

Llandyssil Community News

Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

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

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The 10th annual DragonFest
Saturday 10th September from 12:30



Llandyssil Dragonfest - Saturday 12th September 2015

Racing dragons, The Clampets, friendly owls, beetroot throwing, colourful gorillas and the Over the Hillbillies were among the stars of Dragonfest 2015.

Over £2,000 raised for the Old School Hall.

Schools from Abermule and Montgomery and the Llandyssil Youth Club took part in the opening Dragon parade led by two gorgeous lissom lady dragons and a vintage police car which with its siren blaring, took the parade through the village to Dragon Field. The dragons were fantastic and colourful; the children delightful and the car memorable. All were properly welcomed onto the field by Lee Waite on the tannoy to be met by two colourful and more than life-size iron gorillas from the British Ironworks in Oswestry which were such a success at this year's Maes yr Eisteddfod in Meifod in early August. They proved to be a talking and climbing point throughout the day.

To everyone's amazement, after a night of torrential rain the sun once again shone on the many dragons of Llandyssil. Huge thanks go to everyone who made Dragons – they do make the event unusual and very special – and especially to the Coopers, and their four wonderful red dragons along Dragon Field Lane, and of course to Gerald Jones.

**A fun evening learning how to use the new defibrillator will be on
Thursday 19th November - see inside for details...**

A highlight of this year's Dragonfest was the visit on their disgraceful truck from the Clampetts of Beverly Hillbilly fame. Granny Clampett said her bit as the shy but well endowed and wonderfully bottom wiggling Ellie May hunted for a husband. No dentist was good enough for her!! Thanks go to Nigel, Gerald and Johnny. A memorable event.

The little train puffed its way along its well-oiled tracks and the 'pillow fight', slide and bouncy castle pulled in the younger element. The children's games proved a real draw, thanks to Nigel Hughes and team and the running commentary by Andrew Lloyd.

At 1:30 a visit from over 50 black-clothed and sunglass-bedecked members of Madness caused a stir. Congratulations to Phil on his 60th in choosing to celebrate in such style. They dumpy bagged to stardom! True to form the Olympics lived up to promise with the egg throwing, sandwich relay and dumpy bag races for men and women causing much amusement. And the catapult, thanks to Cyril Jones, drew in a good crowd.

Of particular delight to the crowd were the Dragon races. The four winged and woolly dragons performed well. The Dragons were trained by Tommi Humphreys as Sir Lambsalot of Lambdyssil, kitted out in a knightly scarlet tabard.

Race 1. 81 bets @50p. The favourite, Puff (the magic Dragon) was the race winner. 27 lucky winning ticket holders.

Race 2. 82 bets. The outsider The Lambinator won. Just 14 winners this time.

12 winners didn't collect their money!

Guess the weight of the smallest lamb competition. Correct weight 30kg

Winner Debbie James from Abermule Total profit - £58.70

Huge thanks to Tommi and Ifor Humphreys.

The Dragonfest Drawing Competition was won by William Purdy with a truly excellent dragon!

The North Wales Owl Sanctuary, who were such a success last year, again allowed everyone to handle some rare and not so rare owls. They were beautiful and fascinating. There were also queues at the caricaturist, drawing amusing portraits of many of the wonderful individuals who make Dragonfest such a success.

Special thanks go to Sarah Hughes and team in the Dragonroast and food tent and to the bar which under the expert guidance of Martin and his team of willing helpers met the demands of a hot and thirsty crowd throughout the day making a record profit.

St Tyssil's Church was open with many stalls and its Dragon's tea party - thanks to Gwyneth and Gwen – greatly adding to the appeal of the day

Complemented by stalls, games, entertainments, Dairy Dreams, and the Dragon roast, Dragonfest once again was a treat for all the family.

The Over the Hillbillies brilliantly played from 4:30 to 6:30, to the delight of the expert Llandyssil line dancers, to bring Dragonfest 2015 to a close.

There were an amazing array of 30 wonderful prizes for the raffle, with the top £100 raffle prize going to 'Fred'. Prizes were given by The Nags Head, The Three Horseshoes, Boots, Savers, Morrisons, Tesco, the Celtic Shop, WH Smith and Clintons, The Upper House and many other companies and individuals. Thank you.

