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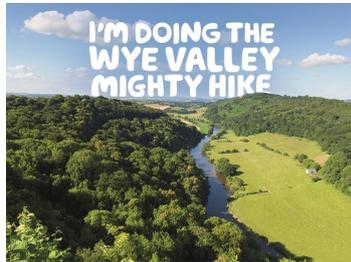
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## WYE VALLEY MIGHTY WALK

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Aimee Williams, Josie Herdman, Claire Evans, Meg Lloyd, Mair Morgan, Carol Jones and Kate Tarr will be taking part in the Wye Valley Mighty Hike in memory of a most amazing friend and sister, Ruth Williams.



All money raised from this 26-mile (marathon distance!) hike will go towards helping Macmillan to support other families dealing with cancer, as they supported Ruth and her family.

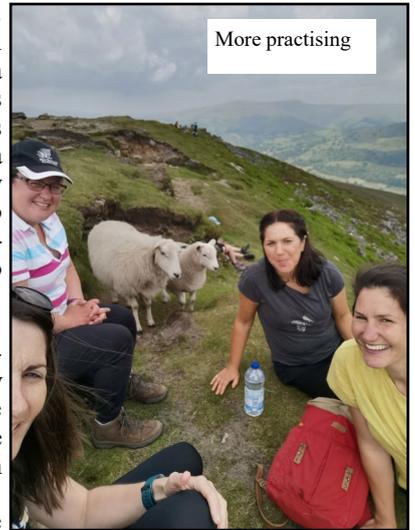
Anybody who knew Ruth, knows that she always had a smile on her face and an infectious laugh. She absolutely loved walking and talking which is why we thought that this would be a fitting way to raise money for Macmillan in her memory.



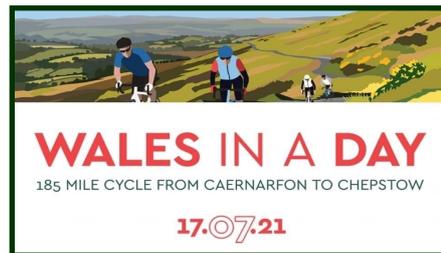
Training walks have been tough and enjoyable but with a maximum of 15 miles completed so far it is going to be quite a challenge on the day (to say the least!) so we would be so grateful for any support to help motivate us.

Donations make up 98% of Macmillan's income, every penny counts, and we would truly appreciate any support you can give.

You can donate through JustGiving at <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/peckerpower2021> please see Aimee, Josie, Meg, Mair, Carol or Kate. Thank you!



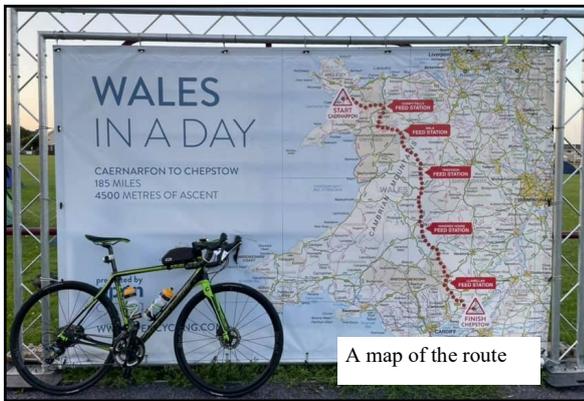
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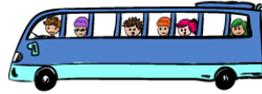
From Carnarfon to Chepstow in a day, on one of the hottest days of the year. There were plenty of incidents with punctures and lots of heat exhaustion but it was a very successful day for most of the participants. A lot of cyclists when they were coming through Painscastle did look a little the worse for wear. More pictures on next page from Grace.



## WALES IN A DAY



The route took the cyclists through Painscastle and then to Hay and over Gospel Pass. There were 5 Feed Stations on the route, one of which was at Hundred House.



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## RYAN NICHOLLS AGRI

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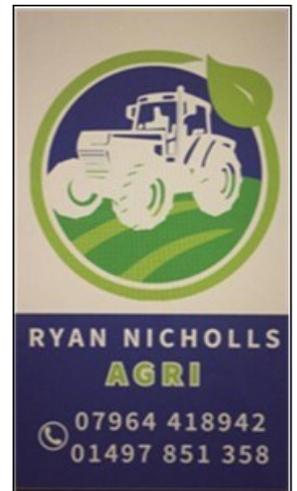
My name is Ryan Nicholls. I have recently gone self employed in agricultural engineering, working from home at Upper Pentre.

I have worked for Teme Valley Tractors for the past 10 years but recently decided to branch out on my own.

Although I have worked on New Hollands predominantly, I have experience of many other tractors and machinery too!

I got my love of tractors and machinery from my dad Steve who I spent many years supervising!!

If you require any assistance please give me a call!



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## FARM FOCUS

I've been asked to write a contribution for The Gossip. I'm so chuffed!

My story starts back in the 1970s on a school trip to A FARM. I can still remember so clearly the farmer standing with us kids in a rainy field and telling us all about Phosphate, Nitrogen and Potassium. He was very keen that, if nothing else, we learned about the special ingredients that made the growing of crops possible. Another really vivid memory from this day was being taken into the milking parlour to learn about hand milking one of the cows. We were taught how to do it and then were allowed one squeeze each. It was complete magic squeezing as I had been instructed and seeing a stream of warm fresh milk flow into the bucket. From that day to this I have always wanted to farm. Life continued and the years have rolled by and after marrying Colin we saved and managed to buy a one acre small holding that became our nursery school, and has allowed us to buy our farm, New House.

