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THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY or OUR DAY AT WEMBLEY by Grace Davies

More than 20,000 Hereford fans travelled to Wembley on Sunday May 22nd to watch Hereford versus Morpeth in the F A Vase Final, and amongst them were Daniel and Gaynor Price along with our roving reporter Grace.

Ronaldo the bull, Hereford's mascot was led around



the pitch before the start of the game. There were five times more supporters

from Hereford than from Morpeth, so there was plenty of support for the local team.

Expectations were high as the 'Bulls' were favourites, with hopes they would add a fourth trophy to their season's tally. They started in spectacular style with Rob Purdie's goal less than 2 minutes into the game. But it was not to be with an equaliser before half time, Morpeth took control of the game in the second half with the final score Hereford 1 Morpeth 4. Even so it was a major achievement to get to the final, to play at Wembley and there were at least three fans who enjoyed their trip to Wembley calling it the trip of a lifetime.



WORKING FOR THE QUEEN



Painscastle community joined thousands of others on April 21st in lighting a beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. There was no shortage of helpers with the 'young apprentices' learning the ropes from the older generations. Building a bonfire on the Begwyns follows an ancient tradition where beacons were used for celebration or warnings. It was a lovely clear night with lots of people enjoying the walk up to the 'Roundabout'.

MRS HOOD RETIRES



Mrs Hood retires after 35 years of running Clyro shop and Post Office. The Post Office will close temporarily on June 2nd but a substitute will be put in place as soon as possible. The nearest alternatives in the meantime are at

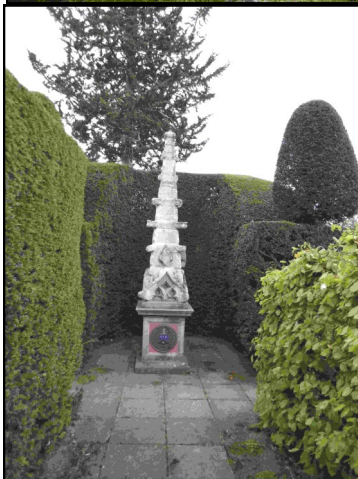
either Hay or Glasbury. There is an informal evening to mark her retirement on Friday June 10th at the Baskerville Arms from 7pm, when people are invited to join in to wish her well. We wish Mrs Hood a very happy retirement and would like to express our thanks for selling the Rhosgoch Gossip for many years. The 'Gossip' will in future be available at Clyro Filling Station



Pictures from the Chinese Auction May Day Bank Holiday to raise funds for local churches by Mike Head



LASKETT GARDENS



VISIT TO SIR ROY STRONG'S GARDEN

We certainly picked the right day to visit this lovely garden at Much Birch, the far end of the Golden Valley, and we duly arrived at the car park at our appointed time of 2.30pm, full of anticipation. One of the gardeners gave us a short description of the layout of the garden and a useful plan to consult. We were also provided with electronic devices that could be pointed at various posts around the garden and Sir Roy himself gave a description of what you were looking at.

Sir Roy Strong and his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman bought the house in 1973 and work began on the garden the following year. This has been evolving ever since and I was surprised to discover that several areas had been completely "re-jigged". It is a very formal garden, divided into a series of rooms and courtyards and contains some superb hard landscaping. It also has lots of different levels and more miles of box and yew hedging than I think I've ever seen in one garden. We were told that it's a bit like the Forth Bridge – no sooner do the gardeners finish at one end of the garden than they have to return to the start. They must be thankful for electric hedge trimmers.

In 2015 Sir Roy bequeathed the garden to "Perennial" the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society together with a generous endowment to ensure its maintenance for years to come.

We finished our afternoon on the seat under what had been a magnificent cedar at the front of the house, but unfortunately this wonderful old tree has been devastated by a gale in 2015.

Travelling home on a lovely early summer's evening, we agreed that we'd enjoyed our visit, but our gardens had one great advantage over The Laskett - peace and quiet - the A49 doesn't pass our doors!

The gardens are opened for booked visits, so if you would like to go, consult the website www.thelaskettgardens.co.uk and enjoy.

Pictures supplied by Grace Davies & Jeremy Rose

Sue Farmer



FARM FOCUS

Hello from everyone at Blaenhenllan, Llandeilo Graban. We run a cattle and sheep hill farm with most of our land adjoining the Llandeilo Graban and Painscastle Hill. Its a beautiful part of the country this time of year as everything has eventually started to grow and green up. After a couple of busy months, May is the time of year to try and tidy up, especially with the Farm Assurance Inspection in Mid May. The inspection involves checking all the paperwork is in order, such as the animal movement licences and medicine records. Then we have a look around the livestock and buildings. Farm Assurance is something that most major supermarkets require when sourcing livestock and hopefully pay a little more for our efforts.

On the sheep front, with the weather starting to warm up our attention turns to shearing. We have shorn the hogs earlier this year before turning them onto the hill. It'll be a few less to do later on in the season when the hay harvesting begins. We shear the sheep ourselves but by the last one the old football injuries start to reappear!

Shearing at Blaenhenllan involves all the family



We give the lambs a worm drench at the end of May to keep them healthy and growing and hopefully get some sold in June. The Welsh Mountain ewes with single lambs are turned onto the hill in Mid May, making more room to shut out of some fields to grow

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the hay and silage. Any spare time is taken up spraying the nettles and thistles as they pop up everywhere.

We have turned most of the cattle out with a bunch of young bulls left in which will be sold over the next few months. It does make life easier as the winter feeding comes to an end and the cattle go out to graze. We calf some cows outside in May so as not to clash with lambing and the calves seem to be healthier born outside.

To try and improve grass growth we have re-seeded a field after growing turnips last year. With Father warning me "ploughing that field will pull up a week's worth of stone picking" we have got a contractor to direct drill the seed. Hopefully the seeds will germinate with a bit of warm rain, especially as the field is by the road.

With the EU referendum getting closer we have been trying to understand how Brexit would affect our business. With our hill farm heavily reliant on European subsidies it is important to know what the alternatives will be if the country votes Out. Also how it will affect the lamb export trade to Europe with 40% of UK sheep meat exported there.

