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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE -

Local plans in our area, so come and join in with your local community to make it a wonderful occasion for all

Bouncy Castle **Disco**

*The Queens Platinum Jubilee
Celebrations*

Thursday 2nd June

2pm till late

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Entertainment

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Thursday 2nd June

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Teams of adults and children welcome

*For more information and to enter your team contact
Lisa Meredith 07812995139*

CELEBRATION
1952  2022
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Thursday 2nd June
from 4pm onwards

4pm → 7.00pm	Jubilee Buffet entertainment & activities	Gladestry Village Hall	FREE HIRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE
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9.45pm	the lighting of the BEACON		

if you fancy dress => 1952 or the QUEEN
We look forward to seeing you there!

LLANDEILO GRABAN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
will be held at Skreen Farm,
Llandeilo Graban
On Thursday 2nd June
starting at 4pm with a tea party
(bring food to share) and children's sports.

This will be followed by a beacon and bbq at
8pm on Llandeilo Graban Hill.

All welcome

There will be a family service at Moriah Baptist
chapel on Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION AT BRYNGWYN

Chuckles and laughter. The wonderful reward for our volunteers and coaches is hearing the joyous sounds from all the riders - even when they are non-verbal. The RDA has 500 centres across the UK benefitting 25,000 disabled children and adults. Our group at the Bryngwyn Riding Centre celebrates its 10th Anniversary this spring and has grown steadily over the intervening years. We operate on Thursdays and alternate Saturdays, providing riding to adults, children and more recently to children from a local special school. In total we have about 30 riders.



On a Saturday afternoon there are between 12 and 16 children. They ride carefully selected ponies over obstacles and take part in games to develop their skills on pony-back. The riding helps the children with physical needs to strengthen their core strength, general fitness and co-ordination. The benefits, for say autistic children or those with Down's syndrome, are numerous but the loving cuddles given to the ponies express genuine happiness. Are the tactile senses being triggered with the different feels of the coat and mane? Is it that unforgettable equine smell? We can only witness and share their excitement. Our Thursday adult group includes a 60-year-old lady who loves the obstacle courses and a young man who, having undergone 11 operations to remove a brain tumour, is absolutely determined to ride well enough to go out on the moor. The children from the special school have profound behavioural, physical and mental problems, but two of them are promising riders and the others enjoy taking ponies for a walk around the fields.

All the activities are organised and supervised by 3 RDA-qualified coaches supported by 25+ volunteers. We are all DBS checked and trained in safeguarding and first aid and there is continual development for the coaches. Everyone is allocated tasks for a session but flexibility is the name of the game and we all work together to make the sessions work like clockwork.

The horses and ponies which we ride belong to the Bryngwyn stables. Nothing is too much trouble for Becky Miles, the proprietor, and her lovely staff. The equines are so well looked after and, importantly for us, they are very well mannered.

So, how do we fund our RDA? We have made a deliberate decision to only charge the riders a modest fee to ensure that riding is available to all who can benefit. Our costs, which include coaching, hire of facilities, horse care and equipment, far exceed our income therefore the shortfall has to be made up from fund-raising and grants. Importantly, every year we are lucky to have use of the Kington Community Shop for one week, so please come and visit us in the week beginning 8th June.

We currently have waiting lists for both riders and volunteers. However, if you would like to find out more, please feel free to call in at the shop in June, visit www.ridinginwales.com or give Becky Webb, our Senior Coach, a call on 07791 836 093.

Sheila Hardwick, Group Coach RDA Bryngwyn



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What to expect:

- a relaxed, friendly atmosphere
- some quiz questions, games and puzzles for us to have fun with together
- an opportunity to mingle and chat

What NOT to expect:

- serious competition between teams
- questions only Masterminds can answer
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- Lloyd Power, Powerprint. 01597 823965

IN YOUR GARDEN

A loud time of the year, at least for birdsong which can be as loud as it likes! It's a pleasant thing to do to sit in the garden with your first coffee of the day, and, even if you can't identify them, to count how many different calls and songs you can hear. I think they call doing things like that 'mindfulness' these days.



Many plants are sometimes described as unusual. The trouble is, they're often rarely grown for a good reason: perhaps they're difficult to grow, too fleeting, or just downright ineffective in the garden. Sometimes, plants with dark, perhaps brown or black, foliage might look good in a pot, but plant them out, and they become scarcely visible. Some are difficult to deal with as they're invasive.

A particularly elegant plant, not often found in garden centres, is *Dierama pulcherrimum*, or Angel's fishing rod (kids love that name!), a native of South Africa. Its long arching spikes of white, purple, or pink flowers wave around beautifully in the breeze. It needs a good bit of space to display itself well. *Morina longifolia*, from the Himalayas, is more compact, with its surprisingly delicate pink and white flowers rising in a column above thistle-like foliage. Both of these will, when happy, gently seed around. And finding the right place for them is the key to success with many plants. If a plant is not flowering well, being swamped by stronger neighbours, or just not putting any growth on, move it.

Don't be in a rush to plant out tender subjects; the weather can be mighty capricious this time of the year. Tomato plants, for example, unless well hardened off, can be badly set back in an unheated greenhouse if the night temperature drops too low. Keep an eye out for frosts, and only plant your runner and french beans out when safe to do so. Keep up small sowings of salading so that you can maintain a continuous supply of tender leaves. It really is amazing how lacking in flavour supermarket packs of salad are compared with home grown stuff.

May the buzzards be with you.

