

# Llandyssil Community News

## Newyddion Cymunedol

### Llandyssil

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

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So much has happened over the last seven months which has impacted on everybody in so many ways. The restrictions and being away from our families & friends has been hard for us all. Sadly, it seems to be getting worse.

The Trustees of the Old School Hall have not been idle - we have made many improvements to the Old School Hall during the Lockdown. We have had the Hall painted externally & in parts internally, and also made efforts to improve the ventilation, opening up old vents which should improve the flow of air through the Hall. Dave Hamer has also oiled the main Hall floor & skirting boards and it looks so much better.

With the help of Brian Turner we disposed of 40+ old chairs to the Welshpool Railway who were delighted & collected them from us. We have made many purchases including a vacuum cleaner, high-cleaning brush and other cleaning items, which should make life easier for us all.

The Trustees last met on 14<sup>th</sup> September and made the decision not to reopen the Hall yet - it may well be that we don't open until next year as our main concern is the safety of the Llandyssil Community.

I also want to take this opportunity of thanking the many people who have helped us all during this pandemic. For the delivery of prescriptions, Anthea from Montgomery who with the help of Maralyn & Steve Parry ensured that medicines were delivered locally. Glyn & Gwen who provided us with plants, jams, etc. & to the Spar in Montgomery, who delivered groceries twice a week - a lifeline for many. Stan Davies disposed of the old & broken football table & Lynn and Kathy made a start on the kitchen, getting rid of

old, broken & unwanted items. Kathy Braddock contacted local businesses who agreed to deliver goods to the village. There are so many other volunteers who helped their families, friends & neighbours in so many ways. This is a testament to the 'Community Spirit' of Llandyssil. I must also mention Ray, who throughout the period has kept the outside Hall flower display looking beautiful.

At the meeting, Maralyn Parry presented the accounts for 2019/2020. You will know that we have lost a great deal of income from both rentals & fundraising events, especially Dragonfest. I am happy to report that we applied successfully for a grant of £10,000 from Powys Council to help us with the loss of income. We are very grateful for the continued financial support from Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council. Collectively this means that financially we should be viable for about 2 years.

Hall Trustee Alan Burch, who together with his wife Judy have lived in Llandyssil for some 20 years has resigned as a Trustee, as they plan to leave the village in October for family reasons. We thank them both for their valuable service to the Llandyssil area.

This leads me to raise the issue of Trustees. We are currently at four & we need at least six people. The population of the Llandyssil area is approx. 1,500, so there must be people who would be willing to come forward to ensure that the Old School Hall continues to provide a valuable service for our isolated community. Below is a list of current opportunities.

**Volunteers urgently needed - currently (or when we reopen\*)**

Trustees	Coffee morning organiser*	Lottery organiser
Treasurer	Christmas fair organiser*	Dragonfest organiser*
	Hall & Llandyssil history file organiser*	

For those who may consider becoming a trustee or organiser, Kathy will give you all the information you will need before you make your decision. In the case of treasurer or lottery organiser, Maralyn will happily provide you with information and training.

The important thing to remember is that we need more help!

Your involvement, however big or small will ensure the future of The Old School Hall

Should you need more information, then contact Kathy Braddock, The Spires, Llandyssil. Tel. 01686 668922

Email: kbllandyssil@aol.com

Volunteers usually undertake a Spring Clean of the Old School Hall, but this has not happened so far this year. We now plan to undertake this in the Autumn/Winter months and need your help! Attached, you will find a list of jobs that need to be carried out before we can reopen, I do hope that you can help us.

Kathy has also set up a village email contact list which keeps you updated with what is happening locally, regionally & nationally. If you would like to be added to the list please contact her. She would like to extend this contact list to include such things as advertising items that people need or want to dispose of. If you want to be included then please contact her.

## **Village Survey**

Before the pandemic, the Trustees decided to send out a Survey Form, which is included. We wanted you to know what is normally available & more importantly we'd like to know what you would like to happen at The Old School Hall. **PLEASE** take the time to complete this as we need your input!

Take care and remain safe.