After costs, and when all the money has come in, it is expected that well over £2,000 will have been raised for the Old School Hall.

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, magnificently man the microphone, make cakes and serve food - huge thanks to the food tent - man the Dragonfest stall, run stalls, 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, Tina for her birthday raffle, provide the field for parking - thanks to Allan and Gwyneth, Mike M for both the loan of his tents and organising the recycling - 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 you.

The next Dragonfest will be on Saturday 10th September 2016.

Defibrillator Evening

Llandyssil has a defibrillator located just inside the bakery, next to the Old School Hall.

A defibrillator is basically an electric-shock machine, used to restart the human heart when it may have stopped due to heart attack. It's a very simple device, with clear, simple instructions.

However, given the very serious nature of its use, it needs to be used correctly and one of the conditions of receiving the grant from the BHF (British Heart Foundation) is that some CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) training is arranged in the community. This has been arranged for **Thursday 19th November 2015 from 7:30pm**. The training will involve the use of some practise dolls, a 20 minute video and possibly a glass of wine.

Further details from Neil Fisher, Vice-chair Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust on 01686 669709.

Please make an effort to attend what is hoped will be a fun, informative yet informal training session for something that **you** may one day use to help save someone's life.

Best Kept Village Competition Revived by Montgomeryshire CPRW

The Montgomeryshire Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) is reviving the Best Kept Village Competition (Cystadleuaeth y Pentref Mwyaf Dymunol yn Sir Drefaldwyn) for the Montgomery Shire Area of the Powys County Council.

Sponsored by local estate agents Morris Marshall and Poole, the competition will have a new format and has been updated to keep paperwork to the minimum, and also widened to reflect changes that have taken place in rural communities over recent years. In particular, the judges will be looking for villages with a vibrant community spirit amongst their residents.

Entry forms should be submitted by the end of February 2016 and judging will take place in July and August with the winner being announced in September 2016. Entry forms and full details of criteria can be obtained from Chris Fuller, CPRW Montgomeryshire Chairman, 19 Ffordd Mynydd Griffiths, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 8DD or email chrisfuller61@hotmail.com.

There will be a meeting in the Old School Hall on **Thursday 21st January** to discuss whether the village of Llandyssil should enter this competition.

200 Club

Thank you to everyone who has joined our lottery. We currently have 91 members and there is still time to join for the remaining 2 draws. You can download the application form from the village website - www.llandyssil.com. The cost at this stage is just £5.00 for the last 2 draws which will be at the coffee mornings at the end of October and January.

The winners in the previous draw (July) were:

1st: No. 84 £36.80 A. Jarman

2nd: No. 48 £23 Rufus Scrimshaw

3rd: No. 35 £9.20 Keith Pettit

John Billington talk on the poet Vernon Scannell Tuesday 24th November.

Following the success of the series of talks earlier in the year on Welsh border poets, on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30 in the Old School Hall John Billington will give a talk on the poet Vernon Scannell. John hopes to follow this with a talk on Sylvia Plath early next year.

Vernon Scannell is one of the most popular poets of the second half of the 20th century and his work has become familiar to generations of school children. He was a professional boxer as well as a poet and served in the Western Desert during World War II. John knew him well from 1969 until his death some years ago. Vernon Scannell has the unique distinction of having been played in a film by Sean Connery! All will be revealed on Tuesday 24th November. Do join us. Admittance free. Contributions welcome!

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. Dave is organising a charity afternoon linedance event with Paul Bailey in Castle Caereinion Village Hall on Sunday 18th October. See the advert in this newsletter or give him a ring on 01686 668303 for more information.