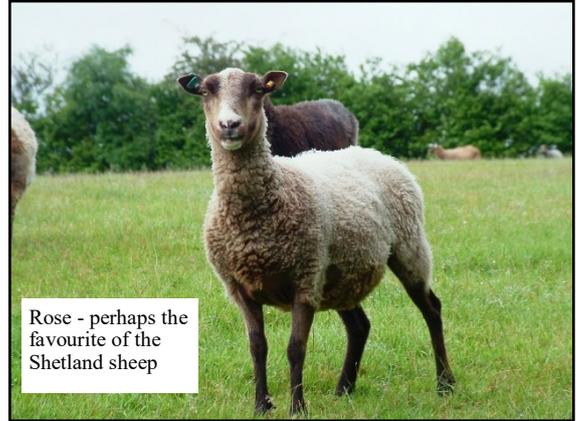


New House is down the dingle in Rhosgoch. We have been here just over two and a half years now and have flocks of both Shetland and Welsh Mountain sheep. We have "help" to look after these from our two young Border Collies, Alice and Pippa. We also have a small herd of goats that supply our milk and some free range chickens that pay their rent with the odd egg or two. The horses that live here are liveries but still very much part of the 'family' as are their owners.



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At the moment producing yarn from the fleeces of the no slaughter flock of Shetlands is our main focus. It has taken us quite a while to progress with this as, of course, they can only be sheared once a year and we have to send large quantities at a time to the mill to have it spun. We are now, though, just about in a position to have several colours available, have some stocked by The Bobbin Sisters in Hay and the website is in progress. It's very exciting for us! We plan on dyeing some of the yarn with plant dyes so hope to have some of this for sale too soon.



We have also just sold our first lambs from the Welsh Mountain flock and plan to advertise when we have some more ready. We are so lucky to have such lovely neighbours that have helped us enormously with our small flock. We have such a lot to learn. Lambing for the first time this year was amazing, I loved all the checking I did in the middle of the night. So quiet. So dark. So special. I also really enjoy all the "sheep work" and I'm very proud of the ladies that all have a purple H pitch mark. It's taken a long time to get this far. I'm making up for it now though!

This has been the first year we have opened the camp site so we have been pleased to be able to welcome our first campers. We have plans to provide a BBQ area and improve the shower block. Other plans include a Jersey cow .....

Our hobbies don't seem to get done anymore as the farm keeps us so busy. We used to play in an amateur orchestra; Colin the violin and I the cello, but we can only be described as 'rusty' players now. Colin also used to run marathons and I used to horse ride. Perhaps we can get back to it as we get more organised. Well, the riding anyway – not sure about the marathon running! We could never go back to our previous lifestyle though. We are absolutely loving living here among you all and just wish we had moved earlier!

Heather Pink



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**Platinum Jubilee 'Rhosgoch Cloth' Community Project – Fleece to Fabric**



The Platinum Jubilee 'Rhosgoch Cloth' project is starting soon! This community initiative will take Shetland fleeces from a Rhosgoch farm and turn them into a woven fabric using traditional techniques and locally grown and foraged plant dyes. Small samples will be woven during the weaving workshops for you to keep and a final design will be selected by the group and woven afterwards on a floor loom as a larger piece of cloth to be made into bookmarks or coasters for the Painscastle and Rhosgoch community. The plan is to distribute these over the Jubilee weekend in June 2022.

Six workshops are planned as follows, all workshops 2-4pm Painscastle Hall

**Wednesday September 29**

**Design: Colour, Pattern and Texture**

**Wednesday October 27**

**From Fleece to Wool: Processing and Spinning**

**Wednesday November 24**

**Natural dyeing: plant dyes**

**Wednesday January 26**

**Natural dyeing/weave design**

**Wednesday February 23**

**Weaving samples**

**Wednesday March 30**

**Weaving samples and finishing**

Please contact Jackie Stephens if you would like to be involved. No experience is required, come to one or all, or pop in for a cup of tea and see what's going on, everyone is welcome. All equipment and materials will be provided and all COVID precautions at the time will be adhered to.

[Jackie.stephens@me.com](mailto:Jackie.stephens@me.com) 07590 325567

Jackie Stephens

**RHOSGOCH YFC NEWS**

Firstly I would like to thank and congratulate Aaron Bagley and Kate Davies on all their hard work over the last 12 months. It hasn't been easy for them and they've done a great job considering all of what's been going on.

After what seems like forever we seem, to be slowly getting back to normality, our new members afternoon of bubble football was a huge success and it was great to see so many new and old faces. I would like to thank Beau Herdman for the use of his land. Then we held the AGM at the Golf Club to elect the new officers.

Chairman: Daniel Price

Secretary: Rebecca Lloyd

Treasurer: Tom Protheroe

Vice Chairman: Aaron Bagley

President: Tim East

After everybody had been elected it was time to get on with organising the new year, we've started with a trip to the popular Ackhill Sunflowers which was enjoyed by all and it was great to see how farms are diversifying within Radnorshire. With the first competitions of the year coming up there's a lot to look forward too. We are always looking for new members, so if you or you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us please don't hesitate to come along.



