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Step into Christmas... With Santa and his Rotary Elves

Llandovery Rotary Club are busy preparing for this year's Santa Run.

Every year we are amazed by your support and generosity as we travel around Llandovery and the local villages, raising money to help local causes. We enjoy meeting you and being a part of this amazing community so please come and say hello to Santa and his 'not so little' helpers.

Wed 4th December – Llanwrda 7.00pm

Fri 29th November - Switch on Town Lights

Fri 6th December -Sun 8th December -Mon 9th December -Tue 10th December -

Wed 11th December -

Thu 12th December -Fri 13th December -

Llansadwrn 6.30pm Llandovery Co-op

Llangadog 5.00pm Cynghordy 5.30pm/Heol Pluguffan, Llandovery 6.30pm

Rhandirmwyn (Royal Oak) 5.30pm/Cilycwm 6.30pm Llandovery Scout Hut 5.30pm Myddfai 5.30pm/Llandovery

Whitehall 7.00pm



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Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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We have our first free Christmas Workshop planned for 11th December at 6.30pm. Tamar from Henllys Estate B&B will be showing us how to create and make our own stunning snowflake decorations. All items will be provided, just bring yourself! You can take your makes home, and we will have tea, coffee and hot chocolate available for a donation. Reservations are essential for this event as space is limited, just email helen@ynnisirgar.com or pop into the shop to book.

We will also be running Craft and Chat evenings from January 2025, where anyone is welcome to come along, bring what they are working on and join us for coffee, biscuits, chats and advice from fellow crafters. Keep following us on Facebook and look at the shop window for events!





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LLANGADOG VILLAGE MARKET

A new Committee was formed in mid 2023 for the Community Centre in Llangadog. It quickly became apparent that the Centre was struggling financially and that the Committee would have to encourage fundraising to meet heating bills and maintenance costs. The Village Market became part of this endeavour and was relaunched to run on the second Sunday of each month so that it did not clash with either Myddfai or Trecastle markets.

On average 20 tables are hired to our band of faithful traders each market day. Our traders are locally based and sell a variety of quality home produced items. The range of goods on offer include wooden products such as novelty signs, kitchen tools, and beautiful bread and cheese boards. Sewn goods on offer include quilts, bunting, bags, aprons, cushions, coasters etc. All of these goods have been home made. You'll find lovely Knitted hats, socks and toys, next to a table selling terracotta pots cleverly decorated with decoupage and lacquered for protection. Other sellers have produced jewellery, cards, beaded decorations and other goods.

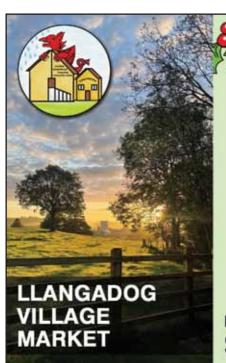
As you enter the main hall the first thing you notice is the lovely smell of fresh flowers, all locally grown as well as a range of seasonal flower and vegetable plants. Quality local honey is usually available, and we are trying to encourage more local produce sellers. Some local smallholders are often able to bring along eggs, meat, cheese and vegetables when their stocks allow.

Refreshments are available and the market becomes a great meet and chat venue for the community to interact. The experience is better enhanced by the tasty and beautifully decorated cake stalls at the market.

The market hosts the monthly prize draw for the 300 club (another fundraiser for the Community Centre). Anyone over 18 can become a member on payment of £6 bi-annually or £12 annually. Membership numbers are growing and as they grow so does the prize pot.

We would love more people to attend – be they traders or customers. If you'd like to know more, please contact either jaynewd33@gmail.com or june.stait@outlook.com.





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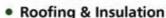
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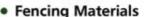
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LLANSADWRN VILLAGERS PREPARES FOR XMAS

Christmas is coming, again!

It only seems a few months ago that we were preparing for Xmas 2023, yet here we are after a lousy summer thinking about trees and lights and carols and cawl in 2024. Where does the time go?

This year early festivities are again centred around the 'Reading Room' and 'The Sextons' and Committee members have prepared with all due customary care and co-operation of involved parties. The day is the same as last year, with mulled cider and mince pies available from around 6.00pm, but now it's Friday 6th December when Santa will touch down around 7.00pm for the 'Tree Dedication & Lights-On' by the Vicar the Rev'd Marc Rowlands.

None of this could happen without the help of Llandovery Rotary for getting Santa to be with us (and many others in the area of course), plus our village Xmas Tree intrepid erectors of ten years standing Mess'rs Hugh and Rhys Evans with Gary Robins providing the splendid tree. It will be all go for the week leading up to 6th December, but remember to wrap up warm as it is going to be a lot colder than of late. Naturally the Reading Room will be open with members providing hospitality accompanied by carol singers from a local choir.

More singing and some drinking no doubt follows at 7.30pm in The 'Sexton Arms' when landlord Cliff Cowell plays host to all for 'Cawl and Carols' with the Towy Valley section of Côr Meibion De Cymru - The South Wales Male Choir under the baton of Elaine Robins. There will be an additional opportunity this year for audience participation as well

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LLANDOVERY CINEMA INVITES YOU TO A FESTIVE TREAT!



Nadolig Llawen! This December, Llandovery Cinema warmly welcomes you to celebrate the magic of Christmas with a special screening of the cherished classic *It's a Wonderful Life*. Join us on **Saturday**, **14th December**, **at 7:00 PM**, for a heartwarming evening filled with festive cheer, timeless storytelling, and community togetherness.

Tickets are only £5, but they're going fast! Book yours today at bit.ly/LlandoveryCinema-Itsawonderfullife or in person at the Llandovery Youth and Community Centre (LYCC).

Evening Schedule:

• 5:30 PM: Doors Open

• 6:00 PM: Shared Meal (Bring a plate of food and drinks to share!)

• 7:00 PM: Film Screening

Prefer just to watch the film? No problem! Please arrive by **6:45 PM** to get settled. While some tickets may be available on the day, pre-booking helps us ensure the evening runs smoothly – **diolch yn fawr!**

Why This Film Is a Christmas Must-Watch

Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* is more than a film—it's a timeless celebration of hope, love, and community. Starring the legendary Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, this classic reminds us of the immense impact one life can have on others.

The movie is set in the beautifully crafted Bedford Falls, a spectacular set spanning 4 acres and 75 buildings, which brings the story to life with incredible detail. Ranked as one of the greatest films ever made by the American Film Institute, it resonates as deeply today as it did when it was first released.

At its core, this beloved Christmas tradition is about gratitude, family, and the true meaning of success. Whether it's your first time watching or your fiftieth, It's a Wonderful Life will leave you inspired and full of festive warmth

Season's Greetings from Hybu Llanymddyfri -Llandovery

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd! As the year draws to a close, Hybu Llanymddyfri wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our community activities and events in the coming year.

Stay connected! You can contact Tiago and Maggi at 07858 555938, email llandovery.lcasc@gmail.com, or visit us at the Llandovery Youth & Community Centre (LYCC), 19 Market Square, Llandovery. You can also find out more on our website: www.llandovery.wales.

Let's make this holiday season – and the year ahead – truly wonderful, **gyda'n gilydd!**





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WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING BOOST FOR SALEM COMMUNITY PROJECT

A voluntary group campaigning to bring the community together and breathe life back to their rural Welsh village are celebrating today after being awarded £10,000 to develop their project. Dyfodol Salem aims to create a new community cafe and social hwb at Neuadd Goffa Heolgaled Salem Memorial Hall, on the outskirts of Salem, near Llandeilo in Carmarthenshire. The group came together to save their village pub, and although factors outside their control meant that project was not to be – the community refused to lose hope.

'Our campaign this Spring demonstrated that people really want a social space back in Salem: said Aled Williams, project volunteer. 'We already have a small village hall so the natural thing was to refocus the project on improving and extending that – to offer somewhere for all generations to meet informally over a cuppa or a pint."

Perthyn: Promoting Welsh Language

The grant awarded Dyfodol Salem £10,000 from Welsh Government's Perthyn fund, and is administered by Cwmpas, (formerly Wales Co-operative Centre) – a co-operative development agency working for positive change, in Wales and across the UK focussed on building a fairer, greener economy and a more equal society, where people and planet come first. The grant is aimed at Welsh speaking communities and supports the growth of the language in line with Welsh Governments Cymraeg 2050: Welsh Language Strategy Action Plan 2023 – 2050 - increasing daily usage of Welsh in the community and in business and the overall number of Welsh speakers to one million by 2050.

