

Llandyssil Community News

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For residents of Llandyssil, Cwminkin, Cefn y Coed and Green Lane

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The 10th Annual Dragonfest
Saturday 9th September from 12:30
Free Parking & Free Entry



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TO A QUIET COUNTRY LANE NEAR YOU!

Coffee Morning - Saturday 28th October

From 10:15 in the Old School Hall, including a Llandyssil Lottery draw

Proposed Pig Factory

Village petition. Local Community Councils voice reservations

At a meeting on 13th July 2017 of residents from Abermule, Cwminkin, Green Lane and Llandyssil, in the Old School Hall, Llandyssil, concern was expressed regarding Planning Application P/2017/0697 '**Erection of 2 no. livestock building and covered manure store, together with 2 no. feed bins, hard standing and a new highway access point**' on the single track Montgomery Hill Road. Although the development (actually an intensive livestock unit for 1,980 pigs plus feed store and ancillary buildings) would be in the adjacent local council area of Montgomery, it has been stipulated that all traffic to the site would be along the Abermule to Montgomery road, passing through Abermule and Green Lane and affecting Llandyssil and Cwminkin and having an impact on all those communities.

A letter was subsequently sent to Cllr. Gareth Pugh, our Community Council and Planning.

It stated:

1. **Lack of Consultation.** We believe that there has been **no proper consultation** with affected communities as required under the pre-planning application, the application has been **misadvertised** and the site and press notices are at best so **misleading** to be at the point at which the application could possibly be described as being legally 'unsafe'.

2. **Road Traffic Movements.** Although the Highways Department has said it can 'see no issues' with up to 38 tonne, up to 55 ft articulated lorries regularly delivering feed, straw and pigs along three miles of narrow, twisty, busy single track road, the communities affected believe that the proposal is totally **unworkable/impossible**, there would be **damage to the road and its verges** to a point of danger and it would have a **serious impact on the communities concerned**. The unclassified Abermule to Montgomery Hill Road is a narrow, single track lane which already suffers from surface degradation and verge damage and is prone to being blocked by flooding and by snow and ice in winter; it is not salted or cleared in winter. The unclassified road is not suitable for articulated vehicles (or even large HGVs), especially at the Montgomery end which has some

tight and blind corners. The verges are already an issue, with several smaller lorries having to be pulled out of the ditch, including the Powys refuse vehicle. The road also crosses Sarn Bridge near Llandyssil where in the past there have been concerns regarding its strength to support increased and heavier vehicular traffic. The road also crosses several old culverts. Being a single track road there are also a number of safety issues to be considered; the road is seeing increasing local traffic usage.

The meeting asked the above if:

a) the consultation period could be extended by the Planning Department to allow residents of affected communities to properly provide their views given that the application was incorrectly advertised on planning and press notices as being in Hyssington (not Montgomery) and the scale of the development being misrepresented and

b) there could be a proper impact study on the use of articulated lorries on the Abermule to Montgomery Hill Road and a site visit by the Highways Department before any decision is made. This study would require better information on likely road usage, not only to include construction traffic (an estimated 160 lorry-loads of concrete will be needed) and feed trucks but also straw and pig movements – with a 21 week growing programme there will be considerable pig-related road activity which is not covered in the application. A number of other issues were also raised about the development itself – affect on water courses, ammonia, and on water usage.

On Monday 17th July, Brian Goddard, Paul Creed and Alan Burch from Llandyssil attended a meeting of the **Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council** and made a presentation based on the above information.

They were permitted to observe the Council's discussion following their presentation. They understood that the Council was to respond to the planning officer stating the Council's reservations regarding the proposed route, although having no objections in principle to the development *per se*, (*which is not in their area of responsibility*).

Brian, Paul and Alan later carried out a road survey which has been sent to the Council. 53 measurements were taken along the route

some of which found the road was narrower than the standard width of a 38 ton lorry.

A petition was organised which was handed in on Thursday 3rd August.

Montgomery Town Council agreed the following response to go to Planning:

On the 27th July Montgomery Town Council determined that although supporting farm diversification, they had serious concerns regarding the Hill Farm application as not meeting the criteria of an appropriate development for the location regarding the following issues:

1. Unsuitability of access routes for proposed HGVs including safety issues for other road users, walkers and cyclists including non-assessed associated vehicle movements
2. Environmental impact on water courses and ancient woodland and lack of clarity as to planting schemes
3. Manure management and non-field gate transfer to remote sites close to town and with potential impact on Severn, Camlad, Montgomery Canal SAC and well used Rights of Way
4. Impact on adjacent communities
5. Unsuitability of construction materials for the prominent site in a landscape deemed of high scenic quality and adjacent to the Vale of Montgomery Registered Historic Landscape (rated Outstanding)

There were additional concerns regarding the Pre-application Consultation process. This is a relatively new procedure for larger developments and it was determined to make a separate response and to request this would be taken into account to make future consultations more accessible and transparent. This consultation was inadequate and insufficient and failed to engage and inform the community so could not be considered robust.

