

# Llandyssil Community News

## Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

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

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[www.llandyssil.com](http://www.llandyssil.com)

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

### **Dragonfest 2018**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 12:30**

**Free Parking & Free Entry**



## **Montgomeryshire Village Of The Year**

Earlier this year we were asked to enter the Montgomeryshire Village Award.

Despite giving the impression of a sleepy village, our community is a busy, integrated and very supportive place.

The competition is not about keeping our gardens tidy - though there are some brilliant gardeners out there - it is more about the whole community and our place within it.

The file we have submitted includes as many aspects as we could manage in the time allowed. The file has been checked and added to by all groups using the hall. It includes history of the surrounding area, the old church, flora and fauna as well as walks and what we would like for the future.

Many people have been involved in the production of the file and they are all named (hopefully) in the section 'Unsung heroes and heroines'. The file has been shown to many members of the community, with any requisite changes and updates made.

For information:

**Next Coffee Morning - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

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

- Deadline for submission is 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Judging will be from May to August
- Finalists will be contacted in August when the judges will want to speak to members of our community
- Award evening is in September

There is a separate competition for a map of the village produced by young people in the village. This has a different submission date and those involved know the deadline for this.

With the Village of the Year competition in mind, we should like to remind all dog owners to clean up after their dog. If you don't, you can be given an on-the-spot fine. This is often £50 but can be as high as £80. If you refuse to pay the fine you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000. Dog mess is a nuisance and it's associated with numerous diseases, including toxocara canis; a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs are found in dog mess, which can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness.

Be a responsible dog owner and clean-up after your dog. There are plenty of bins around the village - please use them.

## Coffee Morning - 28<sup>th</sup> April

Thanks to everyone who came along. The total raised was £126 on the day but thanks to Tina's £10 donation, raised to £136

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 Coffee Mornings for the remainder of this year will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> December, to coincide with the Christmas Fair.

The coffee mornings are a real community event and raise much needed funds for the Hall - **the last 2 years have raised over £2,000**. 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](mailto:timhalford@yahoo.com) - with a phone number and email address if possible.

## Village Lottery

I would like to thank everyone who is a member of the lottery. Over the last two years we have raised over £1,500, with prizes given out amounting to over £700.

This was started three years ago and in the year to April 2018 we have 124 members. The lottery is always drawn at one of the coffee mornings and prizes are then delivered to anyone who was not there.

Draws are made four times a year and it's easy to join. Reminders are sent out with the newsletter in January along with a renewal and new members sheet.

The cost is £10 for four draws across the year.

Our first draw was Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The winning numbers in the April Llandyssil Lottery draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	102	Myra Hamer	£46.80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	42	Alan Burch	£29.25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	25	George Hughes	£11.70

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

**Maralyn Parry:** Treasurer

## Key points from Village Hall meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

### Finances

Excluding any income from Dragonfest, the Hall is basically covering its annual costs of around £7,000 per annum from grants, rental income/fund raising events eg. coffee mornings, the village lottery and

solar. The Trust currently has around £0,000 in the bank. A full financial report will be given at the AGM on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Investment Options**

One of the Trustees' responsibilities is to ensure that available funds are prudently invested. It was therefore decided by a unanimous vote, including the four trustees present, that up to £15,000 should be invested - £13,000 immediately and £2,000 when an environmentally and socially acceptable project arises which benefits the local community and meets the investment criteria. Not allowing for continuing income this leaves £5-7,000 in the bank to cover regular costs.

### **AGM**

The AGM of the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust which manages the Llandyssil Old School Hall will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30. Everyone is welcome, so do please come along.

It's ten years since the Trust was first formed and various adjustments to the Constitution and supporting policies are required to meet current standards. These, along with the Hall Hiring Agreement, will be tabled at the AGM for approval.

### **Future Projects**

Please come to the Hall AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May to give us your ideas. Suggestions so far received include:

- Christmas tree on the green outside the pub
- Linking the Hall to the internet to provide WiFi access to Hall users and enable computer help classes to be held. Sadly village halls are deemed commercial premises, incurring much higher costs than domestic premises, so this looks unlikely.
- Storage shed on Dragon field

### **Help for the elderly or infirm**

It was proposed and agreed to establish a register of those who are willing to be called upon to give local lifts to or obtain urgent groceries for the elderly or infirm, or those suffering illness in Llandyssil. This includes

those who do not have cars or are unable to get about eg. to the surgery in Montgomery or obtain urgent groceries due to lack of mobility, ill health or family at work etc.

If you need such help please call Jane and Peter Hare (668368), Neil and Mandy Fisher (669709), Vivienne Hunter (668603), Gwyneth Jones (668216), Maralyn Parry (668211) or Alan and Judy Burch (668095) who, if they are available will try to be of help.