Rhosgoch YFC Tractor Run will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October

Daniel Price

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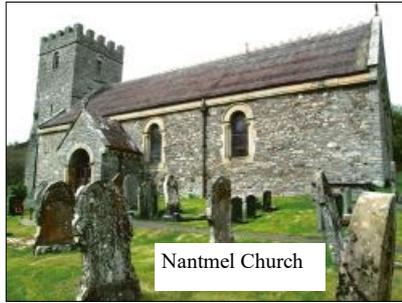
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### The Lure of Gold Down Under

In May 2001 Victor and I visited St Cynllo's Church, Nantmel, Rads in search of my great x 3 grandparents James and Sarah Lloyd. This visit followed a lot of research and fortunately it paid off. We found the Lloyd grave under a large old yew tree and luckily most of the inscription was legible. I duly took photographs and recorded as much of the inscription as I possibly could. What I was not expecting was that the stone was not only a memorial to James (1796-1851) and Sarah but also to their eldest son John.



I was able to read and transcribe the following:

John son of James and Sarah Lloyd died August 24<sup>th</sup> 1856 on board the ship "Champion of the Seas."

My inquisitive mind wanted to know more. I later discovered that this ship was returning to Liverpool from Melbourne, Australia and that John had died of "Paralysis" which was a term used for many debilitating illnesses/diseases back then. So why was John on board this ship? To find this out I needed to find out if anyone else in his family had left these shores.

John was the eldest of six children born to James and Sarah Lloyd between 1818 and 1830. All were found on the 1841 Census but by 1851 John and David, the youngest member of the family, were missing. By 1861 David is found living with his sister Mary at Llwyn, Nantmel Parish and recorded as a "boarder" with occupation given as "late gold miner."

This was the time of the Australian gold rush and it is highly probable that John and David travelled there together to seek their fortunes. However, there are more questions here than answers i.e. did they leave together and were they returning together on board the ship in 1856 when John died? It would be nice to think that David had been there for John at the end of his life. After more research I am so pleased to say that John was not alone and I did find both John and David as Assisted Passengers on their return journey on board the "Champion of the Seas" in 1856.

From what I've read, a prospector discovered flecks of gold in New South Wales in c1850 and very soon gold on a much larger scale was found around Ballarat in what would become the State of Victoria. And so began the Australian gold rush and in 1851 gold seekers from around the world arrived to hopefully fill their pockets with gold. News reached Britain including Nantmel and by the end of 1851 some 30,000 unassisted UK migrants, mostly single men, had arrived and between 1852 and 1860 some 290,000 people had migrated from the UK to Victoria. A population explosion from across the world brought a diverse population to Victoria which still exists today.

This life would probably have sounded very attractive to John and David in rural Radnorshire. Would they have had any idea of what life would be throwing at them? I suspect not. The long journey in a sailing ship lasting many months would have been pretty harrowing in itself. Conditions on board in all weathers would have been crowded, damp, dark, foul smelling and have limited sanitation. Rats, insects and

disease would have been commonplace. I can only think that they must have been very brave and fearless as they survived all that and did arrive in Victoria but what next?

From what I understand the gold fields in Victoria were difficult places to live and work and there simply weren't the resources to accommodate the huge influx of people. Most people in Victoria lived on the goldfields living in tents where it was dirty, dangerous, overcrowded and rife with disease. The impact of the gold rush changed Victorian life and the landscape to treeless hills, mounds of mining waste, mud and filth likened to a war battle field. A digger's life was physically hard through the extremes of summer heat to the cold of winter, the lack of clean water, no comforts and only a tent for shelter. They had to survive all of this with the constant threat of injuries and disease and no real guarantee of finding gold.

I can only begin to imagine what John and David went through during those years and what their lives in Victoria were like. Sadly John did not live to tell the tale but David did settle back into Radnorshire life, got married and farmed Argoed Fawr, Nantglas (near Doldowlodd) until he died in 1911.

Twenty years later, May 2021 Victor and I returned to St Cynllo's Church only to find the inscriptions now pretty much illegible, ivy having spread, infiltrating the face of the stone causing shaling. What a difference those 20 years had made.

There is a follow on from this story when John and David's nephew James Lloyd from Cwmgwenddwr, Gwenddwr, Breca followed in their footsteps to Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.....to be continued.

Cherry Williams

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Trefor (TD) and Ebony Lloyd nee Weale on the birth of a baby girl on 29th July 2021. Fern Delilah-Rae Lloyd arrived a few weeks early but seems to be making up for it now. Best wishes to you all.



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**Recycling is collected** every Monday, and the next rubbish collection dates every three weeks are:

Sept 20th      Oct 11th      Nov 1st      Nov 22nd

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Dear Volunteers,

For those of you who missed out and those who would like to come again, we will be doing another volunteer weekend at our wonderful site in Glascwm near Builth Wells on the 18th and 19th September!

We had a brilliant group doing this last month and we hope to have another great day putting out cardboard, wood-chip and sheep wool around the trees and also doing a bit of bracken bashing. The work itself is not difficult or complicated but it helps us a lot as it increases the chance of our trees surviving. It does involve walking up fairly steep slopes (great exercise!) so sturdy footwear is a must, as well as a pack lunch/hot drinks and general outdoor clothing.