The Perthyn grant is a huge vote of confidence in our project." said Peter Harries, chair of Salem Memorial Hall. "Our language is central to who we are – it's our history and our heritage but we also want to see it grow





here, for our future. So we're really pleased to be able to kick off the project with a grant aimed at protecting and growing Cymraeg here."

Connecting the Community

The group are consulting the community on what they'd like from the project and what improved and extended facilities the village hall could provide. While the hall is well used by groups such as WI and Salem's awardwinning Short Mat Bowls club, there's no room for a permanent social space open to the public – leading to a loss of social cohesion, and nowhere for visitors and tourists to eat and drink and connect with the community.

"This grant is wonderful news" said Caroline Welch, project volunteer. "It will enable us to build capacity and deliver bilingual research, development and engagement which in turn will help us raise funds for the project and evidence need in the planning process. People have told us how much they miss the pub – and our pledge campaign this Spring raised £28,000 in just four weeks. So we know there is a real need for the project – and we believe we can make a difference."

Improved facilities could offer affordable food and drink, a permanent cafe or social club and wi fi daytime space, with a small shop, parcel collection and improved space for clubs and societies to meet and socialise. It could provide a tourism offer, jobs for local people and a warm space for the community to connect, meet old friends and make new ones. Sustainability is key to the project and the ongoing survey work demonstrates how important this is to the community.

New Pop-Up Cafe

Next cafe, Saturday 14th December, 10am – 2pm, boardgames, crafting space, hangout! This will run monthly until the new permanent facilities can be built. This is being organised in tandem with a new programme of events, including live music, designed to reach a wider audience and begin to bring the community back together – so that the new community space has strong support when it opens.

Find out More

To find out more about events, to get involved and support the project visit www.salemgar.org or follow progress on Facebook – Cymuned Salem Community.



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Padmasambhava Yoga & Meditation Centre

With the Autumn term at Padmasambhava coming to a close, everyone at the Centre hopes that you are well and beginning to look forward to the Christmas and Winter festivities, and further ahead, to the New Year of 2025.

A New Year can bring hope and the renewal of energy to the body, the spirit and the mind. One good way to bring renewal of energy is through a yoga class, for both the physical and the mental wellbeing that this can bring. A New Year is often a time to sow the seeds of intent for the year ahead and the practice of the Deep Relaxation of Yoga Nidra can be helpful in this.

Yoga Nidra comes at the end of each class and is a time of rest, which nourishes the body and spirit. Time is given in Yoga Nidra for the practice of sowing your seed of intent (a Sankalpa - or loosely defined, a resolution). With the body at rest, the 'Sankalpa', can gently galvanise the forces of the mind to follow your deeply held intention. Many have found that the practice of Yoga Nidra can softly help bring about desired changes.

Padmasambhava's 'Beginners' continues on into the New Year and welcomes new Beginners. The course covers the foundation practices of the PMA series, breath awareness and deep relaxation. The PMA series brings about flexibility and strength, which helps to ease both physical and mental tensions. This course provides a firm foundation upon which to begin to explore some classic postures or as a stand-alone course is a good introduction to practices with breath awareness.

Padmasambhava holds classes in the Centre in Llandeilo as well as the Penybanc Welfare Hall in Ammanford and the Reading Room at Cwrt Henri and has a good range of classes to suit different levels of experience, fitness and flexibility. Seated Yoga is held at the Llandeilo Lawn Bowling Club. The classes at the Penybanc Welfare Hall will now be starting at the earlier time of 6.30 pm (Thursdays).



The classes taught by the Centre are Integral Yoga – a gentle and steady progression, always working with awareness of your body in the physical practices. Through the breath practices taught in class, practitioners experience the importance of breath to our good health. Each class ends with a deep relaxation of Yoga Nidra.

Weekly practice of yoga allows the body to gain strength and flexibility week by week and these qualities are often also reflected in the mind.

Attending a yoga class is an excellent way to encourage our bodies to be more active whilst maintaining focus and poise in the mind.

Many students appreciate this quiet time each week and find they are developing useful tools for navigating the stresses of daily life.

The benefits of yoga resonate beyond the class.

The dates and timetable for the Spring 2025 term will soon be available. Please do contact the Centre to register your interest or make an enquiry about trying a class before the end of the Autumn term. The Centre will be pleased to help with any enquiries - just give them a call on 01558 823 842 or email - mail@padma.org.uk

All at Padmasambhava would like to thank everyone for their support and help over the past year and wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year, Nadolig Llawen Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. May 2025 bring peace, joy and happiness to all and to the world, especially to the troubled lands of the Middle East and Ukraine.





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The simple service commenced with the hymn Abide with Me, followed by readings of High Flight by John Magee, For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon, and When You Go Home by John Maxwell Edmonds. Dinefwr Ramblers Chairman Stuart Colling then concluded the service with the laying of the wreath.

This was one of many local group walks Dinefwr Ramblers offer on Sundays and Wednesdays, with a variety of themes, distance and terrain.

Find more information on Dinefwr Ramblers and all their walks on their website: www.dinefwrramblers.org.uk. A friendly group that welcomes new walkers, join them as a guest on any walk by contacting the walkleader.

Wednesday 4th December: Cilycwm, Around and About - A stroll around the outskirts of the village of Cily-cwm, known for hymn-writers and drovers. William Williams was a lifelong member of Soar Chapel here and there was an early Welsh school here too. A moderate 5.5 miles. Departing 9:45am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Ros B. 07976 631083.

Thursday 5th December: Dinefwr Ramblers Christmas Lunch - At the Cawdor Hotel, Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo 12:30pm.

Sunday 8th December: Two Quarries Mynydd Isaf and Carreg Dwfn - On the western periphery of The Black Mountain, these 2 quarries command the landscape with their stark rocky profiles. After 2 stiff climbs, explore close up these enchanting rockscapes backdropped by striking views. 3.5 miles moderate. Departing 10:00am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Les L. 07887 566946.

Wednesday 11th December: Around and About Llansadrwn - On countryside peripheral to the charmingly quiet village of Llansadrwn. 5 miles moderate. Departing 10:00am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Jan J. 07790 578555.

Friday 13th December: Llandeilo Walking Well Christmas Lunch - At Yr Hen Vic, New Road, Llandeilo lpm.

Wednesday 18th December: Town & Trail Lofty Llangunnor - Enjoy this elevated perambulation traversing the two hills of the village of Llangunnor. Above the hubbub of this suburb of Carmarthen, rural views abound of the Tywi valley and the majestic Carmarthen Fans. Town and Trail: Ideal for guests and new members, an occasional series with a mix of urban and rural. Never far from civilisation, a chance to get mud on your boots and a taste of countryside rambling. 5 miles Leisurely. Departing 10:00am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Les L. 07887 566946.

Thursday 26th December: Boxing Day Mince Pie Walk - A chance to get some fresh air and walk off the excesses of Christmas Day. Meet 11am at the main entrance to Dinefwr Park on Carmarthen Road and take a leisurely walk to the Castle and return. Mince pies / welsh cakes with something liquid at the Castle. 3 miles easy. Walkleader Stuart C. 07775 503441.







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As we near the end of 2024 we would like to thank all the people and organisations that have supported us this year....far too many to mention but you know who you are. From attending our summer and Halloween open day events to giving us your time, purchasing from our tack shop, donating goods and funds or raising money for us...we simply could not exist without you. Diolch yn fawr / thank you so much!



We would also like to update you on the progress of our most recent rescue, young Captain Jack Sparrow. Rescued as a tiny foal from a desperate situation, Jack Sparrow received round the clock lifesaving care from the Lluest on-site team. We're happy to report that he has thrived here at the Trust and is turning into a very fine (and cheeky!) young pony under the guidance of his beautiful foster mum, Ari. We will continue to support Jack through 2025 to help prepare him for eventually moving into his very own long term Guardian home.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Winter is always a challenging time for us and this year is no exception with the rising costs of feed, bedding, hay, and routine veterinary care. If you are looking for festive gifts that also support our work please take a look at our Pony, Donkey or Stable Sponsorship packages.

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Wising all our supporters and Post readers a very Happy Christmas and New Year / Nadolig Hapus a Blwyddyn Newydd.

THANK YOU FROM RE-THINK

A huge thank you from us to everyone who has already donated to the 100x£100 fund. We have already raised over £4000. But we will need a lot more to pay for professional help to stop Bute's plans to cover Radnor Forest in tall wind turbines. We have now launched our Crowdfunder. Have a look at the beautiful images of the Radnor Forest that is about to be changed forever. Unless we can stop these plans!