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

Llandyssil Ladies Club

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

20 th October -	Textile Art - Riikka Katajamaki demonstrates
17 th November -	A Story of Herceptin - Dr.Laura Pettit
15 th December -	Local Christmas Traditions - Steve Parry
19 th January -	Pantomime Costumes - Michael Lord
16 th February -	A.G.M. followed by Speaker - to be advised

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

Youth Club

Llandyssil Youth Club continues to thrive with around 15-20 regular members each week - thanks to the hard work of Jayne and Maria. The Youth Club runs every Friday in term time at the Old School, Llandyssil from 6:30-8:00 pm, for school year 3-6 (7 to 12 year olds). If you would like further information, please contact Maria - 668867, or Jayne - 669662

Llandyssil Garden, Wildlife, Food & Drink Society

Programme 2015

12th November Emma Maxwell, Cwm Harry - Organic Gardening

10th December Sue Blosson - The work of a Wildlife Trust Volunteer, Wine and Mince Pies

Programme content may change

We welcome new Members and Guests. Please contact Vivien on 01686 668603 for details.

All meetings are held at Llandyssil Village Hall at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Membership is Single £8, Double £14, Guests £2 per person on the door.

Coffee Mornings

In 2016, Coffee Mornings will be held from 10:15 on Saturdays every 3 months to coincide with the 200 Club draws:

- 30th January

- 30th April
- 30th July
- 29th October

Also on 3rd December 2016 - Xmas Fair

Coffee mornings continue to raise vital funds for the village, so do come along for a chat and a cuppa.

Further information about the 200 Club draws can be found on the village website: www.llandyssil.com. If you've not yet joined, there are 2 draws left in this financial year and an application form can be downloaded from the above website.

St. Tyssil's Church in Wales (Anglican), Llandyssil

Sunday Worship – 9:30am.

Contact Details Rector: Rev'd Toni Bennett: Tel. 01686 668243. Email toni.rev@btinternet.com

Warden: Gwyneth Jones: Tel. 01686 668216

Website: www.montgomerygroupcinw.org.uk

Baptisms Please contact the Rector with at least 2 months notice if you wish your child to be baptised.

Remembrance Day Service

The service will begin in Church at 10:30am and then continue at the Cenotaph at 11am.

Anyone is welcome to join us either in the Church for the service or afterwards at the Cenotaph or both.

Carol Service

This year's Carol Service will take place on Sun 29th Nov on Advent Sunday at 4pm. It will be followed by seasonal refreshments. As we did not have a harvest festival this year, we decided that we will make a collection of non-perishable foods at our Carol Service, to be donated to the food bank in Welshpool so that it can be distributed for the needy for Xmas. Any donations towards this can be brought to The Church or left at The School House.

Xmas Eve

Holy Eucharist on Xmas Eve will be held at 6:30pm followed by sherry and mince pies.

Request

If anyone has any remnants of double knitting wool they don't need,(little bits will do) I would be grateful if I could have them please. I am knitting

Xmas tree decorations to sell to try and help The Lingen Davies Trust at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to raise 5 million pounds to purchase a new Radiotherapy machine. Thank you in anticipation.

Gwen Cooper, School House, Llandyssil. Tel:- 01686 668104

Rev'd Toni

Mobile Library

Please support the mobile library. It provides an invaluable service to a number of people in the village but the number of users is dwindling - and the service needs greater use to ensure its survival.

Please join and support it as it's a wonderful service and we should do all we can to ensure it continues.

Please note the new times and dates:-

Brooklyn at 2:10 - 2:25 pm and Upper House at 2:30 - 2:45 pm - on the 1st Friday of the month: 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October

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

Bus service - 01686 412231

The village bus service into Newtown runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Leave Llandyssil Village Green at 10:03

Green Lane at 10:08

Abermule PO at 10:11

Arrive at Newtown Bus Station at 10:20

Leave Newtown Bus Station at 13:45

Abermule Waterloo at 13:54

Llandyssil Village Green at 14:06

Green Lane at 14:11

The bus operator is Celtic Travel. If you want to use the service, you must book your place by phoning the number above. Further information can be found at www.powysbus.info

Congratulations go to keen Llandyssil gardener Raymond Jones who had a great result at the Montgomery Show - winning a prize in almost every category.

Thomas and Parry

The thoughts of the village are with the Thomas and Parry families following the recent deaths of Viv Thomas and Ed Parry.