The day will be running from 9am-3pm, but it's no biggie if you can't make the whole thing; every little helps. Parking is limited so lift sharing is advised.

**Please do let us know if you would like to come along.**

If you haven't volunteered with us before we'd love to hear from you. We will need to know the following details:

- Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Contact number
  - Address
  - Next of Kin & their contact number
  - Medical conditions
- (This all saves time on the day)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mike on 07791687573 Whatsapp or text as there is limited signal here. If you do leave a message please include your contact number.

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In normal circumstances we do around 6,000 journeys a year which shows how important transport is in this rural area, especially so for those living in social and rural isolation. Please consider lending a helping hand. Informal visits and chats most welcome if you'd like to find out more.

Can't drive but want to get involved? Join us as a passenger escort and help our members on and off the vehicles, help with carrying shopping and stowing mobility aids. Training is provided and we will happily work around your other commitments.

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#### CHANGES TO REGULAR UNLEADED FUEL

From September 2021 Regular Unleaded Fuel will be changing from E5 (5% Ethanol added) to E10 (10% Ethanol Added). This will have a detrimental effect on petrol engines powering Garden Machinery (two stroke and four stroke), as well as many Classic Vehicles with petrol engines. Already there are problems with E5 with water absorption and damage to carburettors, so with E10 these issues are going to increase vastly. The advice from the Garden Machinery Industry and Classic Vehicle organisations, as well as the AA, is to upgrade to Super Unleaded Petrol for Garden Machinery and Classics to avoid damage to engines.

Although Super Unleaded is more expensive, it will have only 5% Ethanol for the next 5 years and should keep the issues that engines experience with Ethanol to the current level and therefore repair costs to the same level.

At the time of writing, (August 16th), E10 is already appearing on forecourts in place of E5 as petrol stations switch over and the only way to see what you are purchasing, is by observing what is written on the pump handle. There doesn't appear to be much advertising on the forecourt that their regular unleaded fuel has changed to E10!

There is a page on gov.uk (E10 petrol explained - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) indicating that some injected petrol cars produced prior to 2011 (not that old in our opinion!), may not be suitable for running on E10.

We are happy to answer any queries on this issue that anyone may have. Terry & Nicky Smith, Whitney Garden Machinery. Email: wgm.2004@outlook.com

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

At the next community council meeting on 20th September at 8pm in Painscastle Village Hall, we will be discussing the Community Broadband project. Please come along to find out more. This project affects the whole community and without your support can not go ahead. For further information please contact Marion Hughes 01497-851628 or email marionh26@googlemail.com

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thr - Sun Sept 16 - 19th	Kington Walking Festival
Fri - Sun Sept 24 - 26th	Red Dragon Endurance Ride
Thr Sept 30th	Local Interest Group
Mon Oct 4th	WI. At Painscastle Village Hall @ 7pm
Thr Oct 14th	Gardening Club at Rhosgoch Golf Club at 7.30pm
Sun Oct 31st	YFC Tractor Run from Rhosgoch

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 Sunday October 10th at 2.30pm

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<b>Sun 12th Sept</b>	<b>15th after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Llandeilo Graban	Eucharist
<b>Sun 19th Sept</b>	<b>16th after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Bryngwyn	Harvest Eucharist
10.30am	Crickadarn	Harvest Eucharist
<b>Sun 26th Sept</b>	<b>17th after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Gwenddwr	Harvest Eucharist
10.30am	Llanbedr	Harvest Eucharist
<b>Sun 3rd Oct</b>	<b>18th after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Aberedw	Harvest Eucharist
<b>Sun 10th Oct</b>	<b>19th after Trinity</b>	
2.30pm	Llandeilo Graban	Harvest Eucharist
<b>Sun 17th Oct</b>	<b>20th after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Bryngwyn	Eucharist
10.30am	Crickadarn	Eucharist
<b>Sun 24th Oct</b>	<b>21st after Trinity</b>	
10.30am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
10.30am	Llanbedr	Eucharist
<b>Sun 31st Oct</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	
10.30am	Newchurch	Eucharist
<b>Tues 2nd Nov</b>	<b>All Souls</b>	
6.30pm	Aberedw	Eucharist
<b>Sun 7th Nov</b>	<b>3rd Sun before Advent</b>	
10.30pm	Aberedw	Eucharist

*Hope to see you soon.  
 Paul and Carolyn xx*

### EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you enjoy this edition of the 'Gossip'. Thanks to so many people who have sent contributions in during this difficult time. Gradually, as restrictions ease, more events are happening, more organisations are holding face to face meetings, some have kept going on-line and are now considering a move to normality. This includes YFC, WI, Gardening Club and the Painscastle Farmers Buying Group.

I would like to thank our delivery team for their outstanding efforts. Please continue to send articles, news, etc, all comments are gratefully received. Deadline for next issue [Nov/December 2021] is 31st October 2021. [mlloydldundy@outlook.com or 01497-851609].

September is the beginning of our subscription year so please make your usual arrangements to pay for the 2021/22 year. Local subscription £6 per year, posted £12, adverts £10. Articles are the opinion of the respective writers. All errors and omissions excepted (E&OE).

### THE VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to announce that, after being closed for the last 18 months, the Village Hall will be opening again with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone who wants to make a booking should contact Meg Lloyd ([meg\\_171@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meg_171@yahoo.co.uk)).

