

Llandyssil Community News

Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

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

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To book Llandyssil Old School Hall, contact Dave Hamer 668303 or Tim Halford 668180

Dragonfest

Saturday 15th September from 12:30

Free Parking & Free Entry



Llandyssil 200 Club Lottery 2018 to 2019

The committee would like to thank all of our members for their support again this year. After the January draw we are on track to add £825 to the hall funds from the lottery this year 2018-19.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the renewal form for 2018 to 2019. Should you wish to continue with the lottery, and we all hope that you will, please complete it and return it back to either Gaynor Williams or myself. The form can also be used for new members. If anyone wishes to set up a standing order (it can be changed annually so you have total control), through internet banking please add your ball number or name as a record.

Additional forms can be downloaded from the village website - www.llandyssil.com

Please ensure that renewals are made before the end of February.

Maralyn Parry

Treasurer

Coffee Morning - Saturday 28th April

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

The Llandyssil Show Fund

Some of our younger readers and recent incomers to the village may not know about this local tradition so it is worth putting on record. It is a tradition which started some decades ago when Llandyssil's annual Village Show became unsustainable, and for many years -- until the Dragonfest revived our annual fun and fund-raising get-together -- we were without an annual celebration. When the Village Show ceased it was agreed by the organisers that the balance of monies remaining should be banked as a charity and the interest shared annually among the oldest members in the community.

This echoes the Queen's Royal Maundy which is an annual event on the Thursday before Good Friday when the Queen -- at a location of her choice -- distributes token coins to the elderly of that place. The tradition originates from the New Testament and the name -- maundy -- is a contraction of the Latin 'mandatum' (= command) and refers to Christ's command to his disciples to show that they were the servants of the people by the act of washing their feet. The monarch no longer washes her subjects' feet but distributes small coinage to an equal number of men and women -- the number of each being equivalent to the queen's age. So this year on Thursday 29th March the Queen will distribute small coinage to 92 elderly men and 92 elderly women.

It is not, of course, the amount distributed that signifies. What is important is the gesture of recognition to the elderly that their role in the community is still valued. As one of the happy octogenarian recipients of the Llandyssil Show Fund proceeds I would like to place on record my appreciation of this local tradition -- and to thank Wyn Ralph for distributing it!

John Billington

Coffee Morning - 27th January

Thanks to the team and the support of the community we raised £72.35 at the coffee morning. Thank you to everyone involved. Coffee Mornings are held from 10:15 to 11:30 on the last Saturday of every 3rd month, to coincide with the 200 Club draws: The next coffee morning will be on the 28th April.

The winning numbers in the January Llandyssil Lottery are:

1 st	34	Tim Halford	£49.60
2 nd	105	Yvonne Humphreys	£31.00
3 rd	116	Jane Randall-Smith	£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.

There is a form to join or renew Llandyssil Lottery contained within this newsletter. If additional forms are required, they can be downloaded from the village website www.llandyssil.com printed and returned to me as usual.

Maralyn Parry

Treasurer

Absent Friends

Wynn Jones of Hawthorn Drive died peacefully on Saturday 23rd December aged 87 years.

Donations in Wynn's memory can be made to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund or Llandyssil School Hall.

Clive Burd of Brooklyn died recently aged 57.

Karen Francis - youngest sister of Carol and Jean, formerly of Court Farm, Abermule, lost her struggle with cancer at the age of 50 on Wednesday 17th January.

Donations can be sent to Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury.

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 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 7:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

20th February	Annual General Meeting
20th March	John Croft - 'The Ukelele Man'
17th April	Julia Rogers - Training Midwives in Kenya
15th May	Chris Hurrell, RSPB - The Dyfi Osprey Project

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 tonibrev@gmail.com

Deacon: Rev'd Alexis Smith: Tel. 01938 554045
Email: smith.sparrowssong@gmail.com

Warden: Gwyneth Jones: Tel. 01686 668216

Website: <http://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/a196/churches-en/>

Facebook: Montgomery Group Churches

Sunday Worship

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

Wednesday

Alexis will be in the village most Wednesdays, let her know if you wish her to call on you.

1st Steps at Forden Church 10:30 am 1st Sunday of the month

Do you have pre-school or primary age children?

Are you finding it hard to keep the promises you made at their baptism?

Are they asking questions about God that you struggle to know how to answer?

Do you wish you could talk more openly to your children about God?

Then this is for you. 15 minutes on a Sunday morning, in church with your children, to think about faith, to pray and to worship together.

Homegroup

In Montgomery on Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Mulberry Place, Arthur's Gate, anyone from whatever church or none are welcome.

As you read this the marking of Christmas in the Christian calendar will be coming to an end with the Presentation of Christ on 2nd February. There will be no church service to mark the event this year, but I am hoping to get my Christmas decorations down by then!