We are commissioning a professional report to help us stop the planning application. If we can raise enough money, we will also use it to stop the other two wind energy projects planned for the area. And we are also campaigning to stop the private pylon line through the Tywy valley to take the energy to a substation near Carmarthen.

You can now help us by donating, how ever small the amount. Or by sharing our Crowdfunder page with anyone you know. Or by doing both!

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On Sunday, November 17th, Glansevin Mansion hosted its first Christmas Fair, marking a joyous start to the holiday season with festive cheer and community spirit. The event, which drew a steady stream of visitors, featured a diverse range of stalls and engaging activities, all in support of the Wales Air Ambulance service – a crucial lifeline for the rural areas of Wales. Thanks to the generous contributions from visitors and local businesses, over £600 was raised through a raffle, a "weigh the cake" competition, and refreshment sales.

The fair showcased a vibrant array of stallholders: Diana Brook, Christmas Stamp Workshop; Elaine Jones Art & Crafts; Jo Nelson, jewellery; Sian Phillips, Children's book author, Carolyn Cummings, seasonal cards and crafts; Sharon Jones, uniquesigns4u; Gayle Nicholls, Gigi's Bakery; Sharon Cannon, silver smith jewellery; Mariella Scott, seasonal crafts and cards; Vanessa Bolton, handmade crafts: Helen from Bars of Distinction; Ashlie Walsh, botanical artist; Katy Pearson, Sieving the dream; Lauren showcasing traditional sweets; Christine Griffiths, handmade Welsh themed crafts; Judy Dunkerton, bespoke crafted hats; Susan Clayton, wooden crafts: Patricia Turner-Lawlor, handmade felt items: Penny Bird, wreath making workshop; Diana Brookes, Christmas stamp workshop, Talley Wood Fired Pizza ; Katie Lewis Photography. Not only did they display their unique offerings but they also donated raffle prizes and contributed to the fundraising efforts. The raffle, a highlight of the day, boasted 66 prizes donated by local businesses from Llangadog, Llandovery, and Llandeilo.









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Llangadog, Post Office; grocery shop; Telegraph Garden Centre Plant; Les - Butcher ; Y Castell ; Davies Pet Store. From Llandovery: La Patisserie ; Lowri Gift Shop; Hiraeth Gallery; Books at the Dragon's Garden ; Ystrad Nursery; Morris Isaacs; The Bear Inn; Old Printing Office; Myddfai Trading Co.; Llechyd Da Wholefoods; West End Cafe; Coop; Goodfillers; King's Head; Pampers Salon; Mathew Butchers; Bumble Bee; Ratcliffes; Arthur's Electric Shop; Pharmacy; Penygawse; Petshop; Pethau Pawb; Replay; Clock Cafe; JTs Fish Shop; Animals in need. Llandeilo: Scorpio; Peppercorn; Cuckoo Nest; Eve's Toy Shop ; Indigo's Hill; Diod; Lighthouse; Dod Clothing; Nigel Williams Pharmacy; Charity shop worker gave a Handmade Xmas decoration; Llandeilo Bakery; Sians Emporium; Yant Saw Wool shop. We received cash donations from Gwili Cafe, the cat charity shop in Llandovery, Penny Bird and our very own housekeeper, Alethea Rees. Thank you too to Karen Clayton who made the cake which weighed 3lbs 10 oz.

Special thanks from the owner Camilla, go to her dedicated team at Glansevin Mansion, whose hard work and enthusiasm ensured the event's success. The fair not only brought the community together in festive celebration but also demonstrated the spirit of giving, supporting an essential charity that benefits many. For those interested in reliving the day's festivities, photos are available on Glansevin Mansion's Facebook page.



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Training for the Juniors restarts in April and again we will be running All Stars and Dynamos. Please contact Gwynn Davies for information about the juniors on 07956 14 74 64.

We are always on the look out for new adult players – Saturday matches for the 1st XI or mid-week for our 2nd XI – Llewod Llanwrda. If you are interested in any of these teams, please contact Adrian Davies on 07867794771 for more information.

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If you would like to help the Club and join our Bonus Ball, please contact David Cumming on 07768 426 449. It's only £4.33 per month.



LLANDOVERY GARDEN CLUB 27TH JANUARY

I have booked the Catholic Hall, College View, Llandovery, SA20 0BD for the 1st Monday of the month, that is 27th January. We will begin the meeting with the AGM from 1.30pm until 2.00pm when we will collect subscriptions from Members at £17.00 per annum, guests are welcome at £5.00 per evening. Our Speaker commences at 2.00pm after which our hostesses will serve Tea/Coffee & biscuits and we will draw for the raffle prizes.

Please come and join us as new Members are very welcome and you don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our Talks and company!!

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Our cause has received some good publicity by Nation Cymru, Wales Online, Western Mail and the BBC Radio 4 programme Rare Earth.

The Countryside Alliance has been conducting a survey to give the general public an opportunity to have their say on future electricity infrastructure. The results will be presented to an Independent Advisory Group set up by Welsh Government which is looking at possible approaches to delivering electricity infrastructure in Wales.

We continue to hold meetings with Senedd members and hope to persuade them of the benefits of using the cable plough technique to lay cables underground, as this is far less disruptive than erecting pylons or digging very wide trenches. We had a productive meeting with Jane Dodds, MS for Mid and West Wales which resulted in her inviting Rebecca Evans the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to view a cable ploughing demonstration.

If you are an affected landowner who has received communication from Bruton Knowles or Green GEN and have not been in contact with our group previously, we would urge you to contact us at llandoverypsg@gmail. com or by phone on 07584 683641 and we will do our best to assist.

If you are looking for a Christmas present for someone, we have T-shirts available!

The fight goes on!



WHAT'S ON AT THE CAPEL DEWI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Old School, Capel Dewi SA32 8AD

11th December: Coffee Morning – Christingle Orange Making led by Emyr

Williams, 10.30am.

16th December: Carol Evening/Noson Garolau – 7.00pm.

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Aelodau'r cor yn cyflwyno'r siec/Choir members presenting the cheque.

Ar nos Wener, Tachwedd 8fed daeth aelodau'r côr at ei gilydd yn y Royal Oak, Rhandirmwyn ar gyfer noson gymdeithasol – pryd o fwyd a sgwrs fach. Ar ddechrau'r noson braf oedd cael cwmni Mike May, Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru a Gina Jones, Ffrindiau Ysbyty Llanymdddyfri.

Deufis yn ôl bu'r côr yn brysur yn trefnu 'Pabell Lawen' ar fferm Clynmawr a bu'r noson yn llwyddiant ysgubol. Hoffem ddiolch i Deulu Clynmawr, yr artistiaid, y noddwyr a'r gynulleidfa niferus a ddaeth ynghyd i gyflwyno a mwynhau noson o adloniant Cymraeg. Fel canlyniad i lwyddiant y noson, braf oedd medru cyflwyno £2,500 yr un i Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru a Ffrindiau Ysbyty Llanymddyfr.

On Friday evening ,8th November the choir met at the Royal Oak, Rhandirmwyn for a social evening. We were very happy that Mike May, Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru and Gina Jones Friends of Llandovery Hospital, could join us. Two months ago the choir had a busy period preparing for our evening of Welsh entertainment in the 'Pabell Lawen.' We are very grateful to the Clynmawr family,the artists, the sponsors and everyone who came to enjoy the concert.As a result of this wonderful evening we were able to present £2,500 each to Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru and Ffrindiau Yasbyty Llanymddyfri.



Ein noddwyr caredig/Our kind sponsors.

MYDDFAI NEWS

Myddfai Shop and Café winter opening hours are Wednesday – Sunday, 11.00am – 4.00pm.

Over the festive season we will be closed on 25th & 26th December – open Friday 27th, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th and closed again on 1st & 2nd January opening as normal from Friday 3rd January.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful staff, volunteers, contributors, customers, directors and trustees for their continued support and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What's on: December - Ginny has a Yoga Workshop on 1st December 2.00 – 5.00pm, Willow Weaving classes are on 5th & 6th December, Myddfai Christmas Market is on Saturday 7th December 10.00am - 4.00pm with festive refreshments from our café and a wide range of local foods, drinks, crafts, gifts and art on offer. Debbie has a Wreath Making Class on Saturday 30th November & again on Tuesday 10th December 12.00 noon – 2.00pm. Friday 13th we have a FREE taster Zumba Gold Class 10.00 - 11.00am and later on 13th the Christmas Story Trail returns to Myddfai Church. Sunday 15th we have a Festive Craft Taster Event from 1.30pm, phone to book your place asap. Our monthly pop-up pub evening is on Friday 27th December. For January: Our Farmers Market will be on Sunday 26th January 12.00 noon - 3.00pm, and our pop-up pub is on Friday 31st. Come and join us at our events. Everyone is welcome.