During the enforced closure the Hall Committee decided to use the opportunity to carry out some much needed refurbishment, the first phase of which is nearing completion. As part of the refurbishment:

- A new cloakroom has been created off the entry vestibule
- The electrics have been upgraded to replace the ageing heaters and lighting and the toilets now have electric hand dryers
- The stage has been rebuilt and the void underneath the stage now incorporates much needed equipment storage
- The ceiling has been replastered and wood panelling has been installed
- The floor is being professionally refurbished and new window blinds have been ordered
- Some new kitchen appliances are being installed
- On the outside, the guttering and fascias have been replaced
- The hall has been repainted throughout
- The hall now has an internet connection and Wifi is available for all users

We also have plans to improve both the audio visual equipment and the current store room. If anyone has any suggestions of further improvements that could be made, let us know.

### BRYNGWYN W.I.

Bryngwyn WI is resuming meetings again in Painscastle Village Hall on the 1st Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on Monday October 4th at 7pm. The speaker will be Bronwen Jenkins telling us about (and hopefully demonstrating) her very unusual embroideries inspired by the natural world. All members and visitors welcome. For further info if you are interested please contact Helen on 01982 560492.

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## Extracts From Connected Painscastle & Rhosgoch Facebook Page – Fast Fibre Internet to the Premises

The information below has been extracted from our community Facebook page. It is a great community to visit as it will tell you all about how we are trying to bring fibre connectivity to the community.

### Community Broadband Update

It appears one of the delays for sign-off grants by DCMS was the trial scheme for broadband in Ceredigion & Carmarthenshire. That scheme has been cancelled and has removed some of the delays. This means that in the future there should be quicker sign-off for community projects.

After 9 months (delays caused by the above scheme) DCMS has signed off for Broadway to implement the Llanafan & Llanwrthwl projects in Powys.

The next and most important move on the Painscastle & Rhosgoch project is to begin getting individuals and companies in the community to register interest on the Broadway web page. You can do that by following the link below and pressing the red **REGISTER NOW** button at the top right of the page. <https://www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk/>

To set this project in motion, we will need about 30% of the community to register their interest. The more companies that register (a company could include a farm or anyone with a part-time business being run from home) the larger the community chest will be.

As many people (up to 40% in some communities) prefer to work by mail, we will be sending a letter out across the community with all the information about this project and contact details for questions before the end of September.

Broadway is also sending me A4 posters, A5 posters for mail drops, and two or three 2m x 1m banners that we can hang in the community - **any suggestions for the banners and the A4 posters are gratefully received.**

Please be aware that if you have 4G broadband at the moment, it is not a long-term solution. Once you have full fibre to the premises you will have a future proof solution that can be upgraded from the original 100 Mbps to 300 or even 1000 Mbps. If you do decide to sell your house, get an opportunity to work from home, see the roll-out of new features, have more children etc, full fibre will be a significant advantage.

### Information about Broadway Partners

Within Powys Broadway is engaged with 27 communities where they have formal support from either the town/community council and/or the county councillor. In North Ceredigion, which will form a contiguous network with Powys 10 communities. In South Ceredigion, they are engaged with one community and that will be contiguous with their Pembrokeshire deployments of over 20 communities.

There are also networks in Monmouthshire and they are also developing new opportunities in Carmarthenshire and Denbighshire.

Here are some links that provide customer feedback and articles that describe current Broadway projects:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VK9qnnfIDT0>

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/.../first-connections...>

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/.../Broadband-progress-for-Powys...>

The last link has further embedded links, including the Aberedw broadband website.

**If you have any questions, please post on the community or send them to Huw Jones at [jhuwjones@sky.com](mailto:jhuwjones@sky.com)**

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## POWYS PRATTLES

by County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

The late John Price of Rhayader, a lovely man and venerable reporter on the Powys County Times newspaper, many years' ago described the month of August to me as 'the silly season', by which he meant that nothing much happened, people were on holiday and he and his colleagues were desperate for stories to fill their pages. It was a great opportunity, he said, for local politicians to get themselves in the papers. Problem was, I told him, that nothing much happened in local government in August! So it is now – no committee meetings, councillors' emails to officers very often receiving an irritating automated response that the officer is 'on leave until...and will respond when they return', and so on. Of course, the Council manages its staffing to ensure service delivery continues as usual and things continue to happen. Our recycling and refuse are still collected, mostly on time, road maintenance continues and social care is still delivered in people's homes and residential settings (although this is under extreme pressure at the moment due to a combination of rising demand and loss of staff as a result of Brexit and the pandemic). But as we move into September the business of the Council and its political machinations will crank up again; and as we approach next May's council elections expect those machinations to become more machinated!