Many letters have been written to Planning, including:

Iolo Williams: *Dear Mr Pryce, I was horrified to learn about the proposed development of an intensive 2,000 pig factory on the hill road near Montgomery. Such intensive units have no place in the*

stunning rural settings of mid-Wales and are completely out of character with that area of Montgomeryshire in particular. Recent events in west Wales have clearly shown that farm effluent from large-scale units such as the one proposed here are one of the greatest dangers to our rivers and the Welsh fishing industry. Three notable incidents in the past four months have killed tens of thousands of fish on the River Teifi alone. A similar incident on the Severn would have disastrous consequences.

Allied to the real dangers of environmental pollution are the threats to local people caused by an increase in traffic, particularly large lorries. The area is served by a network of small country lanes, none of which are suitable for large HGVs or construction vehicles.

In summary, this is the type of development that should be discouraged in rural mid-Wales and I trust that the Council will do the right thing in turning it down.

Yours Faithfully,

Iolo Williams, Naturalist and Broadcaster

Paul Hodgson from Cwminkin wrote:

Degradation of public highways:

On learning of the potential size of the enterprise my chief concern is the degradation of the narrow lanes in the locality as HGV feed, straw and livestock vehicles ply to and from the site when it is up and running as a piggery.

I understand that you may be making a site visit and would ask you to possibly please make a detour to visit the nearby lane that serves Sutton Farm, less than a mile west of the planned piggery site. This is where you will see clear evidence of what HGV traffic has accomplished in a short time to reduce what was a standard tarmacadam lane to a rutted track. This is an adopted highway, an unclassified road which in winter becomes impassable to small cars.

This cannot be allowed to happen to the lane (also unclassified) that connects Llandyssil to Montgomery, essentially affecting through traffic all the way back to Abermule. I cannot over-emphasise the reliance many currently have on the lane referred to above remaining a safe means by which to travel by light vehicle to and from Montgomery, but also for the legal enjoyment of many local and tourist walkers, cyclists (the lane is a designated Montgomery cycle route) and equestrian users.

Ammonia gas drift:

There are also ecological concerns and not unreasonably we would seek reassurance arising from the hazards or otherwise of the reported presence of increased ammonia levels and inevitable colourless gas drift expected to result from the operation of a 2,000 capacity piggery unit within the radius of domestic habitation.

Paul added in a later missive - Of particular importance is the apparent failure in the application to identify correctly the number of hectares it is intended will be used for manure disposal, and thus the full extent of ammonia drift.

I am delighted the report states that any damage to Montgomery Canal will be minimal - but that is approximately 2.8 kilometres west from the proposed pig unit. The River Severn flows between the site and the canal, but is not mentioned.

*Besides that, the report states clearly **"the Ammonia Modelling report predicts that the process contribution to the annual mean concentration would exceed 100% of the Critical Level and Load over the Ancient Woodlands 230m east of the site."** and then goes on to suggest compensatory acceptance of some localised tree planting to offset for **"potential adverse impacts on the Ancient Woodlands"**.*

Equidistant and south west of the site stands an equally classified Ancient Woodland at Cwminkin. I am appalled that it would seem preferable to potentially destroy Ancient Woodlands in preference to establishing an industrialised intensive pig rearing unit, one which will have such a detrimental effect to the surrounding natural biodiversity

(with large numbers of species of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects including many butterflies) within the areas likely to be affected.

The Ancient Woodland at Cwminkin contains a number of veteran oaks, one in particular has been estimated to be over 650 years old, plus ancient field maple, sycamore and ash. In excess of 1,000 new trees have been added to the woodland in the past 14 years, the woods being carefully managed, not out of any particular subjectiveness but in a determined, objective effort to balance the effects of the loss of natural habitat in the pursuit of profit.

Llandyssil Dragonfest 2017

Pyrotechnics, Campaigning Lambs, Blind Eye...

