were very much impressed as we drew near to the land and saw the wonderful trees and scenery. The Panama Canal is absolutely *It*.

We see alligators, lizards, etc. there are some monkeys in the palm trees on the banks by the side of the boat. Deers, tigers, jaguars, lions and all kinds of wild animals abound in the wild around here.

The scenery is grand, all kinds of palm and cactus of most wonderful green grow here. *It* is all hilly at present, but of course we have not gone very far at present.

Tonight we are having an Irish concert and dance and I am looking forward to it immensely. I am now going to look for snakes in the bank.

## Saturday 20th

Last night I saw a grotesque sight. (I hope that is a suitable word.) The sea is awfully calm with scarcely a ripple and the fish get the "breeze up" and rise near the surface and swim away quickly. One can see this because they are covered in phosphorus and their shape is awfully clear, and they leave a long lighted trail behind them.

## Sunday 21st

We are about to cross over the line and we are looking forward with great excitement to the doings of King Neptune. There is a very old custom, which is nearly always carried out on all ships which enter the equatorial waters. King Neptune, Ruler of the Seven Seas, is a very stern ruler and any person entering his Equatorial Domain for the first time, without the permission of His Majesty, does so at his or her own risk.

## Saturday 29th

We shall be ashore in another 10 days thank goodness. *It* seems ages since I left home (not a bit like 5 weeks). The weather has been great since we left Panama. The sea has been perfectly calm up till Saturday, when we ran through the edge of a storm, but it did not amount to anything and the sea is calm again.

We are getting near to the end of our travels now, and therefore my chronicles must come to an end. I think if any person manages to read as far as this page he will need a drink or something.

RMS Corinthic arrives at  
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### **Walton Village Hall**

#### **Book & Jigsaw Swap**

Every 2nd Wednesday every month  
10am - 1pm inc. refreshments & homemade cakes.

Hall Bookings  
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(Mrs K Peachey)

### **The Radnorshire Bridge Club**

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New players are very welcome.

Kay Taylor - kay.tony@me.com  
Jane Stirling - jane@janestirling.co.uk

### **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.

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## David Roberts Poem

Harking back to the simpler,  
“Good Old Times”

### THE HOLIDAY

The hay be under cover,  
The harvest work be done;  
The farmers long enow have been  
A-toiling in the sun.

And some, who've been so busy,  
Won't strike another lick';  
They've laboured hard and done their best,  
They want to rest a wik.

Some hurry to the seaside,  
To spend a happy time;  
They make for Aber. with all speed  
Indeed, it be sublime!

It makes 'em young and linnow,  
It gives 'em health and vim  
And when they come agen to we,  
They'll be in splendid trim!

They'll have no ache or trouble,  
No rheumatis or pain;  
And tho' they didna stay for long,  
They'll be quite strong again.

They'll take the scythe and sickle,  
To reap the yellow corn;  
They'll feel quite fresh and nimble, fresh  
and smart,  
To start at yarly morn.

They'll benefit tremenjas,  
By gwain to smell the sea!  
For harvest work they'll gladly strip,  
Arter their trip, you'll see.



### Welsh Words

**hydref** – autumn (also used for the month of October – **mis Hydref**)

**cynhaeaf** – harvest time (lit. before winter)

**sgrympiau codi tatws** – sudden showers in late summer or early autumn (**sgrwmp** is a heavy shower – not sure what it has to do with picking up potatoes)

**hydefwynt** – autumn gale

## Llangunllo WI

### Summer Afternoon Picnic, Playing Boules

Our June meeting was kindly hosted by Di and Chris at the Old Vicarage. Overall, the day was not as sunny and warm as hoped, but business complete, the weather did improve and members and partners enjoyed a “bring and share picnic” in the garden.

It was a lovely, lazy, Sunday afternoon of chat, laughter and dining, rounded off by playing boules on the large lawn, with some of the games being rather competitive too!

Unfortunately, our speaker for the July meeting was unable to join us and we now look forward to “Hot Wax Painting” at a later date.