Myddfai shop has a huge selection of unique quality gifts, crafts, artwork, books and cards to choose from, ideal for Christmas presents.

Myddfai cafe will have a feast of freshly made soups & cawl, warming treats and cakes this December and January. Why not or pop in for a delicious cake and a Teifi coffee or one of our speciality teas in our cosy, warm café this winter. Every Thursday is our Soup & Cawl Club specials.

Myddfai Hall is a great venue for most events and classes, from Weddings to small meetings, activity classes, kids' parties, conferences, away days and workshops. The hall is fully equipped with staging, and audio equipment. We can provide food for events or you can bring in your own caterers.

Why not join one of our regular classes in our warm hall Tuesday mornings it's Yoga from 9.30 – 11.00am, Wednesday Craft Class is 1.30 – 3.30pm, Pilates is on Thursday mornings 9.30 – 10.30am. New from January Zumba Gold weekly class every Friday from 10th January 10.00 – 11.00am.

For further information or bookings please contact les@myddfai.org. Mobile 07879 119223 or Hall No. 01550 720449. Check our Facebook page and our website for What's On.

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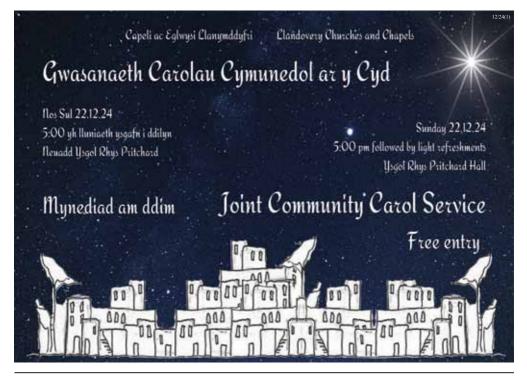
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The Repair Cafe is settling into its new home at Pethau Pawb, the Library of Things, in Stone Street, and into its new regular slot of 11am to 2pm, every first Saturday of the month. We had a very successful session in November despite not having some of our regular volunteers, and among other things we repaired a set of dining chairs, a radio, a carved wooden box, an electric blanket, a wooden storage box and a blouse, although, sadly, we were unable to fix some items of jewellery and an umbrella. And of course, we served teas and coffees, with home made parkin - a north of England speciality for Bonfire Night.

We have one more session before Christmas, on Saturday, December 7th, so if you want to make sure everything is working for the festive season, come along then and our wonderful volunteers will do their best to fix anything for you. And if you break anything over Christmas, we will have another session on Saturday, January 4th.

And by the way, we could always do with more volunteers, so if you enjoy fixing things, of any sort, do drop in and talk to Helen at Pethau Pawb, or send an email to Liz at llandoveryrepaircafe@gmail.com

And if we don't see you before then, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone!



POWYS NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME



Take part in our Christmas Book Raffle, before midnight on Sunday 8th December. There's a chance of winning one of the best gardening books to be published in 2024. Generously donated by their authors, these books are set to inspire and delight you through the winter months, with a range of titles to satisfy both beginner and more experienced gardeners. Tickets are just £5 from ngs.org.uk

Or visit our Shop to find gifts for every occasion there's our new nature-inspired Christmas cards, aprons, tea towels to mugs and notebooks. Choose one of our new Christmas gift bundles and save yourself up to £15.00. Pre-order the Garden Visitor's Handbook 2025, at the lower price. In February it will be delivered to your door providing inspiration for a year of garden visiting to new hidden gems and old favourites. The essential guide to over 3,500 gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme next year and with detailed descriptions of every garden, stunning photos, and handy maps and calendars, all of the information you could possibly need to visit a beautiful garden is right at your fingertips! Purchases will help the National Garden Scheme raise money for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities - charities which include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, The Queen's Nursing Institute, Maggie's and Horatio's Garden.

We have received the most generous donation from the Julia Rausing Trust of £1.5 million, to support our community gardens programme for five years from 2025. In recent years we gave around £250,000 annually in donations (maximum £5,000) to community gardens. This came as part of our centenary fundraising programme. Sadly, Julia Rausing died in April this year having been ill with cancer. But we are delighted that her husband Hans is going to host an open day for the National Garden Scheme in 2025, in the garden of their home in Gloucestershire.

Watch out for the Annual Impact Report which will be launched on Giving Tuesday – 3 December. Details of early opening gardens which break the winter sleep with blankets of snowdrops and early spring bulbs will be added in mid-December.

There's a video of our Llanidloes Gardens opening in August, created by Jac Newley from Llanidloes at https://youtu.be/6R2ysqvWaDw?si=bQ8EDHPVqJOjP7p1

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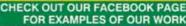
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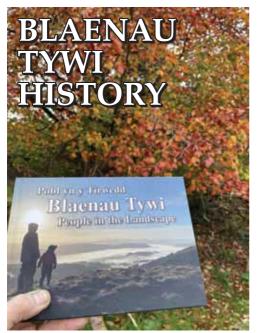












A new book highlights the stories of some of the people who lived and worked in the area around Cilycwm, Rhandirmwyn, Siloh and Porthyrhyd in days gone by. As well as information from the censuses, newspapers and wills, the authors have drawn together the family history research of many of those whose families left the district looking for a better life in America and Australia. Many moved to Pennsylvania, swapping lead mining for coal mining. About 600 people who had emigrated from the Llandovery countryside met up for a grand picnic at a park in Wilkes-Barre in 1881, when the speeches praised the clever and brave men from the upper Tywi valley (Carmarthen Journal 2/10/1881).

One man who travelled to Australia was Daniel Lloyd Jones, born in Penybont Llandovery, but his mother came from Cefntrenfa. For Christmas in 1881 he gave £100 to help the "poorest of the poor" in Cilycwm and Llandovery, chosen by the vicars of the two parishes. The gift provided 74 pairs of blankets, 80 yards of flannel, 681 pounds of meat, 21 tons of coal 79 pounds of tea, 69 pounds of sugar and 120 loaves of bread (South Wales



Daily News 2/1/1882). By 1883 he was considering sending Australian mutton over to Wales to "gladden the hearts of the aged".

Of those who stayed, one great character was John Rolley, manager of Lord Cawdor's Lead Mine, Nantymwyn. When news of an impending French invasion reached him in 1797, he and Edward Jones apparently assembled 3000 men armed with their working tools, similar to tomahawks, and started marching towards Fishguard. Lord Dynevor met them about halfway to Carmarthen and persuaded them to turn back on the assurance that the danger had subsided (Kentish Gazette 10/3/1797). In 1789, John Rolley's nephew or brother William drowned whilst returning from Cilycwm Fair as noted in the Llanfair ar y bryn burial records. Such was life in crossing the river Tywi then.

In 1843 PC Jonah Davies, living in Lisburne House, Cilycwm was actively involved with capturing the notorious Rebecca rioter, Shoni Sguborfawr in the Gwendraeth valley and received a government reward of £25 equal to around £3000 today (Carmarthenshire An-tiquary). Jonah also got his name in the paper when he charged two drovers with driving pigs through the parish on a Sunday. The defendants were each fined 10s with costs (Welshman 6/4/1855).

At a meeting of the Carmarthen Bay Fishery District in 1868 a request was made to in-spect the Rhandirmwyn mines after fish were poisoned for about six or seven miles downstream. Five years later Capt. Mitchell, the mine manager, answered questions re-garding pollution from the lead mines entering the river Tywi. He was asked to install catch pits to help take the contamination out of water from the mine. It was said that over 100 men crossed the river Tywi on stilts going to their work in the lead mines and there was "nothing better for spearing salmon than stilts" – a novel way of poaching (Welshman 3/4/1868 & 25/4/1873).

Pobl yn y Tirwedd Blaenau Tywi People in the Landscape gives a fascinating insight into the lives of hundreds of former inhabitants of the area for over 200 years. The authors are Dafydd and Meryl Tomos and Kate Arblaster. Copies of the book and more information are available from Dafydd Tomos, 07944 373473 or from other locations including Morris Isaaes in Llandovery and Myddfai Trading Company in Llandovery and Llandeilo.

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NEW & OLD CUSTO CHRISTMAS



This year the Llanwrtyd & District Heritage and Arts Centre will be showcasing how other countries celebrate with their own Festivals of Light at their Christmas Drop-in on Saturday 7th December 10am to 4pm.

Visitors will be welcomed with a free sherry and mince pie into the Centre which will be filled with lights and displays representing how Sweden, India, China and Germany celebrate the festive season in addition to our own traditional Christmas display.