Winifred Rowell: born 26th Oct 1930 and died 2nd Aug 2015

Winifred moved to the village in 1990 with her dogs and married Peter on his 80th birthday. She loved travelling locally with Peter, the garden and walking the dogs. Peter died two years ago at the age of 101.

Her favourite dog was Fred. Sadly he died suddenly earlier this year and this made her very depressed. However the new Dachshund Poppy soon arrived and Winifred was completely revived. On the morning of her death she walked with Poppy to the bakery and was full of life and very happy. Later that day she had a major stroke from which she did not regain consciousness.

She was a wonderful kind and friendly lady who will be greatly missed.

She has been laid to rest in the field at Upper Bryntalch with Peter.

Good bye to you our dear Aunt - with much love – Steph & Mike Membery

Llandyssil Walking Group

The next walk will be on **Wednesday 4th November**.

Signage:

A small number of fingerpost signs have disappeared. The Footpaths Officer is aware of this and they will be replaced in due course. Deliberate removal of a fingerpost is an offence. It's anti-social and has no effect on the right of way. A Right of Way is just that - a right enshrined in law for public access. Removing the sign makes no difference: the footpath remains and continues to be marked on O.S. maps. Walkers are still entitled to walk the path. All it does is make locating the entry to the path more difficult for walkers unfamiliar with the area. It is therefore a futile and unhelpful gesture.

John Billington

Mark the Postie

Mark will be finishing with the Royal Mail on **17th October** and moving on to a new career as an Army Marine Engineer.

For anybody interested in giving a donation, there is a collection box in the bakery along with a card to sign before Saturday 17th October.

We wish him well in his new venture.

Update from your County Councillor

It is my intention to concentrate in this update on the Budget situation at Powys County Council and some of the potential effects that this may have on local residents and on the local community.

It has become clear that with the election of the new Conservative Government last May, the cuts in public spending are set to continue and to at least 2020/21. The County Council receives the majority of its funding from Central Government and such cuts are passported to the Council via Welsh Government. It is therefore very clear that Councils have to plan service delivery further ahead, and seek to minimise the impact on front line services by finding new ways of delivering services. Powys County Council has decided to move to a 3 year balanced budget as from 1st April 2016, and calculations and assumptions made, mean that the Council has to find a minimum £27m of savings in the period 2016/19, which is in addition to the £40m of savings that it has made in the last 3 years. The Cabinet has been hard at work for 3 months looking at proposals in order to achieve this challenging target and has now come forward with over 130 separate proposals. The main theme is to protect front line mandatory services as much as possible, and that will be achieved by different delivery models of Joint Venture Companies, Trusts, outsourcing services or by remodelling of services. All services are having to identify savings of about 20% over the 3 year period.

As the Portfolio Holder responsible for the Council's finance, I have made several press announcements in the last few weeks, informing the public of some of the major changes, so residents may be familiar with many of them, some examples are as follows:-

Removal of revenue grants to Village Halls (this grant is non-mandatory, but its removal over 2 years will affect the halls at Abermule, Bettws and Llandyssil)

Rising the School Age to those that attain the age of 4 with one intake in September each year. (This makes an annual saving of £1.5m, but means that children born in September will be close to 5yrs old by the time they start school)

Charging for transport to Schools 6th Forms and Colleges of FE of £2per day. (Free school transport to schools is mandatory on Councils for students up to age of 16. Free transport for further education (post 16) is not.)

Dragonfest 2015 photos









Changes to funding for Schools Breakfast Clubs (this involves the removal of existing provision for less than 15 pupils, a reduction in the staffing levels and a charge of £1 per day for breakfast).

Moving the 'wheelie bin' collections to 4 weekly. (The current proposal is to move to 3 weekly in November this year, so this new proposal is scheduled for Sept 2017. What we want is for residents to do more recycling which we will continue to collect every week. Some residents may want a larger wheelie bin)

Adult Social Care services will be asked to make savings of £5m over 3 years. (With the population growing older there is increased demand on this service but it is one of the big spending services with a budget of £55m per year. This cut will mean the service will need to be completely remodelled in order make the required saving. There may also be a reduction in the number of residential care beds in Powys).