### From boules in July, to tenpin bowling in August

Some WI members and partners had a lovely evening bowling and an enjoyable meal afterwards at the Grove. After all that exercise, we certainly needed a drink and a nice meal together to finish off the evening.

Please contact Isabel our secretary on 01547 550 689 for more information about our WI, and our exciting guest speaker author & TV presenter Richard Cobourne at our open meeting on September 2nd.

Anne Newton & Isabel Morris

## Songs of Praise and More at St Edward's

The Songs of Praise, Bear Hunt and Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th August was a great success. It was supported by our other local churches as well.

Geoff led the songs of praise for half an hour in church and then a bear hunt followed in the churchyard for children.

The afternoon tea with delicious refreshments followed in the church hall. Linda organised it with help from Danica and many others.

All enjoyed the afternoon and funds were raised for St. Edward's Church.

## Norton Hub 100 Club

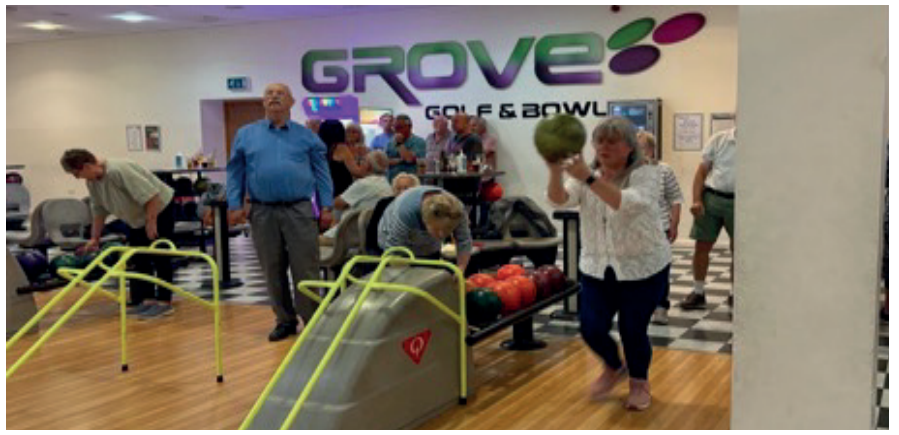
<b>June Draw</b>	1st	£40	No 70	Estevan Macias-Mellen
<b>(Drawn</b>	2nd	£25	No 20	Jane Hutchinson
<b>28th June)</b>	3rd	£15	No 24	Jane Perks

<b>July Draw</b>	1st	£40	No 11	Rachel Davies
<b>(Also drawn</b>	2nd	£25	No 10	Mark Price
<b>28th June!)</b>	3rd	£15	No 36	Kim Smith





*Ladies who lunch*



*Mike checking the board to see if he was winning, and Donna in action.*



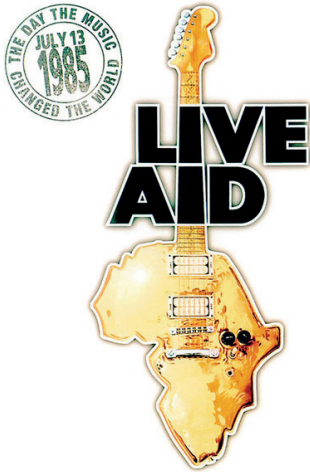
*I think I've won, well let's get the tape out!!*







*The Radnor Valley Band in Action*



## WI Outing to the Source of the Lugg

On July 14th seven WIs from the river Lugg catchment in England and Wales met at Radnorshire Wildlife Trust's Pentwyn reserve to walk up into the hills. Our mission was to explore the head waters of the Lugg as far as its source, with a splinter group enjoying a guided tour of the market garden run by Wilder Pentwyn Produce.

We came together afterwards for tea hosted by Llangunllo WI, where Dan of the Wilder Lugg project gave an excellent overview of what is happening in the upper reaches to improve both river health and flooding issues along its full length. Revelling in the river's wild beauty, understanding the challenges faced, and appreciating farming and food production along its course, what a top day out with a group of truly inspiring women.