Once again Dragonfest promises to be a great fun day. The theme is '**Legends**' – to tie in with the Welsh Tourist Board 2017 theme of Welsh Legends. This gives scope for the kids to come as their favourite fairy tale, film and cartoon characters and attendees from Owain Glyndwr to Catherine Zeta Jones, Tom Jones and Shirley Bassey – David Lloyd George and the odd rugger player!

It will start with the Dragon procession at 12:30 with, this year, four schools participating. The kids' games will start the event followed by a local Tug of War and the Llandyssil Olympics.

Ifor Humphreys' lambs have been such a success that they are back by popular demand, this year, appropriately with a 'Lamb Election'. Who will pass the post and be the Llandyssil Theresa or Jeremy?

At 3:15 there will be a pyrotechnic display, the Dragon and Fool, which will bring a hot flush to the doughtiest farmer and from 4 until 6pm, after the £100 first prize Raffle draw, the local band Blind Eye will entertain with songs from the '60s to the present day.

The Owls will be back along with lots of stalls and entertainments. The Church will be open and Dragon Roast (which tastes like pork) will be available all day – as will the bar and refreshment tent. Free entry and free parking – Do join us for great day out on Saturday 9th September.

Coffee Morning - 29th July

Thanks to everyone who came along. The coffee morning raised £108.50.

Coffee Mornings are held from 10:15 to 11:30 on the last Saturday of every 3rd month, to coincide with the Llandyssil Lottery draws: The next coffee morning will be on 28th October.

The winning numbers in the July Llandyssil Lottery are:

1 st	Judy Burch	£49.60
2 nd	Andy Jarman	£31.00
3 rd	Muriel Lewis	£12.40

Forms to join Llandyssil Lottery and forms to renew are available to download from the village website - www.llandyssil.com. Once downloaded, you can print and send it to me.

Maralyn Parry: Treasurer

Hall AGM

Hall AGM –Thursday 22nd June

Chair's Report

The past year has seen the continuing use of the Hall by the Community. There were very few days on which the Hall was not used. This is a real indication of value of the Hall to the Community.

The Trustees would like to thank all those that use and support the Hall and look forward to their continuing support. The Trustees would also like to thank everyone who has helped with events at the Hall and with quizzes and raising funds – particularly Thelma and her team for the coffee mornings – and latterly those that have taken over the coffee morning duties – and Dave Hamer' line dancers.

Last year's Dragonfest, the Christmas Fair, events and coffee mornings raised around £4,000 for the Hall. Everyone deserves applause for this remarkable achievement, which is extraordinary for a small village like Llandyssil.

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan and Gwyneth Jones for allowing the School Field to be used for Dragonfest and event parking.

The Trustees would also like to thank the Community Council for their financial support during the past year for the Hall and for the grants towards the Hall cleaner and for the newsletter.

Thanks also to Dave Hamer for keeping the Hall looking good; to Ray and Myra Jones for the wonderful planter display; to Brian Turner, Tim Halford and Mike Membery, and all the deliverers for their continuing support for the newsletter, to Brian for keeping the website looking good, and to Wyn for mowing the grass and keeping the outside of the Hall looking tidy.

And a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Hall Spring Clean on 9th April. It worked really well and it is becoming an annual event.

As Treasurer and tireless supporter, Maralyn Parry deserves a special round of thanks for all her hard work. Thanks also to our Chair, Nigel, and to Tim as Secretary.

The Llandyssil Lottery is a real success, thank you to all involved. The Hall's finances are in good shape and very satisfactory. We have built up a fund of over £10,000 to provide security of tenure and to start to cover any refurbishment obligations under the lease. Our objective is to cover our outgoing costs and make a small surplus out of grant income and fund raising each year. This is more important than ever as some of our council funding is a little uncertain in view of the continuing pressure on council budgets.

Lastly, a big thank you to my all fellow Trustees for their continuing support and hard work during the year – and especially to Adrian, Thelma, Andrew, Mike M and all the Dragonfest team, an event which, in the best possible way, has put Llandyssil on the map! Roll on 9th September. Thank you. (Neil – Vice Chair)

The accounts had been completed, audited and signed off and showed a current surplus of over £17,000, including the Lottery account. The accounts were approved.

The following Trustees were re-elected: Chair – Nigel Thomas, Vice Chair – Neil Fisher, Secretary – Tim Halford. Maralyn Parry agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Could hall users always please check that the water heaters are switched off when leaving. The main switch is clearly marked in the kitchen.