On that point about politics, one of the issues that really gets people's backs up is the Council doing things without warning or things happening without them knowing they are about to happen. A classic example of this was caused by the decision by Powys County Council some years ago to cease sending out 'neighbour notices' to people living near sites subject to a planning application. The neighbour notice process was costly and planning authorities are not legally required to inform neighbours about applications. But their absence has resulted in frequent complaints from people of 'I didn't know anything about this' when the diggers move in and work starts, at which point it's far too late to change anything. Equally seriously, the County Council too often hides behind 'commercial confidentiality' when challenged by Council members, as well as members of the public, about the way it is spending huge amounts of our money. It certainly drives me to distraction, especially when the challenge is connected to poor council service delivery, much of which is now delivered via commercial partnerships with private businesses. My view is simple – if it's public money the public should know how every single penny is spent, whoever is spending or receiving it. But at the moment even councillors are often told they cannot have the information they seek on council spending, even after they have had to resort to submitting a Freedom of Information enquiry! If anything changes after a new County Council is formed next May completely opening up the way the Council works and spends money is a change that's long overdue.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Minutes are on the Painscastle-Rhosgoch website:  
[www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk](http://www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

This year appears to have been the summer that never was. Apart from the odd few days of sunshine, the barbecue summer we were promised never materialised. However, it certainly hasn't stopped the tourists from coming to this part of the world. It has been fantastic to see pubs and restaurants busy again.

Just before Recess I spoke on Radio Wales about rural cash and secured a debate in Westminster on rural banking. Protecting access to cash in our community is essential. During the debate, the Treasury Minister confirmed that the Government has changed the law to make cashback available without a purchase – something working well in Hay on Wye. I reminded the Minister not to forget about our rural areas and how our needs are different to towns and cities. During Recess I have caught up with Barclays – one of the banks taking part in Hay's Access to Cash pilot scheme and I will continue to work with all involved. The Post Office - now in Country Supplies - has provided us with a lifeline and continues to be open 9am-1pm and 2-5pm Monday to Friday and Saturdays 9am – 1pm.

I've spent the summer getting out and about as much as possible- with a series of Street Surgeries across Brecon and Radnorshire. If you were one of the individuals who came for a chat I'm very grateful.

It has been great to host some joint surgeries with James Evans MS this summer as well as attend some events together, one being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal British Legion in Hay. The event was superbly organised and it was fantastic to see so many residents out in support. It was a privilege to attend and to be able to lay a wreath at the memorial.

As the schools and the clocks go back, Friday surgeries return by appointment. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.  
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## RECYCLING TABLET FOILS

Tablet foils are one of those things that we have historically thrown into landfill and sadly that's where they stay as they do not disintegrate.



Tablet foils ready for recycling

Mrs. Sue Farmer kindly started collecting tablet foils a few months ago and Mrs. Anne Lloyd was taking them to a shop in Builth which had an outlet for them to be recycled. Unfortunately, the shop in Builth stopped accepting tablet foils so I decided to try and source another outlet. With the help of a very kind lady in Fynydd Gynydd, Ros Murphy, we can now get our tablet foils dropped off at Llangorse Church. At present there is no financial gain for the church for this service, however it does mean that there will be less foil in landfill.

This includes all push-through tablet packs.

Once a month I will be collecting these foils in a bin on my doorstep at Squirrels Nest Rhosgoch.



Collection point Squirrel's Nest, Rhosgoch

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## LIFE AT LUNDY

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There was a big tent in a field and Mo was growing flowers, or at least trying to. She said it all had to look nice. However she discovered that bunny rabbits like flowers, at least the ones that she managed to grow. So the containers had to be planted with replacement flowers, thank goodness for garden centres otherwise she would have been around raiding the neighbours' gardens. It was Lindsey and Darren's wedding so of course everyone had to contribute, although us dogs were only distant onlookers. However the humans all dressed up even Ken matched the rest of the men who all had jobs of ushers etc. Although Oscar was special he was a page boy which meant he had to carry the ring into the church - or so I was told. The girls, and there were a lot of them, were bridesmaids and flower girls, in fact there was a rumour that Lindsey had more attendants than royalty.

The party went on until very late and there was a lot of noise, apparently most of it was music. It would have been quite disturbing for us dogs, only we know how noisy Lundy can be at times, so we tried to ignore it. The Lundy residents arrived or staggered home at different times throughout the night - just as well the tent was only a few fields away!

Well of course it was supposed to be Lindsey's day, however kid brother TD has often tried to upstage her and he did the same that day, when he announced the birth of his first child, a little girl called Fern.

After all that human activity of course we then had a few quiet days, some needing it more than others! Since then life has been a bit less hectic. Normal service resumed, with sheep to put through the footrot bath, thistles to cut etc. I like helping with the sheep, but I don't bother about the thistles.

Then suddenly Mo said that the Rogers family were going camping for the weekend, at first I wondered whether they were inviting me, but no we, or rather Mo, was to look after Tess. Tess is my sister but she is only 9 months old and is a little unruly. When Tess comes to stay I have to vacate my house and go and live with my mum Gyp. Mo was also in charge of Bowie who lives with Geraint and Dione. Bowie is more unruly than Tess although she is only little she has a Paterdale title. She is very annoying so I have to try and give her some education, but she doesn't seem to be a very fast learner, as she keeps coming back for more, instead of leaving me alone. However we managed to get through the weekend and now I am back in my own home which is so much nicer than sharing.

Sweep



## TIM'S TONGUE TWISTERS

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

Betty bought a bit of butter but the bit of butter Betty bought was bitter so Betty bought a better bit of butter.

You've known me to light a night light on a light night like tonight. There's no need to light a night light on a light night like tonight, for a night light's a slight light on tonight's light night.

Chop shops stock chops.



