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# JOIN US AT THE LLANDOVERY SUPPORT COORDINATORS PROJECT LAUNCH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH - 20TH, LLANDOVERY'S MARKET SQUARE!

Shwmae! We're thrilled to announce the launch of the "Llandovery Support Coordinators Project". We're extending a warm invitation to the entire community to join us on Friday, April 19th (11.00am – 2.00pm) and Saturday, April 20th (10.30am – 1.30pm) at Market Square in Llandovery for an unforgettable community event.

Discover and sign up for a diverse range of community activities designed to enrich and support the local community, including the Luncheon Club, Aging Well Course, Repair Cafe Workshops, Garden to Share, Cooking on a Budget lessons, Beginners Welsh classes, and the Community Cinema.

But that's not all! Engage with representatives from eleven organizations and service providers (Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire, Nacro Housing Related Support, Papyrus, Adferiad – Carmarthenshire Carers Information Service, CAVS, Farming Community Network, Age Cymru, Llandovery Youth Community Centre, Coleg Sir Gar Multiply Team, Bwrlwm, Advocacy West Wales), alongside local festival and event organizers. Explore volunteering opportunities linked to community activities and festivals and find ways to make a meaningful impact in your community.

Expect vibrant music and engaging performances by talented artists from Wales, all creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration.

Meet and connect with the dynamic duo behind the project, Maggi Swallow and Tiago Gambogi, the

Llandovery Support Coordinators. They'll be there to answer any questions you may have about the activities or to offer support for your own events in

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We eagerly anticipate welcoming you on April 19th and 20th. To stay updated, join our mailing list by contacting Maggi Swallow (llandovery.lesc@gmail.com) or Tiago Gambogi (llandovery.lcasc@gmail.com).

This event is made possible with the support of the National Lottery Community Fund, Llandovery Town Council, Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire, and LYCC.

Let's come together and embrace all our community connections at the Llandovery Support Coordinators Project launch! Diolch yn fawr!

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Hopefully local people are aware that Bute Energy, trading as Green Gen Cymru plan to bring their MONSTER pylons to the beautiful Welsh countryside of Llandovery and surrounding areas. A group of local volunteers have set up the Llandovery Pylon Community Action Group to try to ensure that the views of local residents and landowners are properly considered by the Welsh Government when it makes its decision on the proposals. It is the group's view that this exploitation will earn Bute obscene profits with no real local benefits. Bute's Pylons will cause destruction of our fragile tourist and hospitality industry, devaluation of land and property, potential impact on the health and wellbeing of those nearby and will cause ecological and environmental harm. Although Bute may have seemed quiet over recent months, they have been working behind the scenes making further requests to landowners and lobbying politicians. Bute have not yet been granted the licence they need from Ofgem but that does not mean they will not get it. They are determined to proceed with their proposals. They have sent further letters to landowners demanding access for surveys. In the last few days the next consultation has been announced, to take place at Llandovery Rugby Club on 10th April between 2pm and 7pm.

It is the Group's view that if electric cables are essential, they should be placed underground using the minimally invasive cable ploughing technique as undertaken by a local Carmarthenshire company. Undergrounding is compulsory in Denmark, the home to one of Bute's main investors! The Pylon Steering Group (PSG) has liaised with landowners via text, email and letters. The landowners on the PSG will not be signing the latest licence request - no access, no pylons. The PSG is prepared for a long BATTLE and has set up subcommittees to deal with PR, Technical, Environmental, Legal and Planning matters. The PSG is raising awareness by contacting politicians, liaising with other Pylon groups



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Most importantly attend the consultation event at Llandovery Rugby club on 10th April between 2pm and 7pm and make your views known.

Gobeithio bod pobl leol yn ymwybodol bod Bute Energy, sy'n masnachu fel Green Gen Cymru, yn bwriadu dod â'u peilonau ANFERTHOL i gefn gwlad hardd Llanymddyfri a'r cyffiniau. Mae criw o wirfoddolwyr lleol wedi sefydlu Grŵp Gweithredu Cymunedol Peilonau Llanymddyfri i geisio sicrhau bod barn pobl leol a thirfeddianwyr yn cael ystyriaeth briodol gan Lywodraeth Cymru pan fydd yn gwneud ei phenderfyniad ar y cynigion. Barn y grŵp yw y bydd y datblygiad hwn yn ennill elw aruthrol i Bute heb unrhyw fanteision lleol gwirioneddol. Bydd Peilonau Bute yn dinistrio ein diwydiannau twristiaeth a lletygarwch bregus, yn dibrisio tir ac eiddo, gallai effeithio ar iechyd a lles y rheiny gerllaw, a bydd yn achosi niwed ecolegol ac amgylcheddol. Er efallai bod Bute wedi ymddangos yn dawel dros y misoedd diwethaf, mae'r cwmni wedi bod yn gweithio y tu ôl i'r llenni yn gwneud ceisiadau pellach i dirfeddianwyr ac yn lobïo gwleidyddion. Nid yw Bute wedi cael y drwydded ofynnol gan Ofgem eto ond nid yw hynny'n golygu na fydd yn ei chael. Mae'n benderfynol o fwrw ymlaen â'i gynigion. Mae wedi anfon llythyrau pellach at dirfeddianwyr yn mynnu mynediad ar gyfer arolygon. Yn ystod y dyddiau diwethaf mae'r ymgynghoriad nesaf wedi'i gyhoeddi, i'w gynnal yng Nghlwb Rygbi Llanymddyfri ar 10fed Ebrill rhwng 2pm a 7pm.

Mae'r Grŵp o'r farn, os yw ceblau trydan yn hanfodol, y dylid eu gosod o dan y ddaear gan ddefnyddio'r dechneg aredig ceblau leiaf ymledol fel y defnyddir gan gwmni lleol yn Sir Gaerfyrddin. Mae tanddaearu yn orfodol yn Nenmarc, cartref un o brif fuddsoddwyr Bute! Mae Grŵp Peilonau Llanymddyfri wedi cysylltu â thirfeddianwyr trwy negeseuon testun, e-byst a

### LLANEGWAD RAINFALL



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Rain fell on 26 days this month, the wettest day was the 20th with 31mm.