On a lighter note, the excitement is building with the imminent arrival of baby Lloyd due mid-June, a few more sleepless nights after lambing.

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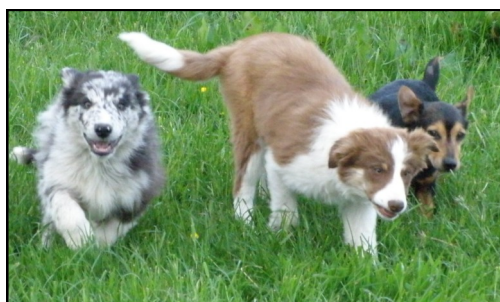
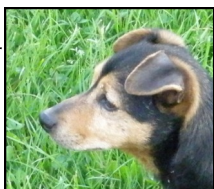
Jun 7th Sally Matthews – A Visit to Sally's Studio
Jul 5th Alan Fay – The Plans for Bronllys Hospital
Aug 2nd A Tour of Talgarth Mill 2pm
Sep 6th Janette Hill – Travels with a Camera
Oct 4th Chris Barber – Exploring Kilvert Country
Nov 1st AGM
Dec 6th Diana Balm – A Fun Christmas Activity

Meetings are held in Rhosgoch Chapel at 7.00pm.
Visitors and new members are always welcome. Please contact Mollie Moore (851296) or Tracey Martin (851711) for more details.

MIKEY'S DIARY

It doesn't seem long since I was writing last time and Mo starts nagging me to keep to her deadline! She doesn't seem to understand that I have a lot of things to do and sometimes the 'Gossip' has to join the queue. Of course you would think by the end of May I wouldn't have to be helping with tiddlers, but this year their wants seem to be going on and on.

Not only do I have to deal with baby sheep, baby humans, but now Mo has brought home some baby sheepdogs! Her description of 'fluffy bundles of fun' is not quite my view of things. For a start they are much bigger than me, even though they are only a few months old. What will they be like when they are grown up? She is quite right in saying they are fluffy but I don't find it any fun being run into, jumped all over, chewed and bitten. In fact Abbie & Erin, 'the grandchildren' are of the same opinion, as they jump up and knock us off our feet, even when Erin says 'DOWN' they take no notice! Mo



takes Blue and Gyp, that is their names, for walks everyday and she usually suggests I come as well. I try to walk slowly to avoid being assaulted at

every step, it also means I don't have to walk so far as when they turn around I turn around as well and often try to take a short cut home.

I don't want you to think that I am a lazy dog it is just that I like to walk where and when I feel like it. Do you remember the fun ride that the YFC had starting in Painscastle, well I thought I would go and see what that was all about. I was outside the hall when Grace came by. "What are you doing down here Mikey" she said. Well there were a few people around there and this man who I had never met came and picked me up. I was a bit suspicious of him and perhaps I did pretend that I was a nasty vicious dog and I am sorry if I frightened him. However he was a nice man and he gave me a ride back up to the Lundy. Apparently he is the local County Councillor Mr Gibson Watt. Grace then knitted me an orange collar so that I could show that I supported the 'liberals'. I think Grace is a lovely lady although she says I don't show it.



Me wearing my 'liberal collar'

I like going to meet Mo when she either goes with Abbie & Erin to Playgroup or goes to Pilates. I prefer to meet her after she comes out of the hall otherwise she will shut me in the car boot while she is in the village. One Wednesday I went to meet her in the Painscastle and I thought she would give me a lift home, but she said she was going to visit Wendy for a coffee and then going shopping and I couldn't go with her. So Wendy said she would take me home, she found a choke chain and a lead and off we went! Well off Wendy went, I wasn't keen on the idea and so I expressed my reluctance. In the end she carried me most of the way, well I said I didn't like walking up hill and it was her idea after all! See you next time. Mikey

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Don't forget the local recycling station at Painscastle Hall for your paper, glass, tins and plastics. All the money from this project goes to the local hall association, for the benefit of local people.

Kerbside recycling collections in the Painscastle area are every Thursday with three weekly rubbish collections. The dates of the rubbish collections are:-

- ♦ 9 June 2016
- ♦ 30 June 2016
- ♦ 21st July 2016
- ♦ 11th August 2016
- ♦ 1st September 2016

LOCAL INTEREST GROUP

After studying an indenture dated 1825 it became clear that the famous Black Ox pub of 'drovers' fame was in fact New House in Painscastle. The indenture also identifies a new kiln house built in the grounds and a cottage and blacksmith's shop built on an adjacent plot. This sparked some investigation into kilns and kiln houses. Kilns were used for drying corn for feed and for brewing. We saw examples of perforated tiles which were used above the fire with the heat filtering through the holes to dry the corn above. Some kilns were situated inside the house like a bread oven while others were separate buildings. Often kilns were used in conjunction with corn mills.

This led to a project on the local mills of the Bachowy and at the May meeting the group went to look at the remains of the Painscastle mill in New House field just outside the village. There may well have been more than 100 mills in Radnorshire but only half of them are now identifiable. There were several mills using the waters of the Bachowy, the first being Rhosgoch, then Painscastle, Cefnige (Cefn y gaer), Lower Mill, and the Screen. Some of the walls of Painscastle Mill are still standing and it is clear where the mill wheel once stood. John Herdman could also point out where the leat and mill pond had been located. The leat is recorded as 1.13km long and one of the longest in Radnorshire.

On the old maps of the Mill there are three buildings visible, the mill itself, the miller's cottage and there is conjecture that the other building could have been a kiln.

Other Mills in the area to be investigated are Painscastle Fulling Mill, Screen Fulling Mill, Cwmwhely, Llandeilo Graban and Glasnant. The Group meets on the last Thursday of the month. In the summer months we like to go out and about to see things of interest. Next month Ray Woods meets us at Rhosgoch Bog to talk about the interesting flora and fauna of the area, weather permitting. Everyone welcome. ML

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The Harp Inn, Old Radnor.