Next Hall meeting - 7:30pm on Thursday 21st September

The Shack Book Discussion Group

Mondays, Old School Hall, Llandyssil

September 11, 18, 25 and October 2 10:30-11:30am

Discussion Leader: Rev. Dr. Alexis Smith

With 18 million copies sold worldwide and a movie, THE SHACK is an international bestseller that explores life's toughest questions through the gripping story of one man's struggle to find answers to his suffering.

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For more information and to sign up, please call 01938 554045 or send an email to: smith.sparrowssong@gmail.com

Line Dancing

Contact Dave Hamer: 668303. Monday nights at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Please come along - even if only to watch. If you join, in it costs £2.50 but only £1 if you want to just watch the fun and have a cup of tea.

Huge thanks once again to Dave Hamer and the Llandyssil Stompers who continue to support the Hall. Very much appreciated.

Llandyssil Ladies Club

Meets in the Old School Hall at 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

August 15th - No meeting

September 19th - Kathy Pearce 'Women's Health'

October 17th - Rev. Alexia Mayes talks about her Film & Collecting hobby

November 21st - Lisa Cakebread demonstrates Pyrography

Everyone is welcome at our very informal evenings. Annual subscription is £15.00 or visitors can pay £2.00 per meet. For more information please phone Marilyn 668523 or Lynne 668990 or see posters on village notice boards prior to each meeting.

St. Tyssil's Church Coffee Morning

The coffee morning on 20th May was well attended and a fantastic amount was raised towards the electrical project for the church. An approximate £375 was raised on the day and thanks to some very generous donations, the final total was £558. The Rector and Church Wardens would like to thank everyone for their support and we will endeavor to update you on progress as soon as we can.

We have an electrical inspection now arranged which should point us in the right direction of what exactly we need to do. This in turn will have a bearing on how much money we need to raise. Many thanks to all who supported in any way.

John Wood

John Wood who for many years lived in Hawthorn Drive – he was often seen pushing his beloved wife Margaret around the village - has died of a brain tumour at the age of 97.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits the village on the 1st Friday in the month:
1st September, 6th October, 3rd November.

Brooklyn at 14:10 - 14:25pm and Telephone Kiosk at 14:30 - 14:45pm.
Further details at www.powys.gov.uk/en/libraries/view-mobile-libraryroutes/welshpool-area-mobile-library/

MEG - Montgomery Energy Group

The Montgomery Energy Group June meeting heard about the past and present of Cae Post from John Harrington, who has been involved with the organisation from its beginnings in 1987. The mission of Cae Post has been to provide useful and meaningful employment to people with learning disabilities, and early on they identified collecting and sorting recycling, as a suitable activity. Over 30 years they have developed their expertise in this combination of recycling and social care, operating under contract with Powys County Council (PCC).

The contract with PCC has however recently expired because of PCC deciding to move to a different mode of recycling which does not involve the level of sorting used at Cae Post. Cae Post does not agree with this “basic bulking” model and does not believe it is best for increasing the levels of recycling. The loss of this contract is a serious setback but John described how Cae Post is developing new services such as commercial waste collection and confidential shredding to build new business to provide work for their supported workers.

The future is in the balance. Vital to the future is continued use of their building in Trewern, owned by PCC. Despite much discussion with PCC, Cae Post is still faced with the possibility of having to leave this site in spite of their investment in the building over the years.

We were inspired by this story of community service combining integration of people with learning difficulties with ever higher recycling rates and wish John and Cae Post success in their current discussions with PCC. If there is any way you can promote the work of Cae Post please do. See caepost.co.uk for more details.

Future MEG events

There will be no MEG meeting in August, but please come and see us on our stall at Montgomery Show.

The September MEG meeting will be another Repair Cafe (at the Town Hall 6 – 9 pm, see the separate notices.)

The October meeting will be about Community Energy Wales, and the community owned wind turbine that has been set up in Carmarthenshire, plus update on our Whitegates microhydro scheme. The November meeting will be about the Paris Climate Agreement – it is much mentioned, but what does it actually bind countries to do? All meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Activity Centre (except the Repair Cafe, see above). You can also follow MEG activities on Facebook at montgomeryenergygroup
Mike Membery 668643

Llandyssil and World War One (Part 3)

Part 2 focussed on local casualties in 1917, and this deals with the five casualties of 1918.