February Total = 258.75mm - 10 1/4" The total rainfall for February 2023 was 21.75mm.

D. R. DUKE

llythyrau. Ni fydd y tirfeddianwyr ar Grŵp Peilonau Llanymddyfri yn llofnodi'r cais diweddaraf am drwydded – dim mynediad, dim peilonau. Mae'r Grŵp yn barod am FRWYDR hir ac mae wedi sefydlu is-bwyllgorau i ymdrin â materion Cysylltiadau Cyhoeddus, Technegol, Amgylcheddol, Cyfreithiol a Chynllunio. Mae'r Grŵp yn codi ymwybyddiaeth trwy gysylltu â gwleidyddion, cysylltu â grwpiau Peilonau eraill ledled Cymru, mynychu digwyddiadau i rannu gwybodaeth a thrwy werthu crysau-T a baneri. Mae cyllid yn allweddol i'n hymgyrch, cofiwch gefnogi ein digwyddiadau sydd i ddod. Ein digwyddiad nesaf fydd presenoldeb yng Ngŵyl Balwnau Aer Poeth 'AR y gorWEL' rhwng y 3ydd a'r 6ed o Fai 2024.

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# PWYLLGOR DARLLENFA LLANSADWRN READING ROOM COMMITTEE

## LLANSADWRN PREPARES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

With April just around the corner, the Reading Room Committee is already looking at the next twelve months and up-coming activities. The Annual General Meeting reviewing the past year naturally has to come first and takes place on Monday 15th April starting at 12.15 and which is open to all.

Before that the revitalized Skittles Club holds a free demonstration afternoon on Saturday 6th April starting at 4.00pm. Originally located at The Sexton Arms next door, the 10 metre long mobile 'alley' has moved to a new home with a traditional 9 pin format - centuries old, but much more fun than the modern expensive 10 pin bowls.!

Other groups continue to meet on a regular basis – 'Art Club' on Mondays, 'Spinners & Weavers' on Tuesdays, 'Stitchers' (for the experienced and learners on Wednesday evenings and 'Sinema Sadwrn' on the third Friday evening of the month.

This year marks the 80 Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy on 6the June 1944 and local author and historian Phil Howells has been asked by the Community Council to give a short talk on the role

of well known and important locations in the area that were home to US troops in the run-up to the Invasion – especially Abermarlais, arguably one of the most important historical sites in Wales. Personally signed copies of Phil's book (25 years in the making) entitled 'Oxwich to Omaha' will of course be available! The talk takes place on Saturday afternoon 8th June and will feature period displays and NAAFI style teas and coffee plus Hershey bars!

Moving on to later in the year, the annual Agricultural Show will again be on the Community Field in the summer and a Christmas Fayre is planned for 3rd November. You see, it wont be long until we will all be looking out for Father Christmas's arrival again!



#### **BINGO**

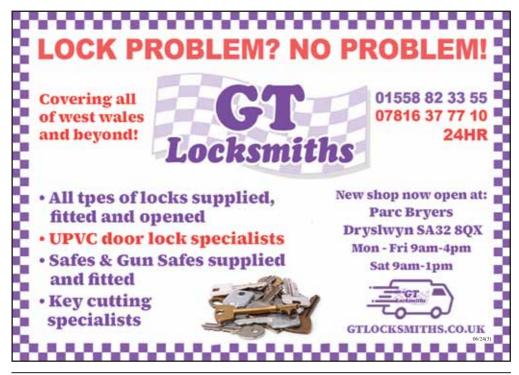
#### Canolfan Gymdeithasol Llangadog Community Centre

Come and join us on Friday 12th of April at 7.00pm for a game of bingo.

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For more info contact: bible4wales@gmail.com



Training for the Juniors restarts on Friday 26 April at Castle Fields, Llandovery. We will again be running All Stars and Dynamos and these begin on 10 May. Please contact Gwynn Davies for information about the juniors on 07956 147464.

Nets for the Seniors are at Llandovery College Sports Hall on Monday evenings. 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.

For information about the Women and Girls' section please call Liz on 07791 241197.

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Keith Noble the Dragonfly recorder for Llangorse Lake gave an exceptional presentation in March. His photography is superb – close up details of these beautiful creatures.

This month – April we are taking the opportunity to spend more time on Humanism.

Members felt we would appreciate the opportunity to ask questions and develop a discussion.

We start the month with a very popular session – Music! Bring along a favourite CD to reflect your easy listening.

Wednesday 3rd April Members choice of music.

Wednesday 17th April Androw Bennet Humanism

We meet in Llandovery Rugby Club at 10.30am for a coffee and a chat. The speaker starts at 11.00am. There is easy access and parking, visitors are very welcome.

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Classes this term include Monday's 'Daytime Yoga' (1.30 – 3.00pm). This progressive class develops through the term, with a balance of dynamic practices and stillness. Wednesday's 'Restorative' is a class of fluid movement and yoga postures. These gentle practices improve flexibility, balance and freedom of movement.

Chair Yoga classes use the anti-rheumatic (PMA) movements from a sitting position on a chair, with the focus on keeping the joints mobile and muscles flexible, as well as learning relaxation techniques for daily life. No previous experience of yoga is needed. This Wednesday morning class is held in the Bowling Club Llandeilo and this friendly class gives a warm welcome to anyone wishing to try out or join the group.

The benefits of yoga resonate beyond the class and physical practices, bringing a calmer mind and body into daily life. Yoga introduces a greater awareness of the breath and its importance to our good health. Bringing awareness into breathing opens the pathway to using the breath to bring about relaxation and balance and enhance energy all adding to a sense of wellbeing and better health. Weekly practice of yoga allows the body to gently gain strength and flexibility and these qualities are often also reflected in the mind.