John the Gardener

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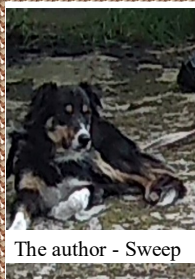
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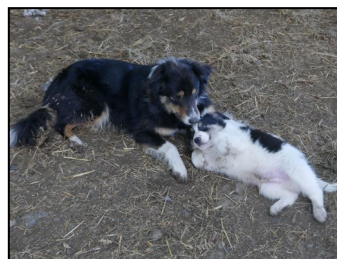
The author - Sweep

Well as usual there is always something going on at the Lundy. Lambing is more or less over but Ken still likes playing with his sheep. I do try to help but sometimes it is not easy to guess what they are trying to do. They move them from field to field, they bring them onto the back yard for a pedicure, or to give them some medicine, then they decide some are to go to one field while others are to go somewhere else. I am not sure whether the sheep get fed up of being in the same company and ask if they can join a different flock in a different field, or whether Ken decides to change them around just to confuse the sheep or maybe to confuse us dogs.

Of course I had better mention there is another member of the team to join the Lundy gang. Geraint and Dionne came home one day with a baby. They have called her Joni, this is apparently pronounced 'Joany'. I expect it was another case of someone, somewhere couldn't spell! Anyway so far she hasn't caused us much trouble. I find human babies are usually ok until they can walk, that is when they start interfering with our lives, until then they just make a noise. Of course Conor who will soon be 2 is really 'up and running'. He can be a bit rough sometimes, but we forgive him because he likes to feed us and we encourage all the humans to keep us well fed.

Mo disappeared for a while, this didn't affect me that much as my house is at the centre of things and therefore I get let out and fed regularly. Gyp is not so lucky as she lives at the top of the yard and sometimes she gets forgotten, however she has a lovely patio outside her house where she can sit and sun herself, as long as the weather is nice. I just have my house with a cosy box for me to sleep in. I now have a neighbour, as Rex one of Gyp's babies is the latest member of the Lundy pack. As he was born in the sheep shed, once we started lambing he had to move out and so he has the house next to mine, although unlike me he doesn't have a door. I have a rather impressive wooden door, but he has a pallet! I hope he doesn't get a complex about it, but I don't think he will as there doesn't seem much that bothers him. He is growing up very fast but I suppose us adults always think that about the young ones. He doesn't do any work yet, but he does like to run around and he is often shouted at for being in the wrong place! However I am glad to say he doesn't seem to take much notice, which is the same as the rest of us.

As Rex is the youngest member of our pack it is up to us to educate him. Joe has taught him not to go near his quad bike, he growls if any of us go near it. Although he is quite happy for Ken to take it for some exercise but he usually goes with him to make sure no harm comes to the bike. I am the entertainment manager and so we play together, we also run races. I am a lot bigger than him and faster, but I can see I will have to keep up my fitness regime in order to stay in front. Rex now takes every opportunity to take any shoes that are left unattended. I remember when I used to do that, although I have grown out of it now.



The humans are often wandering about the yard looking for a shoe and asking him where did he put it? Of course he doesn't tell them, either he can't remember himself or he enjoys watching their confusion. Sweep

LUNDY LODGE - Number 2

You may have noticed the building in the top field of Lower Lundy over the last year or so. It is now finished so that Lundy Lodge - Castle View, joins Lundy Lodge - Begwns View for holiday lets.

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News from Bronllys Well Being Park CLT Ltd

Bronllys Well Being Park CLT Ltd has listened extensively to the local and surrounding communities, following the Princes Foundation "Enquiry by Design Report 2011". We have subsequently engaged widely to develop proposals to ensure Bronllys Hospital site flourishes and has a future.

It is evident that investment has been sorely lacking within the Bronllys site which is so disappointing, frustrating and totally unacceptable when other hospital sites in Powys are being developed with huge capital investment eg Machynlleth £5m.

This appears that Bronllys and surrounding communities are actually being ignored together with the local area being left wanting by the Health Board, although a training academy is being developed on the site. This is excellent news albeit extremely long over due since Powys has been a Training Health Board for many years!

Bronllys Well Being Park CLT Ltd aims to work together with local people to improve, maintain and develop the local resources and facilities by highlighting and raising the profile more strongly at Government level. Therefore we are encouraging greater support from local people and increased membership to promote the Hub which is actually stated in the Local Development Plan for the Bronllys site.

Please Join us to ensure Bronllys Hospital site is developed in accordance to local community needs and wishes.

Check out our Website - join us as a Community Land Trust Member, or Volunteer or become a Board Member
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COFFEE BREAK TIME

The Telephone Conversation

'Oh! Fiona darling, do pick up the 'phone if you're there. You know I hate leaving messages on that *dreadful* answer phone of yours...Ok! So you're not there. I expect you realise it's your mother calling you. I'll call you tomorrow, when it's the cheap rate. Love to Giles. Bye.'