Born in Bettws, William Joseph Jones (1893-1918) was son of labourer John Jones and his wife Annie. About 1897-1898, his father became tenant farmer at Upper Llegodig. It is not clear when John Jones died, but, by the time the 1911 census was taken, Annie was a widowed charwoman, while son Joseph worked on the farm. It is likely Annie left the farm soon afterwards and, when her son died, she was living in Green Lane Cottage. Presumably when the family surrendered the tenancy at Upper Llegodig, William Joseph Jones went into service on a farm. Living in Llandinam, he enlisted for war service in Caersws. Research to date has not shed much light on his service as Private 49834 in Prince of Wales' (North Staffordshire Regiment) 9th Battalion. He died of wounds 12th April 1918, and his grave, VI. B. 12. in Doullens Communal Cemetery Ext. No. 1. was marked by a cross inscribed, at his mother' request: *"NOT DEAD TO THOSE WHO LOVED HIM, NOT LOST BUT GONE BEFORE"*.

Born in Newtown, Matthew Sharrott Ford (1889-1918) was son of watchmaker and jeweller, Alfred Ford J.P. and his wife, Fanny. In 1891 and 1901, Matthew was enumerated in the family home in Broad Street Newtown, but he was not with the family when the 1911 census was taken. Matthew's whereabouts in 1911 are unclear as is the date of his parents' move to Ivycot, Abermule. When he enlisted for war service on 16th June 1915, Matthew Sharrott Ford, living in Killarney, Brooke Street, Cooger, New South Wales, worked as a shearer.

Assigned to 1st Machine Gun Company (redesignated 1st Machine Gun Battalion 1st April 1918), he started as Private 2595 and was promoted Lance Corporal (6th October 1917) and Corporal (9th February 1918). His service and medical records, shedding light on over three years' service to his death in April 1918 can be viewed on <http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemsListing.aspx>. His grave, 3. B. 6 in Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery, Morbecque, is marked with a cross inscribed "*GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN THAN THIS*", words chosen by his mother. He is commemorated on both Llandyssil and Abermule war memorials as well as on panel 175 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

Lumley Owen Williams Jones (1876-1918), youngest son of Richard Edward Jones J.P., D.L., of Cefn Bryntalch, was educated at Clifton before, like his brother, attending Winchester College. Embarking on a military career, he joined 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment, and, when war broke out, he left for France with his regiment. Details of his wartime experiences appear on websites such as <http://www.winchestercollegeatwar.com/archive/lumley-owen-williames-jones/>. Taken ill with influenza, sadly developing into pneumonia, Brigadier General Lumley Owen Williams Jones died 14th September 1918 at a casualty clearing station in Bagneux. His is grave V. F. 24 in Bagneux British Cemetery Gezaincourt. His name appears on the war memorial and on a plaque inside the parish church in Llandyssil, as well as on the war memorial and roll of honour at Silsoe Parish Church in Bedfordshire.

Born in Chirbury, Shropshire, John Edward Powell (1892-1918) was son of agricultural labourer Edward Powell and his wife Annie. The evidence of successive censuses suggests that the family moved around the Montgomeryshire-Shropshire border area, presumably as father Edward found work on farms. Sources studied to date have not shed light on John Edward's employment on leaving school but the fact that he enlisted for war service in Birmingham suggests he was working in that area. He served as Gunner 185408 in Royal Garrison Artillery 113th Heavy Battery. Further research may shed more light on his war service before, aged 26, he was killed in action on the Western

Front 8th October 1918 and his is grave D. 16. in Guizancourt Farm Cemetery, Gouy.

Born in Manchester, Arthur Bertram Evans (1899-1918) and his widowed father (Arthur, a tea dealer born in Llanfyllin) were living in the Manchester home of young Arthur Bertram's maternal grandfather, Edinburgh-born book binder, Richard Newlands, when the 1901 census was taken. Before the end of 1901, his father married Lizzie Brookes, and, about 1903-1905, the family moved to Llandyssil where, at the time of the 1911 census, his father was a self-employed grocer at Oak Shop. Arthur Bertram, and his three younger half-siblings, probably attended the school in Llandyssil village where it is likely that he excelled in his studies as, rather than finding farm work, he became a clerk in the employ of Cambrian Railways serving at Montgomery, Newtown, Caersws and Whittington. On reaching the age of eighteen in summer 1917, he enlisted for war service at Welshpool. He served as Private 58408 in Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 25th (Montgomeryshire and Welsh Horse Yeomanry) Battalion (formerly 135798 Montgomeryshire Yeomanry) until he was killed in action 18th October 1918, just weeks before the Armistice. He was buried in grave B. 10. in Ronssoy Communal Cemetery.