Classes at Padmasambhava are suitable for people of all ages and abilities, from Beginners through to more progressive, as well as Chair Yoga. Students often remark on the sense of well-being brought about by these classes which incorporate movement (asana), breath awareness and breathing practices (pranayama) and end with the deep relaxation of Yoga Nidra. The classes are progressive throughout the weeks and terms and are suited to the students within the class. Students coming to the Centre notice and value the sense of connection and community that coming together in class brings. Padmasambhava yoga classes offer so much more than just the physical aspects of yoga. Please contact Padmasambhava to find out more about their classes or to make a booking. You can phone them on 01558 823842 or email mail@padma.org.uk More information at www.padma.org.uk.



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Visitors to the Club are welcome at any time to have a free try of croquet; free coaching is also available for all beginners to croquet, with no obligation to join the Club. All the equipment is provided - you just need to wear flat shoes!

Club members are reminded that fees for this year are now due – only £50 for the season. To find out more about the club or arrange a free trial contact the secretary, John, on 07435 786762, or email john.evans@zen.co.uk

### FUTURE OF GOLDEN GROVE

On Tuesday 2 April at 7.30 pm there will be a talk in Llandeilo by Daljit Singh of the Golden Grove Trustees about the future of Golden Grove/Gelli Aur which is currently closed to the public.

The talk has been arranged by the Llandeilo and District Civic Society and will be held in the Capel Newydd Vestry Hall in Crescent Road. There will be an admission charge of £3 for non-members of the Society.

For information about the Llandeilo and District Civic Society and how to become a member, visit the website llandeilodistrict.org.uk or view the Society's Facebook page.

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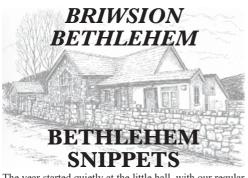


That's 305 dances that 'Llandovery Folk Dancing' has held and we feel it's worth celebrating so we are holding a Grand Twmpath on 19th April 2024 to mark the occasion. The twmpath for those who do not know is a Welsh word which originated some years ago when village musicians would play for dancing on a 'twmp' or 'mound' in the village, it is the Welsh version of ceilidh or barn dance. DiEnw, a successful local folk band, are playing largely Welsh music for the twmpath and the acclaimed Alan Walters of Llandovery is 'calling' for an evening of traditional Welsh folk dancing. It's not all strict and 'proper' but will certainly be fun. All are welcomed at 7.30pm on 19th April at a cost of £12 /£6 children, it will be held in the Llanwrda Hall SA19 8AD. You don't need to bring a partner and whilst children are welcome, to help the 'flow' of the dance we would ask that they be able to learn and dance a 'basic' dance such as Jacydo. www.pluckandsqueeze.com/Jacydo.htm

For further information: facebook.com/llandoveryfolkdancing llandovery.folk.dancing.co.uk

#### **LLANGADOG W.I.**

It was a full house at our March meeting. Every one enjoyed the Cawl, bread and cheese, which was tasty and warming on a chilly night. We had a small quiz, that Karen and Sarah won, the prize being Easter Eggs for both for being so clever!! There was a table top sale, items donated by members, which raised £31.00 for the group. The monthly raffle was also won by Karen, wine and chocolates were the prizes. At our April meeting we have a speaker, the Rev. Jeff Thomas, our local clergyman, who will be talking about his life as a lawyer. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.00p.m. in Llangadog Community Hall. Visitors are always welcome.



The year started quietly at the little hall, with our regular events happening throughout January, although the Community Supper was cancelled due to illness.

February and March were busier, with two very successful quizzes taking place, as well as two sell-out suppers, a Community Council meeting, Starry Stitchers quilters, Sounding Vocals singing sessions, the regular Saturday Yoga classes, a Yoga workshop, and a talk by Martin Price on the Bethlehem area. More on Martin's talk in the next issue of The Post.

The March community events were very well supported and proved to be great fun, with a Welsh flavour to the meal at the supper on March 1st (it's not all cawl and welshcakes!), and once again, much chatting and laughter around the table, and clean plates coming back into the kitchen.

Our hosts at the March quiz, after a three month absence, were Alan and Andy, and as always, they provided us with great entertainment, as well as a good quiz, and along with Rose's tales of her time in the police force (including an episode which involved John Thaw's underpants!), the little hall was full of laughter. We all agreed that nowhere else could give us such an entertaining evening for just £2!

The eventual winners, by two points over The Old Nags, were the Muckin Fuppets, who led from the start.

In April, the monthly quiz takes place on Monday 8th, a 7.30pm start with the bar open from 7pm. Once again, Alan and Andy will be asking the questions so it should be an excellent evening, It costs just £2 to play.

The Community Supper will be held on Friday 12th of April, with food served at 7.30pm.

This will be the final supper for this season, they will resume in the autumn.

To find out up to date information about what's happening at the hall, follow our Facebook page

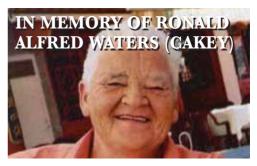
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Wendy and all the family wish to express their sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers and kindness received in their recent bereavement with special thanks to David Waters for being with Ron on the night of his fall.

Also Wendy would like to thank all the people who donated money for Air Ambulance Wales especially the unknown donors who we can't thank personally. The total raised in memory of Ron was £1455.55p. Thank you all.

Also I would like to thank Louise for the beautiful flower arrangement and also Ann in The White Hall for the wonderful spread that was laid on.

Finally I have to give the biggest thanks to Clive, Sue, Nick, Lizzie and Stephen who went above and beyond their duty, I cannot thank them enough for helping to ease our sorrow.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Wendy Waters



### **MYDDFAI NEWS**

Myddfai Community Hall & Visitor Centre opening hours for April will be Wednesday, Friday Saturday & Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm we are closed on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.



April Events: On Friday 12th April we have a FREE Antiques valuation day in the main hall from 10.00am – 2.00pm, ring Rogers Jones & Co. to book you slot on 01267 468282 or email mh@rjauctions.co.uk. It's our monthly pop-up-pub on Friday 28th April – everyone welcome. On Sunday 28th April it's our popular monthly Farmers Market with a wide range of quality local produce 12.00 – 3.00pm. Why not join one of our regular classes – Yoga with Ginny on Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30am, Wednesdays it's Myddfai Craft Class 1.30 – 3.30pm, Yoga with Sonia is on Wednesdays 5.30 – 7.00pm, Pilates with Sonia is on Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am, you

can turn up on the day to any of these classes or please get in touch for more details.