There will be themed activities for the children, a raffle, Christmas fayre and presents on sale and the galleries will be open for viewing and the purchase of that special gift.

Organised to coincide with the Llanwrtyd Christmas Tree Festival that is held at St James' Church this event makes a visit to the town a great start to the Christmas festivities.

LLANEGWAD RAINFALL



Rain fell on 20 days this month the wettest day was the 15th with 21mm - 3/4"

October Total: 135.75mm - 5.3/8th"

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CAPEL GOSEN, CYNGHORDY SA20 0LW LIVE NATIVITY

On Saturday 14th December at 4.45pm for 5.00pm local folk and animals will be performing our Nativity. Parking will be from 4.30pm in nearby Glandwr Farmyard from where guides will light and accompany you to the chapel. There are four disabled parking places at the chapel.

The play takes about twenty minutes outside by the stable and the wonderful viaduct. From there we go into the decorated candle-lit chapel for carols accompanied by the organ working up a thirst for hot punch and nibbles by the roaring fire in the decorated vestry.

Do come along - well wrapped up, in wellies and with a torch or lantern ready to join in this magical event. There is no admission charge, but please donate as generously as you can to help the work of two animal charities (especially for abused and abandoned working donkeys).

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LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday 14th December 2024 4.45pm for 5.00pm



A celebration of the birth of Christ enacted by local folk and animals.

Park at Glandwr Farm and Walk to the short outdoor play, Sing carols by candlelight in the chapel before seasonal refreshments are served by the fire in the vestry.

Warm clothing, wellies and a torch are essential!

No charge, but donations to support the work of the



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LLANDOVERY ROTARY CLUB

This is the last edition of the post this year and Llandovery has lost many of its own during the last 12 months. It has been a tough year for many. Few will not have been affected by the great losses suffered and those of us who are fortunate enough to be still here can look forward to Christmas and the New Year with optimism and great anticipation.

First of all, congratulations to Lynnette Armstrong of Cariad Millinery on winning best Wedding Millinery, Taylors and Dressmakers in Wales 2024 at the Welsh National Wedding Awards held at the Brangwyn Hall recently. An incredible achievement as Lynnette only set up Cariad Millinery on her own just a couple of years ago. Very many sincere congratulations Lynnette.

We were asked to marshal at the annual Fireworks night organised by the Town Council and, as ever were glad to be of assistance.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary as a Rotary Club last month and did it in some style too! A bus load of us left Llandovery to join up with 20 more that were staying at the venue. DG Malcolm and his lovely wife Carol were already there. A magnificent dinner was provided by the superb Lake Hotel in Llangammarch Wells. it was a black tie dinner and the ladies really turned on the style. The big surprise of the evening (to him anyway) was the



The Best in Wales, Lynnette's Cariad Millinery.



Happy people at our 40th Anniversary Dinner.

award of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship award to our only surviving founder member Ieuan Pugh-Morgan. The recipient must have no knowledge of the impending award and it worked, perfectly. Congratulations Ieuan, what wonderful service to the community you have given. It was great that DG Malcolm was present too. The bus headed home at midnight but little has been heard of the party that stayed on, and on, and on. We haven't asked! Or at least we did ask, but we met with blank looks and mute responses. We didn't ask again! Suffice to say it was a magnificent celebratory evening which was enjoyed by all.

We received a message of thanks from Dolau Brân Hall for the donation we sent. In return they kindly extended to us an open invitation to attend on any Tuesday afternoon for tea and cake. Thank you. We'll be there!

We attended yet another flu and Covid jabs clinic organised by the Llanfair Surgery. Marshalling duties for this year is now complete.

Jill Tatman from the Llandovery Youth & Community Centre came along and visited us with Hayley working the laptop and on screen projections. I give you Rosie's magnificent minutes taken on the evening live as it happened:

Derek introduced guest speaker Jill Tatman from Llandovery Youth and Community Centre LYCC. Thanking Jill for the hard work that she has given to the community. Derek shared memories of his misspent youth in the church hall playing snooker and having 'dances'-costing 12 and a half pence. Derek reminisced going to watch 'groups' playing and how he used to spend his Saturday nights. Thank you Jill for coming to give us a talk this evening and for all you do for the community.

Jill's talk included

- Jill talked about children rushing to come to the LYCC to get onto the computers.
- When completing a survey about what they wanted us to do, some of the older ladies said that they would like the dance hall back.
- Bought the building from Church of Wales about 20 years ago. At first using the front two rooms of the building for youth clubs. The Castle Hotel would allow them to come and use the toilets.



The remarkable Jill Tatman in full flow.

- Gradually got small grants to sort out electrics, plumbing and holes in the roof. Got £75,000 lottery grant to renovate the building.
- Youth is at the heart of what we do but we also help others within the community.
- We have 'Digilab' a place where people come to study, come to do their invoices, photocopying service, renewing bus passes, some people just come to hang out.
- During Covid we started a food bank, which has continued to grow. Have had various grant from different organisations, including food from 10 harvest festivals so are currently very well stocked.
- Offering advice and signposting is one of the key areas of support. Hayley has worked for Citizens Advice for several years, so her experience is invaluable in supporting and sign posting people.
- Every month we have 6-20 organisations come to offer support, including organisations like Mind.
- Have a book shop, selling lots of books and DVDs.
- Lottery grant money used to purchase a minibus, that is available to other clubs and groups to use – Jill shared a story of a trip to see the Exmoor ponies and getting the journey cut short due to a tree across the road with the young people helping to clear the wood.
- The centre has lots of meeting spaces that people use for all sorts of things. This week it was used for a Youth Advocacy group, as well as other groups as can be used as a central place to meet for joining counties.
- The youth club room has recently been refurbished with a grant administered by Carmarthenshire County Council.
- Run lots of different craft workshops, including woodcraft, Christmas wreath making, needle & felting and printing.
- Have linked with HYBU (Maggie and Tiago), they have organised many new events as well as supporting existing events. One of the new events includes cooking on a budget lesson.
- A lot of groups that meet on regularly. One of the most popular groups includes willow weaving group - with one participant sharing that this group gives their life purpose.
- There is a Tuesday MeetUp group mostly older people attend, they get together to talk, go on outings, etc.

- Pyrography is another course that takes place in the centre (burning pictures into wood) – many people enjoy this including residents at Glasallt and children that attend the centre.
- There is a weekly creative writing class in the centre
- At the rear of the centre there is a garden, there is a Tuesday group that anyone can come along and get involved
- Knit and Natter group takes place on a Tuesday afternoon.
- There was a Job Centre drop in at the centre, however this has been discontinued, but they still run job fairs and still offer advice.
- The only Youth and Community centre in Wales that has an inhouse Art Psychotherapist. She offers support through art for a people who experience a range of challenges and barriers in life.
- A sewing class takes place in the centre as well as an art for fun and relaxation class. This started off as 1x 2 hour session a week, but due to its popularity has gone up to 3x 2 hour sessions weekly.
- On a Friday a Woodland Ecotherapy session is facilitated by the Art Psychotherapist and her husband. This offers people the opportunity to engage in meaningful activities outside.
- The centre also offers IT support. This is often utilised by people who need support with new phones or internet banking.
- Carmarthenshire County Council provide English lessons for Ukrainians – this has been a great opportunity to meet and get to know Ukrainians living within our community.
- · NAAFI group meets.
- Getaway after school club for 9-12 year olds favourite activities include baking, playing pool, using the computers and table tennis.
- Youth club for 11-25 year olds. Mixed group of mixed abilities and mixed ages with a range of activities.
- Summer camp: Rotary club gave donation towards this
 previously. Summer camp is great opportunity to get
 to know everyone. Lots of activities include surfing,
 cooking, putting up tents, learning about different
 cultures.
- Jill explained that a lot of her time gets spent applying for grants – £355,350 core funding for three years from the Lottery grant.
- Co-op also offer support.
- Donations of food or money made for foodbank as well as donations made by Carmarthenshire County Council to support with this.
- £155,000 funding awarded for the HYBU project, and they are based in the building.
- £74,000 grant for refurbishment and equipment from UK Prosperity Fund.
- We would not be able to do what we do without the help of the brilliant team, including an incredible group of volunteers.
- Feel free to come in whenever. Often people come in just for a cup of tea and a chat.

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Lawrie thanked Jill and Hayley for the work that they
do and that his children have both utilised the LYCC
and gave them the opportunity to make friends when
first moved here.

Vote of thanks given by Kevan and prolonged applause broke out.

Well done Jill.