If any readers would like information on other local men who served in the Great War, I will be happy to research. Contact m.annieowen@gmail.com

Annie Owen

Update on the Powys Local Development plan (LDP)

The LDP is now in the final stages of Examination by the Inspector. It has undergone significant changes and, as stated by Powys in the preamble of the Renewable Energy policy, this resulted entirely from the unprecedented public response to the Further Focussed Changes. Over 700 objections were received to the introduction of wind and solar Local Search Areas and many pointed out the inaccuracies and omissions in the Aecom report on which the Policy was based.

As a result of a subsequent landscape and grid assessment and revision of the technical report all wind search areas were removed and the renewable energy target reduced back to 61MW from the unbelievable 300MW. A number of Solar Search Areas have been identified but all with significant constrained areas where development is unlikely to be technically or materially possible when all considerations are taken into account.

The Inspector is directing a number of Action Points and Matters Arising Changes and the MACs will be subject to further public consultation in the autumn.

At the Examination representatives of the Welsh Government stated that responsibility for the LDP lies with the Local Authority and should reflect the local situation. If it is well evidenced and complies with national policy it is acceptable. A welcome clarification given some misinformation regarding the role of the WG in formulation of the LDP. There have been many additions and amendments including, at last, a Landscape Policy to which the Inspector has invited CPRW to contribute.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation, this has been an outstanding example of how informed public pressure has achieved a remarkable about-turn and is helping to shape a much better guiding planning document for the next 10 years.

Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales, Montgomeryshire Branch (see us on Facebook!)

Community volunteers wanted to improve Right of Way network

This area is now benefiting from a new project to improve the Right of Way network in the area. The scheme aims to enable communities to take an active role in managing local countryside access and to take ownership of the Rights of Way network. It operates within the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster Group encompassing the areas of Abermule, Berriew, Dolfor, Forden, Kerry, Leighton, Llandyssil, Sarn and Trelystan Community Councils and Montgomery Town Council.

This project aims to encourage residents to be proactive in undertaking basic path maintenance and improvements in their local area. Communities will also be encouraged to identify which works to

prioritise and funding is available to publicise and promote routes as the community sees fit.

This grass-roots project could help to further strengthen the community by bringing together people from different social circles. With landowners and volunteers all living in the local neighbourhood it is hoped they may get to know each other better, developing a greater understanding of each other's concerns and mutually looking after their interests.

The success of the scheme is entirely dependent on volunteers coming forward to help undertake works. They can expect enjoyable days out in the countryside in the company of like-minded people undertaking basic maintenance tasks such as vegetation clearance, or path improvements like replacing stiles with gates. Powys County Council will be providing volunteers with their own tool kits and safety equipment and will supply all materials for the works. Initially a Rights of Way officer will be present on site but the long term aim is to train team leaders to fulfil all the health and safety and pre-planning requirements.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is interested in becoming part of a team that will make a real difference to countryside access in your area. It's a chance to get to know your Rights of Way network better while developing practical skills in an enjoyable way, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Vale of Montgomery. Nothing will be asked of you that is beyond your ability or inclination. You will be rewarded with a real sense of achievement and a reminder of your contribution to the community every time you use that path.

Countryside access is an important resource which contributes to our health and well-being as well as creating recreational opportunities and making a significant contribution to the local tourism economy. Always under resourced, Right of Way budgets throughout the UK continue to be reduced. Without your help, your network could fall into further decline.

If you are interested in getting involved or want to know more, contact Phil Johnson, the Community Delivery Officer for the project at phil.johnson@powys.gov.uk (07779 989967) or Jill Kibble at jill.kibble@montgomery-wales.uk

Defibrillator

This is located just inside the bakery, next to the Old School Hall to be used to try to restart the human heart when it may have stopped due to heart attack. It's a very simple device, with clear, simple instructions. Further details from Neil Fisher 01686 669709.

Montgomery Medical Practice

If you find for whatever reason you can't get to an appointment PLEASE let the surgery know on 01686 668217. It would really help the Medical Practice and everyone who needs an appointment.

Harp Workshop For Beginners

Saturday 23rd September 2017 10:00 – 15:00

Montgomery Town Hall

Ever thought you would like to play the harp? Now is your chance! Renowned local harpist Amanda Munday will be running a workshop in Montgomery. Harps provided. Numbers limited.

Contact amandajanemunday@gmail.com or text 07787 187324

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Next Newsletter

The Newsletter is published four times a year. Any content, ideas or suggestions for the November issue or comments on this issue would be greatly welcomed - by mid October 2017 please.

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