Dodge the April showers and browse round our gift shop which is full of unique gifts to suit everyone Welsh Tweed gifts, chopping boards, aprons, bags, Myddfai bathroom range, fused glass, jewellery, scented candles, pictures, prints, cards, jams & chutneys, honey and much more. Every purchase made supports a local business and the Myddfai Ty Talcen Charity.

Emma and her team in the café always have a wide range of tasty cakes and soups on offer as well as other lunchtime specials. Why not come to Myddfai Hall to a warm, cosy café for lunch or afternoon tea. You could combine your visit with a walk in the lovely surrounding countryside. We can also arrange talks with afternoon tea for groups on the Physicians of Myddfai, please ring to book.

The award winning Myddfai hall with its adaptable space and stunning views makes a great venue for Weddings, we have a Ceremony Licence to get married in the hall or marquee. It is also a excellent venue for meetings and conferences and is an ideal space for kids' parties with plenty of space to run around or even have a bouncy castle inside the hall.

For further information or bookings please contact Les at les@myddfai.org. Mobile 07879 119223 or Hall No. 01550 720449.

Check our website www.myddfai.org for What's On. And our Facebook page for regular updates and photos https://www.facebook.com/MyddfaiCommunityHallVisitorCentre





# MARKET SQUARE

The month of May will see the opening of a pop up shop in the market square of Llandovery. It will be a space to celebrate a handful of local crafts people who love what they do and are looking forward to this opportunity of sharing some of their work.

I am personally a printmaker and a potter and will be sharing the shop space with other makers including a weaver, welsh tweed bag maker, furniture artist, wood turner, a fabric freestitcher and a florist. All work will be available for sale.

I will be printmaking daily in the shop and there will be events taking place throughout the month, such as music and poetry. I'll be placing details of these in the shop window.

I look forward to welcoming you there.

The shop will be open throughout May 10am -4pm Mon - Sat

For further information please contact Amanda on 07504 556015.

#### THE CHARITY

Gratefully acknowledges receipt of a Magic Little Grant from Local Giving in partnership with the People's Postcode Lottery.

The grant was used to provide English language lessons for refugees and asylum seekers in Wales. Further information





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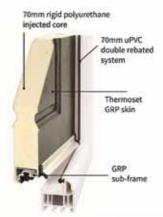
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### HOW TO REDUCE OUR IMPACT UPON THE PLANET IN LLANDOVERY



Are you concerned about climate change? Are you worried about plastic? Recently, we at the One Planet Centre in Llandovery had a volunteer called Jasper (pictured) working with us from Holland. He volunteered at the Repair Café, and enjoyed meeting members of "Climate Action Llandovery / Criw Amgylchedd Llanymddyfri". He also made a short (three-minute) video about his impact upon the planet.

The ecological footprint is one way to call our impact upon the planet. It means the amount of land it would take to produce all of the things you consume and absorb all of your pollution. There is a calculator online for working this out produced by the Global Footprint Network.

Jasper used the calculator and found out that if everybody lived like him, we would need more than three planet Earths to sustain us, but we only have one. So, to use only his fair share, he has to reduce his footprint by two-thirds. In his excellent video, he describes how he can do this step by step.

He talks about a handy guide produced by the One Planet Centre: 25 Ways to Reduce Your Ecological Footprint. We reproduce some of it here. You can use this to reduce your own impact upon the planet.

#### **ENERGY**

- If you haven't already done so switch to a renewable energy supplier. The best are those who build their own renewable energy generators – most don't. These are Good Energy and Ecotricity. It's not necessarily more expensive.
- 2. Use less energy: switch things off when not used. Turn the heating down a couple of degrees. Try to do tasks with hand tools that use no energy, for example manual whisks and mixers when baking. Do your washing on a day you can hang it out to dry. Buy fewer gadgets that use energy and make sure they have the most efficient energy rating.
- 3. Make sure all your lights are LEDs (independent shops in Llandovery store a range of them).

#### TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

- Combine the purposes of car trips to minimise them. Try not to drive faster than 55 mph or brake & accelerate unnecessarily.
- Try to walk, cycle and use public transport more. Perhaps use car sharing: a carpool or communityowned vehicle, like the electric car available to hire on Llandovery car park (Contact sioned@ynnisirgar. org from Ynni Sir Gâr to hear more about becoming a member).

#### **FOOD**

- 11. Try to reduce the amount of animal-based products you eat. This may benefit your health and wallet!
- 12. Choose food with less packaging, that is fresh, seasonal and locally grown or processed if possible. Organic if you can afford it because this way of growing looks after the soil, and healthy soil is responsible for our very survival.
- 13. Try to grow some of your own food if you have a little space even bean sprouts help!

#### CONSUMABLE GOODS

14. Buy less; repair more; buy from charity shops and swop shops; exchange more. Look out for posters around town advertising when the next Repair Café is: there you can drink coffee and chat with volunteers who will try their best to repair your broken goods for a donation.

15. When buying a new product, pause and think about the effect of its whole lifecycle – because everything that passes through your hands has a story. Its components might have been mined and processed using lots of energy, shipped lone distances while being assembled, and delivered to you. Or it might have been simply made using little energy, nearby, in which case its environmental & social impact will be less. After you finish with it will it go to landfill, is it recyclable, or can it be made into something else?

16. Whenever possible, buy from local suppliers – not chains or the internet – so your money is spent locally in one of the many shops we are lucky to have in Llandovery!

You can find the whole thing online at https://theoneplanetlife.com/the-science-of-one-planet-living/how-to-reduce-your-ecological-footprint/

You can find the calculator at https://www.footprintcalculator.org/

You can find Jasper's video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzvOut3rLq8

Climate Action Llandovery / Criw Amgylchedd Llanymddyfri is a group of local people trying to do their bits for the planet. If you are interested in our activities, including the Repair Café, contact us: llanymddyfriclimateaction@gmail.com





# Beth sydd ymlaen? What's on?

Ebrill ac Mai yn Ninefwr

April and May at Dinefwr



#### Gwyliau'r Pasg

Mae yna lu o weithgareddau yn Ninefwr i gadw'r plantos yn ddiddig, dan do ac yn yr awyr agored.