### National Garden Scheme –

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Visit [ngs.org.uk/vote-for-the-nations-favourite-garden/](https://ngs.org.uk/vote-for-the-nations-favourite-garden/) before 30 September to vote in the 'Nation's Favourite Garden Competition'. Gorsty House, Montgomery is 1 of 4 in the Wales & The Marches region shortlist. For more see [facebook.com/gorstyhousegarden](https://facebook.com/gorstyhousegarden) There will be one winner for each of seven categories and one overall champion.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2 to 5.30pm [Church House](#) Llandefalle, Brecon LD3 0ND

A garden of different moods, areas enclosed by shrubs and trees. A small meadow parterre is underway to facilitate the transition from garden to fields and view of the Black Mountains.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Sept [The Kitchen Garden](#), Ty Mawr, Llangasty, Brecon LD3 7PJ

Tickets need to be booked online at [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk) for tours at 11am, 12.30 and 2pm Admission includes talk and tour of this new garden opening for the first time in 2021.

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#### POWYS GARDENS OPENING IN OCTOBER

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We are in the process of putting some book shelves in the bus shelter in order that the books can be displayed better and to allow people to sit on the bench, while waiting for the bus that never comes! It is probably time for a bit of a sort out, so go and have a look now, in case there is something special which may be disposed of during the re-vamp. It is a few years since any housework has been done on the shelter so that and the well are due a spring clean before winter.

### GARDENING CLUB RETURNS

It was great to see several Gardening Club members at the late John Bufton's Memorial Open Garden last month. John was a regular judge at our Annual Flower and Vegetable Show and was well known and respected for his gardening knowledge, prize-winning produce and extra-long runner beans.



His widow Pam opened their impressive gardens to the public to remember John and raise money for St Michael's Hos-

pice. Monies on the day were raised from a raffle, sales of plants from the garden, cakes and refreshments provided by family and friends, and a donations box. At the time writing over £2,000 has been raised with still more donations coming in. After a long break we are resuming our monthly Gardening Club meet-



ings. The first one will be on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the Golf Club, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back. New members are always welcome! For more information please contact Pat Harley, Edwina Griffiths or Allison Joyce.



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## WALK IN LLANDEGLEWY

In July, Mo Lloyd and Elsa Harflett organised two walks to Llandegley for members of the Local Interest Group and the Radnorshire Society Field Section.

During the first lockdown, Penybont Community Council and Penybont Local History Group secured a National Lottery Heritage Grant, as well as funding from CADW and the Welsh Government, which enabled them to put together some walks in, and information about, their local area. Each walk/location is supported with information accessible using QR codes which can be downloaded onto your mobile phone. There are five locations covered by the scheme: Penybont, Penybont Common, Llandegley, The Pales and Cefnlllys. The Llandegley walk was what had provided the inspiration for our outing. (For further information about all of these walks, go to: [www.penybontcc.co.uk/heritagestorywalks](http://www.penybontcc.co.uk/heritagestorywalks))

We started in the village itself and we were greeted by Ellie Turner coordinator for the Penybont Heritage Story Walks, Shirley Morgan and Geraint Hughes of the Penybont Local History Group and Andrew Willemsen, owner of Burton House. Because of the local geology (more of which later), Llandegley was once very important as a spa. Its location on the main coaching route on the turnpike between Kington and Crossgates, and so a main route from Hereford to Aberystwyth, meant that it was easily accessible to people wanting to come to “take the waters”. Burton House (probably of 17<sup>th</sup> century origins) was once a coaching inn and it was here that visitors would stay. If you look at a present-day OS map, you can see a sulphur spring is marked, just north-east of the village, and there were other sulphur and iron springs in the area. Llandegley remained important as a spa until the coming of the railway to Llandrindod. This made that town more easily accessible and so it grew during Victorian times into a much larger spa town, whilst Llandegley’s importance waned.



Llandegley church

After our introductory talk in the village, we then walked up through the churchyard. St Tecla’s Church can be traced back to the early 13<sup>th</sup> century, but it was rebuilt as “a nave and chancel with a west tower” in 1876. The tower had to be rebuilt in 1953 after a collapse.

From the churchyard, there is a path that crosses some rhos pasture and the Logyn Brook, and then it comes out onto a bracken-covered slope up towards Pearl Rock. (This is named on the OS map.) Pearl Rock is a large slab containing quartz and other crystals. When the afternoon sun catches the surface, it appears to be covered in “bright stars glistening in the light” – quite a sight!



Pearl Rock

From here the climb up onto the hill is quite steep. This is not common land (as evidenced by the fences), but it is open access land as designated by the CROW Act (2000). The walk passes some impressive looking rocks, many of

which are covered in lichen which means they appear to vary considerably in colour. A gate to the left in the col between the two “tops” takes you onto a plateau overlooking the Radnor Forest to the east. This area has a rounded appearance, which is in complete contrast to the more craggy and rugged appearance of Llandegley Rocks. This is because the sandstone and siltstone rocks forming the Radnor Forest area are more consistent in nature and so are eroded and weathered in a more uniform way. By contrast, the Llandegley rocks are faulted and brittle, with layers which are more and less resistant in nature, and this results in an irregular landscape when they are weathered and eroded. It is also possible to see evidence of fault movements in the grooves left behind in the rocks. On top of the plateau is the site of Iron Age huts and quarry pits and these can be seen quite clearly from the air.