I am aware that for many Christmas festivities this year has been difficult due to bereavement or illness. If you are one of those then the next festival on 14th February may better suit your mood; no not Valentines day but Ash Wednesday which fall on the 14th this year. There will be 2 opportunities across the 3 parishes to mark the occasion by receiving the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead or hand. Covering oneself in ash is an ancient sign of mourning and of regret. The cross the symbol of Christ's death, the festival towards which the period of Lent, heralded in by Ash Wednesday leads us. If during the Christmas season you got partied out, or your circumstances made it difficult to be surrounded by a gaiety you could not feel or some the energy to take part in, than anticipate Lent as a time of R&R – rest and recuperation: A time to reflect and reminisce, to recoup and recapture, to refocus and to (quietly) rejoice.

Ash Wednesday 14th February Holy Eucharist and Ashing
9:00 am St. Tyssil's, Llandyssil
8:00 pm St Nicholas, Montgomery

In November we completed the new lighting project in the church. All the connections were changed, enabling us to then have LED bulbs installed which has resulted in a much improved lighting system. The total cost of the project was

£3,300 and we extend our grateful thanks to anyone who contributed towards the finance in any way.

On 26th November the ordination of Dr. Alexis Smith took place in church. The ceremony was attended by approximately 100 people. She was ordained as priest to the Pool mission area.

The Carol Service on 20th December was well attended by 40 adults and 6 children. This was followed on Xmas eve by a Eucharist service at 6:30 pm attended by approximately 26 people.

A Coffee Morning is provisionally arranged for 19th May with the proceeds going towards a new boiler in the church. We experienced major problems in November with the current boiler so we therefore need to explore the cost of a new one.

Remembrance Day Service 2018

As you all know, 2018 will be 100 years since the end of the first World War.

Each year, the names of those who lost their lives in this war are read out at our Remembrance Service in Abermule Community Centre. However, as a one-off event for this year only, we hope to include the names of those local people who served, but who survived and came home. In order to do this, we need your help. If any of your family members lived in the communities of Abermule, Llandyssil or Llanmerewig or if you join us for our Remembrance Service and would like us to include the members of your family who lived elsewhere, then please get in touch with either myself or Rev'd Alex. Please provide full names and details of military service. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mary Mountford

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Mobile Library

The mobile library visits the village on the 1st Friday in the month:

2nd February, 2nd March and 6th April.

Brooklyn at 2:10 - 2:25 pm and Telephone Kiosk at 2:30 - 2:45 pm.

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

Llandyssil Walking Group

Our January walk was cancelled owing to wet and stormy weather and as it followed fast on the New Year's celebrations some members no doubt welcomed the extra time to recover. Our monthly walks are on the first Wednesday of each month, so our next walks will be on 7th February, 7th March and 4th April. Members who are uncertain of paths can request routes in any direction in which they are interested and our February walk will explore different routes between Llandyssil and Montgomery.

Michael Gove, as the new Minister for the Environment, has indicated that one of his criteria for subsidies to farmers when the UK leaves the EU and controls the funding, will be to reward farmers who are sympathetic to benefiting their local communities by opening up or maintaining footpaths. Many farmers already do a great deal to improve the environment and benefit their communities, and walkers -- whether local or visitors -- do appreciate this. The Gove initiative will put

pressure on the small number of land-owners who resist opening up traditional paths to walkers.

Any member of the group is welcome to lead a walk -- or indeed to take over the baton more generally -- just let me know!

The Montgomery Walking Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month, at the Recycling car park in Montgomery at 10 a.m.

John Billington 668619

Farms Of Llandyssil Parish (Part 2)

Fronfraith

At the time of the tithe award the Fronfraith estate, just over 295 acres, comprised Fronfraith, Bronywood and Cwmbadarn farms, some woodland, Fronfraith mill with associated land, as well as some dwellings with gardens and a malt house and kiln near Llandyssil village.

Once home to Richard Morgan (M.P. for Montgomery Boroughs 1592-3) and his wife (Margaret, daughter of Thomas Lloyd of Gwernybuarth), Fronfraith passed to the Jones family in the 18th century. In view of his long and distinguished service in the Royal Navy (summarised on a fine memorial in Montgomery Church), it is unlikely that Rear Admiral Sir Charles Thomas Jones, owner in the early Victorian era, spent much time at Fronfraith. At the time of the 1861 census, his son, Maurice, was living in Fronfraith Lodge, as the half-timbered mansion was probably in a poor state of repair. Starting about 1863, Shrewsbury architect, James Pickard, oversaw construction of a new mansion house which became home to Maurice and his family by 1868. A family dispute followed and an order of Court of Chancery forced the sale of Fronfraith. Maurice and his family were in the Lodge again when the 1871 census was taken.

