# Llandyssil Community News Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

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

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Dragonfest Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 12:30 Free Parking & Free Entry



### Dragonfest 2017

Schools from Abermule, Berriew, Montgomery and St Mary's in Newtown took part in the Llandsyssil Dragonfest 'Dragon Procession' on a rather wet Saturday (the 9th September). The theme was Legends, and some stunning costumes (which included both Elvis and Woody) were seen on the field.

The Llandyssil Sports / Olympics were organised by Nigel and his team and the children who took part had great fun. The running commentary inspired all participants.

There was much wonder and applause for the Lamb elections, which saw four lambs trained by Tommi Humphreys jockeying for position. Gerald's catapult drew in a good crowd as did the North Wales Owl Sanctuary, who were such a success last year. They again allowed everyone to handle some rare and not-so-rare owls. The owl people enjoy taking part because they say that Dragonfest is a true community event. There were many other stalls and activities this year: The Dragonfest stall selling much needed umbrellas, Roll a Ball, Tombola, Apples, Cards, Clive the caricaturist, Tina's birthdates, a

**Coffee Morning - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** From 10:15 in the Old School Hall, including a Llandyssil Lottery draw book stall and guess the name of Gwen's hand knitted dragon were just some of them.

Alexis and her team from Church set up an area for the youngsters to hook a duck. The MEG free bike scheme was incredibly successful with many children taking bikes home at the end of the day.

The bouncy castle squeaked with the delight of kids and the sounds of battering came from the Sumo wrestlers on their mat. There were queues at the Dairy Dreams ice cream stall and the Dragon roast was served from 1:30pm. The bar and tea tent successfully provided refreshments all afternoon. Sarah, Paula and their team, which included lolo and several others, served the refreshments and organised the food tent, and deserve special thanks. Also deserving of special thanks are Nigel H and John on the bar who, under the expert guidance of Martin and his team of willing helpers, met the demands of a hot and thirsty crowd throughout the day.

Jack the Jester and his side kick did an amazing pyrotechnic display. He told the story of the Dragon and the fool with the dragon breathing real fire. This enthralled the youngsters sitting quietly as the story unfolded.

This year there were so many prizes. First prize was £100 and there were three meals for two donated by local eateries. Thanks must also go to all other Dragonfest supporters and prize givers.

St. Tyssil's Church was open with many stalls and displays. The beautiful knitted owls were admired by all those who saw them. The local band Blind Eye played from just after 4:00 until the end at 6:00p.m., a great way to bring Dragonfest 2017 to a close. The bar stayed open until dusk fell.

After costs, around £1,530 was raised for the Old School Hall, which on such a wet day was a great result. For those who want to see the details the Dragonfest accounts are on the website www.llandyssil.com Particular thanks go to Graham and Yvonne, who not only cook the Dragon but also supply as a contribution lots of rolls and baps. Dragonfest, however, would not be successful without the help and support of many people; those who make Dragons, take part in the procession, put up signs, painted flags and bunting, man the microphone, make cakes and serve food, man the Dragonfest stall thanks to Jane and Peter who stepped in at the last minute, run stalls, organise and run the bar, sell raffle tickets, organise games, marshal traffic and parking, help get the village ready, provide and put up the stage and tents, provide and operate Disco Dave's sound system with thanks to Dave who provided music for the morning and afternoon, provide the field for parking - thanks to Allan and Gwyneth, loan tents and organise the recycling – thanks Mike M, and of course Nigel, Maralyn and the Hall trustees who helped pull it all together! Dragonfest's success is a tribute to everyone involved and also to everyone who attended. Thank vou.

### Coffee Morning - 29th October

Thanks to the team and the support of the community we raised  $\pounds$ 139.40 at the coffee morning. This included a donation of  $\pounds$ 5 and table rent of  $\pounds$ 20. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Lottery:** Thanks to everyone involved in the LLandyssil Lottery. An early reminder that renewal forms will be in the next edition of the newsletter. It will include information for anyone wanting to pay through the bank.