From here, we went back through the gate and made our way up to the trig point (436m). This is the position of the vent of an ancient volcano and the rocks here are volcanic tuff (a violently erupted mass of crystals, glass shards and broken bits of rock). On Llandegley Rocks, this formation is about 50m deep. The Llandegley Tuff Formation is classified as andesitic. This type of lava is erupted where two tectonic plates collide and one is subducted (drawn down) beneath the other; these types of eruption are very violent.

It is because of the mineral composition of these volcanic rocks, and the fact that water can seep down through them dissolving minerals as it does so, that the sulphur springs that surround Llandegley are here, and the reason for the importance of the settlement as a healing spa. Interestingly, St Tecla was known as a healer and maybe that is why the church in the village is dedicated to her.

Our last stop on the way back down to the village was on the NE side of the hill. Here can be found possibly the best example of an exposed slickenside in Britain. A large upright slab of rock can be seen leaning up against the crags. If you look closely, you can see that the surface is not as flat as it initially appears; it is covered in shallow parallel grooves. This is an ancient crack or fault plane, where two blocks of rock have moved alongside one another in an earthquake. Deep underground, it is possible for crystals to form in these cracks. If the fault keeps moving as the crystals are forming, they are smeared by the movement (showing you exactly which direction the rocks were moving in). The grooves on the surface are the result of this scraping and it is these smeared and grooved surfaces which are called slickensides. This all happened around 420 million years ago!

Our walk back to the village was around the northern side of the hill, eventually emerging onto a somewhat overgrown bridleway back to Pearl Rock, from where we retraced our steps back to the village.

It is not an easy walk up to Llandegley Rocks, but it is well worth the effort (ask Mo, she has done it four times now). The views from the top are fantastic in all directions and the village has an interesting history which the QR codes will help to unlock.

[I hope to offer a walk to Cefnlllys in the next few months so if you are interested in walking history just let me know – ML]



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## SEPT/OCTOBER

It's tempting to quote Keats and write "The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." But, not wishing to indulge in cliché, I won't write "The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." I'll just write about those glorious mornings with the sun shining through the clearing fog, highlighting the dewy spiders' webs in the hedges, and the apples and pears in the orchard...



It's often difficult to judge when to pick apples and pears for storage, but late September – early October is a rough guideline. Pears, generally should be picked when hard, and left to ripen in a cool place for a while. It is, for the most part, a lean year for top fruit, but if you've got plenty, simply store them in a box in a cool place, and check over regularly to get rid of any rotten ones.

A striking flower for autumn is Nerine bowdenii, or Guernsey lily. They're described as summer dormant, but usually have a neat clump of leaves all year round, from which the startling pink blooms, up to around 50cm, emerge in September, and will often still be brightening up the border in November. They need a sunny spot, but seem pretty hardy and trouble free round here, and are long-lived. A number of varieties are available, but the basic species is hard to beat.

If you've grown squashes, harvest them when the foliage begins to die down. It's always recommended to 'let them mature in the sun for a few days before bringing them in.' This seems entirely unnecessary, and anyway, it generally rains on them. Butternut squashes, unless you're lucky, are prone to be all leaves and no fruit in these parts. An excellent and more productive alternative is the Crown Prince squash which is delicious roasted, souped, or used whenever butternut squashes are prescribed, and will store until April. The only trouble is that the plants can take over the entire garden if you're on rich soil!

May the owls be with you.

John the Gardener

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## CHAPEL NEWS

### Maureen Meredith takes up Ron's work

Ron Meredith was born in May 1938 in Rhosgoch and for the whole of his life he lived in the same community. He started to come to the Hermon Chapel as a small child with his parents, as was the way in those days, only stopping when services were affected by the Covid lockdown.

In his later years Ron became a Member, and took full part in the running of the Chapel. When he passed on in May this year, his wife Maureen made a promise to apply for Membership so as to continue Ron's work.

Entry into the Membership of a Chapel affiliated to the Welsh Confederation is not taken lightly as Minister Geoff Cale made clear in his introduction. A Member is expected to play a full part in the Chapel's work based on their Christian belief. For Maureen's induction we had a special service which featured Ron's favourite hymns.

Many came, including Maureen's family and friends and in the warmth of fellowship welcomed her into the fold. The picture shows some of the congregation (from left seated): Rev. Geoff Cable, Chapel secretary Carol Sheen, Maureen and Chapel Deacon Brenda Jones and standing:

Chapel Treasurer Ruth Nicholls, former Graham Edwards and his wife Diana.

Rev.

Cable comments, "It was always a joy to welcome Ron and Maureen into Hermon Chapel to join in worship services. Ron was



a Chapel Member from an early age, and now we miss him very much, Maureen application for Chapel Membership and was gladly accepted with much joy by the congregation who acknowledged she would be a great asset for Hermon. We thank God for blessing us with Maureen's Membership.

Mike

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# RHOSGOCH AND PAINSCASTLE TOTS GROUP

## Painscastle and Rhosgoch Parent and Toddler Group

Where has the summer holiday gone? Time flies when you're having fun and by the look of the photographs below, fun for our little heroes has been in abundance! Many a beach trip has been made along with trips to local attractions supporting local businesses and even garden staycations. We have 18 summers with our children and this summer, we sure did make every second count!

September is a time for fresh starts and news of school starters and returners has been positive and I hear that the children are enjoying being back with their friends whilst looking super smart in crisp new uniforms. Like autumn leaves, our little ones don't fall, they fly!

We are looking to restart very soon so watch this space.

Caz Phillips