Nigel Thomas  
Chair



**Old School Hall Autumn/Winter  
Cleaning Jobs  
Will/Can you Help?**

Contact: Kathy Braddock

The Spires, Llandyssil

Tel: 01686 668922

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This list may seem very formal! But we are using the guidance given to us by the Welsh Government on what needs to be done before The Old School Hall can reopen

<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
Clean fridge & microwaves Clean tiles Clean internal & external cupboards & shelves Clean windows, doors & handles High-dust clean walls & sinks Scrub floor (machine available) & mop Launder tablecloths Wash crockery, glasses, cutlery etc	
<b>Library (storage room)</b>	
All tables, trolleys & chairs cleaned Hoover curtains & spray with fabric freshener High-dust Hoover & mop floor, dust & clean skirting boards Clean windows, doors & handles	
<b>Main Hall</b> <i>Floor &amp; skirting boards have been recently oiled</i>	
Vacuum clean & mop floor, dust skirting boards Clean windows, doors & handles High-dust & polish Hoover curtains & spray with fabric freshener Clean window sills & polish where needed	

<b>Entrance Lobby</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
Vacuum, scrub & mop floor Dust & clean skirting boards Clean window, doors & handles High-dust & polish table Tidy notice board	
<b>Toilets &amp; Corridors</b>	
Thorough clean Scrub & mop floor Hygiene notices & goods	Kathy Braddock
<b>Extras</b>	
Renovate outside notice board Revamp history board in main hall Renovate notice board at bus shelter	

Volunteers may well work in Family, Household or Familiar Groups. During the Lock Down we have purchased cleaning equipment and goods. We have gloves, hand sanitisers and products to cover every task.

The Trustees feel that we must give everyone an opportunity to help with these jobs, after all the Old School Hall belongs to us all.

I have a key, so I will arrange for access when it suits you and yours. Above all, your safety is very important to us.

We do hope you will be able to help.

Take care,

Kathy

## **Montgomery Medical Practice - Flu Campaign**


The surgery is now booking flu appointments. If you fall into one of the at-risk categories please ensure you have booked your appointment - **Tel: 01686 668217**. Due to Covid-19, the surgery has reviewed the way in which vaccinations are delivered to ensure they are administered safely and in a timely manner. Vaccinations will be delivered in mass clinics this year and during these sessions the

Health Board have arranged for Shropdoc to provide cover and the surgery will be open for vaccination clinics **only**. Disabled parking will be provided just outside the surgery during flu clinics. For those patients with no mobility issues, please park at the Tan y Mur (recycling) car park.

## Coronavirus

We received a letter from our MP, Craig Williams thanking all volunteers who had supported the village during the Pandemic.

CRAIG WILLIAMS MP  
Montgomeryshire / Sir Drefaldwyn



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Abermule & Llandyssil Community Volunteers  
c/o Kathy Braddock  
The Spires  
Llandyssil  
Montgomery  
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*Craig Williams*

Now that the lockdown measures are easing and hopefully the covid-19 virus risk is lessening, I am writing to thank those people who have put so much effort in to helping us all through the last few difficult months.

I know that the outstanding commitment shown by yourself and all the volunteers has been invaluable to the health and wellbeing of the residents of Abermule and Llandyssil, especially the more elderly and vulnerable.

I hope you will pass on my thanks to every member of the team. We are very fortunate to have such a strong community spirit in our towns and villages.

If ever there is anything we can help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

*Craig Williams*

Craig Williams MP / AS  
Montgomeryshire / Sir Drefaldwyn

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# Llandyssil Old School Hall Survey 2020



## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAPPEN IN THE SCHOOL HALL?

The Trustees want to hear from the Llandyssil and surrounding community with ideas and suggestions on how the Hall could provide both you and others with activities and events that you both enjoy and would benefit from.

**WE WANT TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN FOR  
YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY**

So please answer a few easy questions

***Return your survey form for a chance to  
win a £20 voucher, kindly donated by***



Hello Everyone,

We don't want to call this a Survey, but you all know it is!!

This a genuine attempt from the Trustees to find out what you would like to be offered/happen at the Old School Hall. Many of you will know that financially the Trust is in a good position, but that is not enough, we want to provide more services, activities and opportunities that will meet your needs.

The Trust will consider supporting any new initiatives.

We no longer have a bus service and it is so important that we try to provide locally, both activities and information sessions for the whole community. You must also remember that some members of our community are not able to access the internet.

We have a website, newsletter and an email list to circulate news and information. If you would like to become a member then please contact Kathy Braddock (secretary) on 01686 668922 or email [kbllandyssil@aol.com](mailto:kbllandyssil@aol.com)

Dragonfest 2019 was a major success fostering huge community spirit, we don't want this for just one day but throughout the year.

***So please take the time to complete the form & return it by the end of November 2020 to Kathy Braddock, The Spires, Llandyssil or Brian Turner, 4 Hawthorn Drive, Llandyssil.***

Sincerely,

Nigel Thomas

Chairman



A little about you:

Number of people living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages:

0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 20	21 to 50	51 to 60	61 to 70	71 +

Do you, or have you ever visited The Old School Hall?

Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often

Did you know the Hall has the following facilities?

Disabled toilet & access	Lending library of books & dvds	Table tennis	Projector & screen	Kitchen with fridge, microwaves, crockery, tea urn

Did you know the Hall was used for...?

Meetings	Yoga	Women's groups	Line dancing	Coffee mornings	Crafts	Courses

Health and wellbeing:-

Would you come to a session that offered advice on...?

Health	Ageing	Keeping well	Benefits
Social services	Safety	Bereavement	Legal

Do you receive the newsletter and/or visit the village website?

Llandyssil Newsletter	Village website: <a href="http://www.llandyssil.com">www.llandyssil.com</a>

Social activities - what you want and would support, just some ideas - tick what interests you and add your own:

Bingo	Games	Lunch club	Tea dance	Films
Mum & toddlers	Choir & music	Gardening	Interesting talks	Afternoon tea
Men's club	DIY	Armchair keep fit	Discussion groups	Whist or bridge

Now your ideas:


## HELP - WE NEED YOU!

The trustees are in urgent need of additional help and trustees. This is essential in order to keep The Old School Hall operational. At the present time we need the following people:

Treasurer	Lottery organiser	Coffee morning organiser	Dragonfest co-ordinator	Xmas Fair co-ordinator

If you think that you may be able to help, speak to any Trustee or call Kathy Braddock - Secretary on 01686 668922

If you want to give your contact details, then please do - we promise to keep your details private

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Farms of Llandyssil Parish (part 11)

This is about two farms, namely Coedywig and Camp Farm, ranking 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in order of size in the parish at the time of the parish tithe award (at the start of the Victorian era).

Having inherited **Coedywig** on the death of his uncle, Edward Cowles, in 1837, Benjamin Cowles was listed in the parish tithe award as owner and occupier of this 43-acre freehold property. The ring fenced property, comprising not only the farmhouse with outbuildings but also the Cottage with garden, orchard and outbuildings sited near the crossroads, was described in two nineteenth century newspaper auction sale advertisements: the first at Dragon Inn, Montgomery, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1841, and the second, at Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1874. The 1841 sale included a freehold pew (number 28) in the parish church. Both sale advertisements noted the valuable, south-facing arable, meadow and pasture land that would attract good farming tenants, as well as the good road links. The changing times are indicated by the fact that the 1841 advertisement cited the proximity of Montgomeryshire Canal, while that of 1874 mentioned that Montgomery Railway Station on the Cambrian Line was nearby. An 1858 advertisement for the sale of Coedywig's live and dead farming stock sheds some light on contemporary farming. Successive census returns (1841-1911) show that there was little continuity of occupancy at Coedywig and the Cottage. Some older readers will recall the families of Walter Owen, farmer at Coedywig, and Samuel Oliver, miller and corn dealer, at the Cottage, who were listed in the 1939 Register. More recently, the Lewis family has farmed Coedywig.

At the time of the parish tithe award **Camp Farm** was part of Lord Carrington's large estate, and Richard Francis was listed as the occupier. Camp Farm straddled the parish boundary with just 39 acres lying within Llandyssil parish. Successive census returns show that the dwelling was home to agricultural labourers, possibly working for the farmer who lived on a neighbouring farm. (Readers will know that Sarn is the neighbouring parish today, but prior to

1860, Sarn was part of Kerry parish.) About 1903-5, farmer Richard Davies moved his family from Aberhafesp to Camp Farm, Llandyssil, and, from then to the time of writing, members of the Davies family have been associated with the property. Further research using relevant deeds and documents in the hands of the Davies family as well as in libraries and archives may show when, why and how Lord Carrington acquired this land, together with property in Kerry and other parishes in Wales.

**Annie Owen**

### **Llandyssil Lottery - October Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No. 47	Pete Hare	£39.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 98	Pam Roberts	£24.75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 24	Charlie Vaughan-Jones	£9.90

Congratulations to our October winning members.

Thank you for your support.

**Maralyn Parry** - Treasurer

### **Montgomery Energy Group Free Bicycle Scheme**

The MEG bike scheme is still going great with 483 bikes donated in the last few years and 364 passed on free after we have carried out any necessary work and refurbishment. We also carry out servicing to anyone's bike to get them back on the road. This is carried out free unless there is a major component that we have to renew for which we would have to charge the material price.

So if you're looking for a bike, give **Brett** a ring on **01686 669730** and hopefully we should be able to fit you up. Getting on a bike not only gets you fitter but also saves crucial CO<sub>2</sub>. We also save about ½ tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> in recycling a bike rather than making a new one!