#### Sgwrs Sadwrn: Cwrdd â'r Prif Arddwr

Dydd Sadwrn 20 Ebrill, 2-3pm Bydd Alex Summers, y Prif Arddwr. vn rhannu ei arbenigedd a'i ddealltwriaeth o Ardd Dinefwr.



#### Sgwrs Sadwrn: Darganfyddiadau yn Archif

Dvdd Sadwrn 13 Ebrill, 2-3pm Bydd Grŵp Ymchwil Dinefwr yn datgelu rhai darganfyddiadau hynod ddiddorol ynglŷn â hanes Dinefwr.



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#### Côr y Bore Bach yn Ninefwr

Dydd Llun 6 Mai, 6-8am Ymunwch à Thîm y Parcmyn ar daith 'côr y bore bach' a brecwast. Rhaid trefnu lle ymlaen llaw ar ein gwefan: £18 i oedolion / £10 i blant (dan 16).

#### Easter holidays

Lots of activities to keep young ones entertained indoors and outside at Dinefwr. Check our website/social media for details.

#### Sgwrs Sadwrn: Meet the Head Gardener

Saturday 20 April, 2-3pm Alex Summers, Head Gardener, shares his expertise and insights from Dinefwr's Garden.

#### Sgwrs Sadwrn: Finds from the Dinefwr Archive

Saturday 13 April, 2-3pm The Dinefwr Research Group reveal some fascinating finds about the history of Dinefwr.

#### Dinefwr's Dawn Chorus

Monday 6 May, 6-8am Join our Ranger Team for an exclusive dawn chorus walk and breakfast. Booking essential on our website: £18 per adult / £10 per child (under 16).



Rydym ar agor 7 diwrnod yr wythnos. Tŷ Newton a'r Caffi 10:30am-4:30pm. Parc Ceirw, Castell Dinefwr, Parcdir a'r maes parcio 10am-5pm.

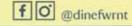
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We are open 7 days a week. Newton House and Café 10.30am-4.30pm. Deer Park, Dinefwr Castle, Parkland and carpark 10am-5pm.

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We are very grateful to everyone who has supported us in the past for this event and hope that you will join us again for another very special evening. It is always a very happy time with an excellent supper provided by members of the congregation. We also have a wine and soft drinks bar to jolly the evening on. The highlight of course is the Auction itself and we are very grateful to many local businesses for supporting us with donations. This year we are very pleased that Mr Huwel Manley has again agreed to be our auctioneer.

The Supper and Auction is held in Llangadog Community Centre and the doors are open for viewing from 7.00pm. Tickets for the evening are £15 and can be booked by calling 01550 777657. Because we need to know numbers for catering, tickets must be booked in advance. If you have any good quality items which you wish to donate for the auction please call the above number. Items cannot be accepted on the day.

### NEW LIFE FOR LLANWRDA'S CLOSED SCHOOL

More than 30 people came along to a charity's drop-in day at the former Llanwrda School on Friday March 8th. The Almshouse Charity of Letitia Cornwallis was seeking opinions on a proposal to build 10 new affordable homes for local people, on the site of temporary classrooms at the closed primary school. Dylan Roberts and colleague Jo from Bro Myrddin Housing Association, Matt Miller from Carmarthenshire County Council and Ceri Murphy from Cwmpas, formerly the Wales Cooperative Centre, were on hand to answer questions. There was a favourable response overall to the plan, which is in its early stages.

The charity is also continuing with preliminary works for the renovation of Cornwallis House, the listed Georgian building adjacent to the school, which would result in the creation of five new homes.

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The Llanwrtyd & District Heritage and Arts Centre opens its doors again at the end of March with a colourful exhibition in galleries.

Three artists, all exhibiting at the Centre for the first time, are displaying a diverse selection of work including traditional and abstract scenes, portraits and still life.

David Henry from Pembrokeshire uses a variety of media to produce his loose and expressive landscapes and drawings whilst Mike Shiels, who is based in Llandrindod Wells, also produces landscapes in addition to his portraits and still life work. They are joined by Michelle Slee from Swansea who is exhibiting her collection 'Lyrical Landscapes, Painting the Unseen – abstract images creating ethereal, dreamlike atmospheres.

They are joined by returning ceramicists Karen Williams and Adrian Munday both of whom specialise in the art of Raku to produce their work. Adrian allows the glazes to enhance his creations whilst Karen's work also includes vibrantly coloured, eye catching pieces.

Whether you want to learn more about the Heritage of the area through our interactive displays and exhibition



panels, or see its beauty transformed into works of art a visit to the Centre is a wonderful way to spend an hour or two.

The Centre re-opens on Thursday 28th March and is open 10.00am – 4.00pm Thursday to Sunday plus Bank Holidays throughout the season.

### CYMDEITHAS Y DALAR, COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS, LLANDEILO

Tucked behind Dynevor Park home farm, accessed from the big car park, is the Community Allotment. We have about 60 allotments and two big polytunnels. It's a beautiful site, reasonably flat, and with acres of sky above.

When the sun is out, everyone gets plenty.

The allotments got going in 2009. The smooth running is thanks to a volunteer committee, with assistance from the National Trust and communal work parties.

As spring approaches, our thoughts go to our plots. We also want to improve the buildings and structures, many of which have suffered damage from a very wet and windy winter.

Roll on drier days! A beautiful wildlife area is being created, blossoming under caring hands.

We hold social events and plant swaps in the summer and find ways to share knowledge, especially knowledge of the natural world and how we can help it.

I think we all agree that being outside and getting your hands dirty, is the best therapy. So, if you have been thinking about it, please apply to Mags in the Green House, Llandeilo, or email mags@gn.apc.org

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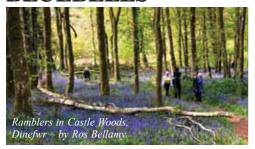








### DINEFWR RAMBLERS PAUSE AMONGST THE BLUEBELLS



Following the many trails meandering amongst the spring flowers, Dinefwr Ramblers explore the many woods blessing the Tywi Valley. Indicators of ancient woodlands, early glitz of snowdrops give way to sparkling carpets of wood anemones.