Thank you Rosie. Marvellous.

We turned out in force at the superb Royal British Legion annual Armistice Day parade as we always do. Our president Kevan a retired army officer laid our wreath and other Rotarians were involved in organising traffic control, marching representing The Club and indeed photography for the day. We're an adaptable lot us Rotarians! Well done to the Royal British Legion Llandovery Branch for organising the event. Many thanks also to Scott the magnificent bugler who adds so much to the event.

We at Rotary have enjoyed a very successful year with many new projects taken on. The decision to introduce ladies to the club has been a revelation and their input and fresh ideas have brought a new impetus to the club





New member Steve Mitchell.

which we take forward into next year. We are absolutely flying at the moment!

We have another new member. Oooohh yessss. Steve Mitchell from Porthyrhyd has joined us. Welcome Steve.

A reminder to ALL organisations. Now would be a good time to apply for funding for your much needed project. We never chuck money about but we have a pot put aside to accommodate a few requests should they come in! Roll up. Roll up.

Out Santa Grotto rota has been formalised and Rachel has arranged for the dates to be printed elsewhere in this wonderful magazine. We look forward to meeting many of you during our visits to the villages. Our Santa is rarin' to go! We will also be out and about delivering our Christmas Hampers on the morning of Sunday 15th December. These are always very well received and it also gives us a warm glow to see the joyous smiles on the doorsteps.

Although it may be early in the month when you read this, on behalf of us all at Llandovery Rotary Club we would like to wish each and every one of you the compliments of the season and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

See you all in 2025 when we will do it all over again. Can't wait.

Derek Jones.



DG Malcolm Hallewell, Ieuan Pugh-Morgan (newly appointed Paul Harris Fellow) and President Kevan.



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Are you retired or semi-retired and ready to embrace new adventures? If so, the Llandovery u3a group wants to meet you! Join a vibrant, growing community where fun, learning, and connection take centre stage.

Our group is on a mission to bounce back stronger than ever after the pandemic. We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to help breathe new life into our activities and grow our numbers. Could that be you?

What is u3a?

u3a is a UK-wide network with over 1,000 local groups and nearly 400,000 members. It's a hub for people no longer in full-time work to explore new skills, hobbies, and interests in a relaxed, no-pressure environment. From creative arts to science, history to hiking – there's something for everyone, and no qualifications or exams are required!

Why Join u3a?

- Learn for Fun: Pick up new skills or delve into fascinating topics in an easy-going, friendly atmosphere.
- Connect Locally: Meet like-minded people, forge friendships, and enjoy shared passions through group activities and events.
- Stay Active: Keep your mind sharp and curiosity alive with workshops, talks, visits and hands-on experiences.

Come Along to Our Next Session! Wednesday 11th December 2024 AGM and Christmas Celebration

Wednesday 8th January 2025 Group Discussion – 'Our TV programme recommendations'

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 Group Play Reading (play TBC)

Important Date for Your Diary Wednesday 19th February 2025

Nigel McCall – Award Winning Photographer – Presentation on his travels to Antarctica

We meet twice a month at Llandovery Rugby Club, 10.30am for coffee and a chat, ready for the speaker to start at 11.00am.

There is easy access and parking. Visitors are welcome. Whether you're looking to rekindle old interests, explore new ones, or simply meet a welcoming group of people, Llandovery u3a is the place to be.

Get in touch for details: Contact Tina on 01550 721883 Because learning, fun, and connection don't have an expiry date – do something brilliant with u3a today!

LLANDEILO LITERATURE FESTIVAL WINS 'BEST EVENT 2024' AWARD!



We're thrilled to announce that the Llandeilo Literature Festival has been named Best Event 2024 by the Carmarthenshire Tourism Association! Founder Christoph Fischer and 2025 Festival Chair Kate Glanville proudly accepted the award at the ceremony held at The Plough Hotel, Rhosmaen.

The Plough Hotel took home both the Best Hotel and Best Place to Eatawards – what a fantastic night for Llandeilo!

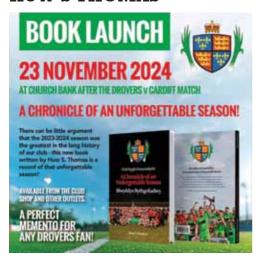
The winners will now be entered into the regional competition against events and businesses in Pembrokeshire, Neath and Swansea Bay. Winners of the regional award go forward to be the 'Best in Wales' award next year – fingers crossed!

Looking ahead, the Llandeilo Literary Festival team is busy preparing for the 2025 Festival, happening from April 25–27. You can already find books from our featured authors at Hengwrton Carmarthen Street – perfect gifts for book lovers this Christmas!

Mark your calendars for next year, and stay tuned for more updates at www.llandeilolitfest.org



LLANDOVERY RFC'S **RECORD BREAKING** 2023-2024 SEASON IS TO BE CELEBRATED BY A NEW BOOK, WRITTEN BY RUGBY JOURNALIST **HUW S THOMAS**



Blwyddyn Bythgofiadwy – A Chronicle Of An Unforgettable Season is a 192 page book - a photo of club patron King Charles on the inside cover - that chronicles the fortunes of Llandovery over the course of last season.

In their "annus mirabilis" the Drovers won the WRU National Cup, headed the Indigo Premiership table and won the Indigo Premiership play-off final in beating Newport.14-7.

The keys to that success are woven into the book's pages - "excellent coaching, fine players, sound tactics, intelligence, adaptability and bravery."

There is a blow by blow account of all 29 games played, 27 of which were won, contributions from Llandovery skipper Jack Jones, coaches and their back up team, committee men and fans but also enthralling articles by TV commentator Phil Steele and British and Irish Lion Wyn Jones.

Steele praises the club as offering the warmest welcome in the UK and Jones talks of his time at Llandovery. when the toughening up process of the Premiership paved the way to high honours.

There are statistics and tables and perceptive pen



Huw S Thomas

portraits of the Llandovery squad wherein there are nuggets of intriguing and often amusing facts.

Skipper Jack Jones who missed the play-off final through injury explains his emotions in watching the play off final.

"I saw the win over Newport from the touchline but I made every tackle, hit every ruck and maul, won every lineout ball, wound up the opposition, had my usual chat with the referee and nearly got sent off!"

There are also points of contention with Thomas bemoaning the fact that the WRU has ignored the game of 7s and that the Scarlets have shown so little interest in Llandovery's best players.

The book ends with a section on "Special Events During A Special Season" - a Farmers'Day, Ladies' Day, Ad Clad Memorial Rugby Festival Day and Drovers' Cap Presentation Night, all accompanied by high quality photos taken by Ian Williams.

And what comes through finally is how fortunate the club is, that Risk Management and its director John Herring continue their support by covering production costs, with all proceeds going to the funding of the new 3G pitch.

*** The book - price £20 - will be on general sale, ready for Christmas and promises to be a great stocking filler for rugby fans.

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- £15 Mrs Ann Jones, Divlyn
- £10 Mr Alun Pritchard, Crugvbwbach
- £10 Griff Davies, Penlan, Llanwrda
- £5 Carwyn Jones, Dan Y Coed, Llanwrda

House Prize: Justin Davies

Next draw to be held at the Red Lion, Llangadog on 10th December.

N.B. would all collectors please ensure the book are in by 28th Feb 2025.



GET IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT

AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MYDDFAI

Get in the festive spirit with our annual Christmas Coffee, Cake and Carols at St Michael's Church, Myddfai on Friday 6th December from 11.00am until 3.00pm.

Have a chat with friends over coffee and cake, with a background of Christmas Carols, in our ancient and atmospheric Church.

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ABERGLASNEY EXCITED TO HOST ONE OF CARMARTHENSHIRE'S BIGGEST FESTIVE EVENTS



Carmarthenshire's ultimate festive event is set to take place in the beautiful surroundings of Aberglasney Gardens. The annual Winter Fair will be held over three days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 29 & 30 November and 1 December 2024.

For the Winter Fair the Gardens will be transformed into a Christmas paradise. There will be festive live music, a children's trail and Santa will be in his Aberglasney grotto. Stall holders will include artists and crafters as well as artisan food and drink producers.

Jim Stribling, Aberglasney's Director of Operations, said, "Aberglasney's Winter Fair is the perfect start to the festive season. The Gardens and Mansion will be transformed into a winter wonderland. We're delighted to be able to offer visitors the opportunity to do all their Christmas shopping whilst enjoying the festive atmosphere in these beautiful surroundings."

The Fair will be open each day from 10.00am until 4.30pm. A complimentary glass of mulled wine and a mince pie will welcome visitors to the Gardens as will the sounds of Christmas from a variety of live performers.