## Hall Spring Clean

Big thanks to everyone who helped with their mops and rags for the annual Hall spring clean on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12:30. All help was really appreciated whether cleaning windows or sorting books. It was a jolly occasion!

## Dragonfest 2018

Dragonfest will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September and will follow roughly the same format as previous years. The owls will return. The band **Undercover** has been booked and schools advised of the date. Books of raffle tickets will be available at the AGM.

## Thank You to Mike Membery

For twelve years Mike has taken the newsletter and printed off at the offices of Cae Post in Welshpool, the 250 copies needed for the residents of Llandyssil . With the sad demise of Cae Post, this is no longer possible. New printing options are being considered. Big thanks are due to Mike not only for the time and effort he has put in but also for helping to keep the costs down. Thank you Mike.

## A few other Thank You's

To Margaret, Simon and Wynn at the Upper House for their generous contribution to the Hall of tea, coffee and biscuits.

To Annie Owen for her much appreciated and enjoyable contributions to the newsletter.

To Chris Penny and his brother, to Mike Lloyd and other farmers and everyone who helped clear the village of snow when we had such heavy snow falls. Their help to get the village open again made so much

difference to everyone's lives. It would not have been possible for example, to walk from Llandyssil to Montgomery – or to access the Newtown to Welshpool road without their public-spirited help.

To Wyn for looking after the Hall grass – and to Ray for keeping the planters looking good.

And congratulations to Carol and Brian on their engagement.

## Congratulations

There was a time when Llandyssil boasted a winning team in the national Quoits competition and one or two veterans are still with us! More recently, two members of the village have achieved some distinction in sport which should be recorded.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, **John Billington** was awarded a Montgomeryshire District Sports Council Services to Sports award at Theatre Hafren in Newtown, for his work on behalf of tennis at the Montgomery Tennis Club. And on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January in Cardiff he received an LTA Tennis Wales Lifetime Achievement Award for services to tennis in mid-Wales over the last nineteen years. A "Lifetime" award suggests the end of something but I am assured that he intends to carry on playing!

Rather younger, **Rhys Handel** has completed an impressive four months of competitive judo, winning Gold in his last six competitions and with it a place in the Welsh Judo Squad for 2018. He represented Montgomery School in the British Schools Judo Championships in Sheffield in March and raised over £400 in a sponsored cycle ride to support his club – the AJ Judo Welshpool and Llanfyllin club. Congratulations to both!

## 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.

**Huge thanks** once again to Dave Hamer and the Llandyssil Stompers who have recently raised £320 for the Marie Curie cancer charity.

# Llandyssil Ladies Club

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

- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Chris Hurrell of the RSPB talks about the Dyfi Osprey Project  
June 19<sup>th</sup> - Summer outing  
July 17<sup>th</sup> - TBA  
August 21<sup>st</sup> - No 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](mailto:toni.rev@btinternet.com)

**Warden:** Gwyneth Jones: Tel. 01686 668216

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

**Facebook:** Montgomery Group Churches

## Church Coffee Morning

There is a coffee morning planned in the church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. There will be the usual stalls including a plant stall. All proceeds will go towards the project to renew the church boiler for which we are currently gaining quotes and exploring possibilities of grants to support.

On Dragonfest day we plan to open the church again and this year will be including an exhibition of old photographs relating to Llandyssil. If anyone has any relevant photos that we can borrow (or better still photocopies of these) we would be very grateful. Please contact the church wardens for further information.

We also plan to hold another Christmas Tree Festival this year in the first weekend of December. If any organisations or individuals would be

willing to decorate a tree for us please contact either **Gwyneth Jones** on 668 216 or **Gwen Cooper** on 668 104 ideally by the end of October to allow us to plan numbers. There will be further details about our plans for this in the next newsletter.

## **Mobile Library**

The mobile library visits the village on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month:  
4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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-archives/](http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/libraries-archives/)

## **MEG - Montgomery Energy Group**

The April MEG meeting was about electric cars, with a presentation by Tony Webster, a local man who works in this rapidly expanding industry. The meeting is due to take place after this piece is written, but before the newsletter is published, we will write a report on it for next time, and hopefully some of you may have attended.

At the March meeting, members of MEG discussed what they wanted to focus attention on in 2019. One area of much interest is reducing plastic use. This topic has had a lot of national publicity in the past year, with revelations about the massive size of the accumulation of plastic waste in the centre of the pacific ocean (the Great Pacific Garbage Patch), and the damage that plastic waste is doing to marine life. Lots of people across the UK are looking to find ways to reduce the amount of "single use" plastic we allow ourselves to accept. MEG will be looking for and supporting activities to encourage this.