.....
'Fiona, so glad you're in. How are you darling? How are the wedding arrangements going?'
'Hello mum. I really need to speak to you about the wedding; there's been a change of plan.'
'Oh! Darling, whatever do you mean? I thought we had decided that it was going to be at St. Cuthbert's, with that lovely new young vicar officiating.'
'No mum, *you* and dad decided, well dad went along with what you deci.....'
'Fifi, that is so unfair. Anyway, I thought it was all booked, the reception - everything.....'
'Giles and I have had a chat and we think we would rather go abroad, you know, somewhere quiet.'
'Whatever will Auntie Maud say, you know she can't travel.....'
'Mum! I don't think you're listening to me.....'
'And what about the Darley-Cuthbertsons, they were so looking forward to your wedding. You'll get a decent wedding present from them, you know. They have always been so fond of.....'
'Mum, will you please list.....'
'Poor Janey, she so wanted to be a bridesmaid, she's always looked up to you being the older sister. And as for poor Granny Rowlands, I know she has very little eye-sight now, but she actually agreed to come to the wedding, when I told her that Giles had shaved off his beard.'
'For goodness sake mum, Janey knows all about it, and she is in agreement; and Granny Rowlands would have come anyway, she'd never miss a free meal. I know you and dad are kindly paying for much of the expense, but at the end of the day, we would rather put that money towards a deposit for a house.'
'Fiona, I'm going to put the 'phone down and speak to you when you have come to your senses. You'll have to decide, either we pay for the wedding, and have what *we* want... or... *you* do what you want, and we don't pay for a thing. And that includes - not using the money for a deposit.' An eerie silence followed the slamming of the 'phone.
A couple of hours later, Fiona called her mum back.
'Mum, I'm sorry.'
'So you should be. You do realise, that we didn't have a 25th wedding anniversary party; to make up for it we were inviting all our friends to your wedding instead. How can we possibly invite them if you are so selfish that you want to go abroad? All you do, Fifi, is think of yourself.'
'Have you told dad yet about us getting married abroad?'
'Yes!'
'So.... What was his reaction?'
'Your father is used to agreeing with me, so there's no point in you asking him his opinion.'
'Quite honestly, mum we have decided.'
'Don't be so silly Fifi, this is just a whim.'
'It's not a whim; we have decided, after weighing up all the pros and cons; we want to get married abroad, just the two of.....'
'*I beg your pardon!* What did you just say? *You* have definitely decided, without discussing with.....'
'Yes! but, we, will, have, a small party to, celebrate, in a few months time. And *you* can invite whoever you like.'
'Oh! Darling. So I still get to wear my expensive outfit. Mrs. Darley-Cuthbertson will be sooo envious. Great, that's decided then.

By LP-J Kington Scribblers

Homework

Now I have everyone's homework except yours Graham. Can I have it please?
Well, no Miss.
Oh and why is that?
Because I left it at home Miss. Well that would seem to be fairly self-evident wouldn't it. No Miss I could have left it on the bus. Don't try to be funny Graham. Why did you leave it at home? I forgot to pick it up Miss. Now Graham this particular piece of English homework is always handed on Monday. I can't believe you really forgot. Perhaps you actually forgot to write it at all? Oh no Miss. So what did you write about? Well you asked us to write about a pet and er I don't have one. Come, come Graham I distinctly remember you telling us about your gerbil in News recently. Oh yes Miss but it got out and we haven't seen it since. I think the cat must have got it. Oh you have a cat? I thought you said no pets. Eer Well that disappeared too. Graham you could have used what appears to be your very fertile imagination and written about either of those or even a friend's pet I wouldn't know enough about a friend's pet Miss. I think this has gone quite far enough Graham. From your excuses it seems fairly obvious you didn't write anything. Now did you have a nice weekend? Oh yes Miss. Dad took us to the seaside and football. Ah I see I think we are nearer the truth now. You were far too busy to bother with homework. Oh no Miss. ENOUGH Graham I want a piece on Telling the Truth first thing tomorrow. And no more excuses. Yes Miss.

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CULINARY COLUMN

Racquety Farm, Hay-On-Wye

There have been few positives about Covid and, now that we have gone back full speed into normal life, that slowed down lockdown life seems a very distant memory. One plus though has been the ingenuity that people have shown in the food industry, from subscription clubs for cheeses, meats and craft beer, to pop up takeaway restaurants. Racquety Farm has a campsite and a studio complex as part of it, and they have been serving up excellent food in a fun and interesting way. We made our way across the picturesque fields just outside Hay-On-Wye, and ducked into an atmospheric pine wood where Larchwood kitchen is situated. There are several different food creators that come to this site and we chose a Mexican night put on by the food stall El Cerdo Verde. They were serving Tacos, Quesadillas and Mexican rice boxes cooked in front of us in the open kitchen. We were advised to head down, grab an outdoor table, and bring your own bottle to add to the evening. The only other thing I would recommend bringing for a great night is a coat, even on a summer's night,- as once that sun dips behind the trees it is quite chilly.

I had the Green Pig which was Mojo roasted pork belly and shoulder, red cabbage and charred pineapple, and I could have eaten them one after the other all evening they were so delicious. There is real care and attention put into creating these morsels and watching the chefs put the food together added to the experience. The Little Darlings have been brought up on meat and two veg and could do with more adventurous tastes, but they enjoyed the Baja fish taco. This was probably because it satisfied their need for familiar flavours and was essentially beer battered fish ('just needed some chips!') and red cabbage, chipotle mayo, mango salsa. They also had quesadillas with Mojo roasted pork belly and shoulder and cheese which were incredibly moreish and the perfect thing to have with a beer. One of the Little Darlings did ask why we had to eat food with funny names (which did get me considering some cheap flights to Spain just to show there is a whole world outside Wales) but once we called them Spanish cheese toasties it was plain sailing again.

Racquety Farm will be an exciting venue this summer for interesting foodie nights out, and the best way to see what is going on is to look on their Facebook page. Trig food events will be serving kebabs, Boca loco will be cooking fusion food over fire, and the lovely Origin Pizzas will also be there. It is really inspiring to see how eating out has changed over the last few years with quality ingredients, innovative menus and interesting venues making going out for food a whole experience rather than just a way to fill you up.