Always a flask and snack at hand ramblers are never in a hurry, but happy to sit awhile and admire a celebration of bluebells, or a heady redolence of wild garlic.

Find more information on Dinefwr Ramblers and 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 3rd April:** Meidrim – Walking to the North of Meidrim on quiet lanes and farmland. Extensive views. 5.5 miles moderate. Departing 9:45am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Linda J. 07780 330158.

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Wednesday 10th April: North and West of Upper Brynamman – Taking us up onto the lower edges of Bannau Brycheiniog encompassing a range of terrains, treating us to some fine views of the Amman Valley, before heading back to the Brynamman Mountain Centre for refreshments. 4.5 miles moderate. Departing 10:15am Black Mountain Centre Brynamman car park. Walkleader Jan J. 07790 578555.

**Sunday 14th April:** Llansadwrn Twin Peaks – This scenic, circular walk takes in two 'peaks', one on the site of an iron-age settlement. Both offer spectacular views of the Tywi Valley and the Carmarthenshire countryside. The walk starts and finishes on quiet country lanes but also passes through fields, moorland and woods. 7 miles moderate. Departing 10am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Cath W. 07944 500445.

Wednesday 17th April: Heritage and History in Swiss Valley – Explore the picturesque Swiss Valley with its historic reservoirs, and well-marked trails. It's a perfect mix of heritage and nature. Walking through woods teaming with wildlife and spring blooms to pick up part of St Illtyd's Walk. Across open countryside, we descend into the village of Furnace. Visiting the historic house and gardens of Parc Howard with facilities and refreshments before returning via the disused railway path. 6 miles moderate. May be suitable for dogs. Departing 10am Llandeilo rail station and on by car. Walkleader Anne N 07722 868240

Sunday 21st April - Check our website for updates.

Wednesday 24th April: Town & Trail: Llandeilo's Bluebells – Right on our doorstep, indulge your senses in the finest bluebell woods in the whole of Carmarthenshire. Join our Wednesday Walk to peruse the bluest corners of Castle Woods and Coed Tregib. Centre of town finish perfect for post-walk coffee and cake.

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Sunday 28th April – Check our website for updates.



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#### **MUSEUM NOTES**

Llandovery Museum has reopened after a winter break and visitors are able to admire some of the most recent acquisitions. They include a set of communion cups and plates from Capel Maen, Gwynfe, one of several chapels which have closed during the past few years. They were presented to the chapel in 1875 by the mother of Sir John Williams, physician to Queen Victoria and a founder of the National Library of Wales.

The donor, Mrs Eleanor Williams, of Blaenllynant Farm, Gwynfe, was herself a remarkable woman. She was the eldest of twelve children raised at Bailey Farm, Gwynfe. As her father, David Jones, wanted his children to be well-educated, she attended local schools from an early age and spent some time with her aunt in Merthyr Tydfil so that she could be educated at one of the best schools in the town.

At the age of thirteen, she had to return to Gwynfe to help on the farm, but her thirst for knowledge never ceased. It was reported that after a long day's toil, she would read into the early hours of the morning.

In 1833, she married a local farmer, David Williams, Blaenllynant. He was also a Congregational minister, who spent several days a week away from home. This meant that most of the farm work had to be done by Eleanor. In September 1842, David Williams died from typhoid fever, leaving a pregnant wife with three young





Capel Maen communion set

children in charge of a large upland farm which was in urgent need of improvement.

Éleanor immediately arranged for wet areas to be drained, stones and gorse were cleared, new hedges were planted and Blaenllynant soon gained a reputation as one of the best in the area. She was also strictly religious. If a servant or maid wished to return home for the weekend, they weren't allowed to travel on Sunday; the journey had to be made on the Saturday evening and Monday morning.

She was a faithful member of Jerusalem Congregational Chapel, Gwynfe, which was a long distance from Blaenllynant. However, she transferred her allegiance to the new Capel Maen, near to her home, when it was opened in 1852. During construction work, she had provided horses, carts and servants to carry materials. Her eldest son, David, who was also among the helpers, was to die at the early age of 29. Her second son, Morgan, fought in the American Civil War. Her youngest son, Nathaniel, farmed at Blaenllynant before moving to Talardd Farm, Llandeilo, where Eleanor died in 1895 at the age of 87.

The third son, John, who was born on 6 November 1840, had planned to be a minister of religion, but after graduating from the University of Glasgow he served an apprenticeship with two doctors in Swansea before gaining medical degrees at University College Hospital, London. During his medical career in London, he had a

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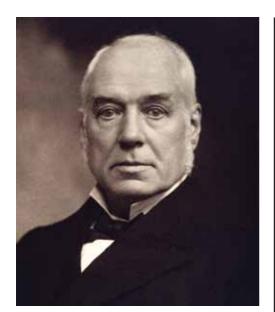
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Sir John Williams

close connection with the royal family and was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1894.

In 1903 he decided to return to Wales, eventually settling in Aberystwyth, together with his huge collection of valuable books, manuscripts and prints of Celtic interest. In 1909, he transferred most of the collection to the newly established National Library of Wales. It included the Peniarth manuscripts, some of the oldest and most important Welsh manuscripts in existence, among which are the Black Book of Carmarthen and the Four Branches of the Mabinogi. When he died on 24 May 1926, it was revealed that he had also bequeathed a very large sum of money to the Library.

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#### SPRING 2024 MEETING: BANCYFELIN VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 10:00 – 13:00

The Carmarthenshire Meadows Group (CMG) will be holding one of its two annual big indoor meetings on April 13th at Bancyfelin.

We will have a short AGM which will include the Chairman's report, the Treasurer's report, election of officers (secretary, treasurer and chair) and any other business. We will continue with the format we began at last autumn's meeting in Pumsaint, with short ten-minute "soapbox" presentations as well as longer talks; we found that this promotes useful discussions amongst the attendees to the meeting. We will hear from Lawrence Harris (Plantlife) about the Resilient Grasslands Project; and Matthew Collinson will give a talk on Orchards. Among the short presentations will be Laura Moss (from our Steering Group) on haymaking challenges, and members of the Steering Group on why it's very helpful to us to know about our members' land and how it is managed. There should be useful discussions stimulated by all these topics.