One way to reduce this is to buy milk in glass bottles - Montgomery Spar has just started stocking milk in glass bottles, please support them in this so that they are able to continue this service.

We had to postpone our Repair Cafe from March because of the snow, we will be rescheduling this shortly, if you want to be kept notified of this and other MEG activities, make sure you are on our email list by sending a request to [jeremy.thorp@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.thorp@gmail.com)

We will also be focussing on the savings you can make by converting to LED bulbs. At our last meeting, David Wilson gave us a demonstration of the brightness and low power usage of the latest generation of LED bulbs, and the costs have come down considerably. It now makes



financial sense, and saves a lot of carbon, to convert even compact fluorescent bulbs (curly bulbs) to LEDs. We will be helping people in Montgomery and Llandyssil to understand the options you have now with LED bulbs.

Our meetings are always on the third Monday of the Month, at 7:30pm in Montgomery Activity Centre, Everyone is welcome.

You can also follow MEG activities on Facebook at montgomeryenergygroup

**Jeremy Thorp**

## **Llandyssil Walking Group**

In March we had an unusually high turn-out of 17 walkers from the village, Montgomery, Berriew and Kerry, to walk what will become known as the "Peter Warlock Trail". This circuit takes in Goron-ddu, the Green Field burial site (adjacent to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century composer Peter Warlock's home, Cefn Bryntalch Hall) and returns to Llandyssil via Upper Bryntalch farm and the spring at Fron Wyllt, the route Peter Warlock took when he walked to Llandyssil church to play the organ there. A leaflet describing this circular walk is currently under preparation and should soon be available on our notice-board and in our Telephone Kiosk info site. I'm grateful to Brett and Jill Kibble for their help. Another circular walk and leaflet are in preparation for the circuit taking in Gwernybuarth, Fronheulog and Fron Fraith Lodge and we hope to add to this as our contribution to the Walkers are Welcome (WAW) scheme centred in Montgomery.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April Mike Membery and myself plan a circuit around Pinion, Upper Pentre and White Hall. The walk on 2<sup>nd</sup> May will probably be a short one via New House, the green lane past the Roundabout and so back to the village. This walk will be of special interest to wild flower enthusiasts and we hope to have an expert with us to identify the many flowers – some rare – which should then be in bloom. A slow walk with many pauses.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June we will probably do the "Fron Fraith" circuit, outlined above.

We walk on the first Wednesday in every month, leaving from our Bus Shelter at 10am and new walkers are always welcome to join us.

**John Billington** 668619

# Farms of Llandyssil

## Part 3

The histories of the estates ranking 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in size in Llandyssil parish at the time of the tithe award bear some similarities as both were purchased in the early nineteenth century by men belonging to significant east Montgomeryshire families who managed them through bailiffs or tenants. By the time of the 1911 census, the main farms, Gwernybuarth and Brynderwen, were occupied by families who, as many readers will know, remained connected with the properties for decades.

The fourth largest estate, the **estate of Dr. Edward Johnes**, comprised Gwernybuarth and some smaller units. An article in *Montgomeryshire Collections* (volume 58) notes that, in 1822, Edward Johnes borrowed most of the money to purchase Gwernybuarth, hoping to make a fortune from planting trees. When the 1841 census was taken, Edward Davies, named as the occupier of Gwernybuarth in the parish tithe award, was listed as head of a household that included his wife and five young children together with five male and two female live-in servants. It is not clear when the Davies family left Gwernybuarth but the census returns of 1851 and 1861 show John Rogers as its farmer. He moved to a farm in Forden before the 1871 census was taken but the 1871 and 1881 census returns show some of his sons were at Gwernybuarth.

By the time of the 1891 census, Gwernybuarth was home to two families of farm servants. Thomas Jones, formerly farmer at White Hall, was listed in 1901 census return as head of a household that included his wife, six children as well as two female and four male live-in servants. By the time of the 1911 census, the Hamer family had moved to Gwernybuarth and most local readers will be able to take the story of Gwernybuarth on to the present day.

About 1815, **David Pugh Esq. of Llanerchydol**, Welshpool, purchased the Grange of Abermule (formerly belonging to Strata Florida Abbey) which comprised The Court, Abermule Inn, Brynderwen and other property. While some of this land was in Llanmerewig parish, that in Llandyssil parish formed the parish's fifth largest estate in the early Victorian era. William Harris headed the household at Brynderwen at the time of the 1841 and 1851 censuses. When the 1861 census was taken, Brynderwen's household was headed by unmarried 29-year-old Margaret Owen, a farmer who employed four labourers and two boys. She married Samuel Miller of The Court in 1868, after which the two farms were

probably run as one unit. In 1871 William Griffiths, an agricultural labourer, and his wife and children lived at Brynderwen, and he was still there when the 1881 and 1891 censuses were taken. However, in both 1881 and 1891, the Moore family, natives of Worcestershire, also lived there.