Sue Thornton and Karen Edgar,  
Llangunllo WI



## Hymns and Pimms Celebrating Unity in Giving

St Cynllo's celebration started with foot tapping offerings from the Radnor Valley Band and this upbeat atmosphere continued throughout the service.

We were reminded that it was forty years since the work of Live Aid did so much to alleviate the worst of the effects of the famine in Ethiopia and also to open up innovative and exciting ways to organise large scale fundraising initiatives by using television appeals, whilst also introducing an element of fun.

In between a selection of inspiring hymns that were introduced by representatives from various local organisations, we had interesting and informative items about the work of many different charities that support people in need both at home and abroad.

Our prayers gave thanks for the selflessness, not only of the many fund raisers, but also those who, in their charitable and humanitarian work, find themselves in danger and at serious physical, mental and emotional risk. For them we asked for strength and fortitude and, on a practical level, dedicated part of the offertory to a global charity. The service certainly celebrated what unity in giving can achieve for both those who give and those who receive.

A second interlude from the Band led us into the Pimms part of the proceedings with the usual tasty array of nibbles, eagerly consumed by all who stayed for a social catch up.

As ever many thanks are due to all involved in making the event both memorable and enjoyable.

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## Fizz Pop Workshop

Brilliant fun held in New Radnor Hub marquee





## Ryan Davies

We lived our lives in harmony and enjoyment until the day Ryan was taken away from us tragically. We are overwhelmed with the support everyone has given us. From a touch on our shoulder, flowers, and cards to cooking, shopping, and helping on the farm, it has brought us comfort during this devastating time. We deeply appreciate your kindness, expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness and, with the hard road ahead of us, may your kindness continue. Though our lives will not be the same, we are very privileged and fortunate for Llewellyn, Nancy, and Jude. This will help us continue with our lives.

Thank you all who had contributed in the preparing, involvement, and organising with Ryan's Service, which we all did him proud. Thank you for your generous donations in memory of Ryan, which came to the grand total of £1,634.00, which will be divided equally between the Welsh Air Ambulance, the church yard at Llanfair Waterdine, and Llanfair Waterdine Pavilion.

Thank you all very much. Colin and Lesley Davies



## A Tribute to Derrick Price

From a 10 year old boy with his own little bell, to an 89 year old leading his town's carnival parade, Town Crier Derrick Price was a Knighton legend. Always leading the town's carnival procession, attending the annual Remembrance Day event and turning up to hundreds of other town events in his smart costume with gleaming shoes and of course, his bell.

Derrick, 90, passed away at Llanidloes Hospital on Monday, July 14, after being the town crier for 60 years. Born and bred in Knighton, Derrick's childhood ambition was not to be a town crier like his great-grandfather, grandfather and father. He swore he would not follow in their footsteps and take on a role that had been in his family since 1863, but when, in 1960, his father died, his opposition ceased overnight. Within a week of his father's death he was out delivering his first cry. Since then he's been a fixture in Knighton and the surrounding areas, and has even performed duties at events overseas.

For many years he and friends organised the Wales and Border Town Crier's Competition in Knighton, attracting criers from all over the area for a weekend of fun. As President of Grove Golf Club in Leominster he would present caps and trophies to the junior players as well as enjoy a round or two of golf himself. His efforts were rewarded when he received the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers' highest honour in 2009, and he was awarded an MBE in 2004.

His role was essentially ceremonial, but when his great-grandfather, grandfather and father were town criers it was an official position with responsibilities. As well as making traditional announcements, in years gone by the town crier was a bailiff, would wake workers in the mornings, and light the town's gas lamps. In the mid-1800s his great-grandfather was even responsible for announcing the auctions of women in Knighton. Such an auction would be incongruous now, but it was a means of divorce in the 1800s.