Coffee Mornings are held from 10:15 to 11:30 on the last Saturday of every 3<sup>rd</sup> month, to coincide with the 200 Club draws: The next coffee morning will be on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

The winning numbers in the October Llandyssil Lottery are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	17	Judy Burch	£49.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	31	Gerald Jones	£31.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	99	Sue Parry	£12.40

The coffee mornings are a real community event and raise much needed funds for the Hall. If you, or someone you know is able to spare two hours one Saturday morning (9:30 - 11:30) a year to help, do let us know. Each coffee morning needs only a handful of people to open up, put out the tables and serve tea, coffee and biscuits, help get raffle prizes and tidy up afterwards. If you are happy to be called upon if help is needed, please let Tim know on 01686 668180 or at timhalford@yahoo.com - with a phone number and email address if possible.

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

# Key points from Village Hall meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

After a contribution of  $\pounds$ 200 from Control Techniques and income from Dairy Dreams, Dragonfest 2017 will have contributed a net  $\pounds$ 1,500 to funds. In view of the inclement weather this was seen as an excellent result.

Excluding Dragonfest and other one-off events, annual Hall income from rental, lottery, grants, coffee mornings etc is around £6,200. Annual expenditure is around £6,100. Events such as Dragonfest are therefore necessary to provide a buffer for future expenditure. Total cash in the account currently stands at over £18,000. It was agreed to set up a small committee to look at making an investment of an initial £10,000. The criteria are for funds to be invested at minimal risk, make a reasonable return, meet ethical criteria, be accessible, and to have defined and clear costs. The Trustees will be asked to agree to any proposal before any action is taken.

There was a discussion about whether Dragonfest should be continued next year. On balance it was felt that even if it was pitched as a smaller village event, as the teams doing the food, bar, games etc were in place, and it would be hard to drum up active support for anything new, it would be a shame to lose it It was also suggested that the Dragonfest date be changed to the third Saturday in September; to be discussed further at next meeting.

An 'Awards for All' grant may be applied for, if criteria met, for a) a shed on the field for storage of tents, recycling bins, other community materials used on the field, b) a new larger tent – or hire of a tent, c) attractions – such as the 'Jester'– at Dragonfest. Club 200 – Lottery. 122 people are now signed up. Going well

Future dates: Christmas Fair – 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Next Hall Meeting (to be confirmed) - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

The village lottery now has 122 members, all of whom have a chance to win one of three prizes every 3 months. If you're willing to continue your support for the village Lottery - for which we are very grateful and which brings in necessary funds - please write a cheque made out to 'LCCT – Lottery' and give to Maralyn or a trustee or pay directly to the bank. Lottery account No. is 11557718. Sort code 40-46-07. If a form is needed please call Maralyn on 668211 or download one from the village website – www.llandyssil.com. Big thanks to those who have renewed or recently joined. Cost is £10 per annum (4 draws) but £5.00 until the end of January 2018 (2 draws).

Coffee mornings. Helpers are always needed for the quarterly coffee mornings – if anyone can give two hours a year please email Tim at pineapplemews@aol.com. Saturday Coffee Morning dates for 2018 are:– Jan 27, April 28, July 28, Oct 27, Dec 1

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

### Llandyssil - BBC Wales Village of the Week

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 11:30 am, BBC Radio Wales featured Llandyssil, as its 'Village of the Week' on the daily Wynne Evans Programme. Hosted by Welsh tenor Wynne Evans, best known for the Go Compare advertisements, the programme interviewed a number of long term local residents about their life in Llandyssil. These included Tom and Sybil Ralph - the Ralph family have wound the clock of St. Tyssil's Church for over 100 years; Gwen Cooper one of the church wardens responsible for the village's Christmas Tree festival which last year featured over 60 extraordinary trees; Dave and Sheila Hamer - who run the Llandyssil Stompers, a line dancing group which has raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years; and Nigel Thomas - Chair of the Old School Hall and of the Llandyssil Dragonfest.

### Line Dancing

Contact Dave Hamer: 668303. Monday nights at 7:30 pm. 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.

The Llandyssil Stompers have donated a lot of money this year to different charities:

- Marie Curie received £205
- Air Ambulance £200
- Newtown Hospice £200
- Hope House £200
- MacMillan Nurses £200

The Llandyssil Stompers would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2017.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Cakebread - Pyrography
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch followed by Christmas Stories
with Val Littlehales	
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker TBA
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting

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 in Wales (Anglican)

Rector: Rev'd Toni Bennett: Tel. 01686 668243. Email toni.rev@btinternet.com
Warden: Gwyneth Jones: Tel. 01686 668216
Website: http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/a196/churches-en/
Facebook: Montgomery Group Churches

#### Sunday Worship

Every Sunday 9:30am (except where there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month).