By 1901 Charles Miller, son to Samuel Miller and Margaret, was at Brynderwen. Research to date has not indicated when the Edwards family arrived in Brynderwen but it was before the 1911 census was taken, and local people will recall their decades-long connection with the farm.

If you have any suggestions for items of specific local history you'd like a mention on, contact [m.annieowen@gmail.com](mailto:m.annieowen@gmail.com)

**Annie Owen**

**Makers by Candlelight** is a gathering for those interested in crafts. Bring your own materials for what you like doing and enjoy a chat and get together. You never know you could learn a new craft.

Once a month for two hours, the fee is £.00. Next date is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May-1:30 -3:30. All are welcome at the Old School Hall, Llandyssil. Tea and coffee just 50p a cup.

For more information contact **Jane** on 668368

## **Vale of Montgomery Footpaths Project: Peter Warlock Trail**

The European funded Footpaths Project is drawing towards a close and we now have a group of volunteers ready to carry out work on Rights of Way in the Vale of Montgomery Cluster of Councils area. Although much work remains to be done, the last year's work has resulted in some significant improvements.

John Billington has produced the first Llandyssil Walks leaflet, a 4.7 mile Peter Warlock Trail. His fascinating leaflets describing the walk and Warlock will be available from the Information Box in the village. Not to be missed.

Anyone interested in joining the Footpath Volunteers or in any aspect of the project please contact [jill.kibble@montgomery-wales.uk](mailto:jill.kibble@montgomery-wales.uk)

# Montgomery Bowling Club

Montgomery Bowling Club opened their green on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2:00 pm. We would welcome anyone who would like to learn how to play the game of bowls and join the club. No equipment is needed as the club has a good supply of new woods to use, just flat soled 'non- heeled' shoes.

Coaching is available from qualified coaches on Mondays from 6:00 pm onwards and will be available throughout the season. All ages can be accommodated from 9 to 90+. Juniors Club is from 5:00 - 6:00 pm on a Monday and is followed by the club practice night and 'in house league'. League matches are played on a Thursday evening and Veterans games on a Tuesday afternoon. Later on in the season Mixed League matches take place on a Friday evening.

The club also has a wide range of club competitions held at weekends throughout the season.

For more information contact the following:

**Mike Beloe** 01686 668173 / 07891 942430 [mike@mikebeloe.plus.com](mailto:mike@mikebeloe.plus.com)

**Claire Howard** 07375 137569 [misscahoward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:misscahoward@hotmail.co.uk)

**Peter Goodchild** 01686 668770 [carol.goodchild@googlegmail.com](mailto:carol.goodchild@googlegmail.com)

# Montgomery Tennis Club

Our Open Day takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April and competitive matches in the Montgomeryshire Tennis League start during the following week. New members of all ages and abilities are warmly welcome and can join in Social Tennis on Friday evenings from 6:30pm and Sunday mornings from 10am to meet other players.

Junior players can have coaching on Monday evenings starting 23<sup>rd</sup> April - contact Sue Lawrence on 07771 735092.

The courts on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12:30pm are for the exclusive use of Junior players.

Subscriptions are inexpensive - Adults £35 a year; U-18s £10; U-12s £7.50 and to encourage the diffident we are running a scheme this year where prospective members can play freely on three occasions before deciding whether or not they wish to join.

Just turn up or contact me for further information.

**John Billington** - 01686 668619

# Montgomery Events

**7<sup>th</sup> July** - Street Fair in Broad Street from 10am

Contact Sue Blower: 01686 668379 susieblowermtc@hotmail.co.uk

**16<sup>th</sup> August** - Shakespeare at the Castle: The Merchant of Venice

Contact Mike Mills 01686 668442 mikemills32@btinternet.com

**18<sup>th</sup> August** Montgomery Show

Contact Mary Bunner 01686 668308 marybunner@gmail.com

## 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.

### **Dial a Ride:**

01686 622566

### **Doctors' Surgery Montgomery:**

01686 668217 - repeat prescription line 668036

### **Ladywell Surgery:**

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 August issue or comments on this issue would be greatly welcomed - by mid July 2018 please.

Contact Brian on 669887 or [brian@llandyssil.com](mailto:brian@llandyssil.com) or Tim on 668180 or [tim@llandyssil.com](mailto:tim@llandyssil.com)

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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1400 - 1730**

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