Food: ** Service **** Value *** Atmosphere ******
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Future pop up dates

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Ingredients

150g Leftover pulled pork

4 soft flour or corn tortillas

4 tablespoons barbecue sauce or tomato salsa

4 spring onions, chopped

1 small red and green pepper, deseeded and chopped

Handful of shredded red cabbage

50g grated cheese

2 teaspoons oil

Method:

For a tasty pork quesadilla, spread a soft flour or corn tortilla with a couple of tablespoons of barbecue sauce or tomato salsa.

Sprinkle over some chopped spring onions, the pork, some chopped red and green pepper, some shredded red cabbage and a handful of grated cheese. Top with another tortilla.

Brush a frying or griddle pan with a little oil and heat. When hot add the quesadilla and cook over a moderate heat for 3-4 minutes, press down lightly with a spatula until the cheese starts to melt.

Carefully invert onto a plate. Return to the pan and cook for a further 2-3 minutes.

Cut into wedges and serve immediately with your favourite toppings like: hot sauce, sour cream, diced tomato, diced onion, cilantro (coriander leaves), sliced pickled or fresh jalapeño, Pico de Gallo and Guacamole.

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welcome, refreshments, wheelchair access. The map can be expanded to widen the area while date options range from today to 'All' dates.

South Powys Garden Owners' tea was held at the start of April, kindly hosted by Robin and Philippa Herbert, Neudadd, Llanbedr. This was an opportunity to recognise milestone openings for the garden owners of Llanstephan House, Llwyn Madoc, Tyn y Cwm and Welsh Lavender who receive a Burgon & Ball hand trowel engraved 'With thanks from the National Garden Scheme for 10 years of support'. While the garden owners of Treberfydd House have reached 40 years of opening and Llysdinam, 50 years. They receive a gift of their choice to the value of £50.00. All these gardens will open in 2022, some in May. Also this month is Gardens & Health Week: 7th - 15th May so maybe visit one:

Sun 8th and 15th May 2.30-6pm [Pontsioni House](#), Aberedw LD2 3SQ

Small walled vegetable and fruit garden. Walks through wildflower meadow along a mile of old railway line with bluebell woods to Aberedw Rocks.

Sun 15th May 11am -4 pm [Penymyarth](#) - Glanusk Estate, Crickhowell NP8 1SH

Coincides with their annual Estate Fayre with over 30 artisan stands and locally sourced and produced food and drink. Penmyarth Church will be open.

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd May 2-5pm [Rock Mill](#), Abermule, Montgomery, SY15 5BH

3 acre garden in a wooded valley. Child friendly activities (supervision required) inc croquet. Beehives, thatched roundhouse, remnants of industrial past (corn mill and railway line).

Sun 29th May 2-5pm [Glanwye](#), Builth Wells LD2 3YP

Large Victorian garden, lawns, long woodland walk with bluebells and other woodland flowers. Magnificent views of upper Wye Valley.

Sun 29th May [Llwyn Madoc](#), Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells LD5 5TT

Terraced garden in attractive wooded valley overlooking lake; yew hedges; rose garden with pergola; kitchen garden and small orchard; azaleas and rhododendrons.

Or visit a garden open by arrangement i.e. on pre-agreed dates with the owner. Choose from Church House, Llandefalle; Lower Wernfigin Barns, Brecon; Tyn y Cwm, Beulah; Osprey Studios, Swansea; The Hymns, Presteigne. See www.ngs.org.uk

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March meeting was a 'first' for the group when we invited some new members of the community to talk to us about where they had grown up and about their earlier lives, as well as why they had moved to Painscastle. The two couples, Lucy Trench & Robert Collingwood, from Lower Pengarth, and the Martins from Gwyn's Plock in Painscastle, provided a lovely community evening as they illustrated their very different journeys to Painscastle. We all have different stories to tell, of our experiences and life's adventures, this is an evening which will certainly be repeated.

For April we were joined by Jennifer Lewis from Powys Family History Society with a project on local history using the census records to delve into the history of the parish of Llanbadarn, a village to the north of Llandrindod Wells. She told us how there is now so much available via the Internet, unlike when she started on her research. There were some old photos of the village a century ago and we enjoyed a discussion of changes that took place in the 1800s, especially with the railway and the establishment of the new town of Llandrindod Wells. We have collected some data from the various census records for the local parishes so if anyone has a project where this information may be useful, if you email me I can send it on an excel file.

These two meetings illustrate our varied programme that we have enjoyed with LIG. The notes from all our meetings are on the village website <http://www.painscastle-rhosgoch.co.uk/>. We started 2022 with a presentation by Stewart Roberts on local birds he had photographed in the area. In February one of our local contributors, Cherry Williams presented, 'The Tuck family of Llanbedr parish'.

For our summer meetings we explore some of the local areas. In May we will look at Newchurch with a walk around the village led by some of the people who know it best, some who have been there since childhood. They will monitor the changes they have seen and we look forward to hearing some of the stories of people and events of yesterday.

Our June visit will be to Lower Pengarth when Lucy Trench and Robert Collingwood will take us on a tour of the farm especially of the hay meadows and the new woodland.

All our meetings are open to everyone, we meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm in summer and 7.30 for the winter meetings in Painscastle Village Hall. If you have an interest in our locality or would like to lead a visit or have a project in mind we are always interested in hearing about things of interest in the district.