Derrick was a general builder in his everyday life, but his home has a sign saying 'Town Crier's House' and his builder's board had a picture of him as town crier on it. Derrick enjoyed his role as a figurehead in the town, once saying; *"I'm the fourth generation of town crier in Knighton and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I have met some wonderful people, not just from this country, but from around the world."*

Derrick was the mayor of the town five times between 1984 and 2002, and he served on the town council for about 44 years. He leaves behind his wife Margaret, his son Philip and daughter Debbie and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His family said: *"Derrick was always willing to help people out, he was very kind hearted and would help anyone. He did lots of voluntary work and he was the caretaker at the church hall up until he went into hospital. Both Clun and Knighton Carnivals will miss him and one person said 'another legend has gone'."*

Former Knighton Mayor Councillor Chris Branford said: *"Derrick was a great ambassador for Knighton. As town crier Derrick led the procession for the carnival for many years. I was pleased and grateful to lead the carnival parade with Derrick last year. Unfortunately, it was Derrick's final walk for the carnival."*

*"Derrick will be greatly missed far and wide. He was loyal, always reliable and very hard working. My love and thoughts go to Margaret and his family. He was a one-off gentleman and friend."*

Karen Compton (abridged)

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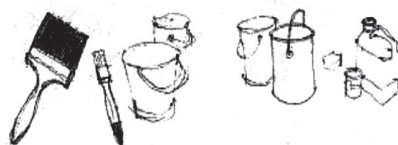
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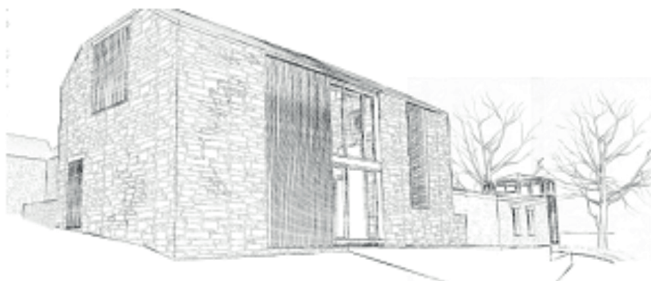
## Citizens Advice available via the Knighton Community Centre

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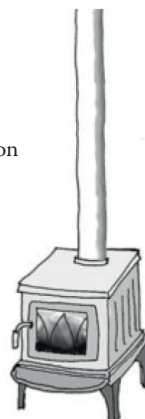
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He made such a huge contribution to the success and day to day running of our busy hall. Words cannot express the extent to which he will be missed. Derrick spent such a lot of time cleaning, checking safety measures, painting, repairs and more, to make sure the building is an ideal place to hold events and classes. He also raised much needed funds, organising regular enjoyable bingo evenings and selling produce from his garden, which he loved. We shall miss him. We have a very challenging job to find someone to fill the enormous gap left by his passing. We in the community have lost a great character from our town.

Our thoughts are with Derrick's wife Margaret, Philip, Debbie, family, neighbours and many friends.

## The Romans in Radnorshire

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A talk by Dr Marion Evans - 3pm Sunday 7th September, at New Radnor Community Centre. Entrance £5. Cake, wine, fizz etc all available! No charge for children under 12 - all proceeds to the Community Centre.

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## Readings for September

### September 7th Trinity 12

Deuteronomy 30. 15-20  
Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14. 25-33

### September 14th Holy Cross

The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church, though the latter has been revived in recent times. After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.

Numbers 21. 4-9  
Psalm 22. 23-28

Philippians 2. 6-11  
John 3. 13-17

### September 21st Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

Matthew appears in the list of the twelve apostles of Jesus and, according to the gospel written under his name, was a tax collector. Mark and Luke called the tax collector Levi, and it has been assumed that they are one and the same. This occupation was despised by his fellow Jews as a betrayal to the occupying Roman force, but Christ showed that judging by outward appearance was not what he was about. He ate with Matthew and with his friends, scandalising those around him. Matthew affirmed that his life would now change because of following Jesus, and that he would make amends for any former wrongdoing. This was enough for Jesus, for he had drawn someone back to God. He was forgiven; therefore, he was acceptable, therefore he was received.