The Open Church for the Dragonfest festivities was once again well attended even though the weather was not very favourable.

Remembrance Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November will be celebrated in the church with a service of Morning Prayer at 10:15am. This will be followed by a service at the war memorial at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us for either or both services.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm will see a very special service of Ordination of Dr Alexis Smith as Priest to the Pool Mission Area. The Bishop of St. Asaph will be officiating. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to come along to this special service.

A provisional date for a Carol Service has been set for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm. Further details will be available later.

A Xmas Eve Eucharist Service will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm There will be no morning service on this day.

The Xmas Tree Festival this year is being held at Forden church.

The first weekend in December will see the church full of wonderfully decorated trees. Do please go along for a look and help support this amazing event.

### **Charity Fundraiser**

Carol would like to thank all those who turned out to support her Pudding & Prosecco charity event on August Bank Holiday Sunday. Fun, games & merriment were enjoyed by all.



The amazing sum of £600 was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. A great big Thank You to all those who supported the event and who gave so generously.

### **Pig Farm Planning Application Passed**

The planning application for the proposed pig farm on the Hill Road was heard by Powys County Council's planning committee on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Three local residents: Tony Hughes from Cwminkin, Henry King-Salter from Green Lane and Alan Burch from Llandyssil made strong representations opposing the proposal, having made it clear that they were not opposed to diversification in farming, but to the inappropriate siting of the development, particularly with regard to the proposed vehicle movements. They also pointed out

major inaccuracies, omissions and inconsistencies in the application. Presentations were also made by the planning officer (most of which was inaudible) and, in particular, the highways officer, who insisted that the Hill Road was unrestricted and could therefore be used by any traffic, and that the traffic calming measures in Abermule had been designed with HGVs in mind. After some points were raised by a few members, the committee voted overwhelmingly in favour of the application with only one member against. The meeting was also attended by various members of the public including Gareth Pugh, our recently elected county councillor and Gwynneth Jones from the Community Council, although neither of them spoke.

The application is subject to various conditions, including the provision of five extra passing places along the approved route, although no details of this have been agreed. These can be viewed on the Powys Planning website: planning.services@powys.gov.uk The reference is P/2017/0697.

Those of you who have been following this application may remember that considerable confusion was caused by the council advertising it as being in Hyssington, not Llandyssil. You may be interested to know that two further recent applications, for buildings at Court Calmore, have also been advertised as being at Hyssington. If the council continues to perpetrate this major error there may be other applications that do not come to our attention.

#### Alan Burch

### **Mobile Library**

The mobile library visits the village on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Brooklyn at 14:10 - 14:25 pm and Telephone Kiosk at 14:30 - 14:45 pm.

Further details at www.powys.gov.uk/en/libraries/view-mobile-libraryroutes/welshpool-area-mobile-library/

### **MEG - Montgomery Energy Group**

At the September MEG meeting, Jeremy Thorp told the story of the development and construction of the community wind turbine near







# Dragonfest





Carmarthen, which has just started generating and Community Energy Wales have launched a share offer to sell shares in this community scheme.

The October MEG meeting (20<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30 in the Activity centre) will focus attention on the outcome of the COP21 meeting in Paris. What has the UK signed up to to and it is keeping to this pledge, what have other countries signed up to do and is it living up to expectations.

MEG is also organising a Winter Eco-fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6 to 9pm, at Whitegate Pools (behind the recycling area in Montgomery). Family entertainment illuminated by LED lights powered by electricity generated by our Water Wheel (as seen at Llandyssil Dragonfest). Decorated lantern competition. Watch out on Facebook and on the website for more details.

We are delighted that we have at last got the go-ahead from PCC to develop a community orchard on a triangle of land at the bottom of the town (in the corner between the Welshpool road and the Newtown road). We have permission to start preparing the area for planting of fruit trees while they draw up a suitable licence agreement. We have been hoping for this for several months, and will be in time to do some planting at the ideal time this winter.