It's Masterchef time on television. The month when we no longer have carrots, broccoli and peas for lunch- we feast on 'a trio of garden vegetables'. Gone is the humble gravy; instead we have 'a simmering reduction'. All this effort takes time, and if there are not quite enough hours in the day to assemble the cottage pie, we can eat it 'sumptuously deconstructed.' It was no surprise that after hours of avid viewing my Gentleman Friend needed to be wowed on our latest meal out. The Harp Inn in Old Radnor is the perfect place to go on a beautiful summers evening. We sat outside overlooking the stunning Radnor valley, and ciders in hand we watched the swallows dart above the church next door. Sheep bleated far off in the valley, which when they aren't yours adds to the pastoral atmosphere- when at home they just remind you that you haven't fed them yet. The menu at this traditional pub sounds suitably fancy but the pricing and portion sizes are unpretentious and satisfying.

My starter was a Masterchef-worthy medley of delicious seafood concoctions with an accompanying fluffy green dill scone. I am not sure I am up to eating fancy food as I thought the 'smoked salmon and caper butter roulade' was rather a sickly spoonful- it would have been a lot nicer spread on the scone as intended! My Gentleman Friend's roasted pepper and tomato soup was a rich, satisfyingly simple bowlful without a hint of pretension, and served with nothing more complicated than herb oil and bread (the non-dunkable variety). To follow I had the baked fillet of lemon sole, which came with a surprisingly delicious slice of welsh rarebit, ham and caper potato cake, vegetables and parsley sauce. This unlikely combination was a winner, with the salty welsh rarebit contrasting fantastically with the plain fish. My Gentleman Friend's fish, chips and mushy peas was a delicious plateful with perfect fish encased in light golden batter. Being a committed carnivore I don't usually notice the vegetarian options when eating out, but here they did stand out as intriguing. Also note-worthy is the excellent allergy advice and ability to cook a lot of the options as gluten and dairy free. This accommodating service is mirrored in the waitresses and bar staff who go that extra bit with a smile.

The puddings are very tempting, and you know you are onto a good thing when the ice-cream is locally sourced from Shepherds. The buttery biscuit base of the maple syrup cheesecake would have impressed the pudding king Greg Wallace, and the praline crumble was a nice touch. My coffee crème brulee was a sweet mix of creamy and crunchy, and a smooth uncomplicated end to the meal.

This is a little gem of a pub in an idyllic setting, friendly accommodating staff, with delicious food as the cherry on the top. We will be back at the next brief appearance of that elusive thing called the Welsh Summer.

Food **** Service ***** Value **** Atmosphere *****

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This recipe makes a rich baked cheesecake and originates from the USA hence the cup measurements. It is very creamy so needs something on top to give it a bit of zing; sliced strawberries work well, with optional pecan nuts, and if it not sweet enough already then more maple syrup!

Vermont Maple syrup cheesecake

Ingredients

Biscuit base

24 (for soft base) **or** 20 (for crunchier base) digestive biscuits

1/2 cup (140g) unsalted butter

1/2 cup (140ml) pure maple syrup

Filling

four 200g packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup (280ml) pure maple syrup

4 large eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla essence

1/2 cup (140ml) double cream

Serve with extra maple syrup, sliced strawberries and pecan nuts for decoration.

Method

Preheat oven to 175° C.

1. Make crust:

2. Crush digestives and add the melted butter. In a large bowl stir together with the maple syrup and press evenly into bottom and up side of a 10-inch springform pan. Wrap bottom and side of pan with 2 layers of heavy-duty foil to avoid leakage (-necessary as I found to my peril!)

3. Make filling:

4. Beat the cream cheese on low speed, scraping down side of bowl occasionally, until smooth. Add syrup and eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla and cream and beat until just combined. Try not to make mixture frothy.

5. Pour filling into crust and bake in middle of oven 1 hour (cake will not be set in center but will set as it chills). Cool cake in pan on a rack. Chill cake, covered, at least 8 hours. Remove side of pan. Serve cheesecake in wedges, drizzled with maple syrup and pecan nuts.

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"PURE GENIUS"

What's the link between Painscastle and a pint of Guinness?

Just before Christmas last year some film makers arrived in the village and they parked outside Castalia, the home of Michael Ash. Naturally, we were intrigued by what they were doing and so later we asked Michael why they were here. It turns out that Michael, who we knew had worked for Guinness in the past, had invented a very important process in the brewing industry and the crew was here to make a short film about him. We asked whether it would be possible to interview him for the Gossip and he agreed, but he then became unwell and so we put this idea on hold. Very sadly, on 30th April, Michael died before we had the chance to follow this through and so we have done some research so that we can tell you about this remarkable and extremely modest man.

Michael was born in India in 1927. He was educated in the UK and, after school, he read Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge; he was the top scholar in his year, gaining a triple first. After graduating, he lectured in Maths at the University of London for a few years, after which he joined Guinness, Park Royal, in 1951. There, he trained as a brewer and in 1955 he was given his own department, with facilities for experimentation. He led a team of 20; their primary role was to find a way to improve the shelf life of bottled Guinness. However, Michael felt that the real prize was in the development of a proper system for Draught Guinness and he began dedicating all of his time to what became known as the 'Draught Problem'.

There was, at the time, much competition in the UK from draught lagers and Michael believed that it would be a great opportunity for Guinness if their stout were also available in draught format. However, the essential problem was with the gas. Carbon dioxide was used to pressurise kegs of bitter and lager as it was effective. It was not suitable for Guinness and so Michael came up with an alternative. This was the revolutionary idea of having a self-contained, two-part keg (known as the Ash Can), with one chamber full of beer and the other filled with mixed gas under pressure. He also introduced nitrogen, the vital ingredient that made it all possible. The fact that nitrogen is an inert gas meant that the bubbles lasted for longer and were smaller. The right amount of nitrogen created the 'surge' and allowed for a controlled, creamy head that lasted for the whole pint. This invention was truly inspired and resulted in a head of three eighths of an inch in a normal half pint glass (a measurement decided by Michael) which is still the standard today. The system became known as the Easy Serve Cask and was launched in 1959.