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Wed May 11th Erwood Puzzle Club - Erwood Market Hall
2.30pm
Thur May 12th - OPEN TO ALL - Keeping Yourself Safe
- A talk by our local community police officers
At Rhosgoch Golf Club 7.30pm
Thur May 19th Flicks in the Sticks, Huntington Hall 7pm
Sat May 21st Concert at Erwood Village Hall 7pm —
Rhayader Male Voice Choir
Thur May 26th Local Interest Group visit to Newchurch
meet at the church at 7pm
Thur June 2nd Platinum Jubilee celebrations
Fri June 3rd Extra Bank Holiday
Sat June 11th - Cross Country Offa's Dyke Race 2022
(see www.tempoevents.co.uk)
Wed June 15th Erwood Puzzle Club - Erwood Market Hall
2.30pm

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No service June 12th joint service at Newchurch

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May 8th Special service Rev Gareth Evans
May 22nd Ruth Hargest
June 5th Rev Ifor Williams
June 12th Crickadarn special Service
June 26th Penny Robinson
July 10th Anniversary 6pm
July 31st Painscastle Joint Service
Services at 2.30pm

EBENEZER CHAPEL, NEWCHURCH

At the service held on 10th April 2022 Rev. Brian Reardon offered thanks for the long life and faithfulness of Mrs Betty Croose, Huntington, who on 25th March marked her 100th birthday. Joined by her great friend Mrs Vera Hobby, Colva, along with the fellowship at Ebenezer, many congratulations were extended to her on this milestone birthday.

Farewell and parting good wishes were given to Mr and Mrs Malcolm Allaway who are relocating to Northern Ireland to be nearer their eldest daughter Christina, her husband Stephen and their grandchildren. They will be joining a local church, which during the Coronavirus Restrictions they were able to access via 'Zoom'.

A Blessing and Double Presentation were made at the close of the Meeting.

Sunday May 8th Brian Reardon
Sunday June 12th United with Hermon chapel, Rhosgoch
led by Brian Reardon
Sunday July 3rd at 6.30pm Anniversary/Musical Evening
Led by Rev. Brian Reardon

Guest Artists: Glenda Allaway (harpist)
Holly Richards (Soloist)

All services at 3pm
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ERWOOD & PAINSCASTLE CHURCHES SERVICES

Sun 8th May	4th Easter	
10:30am	Llandeilo Graban	Eucharist
Sun 15th May	5th Easter	
10:30am	Bryngwyn	Eucharist
10:30am	Crickadarn	Eucharist
Sun 22nd May	6th Easter	
10:30am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
10:30am	Llanbedr	Eucharist
Sun 29th May	7th Easter	
10:30am	Newchurch	Holy Communion
10:30am	Llanbadarn	Eucharist
Sun 5th June	Pentecost	
10:30am	Aberedw	Eucharist
Sun 12th June	Trinity Sunday	
10:30am	Llandeilo Graban	Eucharist
Thurs 16th June	Corpus Christi	
7:00pm	Aberedw	Eucharist
Sun 19th June	1st after Trinity	
10:30am	Bryngwyn	Eucharist
10:30am	Crickadarn	Eucharist
Sun 26th June	2nd after Trinity	
10:30am	Gwenddwr	Eucharist
10:30am	Llanbedr	Eucharist
Sun 3rd July	Thomas - Apostle	
10:30am	Aberedw	Eucharist

From Sunday 15th May to Sunday 12th June,
the Eucharist will be celebrated in thanksgiving for the
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*God bless you and those you love.
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GLADESTRY NEWS

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FOOD BANK

There was a wonderful response for the Kington Food Bank.

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- Clyro Church porch
- Llangorse Church porch
- Squirrels Nest Rhosgoch on the following dates:
6th-9th May
3rd - 6th June
1st - 4th July

W.I.

Bryngwyn and District WI have resumed our monthly meetings. In March, sheep farmer member Heather demonstrated how she dyes her home produced Shetland wool and then we all had a go. Heather came very well prepared with a dyeing tray for each of us and lots of pots of primary colour dyes which we could mix and then paint onto the skeins of wool with a paintbrush! The dyed wool is steamed to fix the dye and in the process the colours run together to give a delightful effect. We were all very pleased with the results.

In April, Cherry Williams ran another workshop, this time in willow weaving. Cherry demonstrated how to weave a willow bird feeder and then each member made one. Once again everyone was successful. Both workshops were great fun.

Our May meeting was a talk about Bryngwyn Riding for the Disabled. Becky Webb, one of three coaches, and Ann-Marie Mathews, a regular volunteer, told us about the history and running of the Group which caters for children and adults with a range of additional needs. Over 40 riders and more than 30 volunteers, as well as a variety of very reliable ponies, are involved. It sounded a real feat of organisation to match up ponies, riders and volunteers each week, but it gives great pleasure to volunteers and riders' families, as well as the riders themselves.

In June we are going to Hay Castle to have a bespoke tour, sure to be of great interest to see the outcome of all the recent works.

As well as the monthly meetings, a group meets up regularly in a member's house for a chat and sociable craft activity of their choice.

The WI meets on the first Monday of the month, usually in Painscastle District Hall. Happily we have had several new members this year, but more are always welcome. If you would like more details phone Helen on 01982 560492.



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EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you enjoy this edition of the 'Gossip'. Thanks to the many people who have sent contributions in. Special thanks for all the photos.

There are a few events happening and most of the local groups and clubs are now up and running so please support them if you can. We continue with the Kington Writing Group coffee break item; I hope you enjoy it. We are always looking for pieces large or small to make this a good local read.

I would like to thank our delivery team for their outstanding efforts. Deadline for next issue [July/Aug 2022] is 30th June 2022. [mlloydundy@outlook.com or 01497-851609].