As usual there will be a break for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chance for chatting and having a look at the displays and various fliers you can take away. Whether you are managing a section of the garden or a 5-acre field to benefit biodiversity, you should find the meeting useful and interesting.

To find the hall, turn off the A40 dual carriageway between St Clears and Carmarthen and enter Bancyfelin village, turn at the Chapel where there is a road sign pointing to the hall. Turn right into Cywyn housing estate then turn right into the large hall car park.

All are welcome, entry is free for CMG members, £3 for non-members or join the group for a year for £10.

### THANK YOU

Ivor and Mary Jackson wish to thank their relatives and friends for all the get well wishes and gifts received during their stay at Glangwili Hospital and Llandovery Community Hospital.

Thank you to the staff at both hospitals for their outstanding care that we received towards our recovery.

The staff at our Community Hospital are outstanding and the care we received was outstanding. We are very lucky to still have our Community Hospital and long may it continue.

Thank you also to the doctors for their outstanding care and attention.

# LLANDEILO LITERATURE FESTIVAL INTRODUCES KIDS FEST AT THE LIT FEST — A CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING IN WALES

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April 10am – 4pm



Yr Hen Farchnad at the top of Carmarthen street, will be the venue for two days of creative events to fire children's imaginations as part of the annual Llandeilo Literature Festival.

'It's the first time we've had a dedicated young people's programme,' says Co-Chair of the festival and Kids Fest co-ordinator Kate Glanville. 'It's going to be an action-packed weekend for children of all ages, and there will be lots for adults to enjoy as well.'

Kids Fest highlights include talks and workshops from award winning writers delivered in Welsh and English. The programme features poet and Children's Laureate for Wales Alex Wharton, Pirates Next Door author Johnny Duddle, Owen Sheers, Eloise Williams, Meleri Wyn



James, Carys Haf Glyn, Atinuke, Claire Fayers, Lesley Parr and Alun Davies.

There will also be lots of hands-on art and craft activities. Academy Award Winners Aardman Animation will hold model making and animation workshops for children and adults. Free children's activities include book binding, printing, pottery, textiles, illustration, performance, poetry, creative writing, storytelling, an outdoor Fairy Trail and quiet spaces for reading in the Kids Fest Library. Plus a free book for everyone to take home.

Schools have been getting involved too. Kids Fest at the Lit Fest has been working with local primary schools over the last few months on a creative project leading up to the festival weekend in April.

'We feel it is important that all the local children have an opportunity to get involved,' says festival founder Christoph Fischer. 'Our aim as a festival is to share the wonderful wealth of literature we have in Wales with as many people as possible. The Kids Fest will encourage an appreciation of it from a young age. The pupils are creating amazing Mabinogion themed stories, poems and art work which will be on display during the weekend at Yr Hen Farchnad.'

On the day before the festival there will be a school's workshop held in Llandeilo Primary School. Five local primary schools are due to take part; Ysgol Llandeilo, Ysgol Teilo Sant, Ysgol Ffairfach, Ysgol Cwrt Henri and Ysgol Talyllychau. The children will be coming together to enjoy a whole day of poetry, creative writing, storytelling, illustration and drama workshops led by Bardd Plant Cymru Nia Morais, Children's Laureate for Wales Alex Wharton, writer Helena Miller, illustrator Elaine Franks, Mess up the Mess Theatre Company, storyteller Ceri Philips and actor and comedian Jonathan Gunning.

'As schools we are very excited about the opportunity to work with these authors, poets, illustrators and performers to develop our pupil's creativity,' says Assistant Head Teacher and literacy co-ordinator at Llandeilo Primary School Vicki Davies. 'It's a great opportunity for local schools to work together and grow their love of reading, writing and storytelling.'

This year Llandeilo Lit Fest has encouraged younger people to join its committee, both for the Kid's Fest and the main Literature Festival. 15 year old Rose Fulton and 16 year old Maya Ibbotson have both proved invaluable committee members and have come up with some inspirational ideas. Maya has encouraged more performance led activities through her links with Mess up the Mess Youth Theatre and Rose has organised and will chair the festival's opening talk with BBC presenter Kate Humble at Newton House on Friday 26th April.

Entry to The Kids Fest is free and tickets for talks and The Aardman Animation Workshops are for sale online www.llandeilolitfest.com

#### JOHN BRITTON

A service to celebrate the life of the late John Britton, formerly of Queen Street, Llandovery will be held on Thursday 11th April at 2.00pm at St Michael's Church, Myddfai.

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### LLANDOVERY GARDEN CLUB

On SATURDAY 20th APRIL Llandovery Garden Club Members will meet at the Station Car Park at 10.30am so that non drivers could be coupled with those happy to take passengers.



Secretary Denise Nicholson's Report of our Speaker's Talk on 22nd February

Guest Speaker: Bruce Wallace: Historic Gardens in CarmarthenshireBruce began his talk with a brief description of the well-known historic gardens of Carmarthenshire; Aberglasney, Middleton Hall (now part of The National Botanical Garden of Wales), Golden Grove, Bishop's Palace, and Furnace House (CarmarHe then moved on to describe Glyn Aur in Abergwili. This was a cottage garden full of topiary, almost all of which represented biblical figures and events and soon became known as the Garden of Eden. The topiary included Adam and Eve and the serpent; the march of the animals to Noah's Ark; King Herod's Feast and John the Baptist's Head on a plate. In its heyday the garden had many visitors but is now sadly lost. All that survives are old postcards based on photographs taken by the owner.