Michael left the brewing side of the company in 1962 and became the managing director of Crooks Laboratories, also owned by Guinness. Whilst with Crooks, he was responsible for securing the licence for an early antidepressant, Prothiaden, in the UK. From 1970 onwards, he followed various interests, including business education, and he was a founding governor of Templeton College, Oxford.

After living in Hereford for some years, and having regularly come to walk with their dog on the Begwns, Michael and his wife decided to move to Painscastle in the late 1990s. Some of you may remember seeing him taking his regular walks around the village, which he was still doing until about two years ago.

On the day that the film crew came, they took Michael down to Clyro to record him drinking a pint of draught Guinness in the Baskerville Arms. If you would like to see the short film that they made, you can find it on You Tube.

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

On 24th March this year, in Dublin, Guinness honoured Michael's amazing achievement. How wonderful that they had made contact with him again and then formally recognised the immense contribution that he had made to the company's success. And, even more fantastic, that he was able to attend despite his being a little frail.

So, next time you are enjoying a pint of draught Guinness, remember that it was an absolutely delightful, kind, generous, amazingly clever and exceptionally modest former resident of Painscastle that made it possible. We will miss him. The Guinness slogan, "Pure Genius", can surely be rightly applied to Michael Ash.

(Sources used – Wikipedia, Beervana, the Blog and Guinness website)



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Sat Jun 11th	Radnorshire YFC Rally at Howey
Sun Jun 12th	Queen's birthday celebrations Clyro Court
Mon Jun 13th	Bronllys WellBeing Park meeting Hay 7pm
Tue Jun 14th	Bronllys WellBeing Park meeting Bronllys 7pm
Wed Jun 15th	Wednesday Lunch Club Rhosgoch GC
Thr Jun 23rd	Bingo at Clyro Court 7pm
Thr Jun 30th	Local Interest Group Walk & talk with Ray Woods at Rhosgoch Bog 7.30pm
Wed Jul 20th	Wednesday Lunch Club Rhosgoch GC
Sun Jul 24th	Annual Kilvert pilgrimage
Thr Jul 28th	Installation of new 'priest in charge' at Aberedw
Sun Aug 28th	Paincastle Fete in Paincastle village hall
Sat Oct 15th	Concert at Llanbedr Church {TheThree Tenors}

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July 31st	United service at Paincastle 2.30pm

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Sun Aug 14th	Paincastle Anniversary 6.30 pm

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June 12th	Crickadarn Special Service
June 19th	Rev Brian Reardon Communion
July 10th	ANNIVERSARY 6.30pm
July 31st	Joint service at Paincastle
Aug 14th	Penny Robinson Communion
Aug 28th	Brian Lopez

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Congratulations and best wishes to Beau & Becky Herdman on the birth of a baby girl, Sophie Elizabeth on 1st April 2016.

Best wishes to Catherine Edwards and Matthew Nicholls on the birth of a baby boy on 9th April 2016, Joseph Arthur Jack Nicholls.

Congratulations to Drew Lloyd and Kirsty Doman on the birth of a baby girl Braidie Penelope Quinn Lloyd in Queensland, Australia on 21st May 2016. The first grandchild for Steven and Anne Lloyd, Llanyoyne, Newchurch.

ERWOOD AND PAINCASTLE CHURCHES

June 5th – 9am Holy Communion (1662) Newchurch
1030 Mattins (1662) Newchurch
June 12th – 11 am Holy Communion Llanbedr
June 19th – 3pm Holy Communion Llandewifach
June 26th – 9.30am Holy Communion Bryngwyn

2016 KILVERT PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 24TH JULY

Newchurch - Bryngwyn - Llanbedr - Llandewi Fach

9am Pre Pilgrimage Eucharist at Bryngwyn Church (then transport to Newchurch, if needed)
10am Welcome and refreshments by Newchurch Church*
10.30 Short service and laying of flowers at the graveside of Emmeline Vaughan*
12-1pm Readings/Music Recital at Bryngwyn Church, then Picnic Lunch (BYO) Soloist: Tim Edwards, Classical Guitar
3pm Pause for a break at Ireland, on Llandbedr Hill
4pm Tea at Llandbedr Church (provided)
6-7pm Evening Service at St David's Llandewi Fach
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PAINCASTLE MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

For our last meeting before our summer break Jean and Ben invited us to visit their walled garden at the Vicarage in Kington. The afternoon of the 10th May was damp and misty with the occasional downpour. This did not stop our anticipation or excitement.

The garden and vicarage, surrounded by the lovely old stone wall, offers privacy, seclusion and of course shelter from the elements. The garden has been established over many years, with many mature trees and shrubs. Though our visit was early in the growing season there was plenty of colour; azalias, bluebells, forgetmenots, hebes and cherry blossom, with acers and beech trees just coming into leaf. Through out the year there will always be something of interest.

It was a lovely visit and we do thank Jean and Ben for their kind invitation and warm welcome.

Fran Shaw

60 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS

Congratulations to Mervyn and Eileen James from Glan-nant on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 5th May.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Elizabeth Pugh and Peter Horne on the birth of a little boy on 24th January 2016. Joseph Peter Horne a grandson for Brian & Anne Pugh Cwrt-y-Cribbin.

BRONLLYS WELL-BEING PARK

Launching Bronllys Well Being Park Community Land Trust in June. Come along and bring a carload if you want to support Bronllys Hospital and to see the grounds used in the service of our community.

In February the Bronllys Well Being Park Steering Group hosted a Study Day at Bronllys Hospital to look at the proposals for the 60 plus acres of grounds.

Instead of mass housebuilding the group came up with "Bronllys Park" proposals, a Well Being Park with the Community Hospital at the heart of it.

Using landscaping to retain its beauty, discreet homes, care and sport facilities will be there to meet local needs, e.g. A Rural Day Centre and Bron Home offering 20 places to people with Dementia, a Solar Recharging Hub for Community Transport and much more. By using genuine Garden City principles for tenure the Park will offer a financially sustainable asset for its mid Wales Community.