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3. A Sea Creature—Any Medium
4. Handmade Birthday Card—Any Medium
5. Photograph of the Seaside with a caption
6. A Seaside postcard
7. A picture depicting the Seaside—Any Medium
8. My Favourite Souvenir from the Seaside
9. 1 A4 side Short Story titled A Day at the Seaside

GRANDPARENTS

1. Jar of Jam
2. An item using Sea Shells
3. My Favourite Fridge Magnet
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NEWS FROM WELSH ASSEMBLY

It's been a busy few weeks here in Brecon and Radnorshire and at Cardiff Bay. I've called out the Welsh Government over their refusal to allow Jubilee Education book in Welsh Schools. It will be up to schools in Wales if they want to receive a history book about the Queen for her upcoming Diamond Jubilee. The UK Government was keen to ensure all schools across the UK received the book. However, devolved institutions in Wales and Scotland pushed back with a clear reluctance to allow the book to be distributed. The book aims to provide pupils, their families and teachers the chance to develop a collective understanding of the Queen's reign and provide children with the correct information about her legacy through the ownership of such a book. We are sadly witnessing a rise in anti-British and anti-Monarch-related policies by this Welsh Government, supported by Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrats. My team and I have been contacting every school across Brecon and Radnorshire to encourage them to sign up to receive this amazing book.

The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help ensure that communities across the UK can support and continue benefiting from the local facilities, community assets and amenities most important to them. From summer 2021, community groups will be able to bid for up to £250,000 matched-funding to help them buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost, to run as community-owned businesses. In exceptional cases, up to £1 million matched-funding will be available to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports grounds at risk of being lost without community intervention. The Community Ownership Fund programme is a fantastic opportunity for organisations in Brecon and Radnorshire. Many community groups have plans to upgrade facilities and improve their communities and this scheme will give them the opportunity to tap into a large funding pool and improve their area. More information can be found on the Government's website and by searching 'Community Ownership Fund'.

As well as these areas, I have been dealing with various local issues such as river pollution, local road improvements and many more.

If you have any local issues you need help with, please contact my office at james.evans@senedd.wales

James Evans MS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Chairman, Sian Powell, Lletycoed
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Jenny Smith, Penrhiw
Becky Miles, The Cwm
Iris Lloyd, Caemawr
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Back at home, more domestic worries continue to mount up and I am determined to speak up for rural communities who face particular challenges. During a meeting of the 1922 Committee, I raised this issue directly with the Prime Minister. If there any small crumbs of comfort from the hideous situation in Ukraine, it is that more people are now aware of the need for food security. With inputs like fertiliser soaring in price, we need to be extremely alive to the impact that this will have on food production. Innovation is the way to meet this challenge long-term but I am pressing both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor to remember the importance of food production in this country in the short-term.

Broadband continues to be a big challenge for rural areas. In recent years, Governments in Wales and Westminster have agreed a joint approach on this - providing the same amount of money in the Gigabit Voucher scheme. However, with the news that Welsh Labour would be pulling their share of the funding, I asked the Prime Minister to see whether more funding could be found to prevent the cost falling onto homes and businesses. He agreed to look at this and I will take this forward to ensure that as many premises as possible can get connected.

It was a total joy to be invited to cut the ribbon on the new Hay on Wye Bowling Club clubhouse in early April. The building is absolutely superb and you can really see that it has been built with love. The committee organised a superb opening party where everyone had a go at 'Spider' (a bowling game for novices) before tucking into copious amounts of cake. Hay is regularly voted one of the best places to live in Wales and, with communities like that, it's easy to see why.

May brings much to look forward to; Hay Castle Trust is opening its doors and we see the return of Hay Literary Festival. I know many of you are involved in making plans to celebrate the Jubilee Weekend. After so long apart, I really cannot think of a better event to be celebrating. However, it seems awfully mean-spirited of the Welsh Government not to distribute the free Platinum Jubilee books to our school children, as they are in England. The bilingual books are intended for all school children and explain the role of the monarchy and the significance of Her Majesty's achievement. James Evans MS and I have written to all schools in Brecon and Radnorshire to let them know that we would be happy to help procure the books and we're really pleased with the response so far.

Do drop me a line if there is anything I can help you with. I can be reached on Office 029 2233 8545 Mob 07515-034124 or Email Fay.Jones.MP@parliament.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Elizabeth Pugh and Peter Horne from the Lane, Llandeilo Graban on the birth of a baby girl, Charlotte Anne Horne, on 12th March 2022. A baby sister for Joseph aged 6 and Megan 3.

Best wishes to Geraint Lloyd and Dionne Normansell from Lower Lundy on the birth of a little girl Joni Rae Lloyd on 25th March 2022.

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**Hay & District Dial-a-Ride
May Parish Magazines Editorial
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WEBSITE FEATURES

The new website offers information about our services and work, membership and volunteer details and particulars about all the ways in which funding and donations help.

There is also a news section enabling everyone to keep up to date with upcoming trips, as well as general news and events.

WEBSITE SERVICES

Thanks to the website, it is now possible to download and fill in membership and volunteer forms at home. We are always looking for new volunteers, so do have a read about what is involved in the roles and whether it could be for you.

Dial-a-Ride members also have the option of now being able to book their journeys online through the simple contact form.

Finally, with the inclusion of the website's 'Donate now' tab, it has never been easier to donate to Dial-a-Ride, any amount of which is always greatly appreciated and allows us to keep doing the important work we do.

To explore the website and take a look at all it has to offer, visit: <https://www.haydialaride.com>

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PAINSCASTLE BUS SHELTER

Just lately the bus shelter has suffered a little from a lack of love. Please if you take books to the shelter can you put them on the shelves so that they are easily available for people to choose from. Anything left on the floor will get wet so please only put items on the shelves. We want everyone to use the shelter as a hub for lending and borrowing books and other items of interest. We would like to preserve it as a tidy place where people can sit wait for school transport, enjoy the local information and illustrations and browse the books, so please help with this when leaving your very welcome books for others to enjoy.