Proverbs 3. 13-18  
Psalm 119. 65-72

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6  
Matthew 9. 9-13

### September 28th Trinity 15

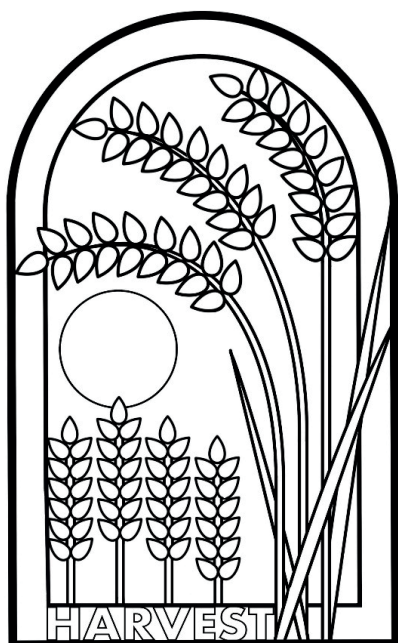
Amos 6. 1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6. 6-19  
Luke 16. 19-31

### October 5th Trinity 16

Habakkuk 1. 1-4; 2. 1-4  
Psalm 37. 1-9

2 Timothy 1. 1-14  
Luke 17. 5-10



## Gravel Baptist Chapel

14th September, 2.30pm  
Pam Livingstone-Lawn

12th October, 2.30pm  
Andrew Wyton (Harvest)

9th November, 10.45am  
Remembrance at Llangunllo

21st December, 2.30pm  
Carol Service

*Further information from  
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## St Mary's Church, New Radnor, Services

Every 2nd Sunday, 10am,  
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Every 3rd Sunday, 4pm,  
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Every 4th Sunday, 10am,  
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Storer for any queries about the  
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## Baptist Church Services - September

### September 2025

Mon 1st.....Prayer Space.....Community Room, Norton Street, Knighton  
Sun 7th.....11am.....Worship Service.....Norton Street, Knighton  
6pm.....Sunday @ 6 Service.....Knucklas Chapel  
Sun 14th.....11am.....Worship Service.....Norton Street, Knighton  
Sun 21st.....11am.....Joint Worship Service.....Norton Street Chapel, Knighton  
*with Knighton Methodist Church*  
6pm.....Sunday @ 6 Service.....Knucklas Chapel  
Sun 28th.....11am.....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 519 215. For details of other events and news, please see our Facebook page.

## Methodist Church Services

All services start at 11am

### September 2025

7th.....Rev George Heinz.....Holy Communion  
14th.....Rev Phil Summers.....  
21st.....Rev Sheila Macinnally.....  
28th.....Mr A Priestly.....

### October 2025

5th.....Mr Stephen Dalton

**Lunch Club** on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from 12 noon at Methodist Church, Victoria Road.

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### 7th September – Trinity 12 (Green)

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

### 14th September – Holy Cross Sunday (Red)

9.30am.....St David's, Whitton..... Morning Worship  
10am .....St Mary's, Gladestry..... Morning Worship  
11am .....St Peter's, Evancoyd ..... Holy Communion  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton ..... Morning Worship  
4pm .....New Radnor..... Informal Worship @  
the Community Centre

### 21st September – Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist (Red)

9.30am.....St David's, Whitton..... Harvest Service  
10am .....St Mary's, New Radnor ..... Morning Worship  
11am .....St Peter's, Evancoyd ..... Morning Worship  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton ..... Holy Communion  
4pm .....St Cynllo's, Llangunllo..... Pet Service at Orinoco  
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### 28th September – Trinity 15 (Green)

10am .....St Mary's, New Radnor ..... Holy Communion  
11am .....St Edward's, Knighton ..... Morning Worship  
3pm .....St David's, Heyope..... Harvest Service  
3pm .....St Mary's, Pilleth..... Harvest Service  
4pm .....St Mary's, Gladestry..... Holy Communion

### Friday 3rd October

6.30pm ...St Michael's, ..... Harvest Service  
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### Saturday 4th October

6pm .....St Peter's, Evancoyd ..... Harvest Service  
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### 5th October – Trinity 16 (Green)

11am .....St Edward's, Knighton ..... Holy Communion  
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3pm .....St Michael's, Cascob..... Harvest Service  
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### Friday 10th October

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