The Study Day led by Ian Crawley Technical Advisor from the Community Land Trust Network was attended by all the key stakeholders. The resulting report recommended that the Bronllys Well Being Park Community Land Trust be launched if the Steering Group gained the formal support of local Councils i.e. Bronllys, Talgarth and Hay.

In April all three Councils offered their support to the Bronllys Well Being CLT and to its public launch meetings in June.

The meetings will be held on the following evenings at 7pm:-

Thursday 9th of June in Talgarth Town Hall,

Monday 13th of June in Hay School and on

Tuesday 14th of June in the Royston Hall Bronllys.

The Steering Group is hoping that the meeting is attended by all who support the Well Being Park with Bronllys Hospital at its' heart.

Come along bring family, friends and neighbours to find out more, sign up support and help us move forward. Looking forward to seeing you if you can make it.

Refreshments will be provided.

Lydia Powell

Chair: Bronllys Well Being Park Steering Group/PH&WB

EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you enjoy this edition of the 'Gossip'. With the introduction of colour, we have changed the order of some of the pages; the dates for your diary are now on the centre pages [P8].

There are features on local news and events. Mikey has moved forward to [P4], Farm Focus [P3], Culinary Column [P6], YFC [P12], Tots [P15 & P16], and news from local clubs and associations. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue. [m.lloyd1@btconnect.com or 01497-851609]. ML (Editor)

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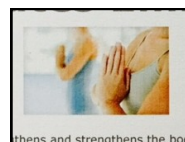
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POWYS PRATTLES

by County Councillor James Gibson-Watt

Dreamworld

Do you, dear reader, sometimes wonder whether you have wandered in to a dream world, in which nothing makes sense and everything seems to be happening in exactly the opposite ways than common-sense would suggest they should? To me, Powys County Council's review of secondary schools in mid and south Powys thus far has been just that and, in the process, a classic example of how best to destroy the public's trust in local government.

Consider this – Powys County Council had already decided to build five new primary schools in the Gwernyfed High School catchment area, at a cost of over £20 million of public money. Yet having decided that, secured the capital funding and issued a design and build contract for all five, it then proposed to close the very high school that the pupils from those schools are supposed feed in to! What's more, of the four high schools in mid and south Powys currently under review, the only one the Cabinet has proposed closing – Gwernyfed – is the only one of the four currently operating within budget, producing very good results and not in schools' inspectorate Estyn's 'special measures' category.

If that were not bad enough, the Council has also proposed removing the Welsh medium stream from Brecon High School, even though the only Welsh medium primary school in the south of the county, Ysgol y Bannau, is located just across the road from, yes that's right, Brecon High School. For some pupils attending Ysgol y Bannau, pursuing their secondary education in Powys through the medium of Welsh may, in future, be at a cost of travelling anything up to 50 miles there and back over the mountains to Builth Wells High School every day.

If one were an alien visiting Powys from Mars to study how local government operates, you would think the council had taken leave of its senses; and you would be right!

Judgement of the people of Brecon & Radnorshire

Once an organisation gets itself in to the sort of muddle described above, it is very difficult to get it out of the muddle. Although I and many of my county councillor colleagues are working hard to defeat the current proposals, if anyone can help Powys County Council do so, it is the newly re-elected, with a thumping 8000+ majority, Kirsty Williams AM. The people of Brecon & Radnorshire displayed admirable common-sense in returning her as our Member of the National Assembly for Wales and now she is the Minister for Education in the new Welsh Government. Speaking personally, I have never met a more conscientious, harder-working politician than Kirsty and I have no doubt she will prove to be a first-class Minister. She cannot work miracles and the final decisions of school organisation still lie firmly with Powys County Council's Cabinet, but I for one feel much happier with her in-post in Cardiff than I did before.

James

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ASSEMBLY NEWS

Sitting here in the late May sunshine, I am so pleased to be writing again in the Rhosgoch Gossip as your Assembly Member, having survived (just!) lambing season and election season! It is such a huge privilege to represent this amazing constituency and I would like to thank everyone for their support. To be returned with an increased majority was both incredibly humbling and rewarding. I promise I will continue to put every effort into supporting my constituents and our incredible local communities.

It was quite a first week back in the Assembly, the vote to nominate the First Minister being the first challenge. You all know that I have been one of the most outspoken critics of Carwyn Jones' Labour Government but there was no credible alternative but to vote for him on this occasion. The ragtag coalition of Plaid, UKIP and the Tories had no agreement, no mandate and no idea of how they would seek to govern. They were simply not a viable option.

I was pleased however that this situation has led to Carwyn Jones having to govern in a new innovative and inclusive way. I believe that Parties should work together on areas of agreement for the common good. It is grown up politics. When offered the position of Cabinet Secretary for Education I felt I had no choice but to accept. I could not justify campaigning for our rural schools, lamenting education standards across Wales, criticise the lack of understanding of rural areas in Welsh Government policy then refuse to do something about these issues when given the opportunity.

As Cabinet Secretary for Education I will ensure that infant class sizes are reduced to a maximum of 25; that the impact of current policy on surplus places is reviewed to take account of rural schools and that the Pupil Premium is expanded. My appointment will also mean there is a voice for rural Wales in the Welsh Government – something that has been sadly lacking in the past.

We have also been able to deliver some of our key manifesto promises including: an extended nurse staffing levels law, support for Welsh Agriculture through the introduction of a small grants scheme in the RDP and the end of Mental Health discrimination

I believe that this new role will enable my voice, and therefore Brecon & Radnorshire's voice, to be stronger than ever in the Assembly.

Finally I just want to say thank you and good luck to Mr and Mrs Hood who retire from running Clyro Post Office this month.

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NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER

As spring heads towards summer we are gearing up for our busiest time of year here in Brecon and Radnorshire. It is my favourite time of year too – show season, and it is coming up fast. I look forward to seeing a great many of you enjoying the Royal Welsh, Painscastle Fete and many more shows across our area.

This past month has seen a great deal of action too. I was humbled with the turnout and level of support for Gwernyfed High School at the meetings to help save the school. I have been working hard behind the scenes to do all I can to save our local school and was proud that so many people turned out to tell Powys County Council not to close the door on our children's education. Rest assured, I will do all I can to help keep our superb school open.