Our bike scheme is going well, accepting donations of unwanted bikes, tidying and servicing them and finding new homes. Please get in touch either if you have a bike you would like to donate, or have need of a bike. The only condition of taking a bike is that when you no longer want it, that you return it to us rather than sell it or throw it away.

See Montgomery Energy Group - MEG - Home | Facebook for more details.

Jeremy Thorp / Mike Membery 01686 668643

### Llandyssil Walking Group

The first Walking Festival organised by Walkers are Welcome Montgomery was a great success with walks fully booked and 110 people taking part in the six bookable walks and over 80 parents and children enjoying the family fun walk. Equally successful was the Monty's Brewery take on Oktoberfest organised to coincide with the Walking Festival. Both are set to become regular Montgomery features so make a note in your diary for October 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The Festival also saw the launch of the first Montgomery Trail leaflets, three varied walks in our fabulous historic landscapes. Copies available in the Llandyssil Village Information Point.

**Community Footpath Project.** This is now well underway and beginning to have an impact. More people from the Llandyssil area would be very welcome to join.

We are planning a short Winter Ramble on Tuesday 5th December. Walk will start in Llandyssil and end with mulled wine and mince pies and an update on the Footpaths project (a chance to have your voices heard on footpath access issues!)

Details of the Project and the Winter Ramble from jilly@myphone.coop or John Billington.

#### John Billington 668619



### Farms Of Llandyssil Parish (Part 1)

These notes on the history of farms in Llandyssil parish are based on information in the tithe award and successive census returns (1841-1911). The parish tithe award (a large scale map and accompanying

schedule) provides a snapshot of the parish at the start of the Victorian era. *Cronicl,* the journal of Powys Family History Society (available for reference in Newtown Library) carries a list of Llandyssil's landowners and occupiers as shown in the tithe award. I propose to work through the farms in the parish, starting with Henfron, the largest farm in the parish at the time of the tithe award.

#### Henfron

At the time of the tithe award, Henfron, with over 400 acres, was owned by Lady Syer, a widow living at Stone House, Stokesay, and the farmer was George Langford. According to reports in contemporary newspapers George Langford was a well-known and respected stock-breeder. When the 1841 census was taken, George Langford and his wife, Elizabeth, lived at Henfron, but he retired in 1848 and the 1851 census records the couple living in nearby Weeg Cottage.

The 1851 census return shows widower John Norton (born in Bishops Castle about 1820) as head of the household at Henfron. There were changes in the following decade as Lady Syer died in 1855 and John Norton married his former housekeeper and had four more children (born between 1852 and 1860) by the time the 1861 census was taken. John Norton was still the tenant at Henfron when, described as being *very productive arable, meadow, pasture and woodland, with convenient farmhouse, farmstead and buildings, and two newly-erected cottages*, it was for sale by public auction at Royal Oak, Welshpool, at 3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1857. The sale particulars noted the advantage of its good communications with two turnpike roads nearby and Montgomery railway station just 1½ miles away. Research to date has not revealed the identity of the purchaser(s) nor when John Norton left Henfron.

It is not clear when the Price family went to Henfron but they were there when the 1871, 1881 and 1891 censuses were taken. Edward Price, the farmer, died before the 1891 census and the family left Henfron sometime before the 1901 census. In 1901, John Edwards, an unmarried man born in Berriew about 1865, headed the household at Henfron, and his brothers Jonathan, shepherd on the farm, and Charles, the carter, lived and worked with him. The Edwards family left before the 1911 census was taken when Llanidloes-born Thomas Vaughan Chapman, his wife and six children (aged from 9 years down to 4 months), together with three live-in servants, one male farm labourer and two female domestic servants, were at Henfron.

Older readers will remember Richard Jones who purchased Henfron in the 1920s and many will remember his sons, including Edwin, father and father-in-law of the present farmers, Sue and Allan Harding. Contact m.annieowen@gmail.com

#### Annie Owen

### Update from your County Councillor

We saw a lot of mixed feelings over the pig farm planning application in the Montgomery ward, most of the concerns being highway related. It was down to the fact that highways received serious opposition to this application in relation to the size of the lorries which would be used on such narrow roads. Therefore, conditions were applied to the application that lorries would not deliver at school bus times and that the applicant would have to put in 5 new passing places. The location of these have not yet been decided but it was the maximum amount that could be applied to a planning application of this size, anything more would have been seen as unreasonable.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused to Llandyssil residents for the recent road closure. This was not planned so therefore no notice could have been given as it was emergency works carried out by Severn Trent.