Reduction in street lighting costs. (Some of this will be achieved by changing the remaining 'old' lamps over to LED and by increasing the amount of lighting on 'Part Night Light').

Reduction in Highways maintenance and winter maintenance budgets. (This will impact on the condition of the roads in our County and also the gritting of roads in bad weather conditions. This could well mean that parts of the Highways and Waste services may have to be outsourced).

Reduction in grant funding for Voluntary Organisations in Powys by up to 50%. (These grants are non-mandatory).

Reduction in funding for Theatres by 50%. (All four Theatre Venues in Powys receive a considerable amount of public funding and it is proposed to reduce this by 50%. This will impact on Theatre Hafren in our area. The funding will be removed in 3 stages, 35%, 10% & 5%, over next 3 years).

The Council will increase current charges and also introduce charges for some non-mandatory services. (A complete review of charges has taken place and it has found that many have not been increased for some time and are out of step with other authorities and/or other suppliers in private sector. This will achieve £2.5m contribution over the 3 years).

Remodelling of Library Service to save a further £250k. (Libraries have made savings in current year of £350k by reducing opening hours, further savings will possibly see some small libraries being run by volunteers but still supported by Councils book service).

Further savings made for passenger transport. (A further saving of £500k for 2018 onwards is being proposed, achieved in a variety of ways, inc. further bus routes being axed).

Removal of concurrent functions grants scheme. (This scheme only exists in Montgomeryshire and is given to Community Councils, who then use it to pay for things like cutting grass in church yards and cemeteries. These sort of functions are in many communities currently undertaken by volunteers).

Closure of 2 Household Recycling Centres, maintaining one in each 'shire'. (This will provide a saving of £700k per year and locally will mean that either Newtown or Welshpool centres will therefore close).

The above gives a flavour of many of savings proposals. The proposals are currently being introduced to Members of the County Council, and also the Public Consultation begins on Monday 28th September and will run for 8 weeks. The Public consultation is via a budget simulator, which allows residents to select their priorities for achieving the required £27m savings. People who require assistance with this can go along to any library or look online at:

www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay

I urge residents to respond to the consultation process as this will provide the Cabinet and Council with valuable evidence as to where residents feel the savings should be made.

The 130 separate proposals bring brought forward by the Cabinet and which form the balanced 3 year budget, will go before Full Council in February for approval. The Council Tax for 2016/17 will be agreed by Council in March.

Cllr. Wynne Jones

Elected Member for Dolforwyn on Powys CC.

Email. cllr.wynne.jones@powys.gov.uk Tel: 01686 630655

News from your Community Council

1. 2015/16 **Small Grants:** with a good response it was inevitable that we could not fund everything. Proposals were selected that best met our criteria and were likely to have lasting benefit. Tip: applications with accurate costings receive more favourable decisions; please tell us what you actually need for equipment / events rather than applying up to the maximum. Grants went to: Kids Inc (£150); Abermule Little Rascals (£250); Abermule Bowling Club (£100); Friends of Abermule

School (£250); Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust (£150)

2. The **Community Burial Ground** is now being landscaped in keeping with the rurality and we expect all to be ready for possible use Spring 2016.
3. Following comments made via the Community Survey, a number of road safety improvements are now in hand at Pontbechan and on the Cefn y Coed road. Discussions taking place regarding increasing speed and traffic volume on the narrow winding roads in and out of Llanmerewig.
4. Congratulations to all **Dragonfest** organisers. Another hugely enjoyable event and the sun (eventually) shone. Some great dragons as ever and it was good to have a Community Council presence. Residents had interesting ideas around a community 'helping hands' scheme for shopping, small repairs etc. as well as recycling points, bus services and car parking.
5. A detailed response was submitted to the second version of the Powys County Council **Draft Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP)**. This is on our website.
6. Repair and replacement of village **notice boards** is now in hand.
7. The **Best Kept Village in Montgomeryshire** competition is being re-launched for 2016. The revitalised competition will be much less bureaucratic and is best expressed by its Welsh name, Cystadleuaeth y Pentref Mwyaf Dymunol, being more focussed on community involvement and a great place to live. We need to get thinking about how our villages respond!