Another blight to our area recently has been cross border farm payments. While many of our farmers have now received their basic payment, too many are still yet to receive a penny. To help try to resolve the problem I have met with both Liz Truss, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and George Eustice, the farming minister, to raise individual cases with them. They have assured me that they are doing everything they can to expedite the process and get farmers paid as quickly as possible. Do get in touch if you are still having problems and I will do everything I can to help.

Furthermore, if any of you have been paid over the last two months do please get in touch and I will register you so that this situation will hopefully not happen again next year.

Finally, a massive congratulations to Rhosgoch Young Farmers on their tremendous recent fun ride. I had a fantastic day out with my family; my wife, Liz, even rode the course! A massive well done to all who helped organise the event and congratulations on raising over £2700 for the Young Farmers.

That's it for this month. If you would like to contact me you can do so on either chris.davies.mp@parliament.uk or call 01982 559180; or if you see me out and about do stop and say hello!

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RHOSGOCH YFC UPDATE

After the rush of the drama and before the hectic rally preparations began, the members all went up the Begwyns for a game of rounders. The only problem was, we forgot a rounders ball so it ended up being a game of rugby.

Our next meeting was a trip to Titley to visit the dairy farm that our member Penney George works at. It was a real eye opener and very interesting to see and hear the hard work involved and the ongoing difficulties with the price problems. A few members couldn't make it, but it was so educational and interesting we have said we will be visiting again - the next time we hope to visit to see them milking.

The day after our dairy visit, we finally managed to hold our quiz night. This year we had Jane Nicholls as our quiz master and a brilliant turn out of 12 teams! We made a fantastic £166 and have had great feedback saying how much the evening was enjoyed by all.

Our next big event was the annual Rhosgoch YFC Funride. Without the Poulton family, we wouldn't have this event and this year they pulled out all the stops to make it the best yet. We had 182 horses turn up on the day travelling from all over the country, from South Wales, North Wales, Coventry and Essex! We must also give a massive thank you to all those who helped in any way at all - cooking the food, stewarding the course, signing horses in and out and especially car parking! We must also thank the Hay on Wye Co-Op for the kind donation of endless amounts of apples for the horses (and riders) and all the local companies who sponsored banners, and also a big thank you to Becky Miles for the use of the portable jumps! The day made a profit of £2,719.62 which the club will use for trips, equipment and next year's entertainment. This is a new record for us, which we already have plans to beat next year!

We then had the first big deadline for Rally - submitting the promotional poster, the scrapbook and putting the sign in place in Painscastle. This signalled the start of rally prep and the deadline for my chairman's report to be in. To be honest, without all these articles that I've written for the Gossip, there is not a chance that I would remember half the things that have gone on - so thank you Mo!

The Dictator (Beth Davies) then had us on a tight schedule of a dance practice every night of the week for the two week run up to the dance competition! In between these practices, those of us old enough enjoyed a quiet weekend sipping squash in Costa Del Blackpool for the National AGM. The Sunday of the weekend was the National Darts Competition, unfortunately a few sore heads prevented most of us from attending to watch James Poulton play. It's typical that without us there, James Poulton (and his hangover) won the National Darts finals, to prove himself the best YFC darts player in the country - all done of course with his Rhosgoch YFC club shirt on!!

Back to reality, and the Dictator's dance practice regime paid off. Grace Jenkins, Claire Meredith, Carys Bate, Shaun Meredith and James Poulton competed with an 80's dance medley and a jive. We managed to come away with 85 points of out 100 which is brilliant and all goes towards our overall rally score!

The next day, separate to the rally, was the Radnor Sports Day. James Poulton, Shaun Meredith and Tom Protheroe joined forces with Dolau to form team Rholau, narrowly missing out in the football competition. They were then joined by a member of Prestegne YFC to form team Roly Poly and won the Ultimate Frisbee, putting them through to the National finals!

In between, we have had rally competitions for the stock judging of Pigs and Lleyn Sheep.

Coming up, we have the Jersey cattle stockjudging competition and endless practices for all other competitions before Radnor Rally on 11th June in Howey.

On the 12th June, we will be providing some form of entertainment for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in the village - likely to be a repeat of the songs and dances we have performed for the rally.

We are then having a members only clay pigeon shoot before stewarding the Offa's Dyke run. We're then hoping to fit some trips in over the summer before the next YFC year starts in August.

Carys Bate

RABBITING ON.....

During June the team at Hay Vets are focusing on some of our smaller patients. Rabbits are now the third most popular pet in the UK. Often thought of as an ideal child's pet, it's a sad fact that many pet rabbits live a pretty lonely existence. Our aim is to improve awareness of how best to care for rabbit(s) and so improve their health and welfare. So, what are some of the essentials for keeping happy and healthy rabbits?

COMPANY – every bunny needs a buddy

We are all very used to seeing rabbits in the wild. Rarely seen alone, rabbits have evolved as social animals who live as a group. In contrast, a pet rabbit living alone in a hutch, with only occasional human contact, will have a very lonely time. Rabbits need a LOT of time and gentle handling to gain confidence around humans. Encourage children to interact with rabbits by sitting on the floor and letting the rabbit come to them – rather than trying to pick them up and carry them around. Over time rabbits can be trained to come when called, but as with dogs this takes time and patience.

DIET – grass and hay every day

At this time of year many of us are frustrated by wild rabbits eating our young garden plants. Rabbits, wild and pets alike, are grazing animals. Pet rabbits need to be fed a diet that is primarily grass based. When weather permits outdoor rabbits should be allowed to graze as much as possible. Good quality hay should make up the bulk of a rabbit's diet if grass isn't an option. You can add variety to the diet of house and outdoor rabbits by providing 'foraged' foods. These could include willow, borage, vetch, mallow and ground elder to name a few.

A varied choice of grass, hay and foraged goodies should provide pretty much everything your rabbit needs. Commercial rabbit food should be the 'sweeties', given in tiny amounts twice a day (around 25 grammes/1 ounce a time).