Charles Whitley Owen acquired Fronfraith before the 1891 census was taken, and he and his family soon became respected as local benefactors. My mother recalls attending their tea parties for Dolforwyn school pupils in the 1920s, and Dolforwyn School log book records numerous examples of their generosity to pupils over several decades. Fronfraith was in the hands of Canadian politician and newspaper editor, Welshpool-born Senator Rupert Davies in 1930s and 1940s. After that it was owned by Humphreys family of Llwynmadoc. The house and surrounding grounds were sold in 1969 and the current owners offer holiday accommodation.

The estate of John Browne Esq

Llandyssil parish' third largest estate at the start of the Victorian era was that owned by John Browne, Esq. As my research to date has not shed light on his identity, I will be pleased to hear from any readers who are able to add any information. His lands in the parish comprised White Hall, a farm of 194 acres occupied by John Stephens, and Black Hall, where Richard Bumford farmed 92½ acres.

The Stephens family was at White Hall when the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses were taken. Farmer David Ralph headed the household there at the time of the 1871 and 1881 censuses. Trefeglwys-born Thomas Jones and his family were there when the 1891 census was taken but had moved to Gwernybuarth before the next census. Thomas Bayliss and his family were at White Hall when the 1901 and 1911 censuses were taken. The Bumford family was at Black Hall at the time of the 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881 censuses. In 1891, Thomas Mitchel was the farmer at Black Hall, and Edward Owen was there when the 1901 and 1911 censuses were taken.

Annie Owen

Montgomery Energy Group

The next MEG meeting will be about 'Future Electricity Storage Solutions' - A talk about past, present and future battery technologies, focusing on how and why they work. Could they be the answer to our transport and electricity supply problems? As usual, the meeting is the third Monday (19th Feb) at 7:30 pm in the Activity Centre. All welcome.

We have a coffee morning on Saturday 3rd March. This will include our next Repair Cafe (look out for posters). If you are able to come along as a 'fixpert' or to help in other ways, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Otherwise, please come along and support us and bring your broken things to fix.

The new year began with several events that show there is more need than ever to live sustainably. The first and closest to home is the sad news that Cae Post recycling project has been forced to close. Cae Post made an enormous contribution both in practical recycling action and in helping people who are disadvantaged in the labour market. Cae Post has a close association with the area through Phil (Pip) Picken, Richard Tanner and others. Trustees are now seeking new initiatives so that they can continue to provide employment opportunities for disadvantaged people.

Finally, further from home but also significant, is the news that China will no longer accept scrap plastic from the UK, meaning that the UK has to start dealing with its own waste, as it ought to be doing anyway. Indeed, when Cae Post Recycling started, all the plastic was reprocessed and remanufactured in Lancashire. Now waste is building up in warehouses around the UK as we no longer have the facilities to treat it ourselves. All the more reason to redouble efforts to reduce the amount of unnecessary packaging and other single use plastic that we consume and discard.

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

Jeremy Thorp & Mike Membery

Montgomery Tennis Club

The Tennis Club remains open and active all the year round and welcomes new members of any age and skill -- or even no skill (coaching is available for younger people on Mondays after school). You are assured of a warm welcome if you come along to either of our weekly Social Tennis times of Friday evenings (from 6:30 pm) or Sunday mornings (from 10 am).

Subscriptions are low or you can pay £3 for a two-hour session (adults) or £1 for under-18s. Tokens for the floodlights if you want to play in the dark evenings can be had from me (668619) and cost £1 for an hour's play. Our Open Day this year -- a good occasion to meet other members socially and join up -- is on Saturday 14th April, beginning at 2 pm.

John Billington

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

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.

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01686 622566

Doctors' Surgery Montgomery

01686 668217 Repeat prescription line 668036

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01686 623791 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 May issue or comments on this issue would be greatly welcomed - by mid April 2018 please.

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Renewal Form April 2018 to April 2019

If you wish to renew membership of the 200 Club/Village Lottery, please complete this form and return it with your entry fee to:

Maralyn Parry - Ty Melyn, Llandyssil (by the crossroads) or

Gaynor Williams - Little Phipps, Bevans Field, Llandyssil

Alternatively, you can pay directly into the bank account:

HSBC Sort Code 40-46-07 Account No. 11557718 Please add your surname and ball number/s as reference.

If renewing, you'll keep your existing number/s. Additional numbers may be bought at any time if you wish to increase your chances of a win.

Cost for annual membership (4 draws) is £10 per number.

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

eMail:

Existing Numbers:

Additional Numbers Required:

Total Payment Due: £

Signed:

By signing this form, you are declaring that you accept the rules of Llandyssil Village Hall 200 Club/Lottery.

New Members: Please tick this box and a copy of the rules will be sent to you so you can decide if you want to proceed.

The numbers will be awarded in ascending numerical order. Applicants must be over 16.

Many thanks for your support.

Maralyn Parry

Treasurer

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