For any further information please contact Clerk Gwilym Rippon on 01938 554065 llandyssilcommunitycouncil@yahoo.co.uk or Chair Jill Kibble (630262)

www.abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk

GONE WITH THE WIND?

The Minister's decision on our five windfarms and 132kV Llandinam transmission line was to disagree with the Inspector and refuse Carnedd Wen, Llanbrynmair and the 132kV line and to agree that Llaithddu and Llanbadarn Fynydd should be rejected and Llandinam Repowering approved. Her reasoning was mainly the unacceptable detrimental harm to the landscape. Although Llandinam was approved, with the expectation that the current P & L windfarm and the 103 turbines would be removed, it currently has no means of exporting energy.

National Grid have ceased operations in the Meifod Valley. They cannot withdraw until released from their obligations to SPEN to provide a 400kV connection to Mid Wales windpower.

We are not out of the woods. The Welsh Government is determined to wrest decision making power from Local Authorities for windfarms over 25MW and to have devolved power from Westminster on all energy generation decisions over 50MW. They eschew the localism enshrined in Westminster planning policy and we stand little chance of them rejecting applications inside the TAN8 Search Areas. Some may come back with revised proposals and there are plenty in the planning pipeline such as Bryn Blaen, Neuadd Goch Banc and Carno 3. We still await the result of the Judicial Review brought by Powys on the Garreg Lywd decision.

Local communities came together with a fantastic and unprecedented effort. Our community survey showed over 96% of respondents as totally opposed to the proposals. This was demonstrated by truly amazing fundraising, letter writing and attending the Inquiry and speaking passionately and eloquently for our lovely Shire. The Inspector went away very clear as to the views of the overwhelming majority and commending our professionalism and courtesy.

We are in a much better place than we could have imagined; a battle won if not yet the war.

The Minister's decision letters and the Inspectors' reports can be accessed from the link on the Community Council Home Page.

MEG – Montgomery Energy Group

Monday 19th October: 7.30pm in Montgomery Activity Centre Dr. Alison Weeks-Donaldson, Oceanographer is presenting an illustrated talk entitled 'The Oceans and Climate Change'

MEG (Montgomery Energy Group) has formed a 'MEG fuel club' to pool orders for heating oil and allow residents in Montgomery, Newtown, Welshpool and surrounding areas to benefit from bulk order - lower rates for their fuel. Members benefit from heating oil being delivered direct to their door with payment at the point of delivery, avoiding the hassle and insecurity of having to pay up front or across the Internet. By pooling orders each month from many members the group benefits from lower prices, with all the advantages of dealing with a local, trusted supplier. Once a monthly pooled price is obtained from a local supplier each

member deals direct to arrange their own delivery and payment at the negotiated group price. Recent - 28 Second heating oil - prices were 30p per litre (+ 5% vat) in the Montgomery area.

MEG offers this as a service to our communities and membership is free. See www.MEG-Energy.org.uk for more information on the benefits of becoming a 'MEG fuel club' member and details of how the club can benefit local residents. The website also details upcoming presentations, meetings and events for the MEG group.

In August the government published a review of the Feed in Tariff, and in it they are proposing to drastically cut all of the present tariffs, with solar PV particularly hard hit. If you are considering putting some PV panels on your house, do it before the end of December, because after that the tariff is likely to fall from the present 12p to 1.6p!!

Field scale solar is also being cut - the tariff relevant for the scale we are trying to set up in Montgomery (around 1MW) is falling from the present 4.28p to 2.28p, which is almost certain to make any scheme not viable. Installers across the country are facing the prospect of their work drying up almost completely which will leave many businesses having to lay off many newly trained staff.

The present tariffs stay in place until December and we are still hopeful that we could get a small array installed before then, perhaps on the roof of the Activity Centre. We are investigating this at the moment.