We are still collecting old postage stamps or old bras which help raise funds for The Bracken Trust in Llandrindod Wells.

Old printer cartridges are also required for re-cycling, to raise money for the Centre of Alternative Technology.

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They need funding for fuel, toll charges and vehicle expenses, plus vehicles and drivers willing to give up their time for this important cause.

To find out more please see their website - www.logisticsaid.org or have a look at their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/drivingsupplioustoukraine

Donating Supplies

Our nearest collection points supported by Logistics Aid are Kington at Lady Hawkins' School Halo Leisure Centre and in Leominster at the Halo Bridge Street Sports Centre. There is also a larger collection point at Three Elms Trading Estate in Hereford. The following information is taken from an article that appeared in the Hereford Times.

Three Elms Ukraine Donation Centre

Olga Tverdokhlib is coordinating much of the aid and volunteer effort in Hereford to support Ukrainian refugees. Herefordshire has shown a tremendous amount of support for Ukraine's people following the Russian attacks. Olga has spearheaded this effort, raising money and receiving donations, as well as seeing to the delivery of these supplies, setting up a Facebook page, and promoting the cause.

Many tonnes of support aid recently left by the lorry load to Ukraine, and a video can be viewed on the 'Hereford Help for Ukraine' Facebook page.

The Centre still urgently needs donations, including baby food, medication, sleeping bags, baby nappies, and long life foods. Visit their Facebook Page for a full list of wanted items. These can be dropped off at Unit 37, 3 Elms Trading Estate, Hereford. HR4 9PU, Monday to Friday between 9am and 7pm and Saturday between 9am and 5pm.

Offa's Dyke Races 2022 – Saturday 11 June

After missing the event entirely in 2020, and then having an adapted route for 2021, the race is back to its origins with the traditional 15 mile route starting from Hay-on-Wye and finishing in Kington.

New for 2022 – a 10K race option, starting and finishing in Kington, with a loop of Hergest Ridge as the centre-piece.

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The return of our annual Bingo Night was a great success, with over 60 people playing along for a mass of prizes. Thank you to all involved: David Price for his Bingo calling (with a few garden references thrown in for good measure), those who helped beforehand and on the night, those who donated some lovely and generous prizes, and everyone who came along on the night and took part in a fun evening. Thanks lastly to Grace for taking the photos.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 12 May at 7:30pm at Rhosgoch Golf Club. We'll be welcoming two local community police officers who will be giving advice about "How to Keep Yourself Safe." As this talk is of general interest we are inviting everyone in the community to come along. We hope to see you there.

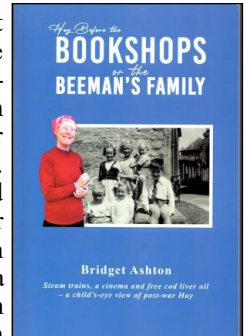
For more information please contact Pat Harley, Edwina Griffiths or Allison Joyce.

Hot off the Press – 2022

I have just read a recently published book which I feel will be of interest to readers of The Gossip as a section is about living in Painscastle from the autumn of 1948 until spring 1950.

Title: **Hay Before the Bookshops or the Beeman's Family.**
Author: Bridget Ashton.

Seventy seven year old Bridget Ashton was born in Norfolk and in the autumn of 1948 arrived with her parents and two younger sisters to live in rural Radnorshire. This became their family home for just over one year. Her dad was a bee keeper and sold honey and wanted a carefree life for his family. By chance, he had seen an advertisement in "Peace News" for a cottage with some land not far from the town of Hay and was successful in purchasing it for £400. The property in question, originally called Hilltop, is better known as Top O' Lane which many of you will know is on the Begwyns above Lower Pentre in the parish of Llandewi Fach.



Bridget's dad acquired a workshop in Hay for his honey business and the family settled into living in their dream location. She tells of her adventures in the outdoors on the hillside, the Roundabout being a special attraction, and learning the word "landmark." Despite the dream location, everyday life was a struggle and the mod cons the family had been used to were lacking. She recalls having to carry water and quickly learned that water is very precious. Domestic chores were hard work for her mother with young children, as well as the isolation of country life. She speaks of keeping goats and hens to provide for the home and talks of neighbours that they soon befriend – Goodall family, Middle Pentre, Breese family, The Wern, Evans family, Bailey Bedw. She mentions other local families, not mentioning names. She also mentions Mrs Lewis, Lower Pentre, the Postman who came on horseback and the lady in Painscastle shop who only sold "margarine and candles." Her memory of Painscastle itself is a farm, a few small houses, a Post Office and shop, a pub and a school.

Bridget started at Painscastle School in late autumn 1948. She was looked after on the long walk, rain or shine, by Joyce Goodall of Middle Pentre. This took about three quarters of an hour in all and she tells of their exploits en route, the fear of the gobblegobble turkey and the few strange characters they encountered. (Those of you who were born locally like me will instantly recognise these people and places.) Her teacher was Miss Jones and the Headmaster was Mr Gwillim. (Incidentally he was my mother's brother and of course my Uncle Reg). She says that there is no Welsh spoken but she did learn the word "Eisteddfod" and reciting a small poem in a marquee erected for the event. I will leave Painscastle there so as not to be a spoiler for anyone wanting to read more.

Rural isolation played a part in prompting the next move and towards the end of 1949 the family found three ramshackle adjoining houses in Market Street, Hay, and moved from Top O' Lane in the spring of 1950. The rest of the book concentrates on life in Hay until 1955 when her dad found a job as a Beekeeping Officer in Northumberland. By this time there were five children in the family and in writing this book Bridget has called upon the help of all of her siblings, as well as referring to her mother's written memories.