HOUSING – 'a hutch is not enough'

Most traditional hutches are akin to prison cells for rabbits. The confined space makes it hard or even impossible for rabbits to move around. Active rabbits will remain fit and healthy – good housing should let them hop around and stand fully upright on their hind legs. You can encourage activity by providing toys such as tunnels or steps. Rabbits need somewhere safe to hide away from potential predators too – so a secure 'house' needs to be available too.

These are a few of the essentials that all pet rabbits need. If you would like to find out more, please join us at the practice on June 23rd for an evening of rabbit care hints-and-tips. Call us to book your place on 01497 820863.

Hannah Sampson BVetMed MRCVS, Hay Veterinary Group,

HERMON CHAPEL NEWS

Federation Spring meeting in Rhosgoch

The Congregational Federation is a federation of independent or Congregational churches formed in 1972. It came into being following the apportionment of the assets of the former Congregational Union in England and Wales. The Federation, whose aim is the advancement of the Christian faith, has 35 churches in Wales which are directly affiliated. A further 24 unaffiliated English Speaking Congregational Churches have some links to the Federation through the 'Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities'.

The Rhosgoch Chapel, part of the Welsh Federation, had the honour recently to be host to the Spring meeting of the Federation. So the Chapel became for the day a key part of Christian worship in Wales, drawing in delegates from all over the nation, further enhanced by the presence of Betty Benthams, President of the Congregational Federation of the UK.



The picture shows in the front row (from left): Moira Davies, Chair of the Congregational Federation in Wales, Secretary Rev. Christopher Gillham MA., Betty Benthams, President of the Congregational Federation of the UK, Rhosgoch Chapel Secretary Carol Sheen and our Minister, Geoff Cable.

In her opening remarks, Moira paid tribute to the glorious countryside around Rhosgoch, the friendliness and warmth of our congregation, the beautiful floral displays - and the tea and cakes!

Callum Jacob Price Christening

In front of a packed congregation in Rhosgoch Chapel, Callum joined the Christian community of Wales recently. The picture shows Callum with his mum



Hannah, dad Olly and sister Nia with Rev. Geoff Cable, who officiated at the ceremony.

Thank you from Carol

I would like to thank everyone for their help during my recent illness. I have been overwhelmed by the good wishes and get well cards, the practical help I have received and for prayers and support at this time. Thank you to family, friends and neighbours, to Chapel friends and Sunday School Mums. This has meant so much to me and I am sure it is helping my recovery.



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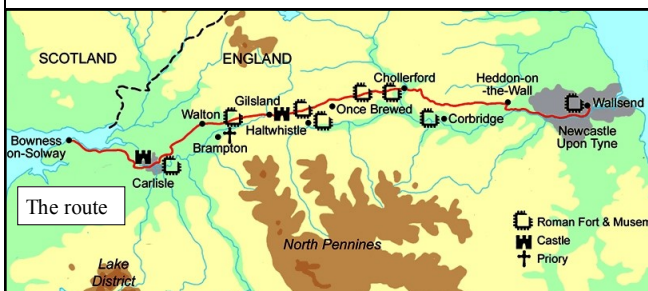
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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HADRIAN

Early May found me boarding the train at Hereford bound for Manchester where I would be meeting my sister and walking companion for the next five days. I had wanted to attempt a 'long' walk for some time and we decided to tackle the Hadrian's Wall Path, a national trail between Bowness on Solway and Newcastle upon Tyne.



The trail is 86 miles in total and as we were pushed for time we decided to walk 60 miles between Carlisle and Heddon on the Wall which lies to the west of Newcastle. I wanted to prove to myself that I could walk that far; Carole was in search of Borcavicus.....



At Manchester we spotted Michael Portillo with Bradshaw's guide in hand filming a new series of railway journeys, a quick photo later we caught the train to Carlisle and the

adventure began. Our overnight stays were pre booked by Contour Walking Holidays who also arranged the transfer of our luggage each day to the next stop. This was great as it meant we only had our day packs to carry and our legs to worry about. After a short walk from Carlisle Station to our B&B we were recommended to sample the 'best Indian restaurant in town' just along the street which we did in the company of the local under 8's football team enjoying an end of season presentation evening!

The next day, after a hearty breakfast, we set off and followed the path for 12 miles to Walton, the first part of the trail is by the side of the River Eden. As we passed beneath the trees in Rickerby Park we saw debris in the branches above our heads left from last winter's flooding. The trail passes through pretty villages, farms, fields, and woodlands of oak and beech swathed in carpets of bluebells. The day was bright and dry and strangely the wind was coming from the East. The path gradually rises and we saw the first evidence of Roman earthworks along the way. We made good time and arrived in Walton too early to go straight to the B&B and so had a welcome cup of tea at the highly recommended Reading Room cafe. Our evening meal was taken at the Howard Arms in Brampton, a popular place for walkers as we found out later. We were tired after our first day of walking and went back to the B&B for an early night but missed a ukulele jam session later that evening in the pub.

Day 2 we walked from Walton to Gilsland (8 miles). Again blessed with dry and bright weather our first stop was at Lanercost Priory and Parish Church. The Priory was an Augustinian monastery visited twice by Ed-

ward I and the church houses a magnificent dossal (an ornamental hanging) behind the altar that was designed by William Morris. It was at Lanercost that we met fellow walkers



Hadrian's Wall near Waltown Quarry

of the path and realised we had seen them the day before at the Reading Room cafe and the Howard Arms. Over the next few days we would encounter the same folk either on the trail, in the pub or at the B&B; always having a tale to tell or an interesting fact to relate. One family from New Zealand had a good idea: whilst father and daughter walked the path, mum got on a bus or took a taxi to the next meeting point or place of interest which she would explore and then report back! Now the Roman Wall really came into evidence. As the path rose up from Lanercost through Banks, we began to see the remains of the turrets, milecastles, ditches and the Vallum; all identifiable features of the iconic wall. Hadrian's Wall is the largest historic monument in Britain and a UNESCO world heritage site. It was planned by Hadrian during his visit to Britain in AD122 and built very quickly, probably in only 3-6 years. The height varied between 8-15 feet and its survival is a tribute to the quality of roman engineering. After passing Birdoswald, a well preserved fort on the Wall, we headed towards Willowford Bridge and our overnight stop. Our B&B was an organic sheep farm situated on the edge of the path itself and contains one of the best preserved sections of wall still standing, including two turrets and the remains of a roman bridge. A stone incorporated in a barn wall has an inscription in Latin proclaiming that 'the soldiers of the century of Gellius Phillipus built this'; evidence that stone from the wall was recycled in other buildings after the wall was abandoned. The owners of the B&B had the right idea, not only did they provide a lovely place to stay and also ran the village pub a mile away,



Milecastle 37 with the view to the north

they offered tired walkers a lift there and back for an evening meal!