In the meantime, if you think that the Feed in Tariff should not be removed in this way, please do respond to the consultation that the government have set up. The published review is not set in stone yet, (although many believe the government is determined to implement these cuts). Please do go to the consultation website to have your say. Google "Consultation on a review of the Feed-in Tariffs scheme" to find the consultation documents. Responses need to be sent in by 23rd October.

Saturday 17th October

Powys Transition and Low Carbon Communities network, in association with the UK's REconomy Project invite you to our 2015 Conference!

Powys Reconomics: REthink! RElocalise! DEcarbonise!

Saturday 17th October 2015 at The Metropole Hotel Llandrindod Wells
10:45am - 3:30pm (doors open at 10:00am) Conference fee includes lunch & refreshments: £10 waged, £5 unwaged, (Bursaries available).

Advance booking essential at <http://tinyurl.com/powysreconomics>

For more details go to www.powysreconomics.org.uk

Mike Membroy 668643 or mikemem@phonecoop.coop

Abermule

The Evergreen Club meets first and third Thursday of the month at 1:45 in Abermule Community Centre. Many speakers and activities are planned. All welcome.

Abermule W.I. meets second Thursday in the month. Eira Humphreys 630331.

Abermule Bowling Club meets Monday & Friday nights. Secretary Bev Morgan 07974 382943. New members always welcome.

Abermule YFC meets Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

Montgomery

Bell Ringing - Monday 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Scrabble Club in The Dragon - Tony Burdock 01686 669997 alternate Thursdays

Montgomery Scouts (Beavers / Cubs) - Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 in the Community Centre Ken Whitmore 01686 630718

Market Day - every Thursday

Montgomery Walking Group - Jeny Heard 01686 668168

Montgomery Book Club - 668912

Montgomery Civic Society - Geoff Threlfall 01686 668773

Dial a Ride - 01686 622566

Doctors' Surgery - 01686 668217 - repeat prescription line 669036

Quaker meetings in Montgomery

The Quakers meet at the Activity Centre, at 10:30am, on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and at alternative venues on the 3rd and any 5th Sundays (ring for details). All are welcome to our meetings. Ring 01686 668748 for more details or just turn up.

Montgomery Medical Practice

If you find for whatever reason you cannot 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.

Next Newsletter

The Newsletter is published four times a year. Any content, ideas or

suggestions for the January, February, March issue or comments on this issue would be greatly welcomed - by early December 2015 please.
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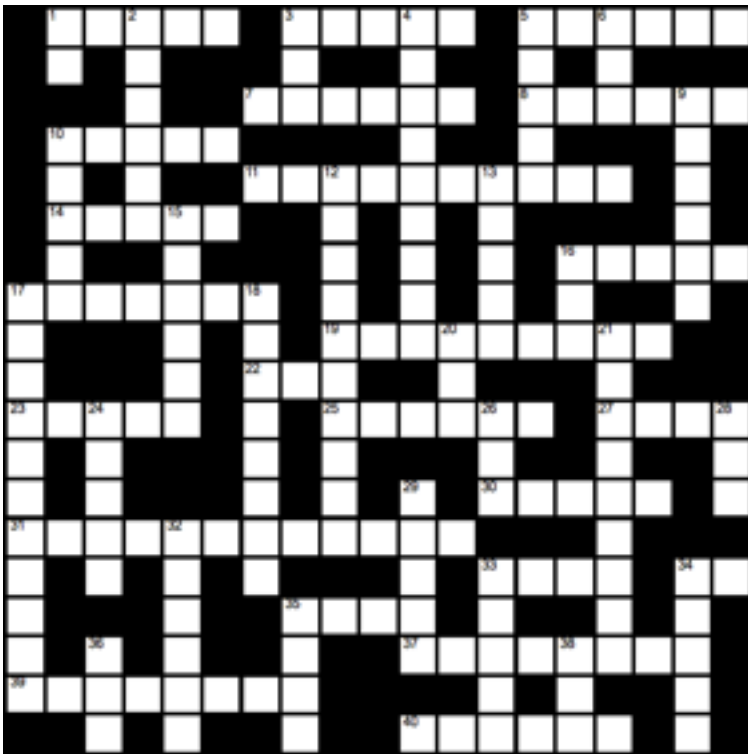
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