Llandyssil has had a larger litter bin allocated to the centre of the village by PCC. Community council are just waiting for a quote to fit this on a concrete base, so it should appear soon. We are also waiting for new signs to be fitted around the village to replace faded signs. Again these are made but awaiting erection.

PCC is pushing for more tourism in Powys. Of late, we have seen an increase in log cabin applications through the whole ward to encourage holiday makers to the area. All planning applications can be viewed at Powys Planning, application search Abermule. We have

quite a few in the pipeline of various sorts as Powys are in between the old UDP and the new LDP, there seems to be a window whereas applications are being considered and passed that normally would not be considered. This window is due to close in February 2018.

Many of you may have heard about the damning report about children's services in Powys. This is something that the new cabinet have inherited and is doing everything possible to rectify the problem. We have a very strong leader, Rosemarie Harris, and a lot of new cabinet members and together believe we can make the difference Powys people deserve.

Please take note of my council mobile number **07976 928109** or email me at **clir.gareth.pugh@powys.gov.uk** If you have any council matters you need to discuss, don't hesitate to contact me. Kind Regards,

**Cllr Gareth Pugh** 

### Report from Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council

The new procedure introduced by the Welsh Assembly Government for major developments, requires the developers to undertake Pre-Planning Consultation. On receipt of notification Town and Community Councils along with statutory bodies have only 28 days to respond. Further responses may be made when planning application appears on the Powys County Council planning portal. To date, Abermule with Llandyssil have undergone consultations on:-

P/2017/ 0134 Proposed residential development of 4 no. dwellings, new access, highways improvements and erection of new Church building (Place of Worship) Land adjacent to Abermule House Abermule. SY15 6NH

P/2017/0697 Erection of 2 livestock buildings and covered manure store, 2 feed bins, hardstanding and access on land west of Hill Farm, Montgomery.

Both the above approved by Powys County Council.

More recently the Community Council were consulted on two more applications:-

Creation of Poultry Complex, construction of a Free Range Poultry House, erection of four feed silos, hardstanding, landscaping, vehicular entrance and creation of passing bays. On land Pt enclosure 1793 Upper Bryn, Abermule. SY15 6JW

Extension to existing Free Range egg complex encompassing the construction of a 32,000 Free Range egg building , erection of 4 feed silos, extension to existing hardstanding yard, creation of a new private access road, manure store and landscaping at Black Hall, Llandyssil. SY15 6NR.

On all other planning applications once they appear on Powys County Council Website responses required within 21 days. The Community Council meet once a month, it is not always possible to include all applications on our agenda as late applications still need to be considered. Where necessary we will arrange a separate meeting of the Planning Committee. All planning applications and responses from Town and Community Councils, other statutory bodies and public can be viewed online http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-buildingcontrol/search-view-and-comment-on-planning-applications/

We trust the new equipment installed on the play area is well received by the children of Llandyssil. A new contractor for Llandyssil has been instated to carry out inspections of the Play Area and collection of waste. We apologise for any inconvenience during the interim period.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED** Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan at Abermule Community Centre. Observers are welcome, a ten minute period is allowed at the start of each meeting for public participation. Minutes, agenda and information available on our website / village notice boards.

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### Abermule Primary School

#### **Open Morning**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 then it's time to think about your child's Primary School. Please come along and visit our open morning on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 9:30am – 11:30am. We are running this in conjunction with our linked pre – school "Little Rascals and Tiddlers!" Please come along!

#### The Big Table Top Sale

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm – 3:30pm in aid of Children in Need All items for sale will have been made by the children. Come along and have a browse. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

#### **Christmas Production: The Lion King**

Morning Performance: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am Evening Performance: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm Please come along!

### **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.

### **Useful Numbers**

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repeat prescription line 668036

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repeat prescription line 669036

#### Newtown Police Station: 08453 302000 or dial 999

Non emergency dial 101

### **Next Newsletter**

The Newsletter is published four times a year. Any content, ideas or suggestions for the February issue or comments on this issue would be greatly welcomed - by mid January 2018 please.

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