On Day 3, after a good night's

rest, we set off to Once Brewed on what was to prove the first of two days walking along the highest and most challenging part of the path. Once again the day was cloudy but warm and dry with a persistent east wind in our faces. As the day wore on the sun began to shine and we could see in the distance the spectacular Walltown and Winshield Crag and the sinuous line of the wall over their tops. After 8 miles of steep climbs and descents, scrambling up and over stiles and ladders and lunch sheltering from the wind under a dry stone wall we came to the highest point, the Winshield Crag (345m). The Crag is formed from the out-crop of the Great

Whin Sill a sloping ridge of very hard igneous rock formed about 295 million years ago, and these provided the Romans with a natural defence on which to build the wall. That night we spent at the Twice Brewed Inn, a very comfortable and recently refurbished pub. Not far from here is the Roman Fort of Vindolanda where excavations and new discoveries continue to take place. To appreciate the site fully would take a whole day, more time than we could spare, so we resolved to return at a later date. The Sill National Landscape and Discovery Centre is being built at Once Brewed; this is a Heritage Lottery funded project designed to enable more people to understand and explore the landscapes, history, culture and heritage of Northumberland and the wider north east and is scheduled to open in 2017.

We awoke on day 4 to find the crags covered in mist, but by the time we started out the sun had broken through and we had wall to wall (sorry) sunshine for the rest of the day. Our way took us over the steep Peel Crag, through the Sycamore Gap, past pine groves and high above the waters



The Sycamore Gap

of Crag Lough towards Housesteads. We marvelled at the scenery, the weather, the birds, the lichen on the wall; we greeted plenty of walkers going in the opposite direction as we had done on previous days, apparently most people walk from east to west but we like to be different. At Housesteads Carole found Borcavicus! Let me explain, as children we spent many holidays in the northeast and Carole can remember being taken to Hadrian's Wall by our parents and visiting a place called Borcavicus. We couldn't find any reference to it on maps or in guide books but had the feeling that it must be Housesteads Fort. We asked the English Heritage staff at the visitor centre who had no idea but eventually found a volunteer who confirmed that Housesteads is indeed Borcavicus and that academics keep changing Roman place names when new information comes to light. With the mystery solved and a Solero in hand we made our way on towards Chollerford past the Temple of Mithras at Carrawburgh and 12 miles down into the north Tyne valley.

Day 5 was our last day of the walk, a gruelling 15 miles slog alongside the military way which follows the line of the wall across the country. We'd left the best part of the walk behind us as we headed for Heddon on the Wall visiting St Oswald's Church near the battle site of Heavenfield (AD633) after which Oswald became King of Northumbria. On arriving late in the afternoon at Heddon we realised we had an extra 3 mile walk to our lodgings, so with aching feet we walked down to the banks of the Tyne, along the Wylam Waggon Way past George Stephenson's birthplace cottage into Wylam. We had actually walked 20+ miles that day according to my tracker.

The next day we took the train into Newcastle, a quick visit to the Baltic Mill contemporary art centre allowed us to see breeding Kittiwakes nesting on the side of the building. The Newcastle Kittiwakes are recognised as being the furthest inland Kittiwake colony in the world. We continued onto Tynemouth to visit the lifeboat museum, pier and lighthouse where our great grandfather was the first keeper.

We finished with a walk on the longlands to Cullercoats, sadly it was too cold to paddle! Then we made our respective ways home to put up our feet.

Our walk was complete! 64 and a half miles after leaving Carlisle we felt a great sense of achievement. The holiday had worked really well, we had lovely weather, a comfortable bed each night with some great breakfasts, welcoming hosts and the baggage transfers went without a hitch. The scenery, ancient landscape and history of the area is fascinating and well worth a visit. I just managed to keep up with Carole's fast pace but was able to overtake her on the hills, we met interesting people and had no mishaps. The only downside were the blisters on my feet and the blisters on the blisters on my feet (thank heaven for blister plasters) but I followed advice from someone who knows - 'just walk through it, Sue'. Now the question is where to next? Pembrokeshire Coastal path beckons or perhaps stick slightly closer to home and tackle Offa's Dyke? The jury is still out.

Sue Boon



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21st sand-castle building

28th ice cream cakes and soft play

July 5th paper plate crabs

12th ice cream cones

Everyone welcome.

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All meetings at Rhosgoch Golf Club at 7.30pm

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Monthly meetings (Thursdays) at Rhosgoch Golf Club.

For further details contact Edwina 01497-851284 or Pat Harley 01497-851632

TODDLER NEWS

This term Rhosgoch and Painscastle Mums and tots have been doing crafts based on the seaside. This topic has also meant many happy hours playing in the sand outside, and making the most of the weather! We have started a tots garden and the children have planted a seed bed, as well as lots of individual pots of sunflowers. These will hopefully become cheerfully evident in the summer. The tots group meets every Tuesday in term time at 9:30 in Painscastle village hall: everyone is very welcome!



GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday 12th May Rhosgoch & District Gardening Club had an evening out when they visited Brilley Court Gardens. A lovely time was enjoyed by everyone and what a fantastic place, with 7 acres of garden and woodlands to explore, made all the better by a fantastic host, the head gardener David who gave us a guided tour with a history lesson as well. The gardens were once the old semi walled farm yard, which was converted into gardens 35 years ago and are now owned by Mr & Mrs David Bulmer.