Visitors will find unique gifts, handmade decorations, art and beautiful homeware. There will be one-off pieces

of jewellery and fashionable winter wear for those who want something special for themselves or to give as gifts.

Santa will make time in his busy schedule to visit every day. Sion Corn will be happy to chat in English, neu yn Gymraeg. There will be a gift for each child that visits him and there will be a festive trail around the Gardens for children to enjoy finding the clues.

The event will have a food marquee which will give visitors the opportunity to stock up on all their festive treats. From decadent chocolate, festive spirits to Welsh cheese, there's something to tantalise everyone's tastebuds. There will also be a range of outlets for 'on the go' eating and drinking.

Entrance to the Winter Fair will be £14.50 per person with no separate entrance fee to the Gardens. Visitors to the Winter Fair will be able to enjoy a walk around the Gardens during their visit. Aberglasney members are admitted to the Winter Fair free of charge as part of their annual membership package.

There will be a free park and ride service available each day of the event. On the Friday the buses will run from Cae William Llandeilo RFC ground and on the Saturday and Sunday the buses will run from Ysgol Bro Dinefwr this year giving us more spaces for parking. Group discounts are available if pre-arranged. For full details visit the website: www.aberglasney.org



LLANGADOG W.I

19 members attended the November AGM and voted in the Officers / Committee for the next 12 months. The official proceedings were expertly managed as always by Bet Nichols & Anne Astington, with many thanks.

Afterwards members and guests enjoyed a supper buffet and chat.

Top of the agenda was the menu choices for the December Christmas lunch. The pre-booked event is at The Mansion House, Llansteffan.

In January Llangadog W.I will be celebrating 100yrs and plan a series of centenary events to mark the occasion.

On a more sombre note, member Glenda Hampsons' husband John, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away at The Tenby Blues festival. He will be sorely missed as our "music man" and we send her our heartfelt sympathies.



LOCAL TALENTED TRAINEES POWER THE SUCCESS **OF RURAL ACCOUNTANCY FIRM**

Local talented trainees are the lifeblood of rural accountancy firm, Ashmole & Co, which has offices throughout south and west Wales. Owain Rees, from Hermon, recently started with the Llandeilo team as a Trainee Accountant after completing his A Levels.

Ashmole & Co is committed to supporting its local communities by employing local talent, from trainee accountants to customer services, every member of the team is sourced from within the region.

Owain joined Ashmole & Co after gaining his A Levels at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin. He lives with his family on a small holding in Hermon. He is now studying for his AAT level 4 with Coleg Sir Gar as part of his traineeship with Ashmole & Co.

As a Trainee Accountant, day to day, Owain completes various tasks relating to preparing accounts, VAT and tax returns for clients including local farming businesses, sole traders, partnerships and limited companies.

Ceri Llwyd, Partner in the Llandeilo and Llandovery Ashmole & Co offices, said, "It is important as a profession that we help nurture the next generation of professional accountants. Trainee staff members are the lifeblood for the future success of our firm. We are a local business and our commitment to sourcing local talent stems from our belief that the success of our business is closely tied to the well-being of the community around us. By hiring locally, we can help build a more robust and resilient economy."

During his spare time Owain helps out on the family small holding, where they keep Texel and Suffolk sheep. When he isn't studying for his AAT exams, he enjoys playing cricket for Bronwydd Cricket Club and is a keen supporter of the Scarlets rugby team and Liverpool football team.

Owain said, "I'm grateful to Ashmole & Co for giving me this opportunity as a trainee. I had the opportunity to gain work experience at an accountancy firm while I was in school and that influenced my decision to pursue this



career. It is very rewarding to be able to support clients with their financial matters."

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THIRD COMMUNITY DROP IN WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICES



About 20 community groups and services gathered in the Civic Hall to showcase what they can do to make people's lives easier. While grabbing a free coffee and biscuit provided by the WI, visitors to this regular, free event can have conversations with representatives about a wide range of issues.

The drop in is organised by Llandeilo Town Council, the Llandeilo Community Action Hub and Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire with funding from the CK / NISA Making a difference grant.

"It's so important for people to learn how much support there is for everyone," says councillor Kate Glanville. "I hope more people hear about our event and decide to pop in for a free coffee and an informal chat."

Some of the attendees and their services were:





- Adfer Energy Redress, who can help with your energy bills.
- the new Carmarthenshire Enterprise Hub, who can support your business,
- Hope provides a suicide prevention line,
- · Adfeiriad provides for carers,
- The Care and Repair scheme can help improve homes and enable elderly people to stay in their own property longer,
- Elidir and Mencap work for people with additional learning needs,
- Mind and other groups can help if you are struggling with your mental health – Adferiad Sanctuary y Noddfa especially after hours,
- · Delta Wellbeing provides new initiatives
- Llandeilo Mayor Charlotte Morgan and county councillor Edward Thomas are available to hear about concerns you have,
- our local social prescriber explained how the scheme works.











There was also advice on Domestic abuse or health care and local active groups such as the Rotary Club, Permaculture Upcycling, Tenovus Cancer Care and Llandeilo Friends of Dementia.

"For the 2 hours we run for the hall is filled with friendliness and chatter," says Llandeilo Mayor Charlotte Morgan. "As we are heading towards winter, we hope the free WI Coffee Morning will provide a meeting point for those feeling lonely or isolated. There's no need to have a reason for visiting other than wishing for some company over a coffee.

Community Gateway Officer Catherine Hyndman said: "Nacro are proud to be part of the Llandeilo drop in event, we are proud to provide a valuable information service to the community along with all the other agencies"

"At every event I acquire a lot of new information," says councillor Christoph Fischer. "So many ways our lives can be improved by picking up a leaflet or speaking to one of the representatives. Each drop in has new groups and additional services joining us, and even if you personally do not need support, it's amazing to see how much is out there, and maybe you can spot something just right for your neighbour, friends or relative, who are struggling with one thing or another."

If you want to include your group or service to be part of the event, email clerk.ltc@gmail.com or Robert. Ramsaha-Southall@nacro.org.uk

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| | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 15 Dec | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 5.00pm | |
| 24 Dec | 9.00pm | Christmas Eucharist |
| 29 Dec | 11.00am | LMA Eucharist & |
| | | Refreshments, Talley |
| 5 Jan | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 19 Jan | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 2 Feb | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
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Further information, please contact Dr Marc Rowlands 01550 728319 (Office Hours).

ST. SADWRN CHURCH.

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| 1 | Dec | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| 15 | Dec | 11.00am | Morning Prayers |
| 25 | Dec | 11.00am | Christmas Eucharist |
| 29 | Dec | 11.00am | LMA Eucharist & |
| | | | Refreshments, Talley |
| 5 | Jan | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| 19 | Jan | 11.00am | Morning Prayers |
| 2 | Feb | 11.00am | Holy Communion |

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. MANORDEILO

| 8 | Dec | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
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| 15 | Dec | 9.30am | Morning Prayers |
| 25 | Dec | 9.30am | Christmas Eucharist |
| 29 | Dec | 11.00am | LMA Eucharist & |
| | | | Refreshments, Talley |
| | Jan | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 26 | Jan | 9.30am | Morning Prayers |
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Lessons & Carols Service to be announced.

Further information, please contact Dr Marc Rowlands 01550 728319 (Office Hours).

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. **CILYCWM**

| 22 Dec | 11.15am | Lessons & Carols Holy Communion |
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| 24 Dec | 7.00pm | Christmas Eucharist |
| 29 Dec | 11.15am | LMA Eucharist & |
| | | Refreshments, Talley |
| 12 Jan | 6.00pm | Plygain |
| 26 Jan | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
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Further information, please contact Dr Marc Rowlands 01550 728319 (Office Hours).

ST CYNWYL'S CHURCH, CAIO

| 1 Dec 15 Dec | 9.30am 3.00pm 9.30am | Advent Holy Communion Carols & Christingle Christmas Eve |
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| | | Holy Communion |

Rev Rik Maves 01558 685118.

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGEL'S **CHURCH. TALLEY**

| 1 | Dec | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
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| 8 | Dec | 11.00am | Morning Prayers |
| 15 | Dec | 17.30am | Christingle |
| 22 | Dec | 11.00pm | Holy Communion |
| 25 | Dec | 11.00am | Christmas Eucharist |
| 29 | Dec | 11.00am | LMA Eucharist & |
| | | | Refreshments |
| 5 | Jan | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
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12 Jan 11.00am Family Worship 19 Jan 11.00am Holy Communion 26 Jan 11.00am Morning Prayers

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ST MICHAELS. MYDDFAI

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| 8 Dec | 11.30am | Communion |
| | | Morning Prayer |
| 22 Dec | 11.30am | Comunion |
| 24 Dec | 9.30pm | Communion |
| 29 Dec | 11.00am | Bro Dyfri Communion |
| | | @ Talley |
| 5 Jan | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 12 Jan | 11.30am | Communion |
| 19 Jan | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
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For further information, please contact Revd Paul Pritchard 01550 938534.