## **Montgomery Energy Group**

We were delighted to have confirmation this month that the Powys County Council climate emergency motion was confirmed. This had been tabled in July, but confusion over counting of votes meant that the vote was ruled as invalid, so had to be tabled again. When it was put to the vote in the September council meeting, the council voted overwhelmingly to support the motion and recognise the climate emergency. There were 60 votes in favour of the motion, 3 abstentions and only one against. Many thanks to all the councillors for their support. We will follow with great interest how the council deliver on this over the next few months.

Biodiversity has been much highlighted over the past few months, with WWF publishing a report in September highlighting that globally, wildlife has declined by 68% since 1970, followed by David Attenborough's highly praised film A Life on Our Planet and documentary Extinction: The Facts. MEG is intending to focus on local biodiversity over the next few months. Please keep an eye on our activities by following us on Facebook.

**Jeremy Thorp:-** [Jeremy.Thorp@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.Thorp@gmail.com)

## **Walking News**

The floods of February may seem a long time past, and much water has flowed under many a bridge since then. For one bridge, there was just too much water, as a usually insignificant trickle became a raging torrent and swept the substantial bridge downstream. Inevitably, the path from Lower Lane, Chirbury, which forms part of the popular Montgomery Cross Offa walk, had to be closed.

Shropshire Council recognised its importance and as soon as Covid restrictions on volunteer work parties were eased, the bridge was prioritised. The sturdy structure was fortunately undamaged, but appeared far too heavy to be moved by the team. However, with perseverance and a lot of muscle power, it was slowly slid on its handrails back to its rightful place, ready to be secured once more.

Job done, path open and the Cross Offa ready for all to enjoy once again.

Many more people are regularly walking our lovely Montgomeryshire countryside, although most walking groups are not presently operating. Pick up a copy of a Llandyssil Trail or one of the five Montgomery Walking Trails and get out there one of these autumn days. Ivy House, The Cottage, Bunnars and the Tourist Information Point in Montgomery all have copies of the leaflets or they can be downloaded from <https://montgomery-waw.org.uk/walkers>. All the Trails are regularly checked by volunteers to ensure the paths are open and clearly waymarked. If you notice a problem, please comment on the website or get in touch.

With great reluctance, the fully booked **Montgomery Walking Festival 2020** had to be cancelled, but in the event it was a really wet weekend and, on the bright side, we now have Walking Festival 2021 all organised and ready to go. Look forward to welcoming you then; booking opens June 2021.

Walkers are Welcome Montgomery

**Jill Kibble** (Chair)

## **Village Walking Group**

The events of the last few months have prevented our regular organised group walks and it seems the situation is not going to improve much in the immediate future. However, I'm optimistic that we will be able to get going again next year. For the present, please enjoy the fact that we live in a beautiful area with easy access to lots of walks and lovely countryside, unlike millions of other folk.

Nature and wildlife have had an excellent opportunity to blossom during lockdown, so let's do all we can to maintain this improvement. For me, it was a delight to walk and cycle on quiet country lanes. I wonder how the 'new normal' can be organised to retain this improvement?

**Mike Membery** 668643

## Donations

I received a letter late last year from the Nationwide to say that they are no longer offering the type of Trustee account that the Llandyssil Show Fund was in and it would be closed. Due to Covid 19 this has been delayed until now. It was pointless looking for a financial institution to open another account as there were only enough funds to pay out the over 80's Christmas money this one last year anyway. Therefore, after discussion with Brian Cooper, who is the other signatory on the account, we decided that we would donate the money to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. As we are both currently having treatment there and most people in the village have either had treatment themselves or knows someone who has or is still having treatment there, we thought it would be a worthy cause. The closing balance was £74.54.

In respect of the donations received for dad, unfortunately there has been a complication. Once I was out of shielding, I gave the donations to the District Nurses, as I said in the last newsletter, I thought that is what he would have wanted. After five weeks, the cheques were returned as they have to go into a central fund that covers the whole of Powys and the local nurses have to apply if they want the money back to purchase something, but there is no guarantee their request will be approved. This means that the money could go to anyone applying from Machynlleth to Ystradgynlais and that is certainly not what dad would have wanted. I therefore made the decision to give these funds to the Lingen Davies too. I hope this meets with everyone's approval. Special thanks to the people who took the trouble to reissue cheques or give me the cash instead. This amounted to £195.00.

I have now passed on a total of £269.54 to Lingen Davies where I know it will go to good use, as anyone who has been treated there will appreciate.

Many thanks

**Wyn Ralph**

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