I recommend this book to all who enjoy social and local history and it is also a little trip down memory lane for those of a certain age. Some of you may even remember the author in Painscastle School. Hay has changed so much since the family left as at one point in the book she describes Hay as "a little known town with no special status!"

Cherry Williams

FREE EXHIBITION



SANITY THROUGH STITCH

A Textile Exhibition by the
Mid Wales Embroiderers

April 30th - May 21st
Monday to Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Minerva Arts Centre, Llanidloes SY18 6BY



PAINSCASTLE BAPTIST CHAPEL

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Painscastle Reunion Service on Sunday afternoon when it was lovely to reopen the Chapel again after being closed for so long with Covid restrictions. As well as welcoming local people, we were pleased to have visitors from as far away as Llanidloes & Monmouth. Rev Brian Reardon officiated in his usual jovial manner with Mrs Margaret Evans accompanying on the piano. Mrs Iris Lloyd proposed a vote of thanks to all & invited everyone into the hall for afternoon tea & a good chat.



Next services:-
United Service on Sunday July 31st at 2.30pm.
Anniversary Service on August 14th at 6.30pm.

CHAPEL – A WAY OF LIFE

We have lived in Rhosgoch for over seven years since we moved from a small village in Buckinghamshire called Edgcott. There was much to like about Edgcott but sadly HS2 was about to take much of that away. Our original idea was to move into the North East but after a recce we decided that perhaps it was too cold in the winter and the country was too flat. So we took to wandering around the UK and what brought us to Wales was the beauty of the countryside. (Plus the fact that my Grandfather was a miner in the Rhondda and my mum was born in Pontypridd, same as Tom Jones!)

Most of our life in Bucks was spent running a printing and marketing business focused on the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. We worked for a variety of clients including GE Medical Systems and Alliance Medical helping them to promote the benefits of their imaging products like CT, MRI, ultrasound and other modalities.

We didn't mean to carry on working when we got here but it happened that we could access good Internet from BT and in many ways travel by road was not so bad. So we carried on, and still carry on - well, it's a living and there is so much that is exciting in today's healthcare technology.

The real joy of our life here has been centred on the lovely people who have shown us kindness and consideration in good measure.

The other plus is the existence and acceptance of four Chapels, all key parts of the community; in Rhosgoch (est. 1849), Painscastle, Moriah and Newchurch. Though we considered ourselves to be "Christian", we weren't particularly "religious" before we came, only attending our local Anglican church for the usual ceremonies, but within a few days of being here we got a lovely invitation from the Hermon organist, John Meredith, – a most delightful human being – to a "Sankey," something we had never heard of; that turned out to be a very lively service based on the singalong music of the American composer Ira Sankey.

It wasn't just Ira's music though, the Minister Geoff Cable and people in the Chapel were so welcoming and kind that we felt at home instantly, among Christians. Throughout our lives we have heard much about the issues with "Religion" – some claiming that all wars started that way, others pointing to different creeds as dangerous to us all, and others suggesting that all religion is humbug, but here we found an affection and concern that had nothing to do with aggression or anger – more to do with love and care for one's fellow man.

And so it has gone on. We have met other Chapels and other congregations and every time we are impressed with the kindness and consideration we are shown by all Christians.

Hermon Chapel at Rhosgoch has a long history. Founded in 1849, and largely built by a local farmer, the Chapel regularly hosted three services every Sunday welcoming at least 60 people each time. Its focus as a place of worship goes back further. In 1750, a preacher called John Cennick addressed over 500 people in Rhosgoch, after which he walked to Builth Wells with his followers to preach again in the newly built Chapel there.

At one time, Chapels were the centre of the community, and people would walk many miles to be there. So in many ways the Chapel would bind a community together in a supportive and caring way. They were founded and run by a community to meet and worship God in a simple, direct way, an ambition that still exists to this day, and if you are not taking advantage of it, why not give it a try – you'll be glad you did!

Heads Marketing

CRAFTY TIMES

Our local Craft Club and the "Gladestry Ladies" have been knitting up a storm over the last couple of months.

You might have heard of the Shoebox appeals, where people make or gift things to go into boxes for needy children around the world: this is just one appeal of many that are going on all year around.

Our local knitters have made blankets, sweater and hat sets and teddies, all to clothe or support children in need. Some of these items are going to South Africa, while others will go to Eastern Europe and some further afield to places like Nicaragua.

The photos below show examples of the beautiful work being created. Grace has asked me to point out that despite following the same pattern, using the same needles, and the same sort of wool, amazingly hers and Pat Horne's teddies turned out rather different in size.

There are several people who describe themselves as "knitter/gatherers", in other words, who make things and also know to whom to give them so they get to those who need them. At the moment these items are making their way to contacts in Hereford and Lyonshall, but if anyone knows of anyone "gathering" more locally, please let me know.



Fish & chip baby outfits



More baby outfits



More baby outfits

A big thanks to all who have contributed over the last few months. Allison Joyce

Fish and Chip babies, Newspaper Babies and Chip Shop babies:

The term 'chip shop babies' began when it was discovered that often newborn babies, mostly in developing countries, arrived into this world and had no clothes to put on. As a result the newborns were wrapped in newspaper, just like a fish supper, to keep them warm. News of this reached knitters up and down the UK who developed a simple vest pattern, with additional hat sometimes, which even a novice knitter could cope with. As a result tens of thousands of vests have been knitted and sent out to needy babies around the world.



Pat Horne's teddies



Grace's teddies