26 Jan 11.30am Communion

LLANDINGAT, LLANDOVERY 1 Dec 9.30am Family Advent Service

| 8 De | | 9.30am | Communion |
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| 0 00 | | J.JUaiii | "Every Valley" |
| 19 De | С | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 22 De | С | 9.30am | "The Lord is near" Meet the donkey |
| | | | @ Market Sq, Crib Service & |
| | | | Christingle |
| 24 De | C | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve |
| | | | Communion |
| 29 De | C | 11.00am | Bro Dyfri Communion © Talley |
| E lo | | 9.30am | |
| | | | Family Epiphany Service |
| 12 Ja | n | 9.30am | Communion "Baptism of Christ" |
| 19 Ja | n | 9.30am | Morning Prayer "Spiritual Gifts" |
| 26 Ja | n | 9.30am | Communion "One Body" |
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YOUTH ALPHA for January!

We are passionate about creating spaces for young people to have open conversations about faith, purpose and life. We are excited to announce that we have a new Alpha Youth Series coming out this vear, which has been made by youth & for youth from across the globe so ... What's on your mind?! Look out locally for details or contact Llandingat.

For further information, please contact Revd Paul Pritchard 01550 938534.

ST SIMON AND ST JUDE. LLANDDEUSANT

| | | followed by Mulled Wine with mince pies etc. |
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| 25 Dec | 9.00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 12 Jan | 2.00pm | Evening Prayer |
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8 Dec 6.00pm Carols with Readings

26 Jan 11.15am Holy Eucharist

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For further information, please contact Revd Paul Pritchard 01550 938534.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CYNGHORDY

8 Dec 2.30pm Family Christmas Service (informal) Christmas Communion 22 Dec 2.30pm 29 Dec 11.00am Bro Dyfri Communion @ Talley 12 Jan 2.30pm Family Service

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ST CADOG'S CHURCH.

26 Jan 2.30pm Communion

LLANGADOG 1 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 8 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer 15 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 18 Dec 6.00pm Carol Service 22 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer 25 Dec 10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist 29 Dec 10.30am Joint Service, Llangadog 6 Dec 6.00pm Winter Fair in Church 14 Dec 7.00pm Symphonica Twyi

5 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion 12 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer 19 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion 26 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer

Concert

Revd Jeff Thomas 01550 777758 jeffthomas@churchinwales.org.uk

ST SAWYL. LLANSAWEL

1 Dec 11.00am Holy Communion 15 Dec 16.00pm Christingle 22 Dec 17.00pm Carols by Candlelight 24 Dec 18.00pm Christmas Communion 29 Dec 11.15am LMA Eucharist & Refreshments, Talley

5 Jan 11.00am Holy Communion 19 Jan 11.00am Morning Prayer

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

1st Sun 10.00am Eucharist 2nd Sun 10.00am Eucharist 3rd Sun 10.00am Eucharist 4th Sun 10.00am Eucharist

Services on 5th Sunday are at 10.30am and rotate around the churches.

ST. BARNABAS, RHANDIRMWYN

1 Dec 7.00pm No Service in St Barnabas - Christmas by Candlelight Concert in Llandovery College Chapel, Llandovery 8 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 15 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer 22 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 24 Dec 2.30pm Christmas Service 29 Dec No Service 5 Jan No Service 12 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer 19 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion 26 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion

For further information, please see Church Notice Board or call 01550 728319 (Office Hours).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GWYNFE

1 Dec 11.15am Holy Communion 8 Dec 11.15am Morning Prayer 15 Dec 6.00pm Carol Service Refreshments to follow 22 Dec No Service 24 Dec 6.00pm Christmas Communion 29 Dec Service to be confirmed 11.15am Holy Communion 5 Jan 12 Jan 11.15am Morning Prayer 19 Jan 11.15am Holy Communion No Service 26 Jan

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Properous and Peaceful New Year, Nadolig Llawen,

ST DAVID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LLANDEILO

5 Carmarthen Rd., SA19 6DL

Sunday Mass 11.00am. Weekday masses - see notices or Phone: 01558 824305 or Mob. 07507 071337.

ST TEILO'S CHURCH, LLANDEILO

2nd Sun 8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer 3rd Sun 9.30am Boreol Weddi 11.00am Holy Communion 4th Sun 9.30am Cymun Bendigaid 11.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Compline

1st Sun 11.00am Holy Communion

Every Wednesday there is Holy Communion at 10.30am.

ST JOHN'S MAESTEILO

1 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer 15 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 22 Dec 2.00pm Carol service 5 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer 19 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion

Margaret James: 07771 621538.

HOLY TRINITY TALIARIS

8 Dec 9.30am Holy Communion 22 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer 24 Dec 4.00pm Carol Service 12 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion 26 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer

Email: h lloyd davies@hotmail.com

ST EGWAD, LLANFYNYDD 1st Sun 9.30am Bilingual Service 3rd Sun 9.30am Bilingual Service

See church noticeboard for special services e.g. Christmas and Easter.

LLANEGWAD CHURCH

2nd Sun 11.00am Eucharist 3rd Sun 11.00am Eucharist 4th Sun 11.00am Eucharist

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College View SA20 0BD (served from Ammanford)

Saturday (vigil of Sunday) now 4.00pm

24 Dec 4.30pm Carols 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the

Nativity of the Lord For other details see notice board

Fr Donatus Chukwuedo Tel. 01269 267382

Email: ammanford@menevia.org

ST TEILO'S CHURCH, BRECHFA, **SA32 7RA**

1 Dec 11.00am Communion Service 15 Dec 11.00am Communion Service 22 Dec 2.30pm Carol Service 25 Dec 7.00am Plugain on Christmas Morning 5 Jan 11.00am Communion Service 19 Jan 11.00am Communion Service

Info - contact Rev Roger Nock 01267 202347.

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Sunday praise at 11.00am [available also via zooml

Tuesday drop-in prayer and reflection from 10.00am - 12.00pm [available also via zoom from 11.00am]

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Coffee Morning third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

All are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S, FELINGWM

2nd Sun 2.00pm Eucharist

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YR EGLWYS UNIONGRED. LLANBED – LAMPETER ORTHODOX CHURCH

1st Sun No Service 2nd Sun 10.30am Divine Liturgy 3rd Sun 10.30am Divine Liturgy 4th Sun 10.30am Divine Liturgy 5th Sun 10.30am Divine Liturgy

Please check web site or fb for Feast Davs.

www.lampeterorthodox.org.uk Tel: 01974 261452

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Llanfihangel Rhos v Corn. SA32 7RP 1 Dec 2.30pm Holy Communion

11 Dec 5.30pm Pilgrim Service 14 Dec 2.30pm The Carol Service followed by tea and the Opening of the Refurbished Church Hall till 5.00pm. 15 Dec 2.30pm Holy Communion 24 Dec 11.45pm Midnight Christmas Mass Holy Communion 5 Jan 2.30pm

8 Jan 5.30pm Pilgrim Service 19 Jan 2.30 m Holy Communion

Location SA32 7RP - What3Words gain.agent.acids.

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Contacts Rev Roger Nock on 01267 202347, Churchwardens Andrew Tait 07846 310848 or Beryl Edwards 0742 8833 278

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Civic Hall. Llandeilo.

Tel: Pastor Rhys 07511 551541 rivers.church@outlook.com

LLANFIHANGEL UWCH GWILI

1st Sun 9.00am Eucharist 4th Sun 9.00am Eucharist 2nd Sun 9.00am Morning Prayer 3rd Sun 9.00am Morning Prayer

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 Tel: 07761 107055.
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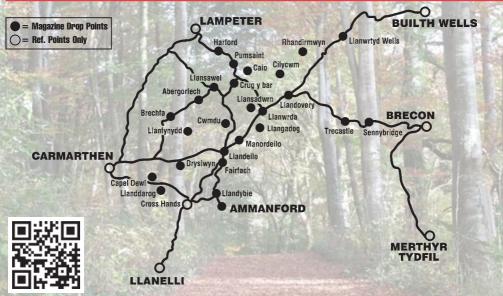
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