Bruce went on to describe another garden and nursery which became the biggest supplier of cut flowers and exotic plants in Wales, 'Llys Onnen', Meidrim. At the beginning of the 19th century, Llys Onnen was a large estate owned by the Mansfield family who were solicitors



living in Swansea. In 1865, Charles Basil Mansfield, tired of practicing law, decided to retire to Llys Onnen with his wife and children. In 1877 his son, Charles Basil Junior married Emily Heyworth and together they began growing flowers for pleasure. They employed gardeners to tend the beds and the nursery around the house. It was a time of change and prosperity, and Charles spotted a business opportunity to expand his interest from growing flowers for pleasure into a commercial operation by selling flowers to other local estates and landowners. In addition, due to the closeness of the local railway system they could produce cut flowers to sell at a premium price in Covent Garden. Within five years the business was flourishing, they were employing about 40 local people and Charles was buying tens of thousands of bulbs from well-known nurseries in Holland and Germany, growing them on or forcing them, for sale. He was, by now, also selling to markets in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Sheffield. The business continued to flourish with eventually as much as 3 acres of land covered by 36 glasshouses, 6 of which were 300 ft in length.

Sadly, Charles died in 1891 aged 42, and his wife Emily took over the reins of the expanding enterprise. By then they were growing a wide variety of plants and fruits including aspidistras, orchids, ferns, palms and exotics, chrysanthemums, geraniums, primulas roses, eucharis, arums, primulas, melons, peaches, nectarines, cucumbers and tomatoes.

In 1897 Emily sold Llys Onnen and retired to Tenby. The estate was split up and sold at auction (now a 45-acre farm, including the greenhouses) to George Forbes, a nurseryman who continued the business until 1919. In the 1920's the nursery became a very small-scale business. Through the years the glass houses were eventually removed and today, there is no of sign of the commercial enterprise that once occupied the fields surrounding Llys Onn.



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Their rehabilitation journey has started, they will go through quarantine, which includes blood tests, worm egg counts, treatment for parasites and lots of disinfectant and washing PPE. Soon they will be booked in for microchips, castrations, dentals, vaccinations and farriery. Throughout their rehabilitation journey the boys will receive expert training and handling in preparation for finding their forever homes through our Guardianship scheme. We would like to thank all those amazing people who have already donated towards their care. It's because of you that we continue to change the lives of horses, ponies and donkeys in desperate need across South, West & Mid Wales. If you too would like to contribute to their care and rehabilitation you'll find full details of how to help on this weblink: www.lluesthorseandponytrust. co.uk/ways-to-help/donate-2/



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Could you be just the person we need to complement our fantastic team of staff and trustees? You know what they say...team work makes the dream work.

The challenges of steep rising costs have followed us into 2024. It was the sales of donated tack, rugs and equipment that provided us with much needed income to help pay for the costs associated with the care, rescue and rehabilitation of equines in need. As our staff are busy doing what they do best, we desperately need volunteers to help us sell donations on our charity ebay store, on marketplace, at sales on the farm and at car boot sales.

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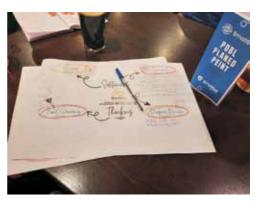
I have always found the best ideas come out of having a good chat, especially over a drink. So, when I discovered People Planet Pint events, where the sole purpose is to have a chat about local sustainability over a drink, it felt like a great opportunity to organise one ourselves. Last month, Bwrlwm hosted

its first Pobl Planed Peint and it was lovely to see so many people in attendance. Some familiar faces and some new but all sharing the same enthusiasm to make positive changes towards sustainability. We all know there are big steps that need to be taken and while we are working towards those, there are plenty of smaller ones to consider as well. Using apps such as Earth Hero can help track your current actions while enabling you to set new targets for yourself and your home. They can also help provide a sense of control and contribution to a world that needs all the help we can give it. If you know of any other useful resources, we'd love to hear about them.

With help in mind, we recently had the opportunity to undertake training with Cwm Arian Renewable Energy based in Pembrokeshire. We spent an interesting morning looking at thermal imaging to explore the energy efficiency of buildings. This technology identifies colder areas in the building making it easier to see where







insulation improvements could be made. Turning the camera on ourselves was not an essential part of the training but we felt it needed to be done anyway! Save to say from the colour, we were pretty insulated.

Feedback from our recent survey showed that people would like advice based around their own homes and so we would love for this service to be available to Llandovery and the area. While we are investigating ways to make that happen, we are being kept busy working with local groups to find ways to help our beautiful town become more sustainable. We are always here to listen to new ideas or discuss current ones, either on the phone, in person or via our ongoing survey.

Follow our Facebook page where you can find the link to the survey, to hear more and contribute your ideas, or alternatively, scan the QR code below. To hear more, to collaborate or contribute your ideas, please contact Vanessa vanessa@ynnisirgar.org 07393 593699.

Ynni Sir Gâr are a Community Benefit Society, who's aims are to work with communities to reduce energy costs, promote energy efficiency, tackle fuel poverty, generate clean renewable energy, install locally owned and managed electric vehicle charge points and keep profits and jobs local. The Bwrlwm project has been supported through the Levelling Up Fund administered by Carmarthenshire Council.







# LLANDEILO ROTARY ST DAVID'S DAY



Left to Right: David Ryder Owen Senior Vice President, Joy Cornock, Andrew Roberts, Nigel Haines President.

Llandeilo Rotary and their guests celebrated St David's Day on the 29 February the eve of their Patron Saint's birthday at their Headquarters the Plough Inn, Rhosmaen, Llandeilo

A total of 27 guests attended including ladies from Friends of Tenovus, one of the President's nominated charities, Ladies of Inner Wheel with President elect Karen Davies, Andrew Roberts and David Thomas representing the Plough Inn, the President of the 41 Club Eifion Hopkins and his partner, various guests and Rotarians.

The evening included a superb performance by world renowned harpist and soprano Joy Cornock.

Joy, who lives locally with her husband and two children on a working farm, has toured extensively in Britain and in Europe visiting Spain, Germany and Ireland and also Canada and Patagonia. The latter where



Nigel Haines President and Claire Jones.

she performed at the annual Gymanfa Ganu in Trelew.

Joy is a professional soloist and harpist performing with numerous choirs around Wales and made her debut at the Wales Millennium Centre as part of the Wales Young Farmers Federation 60th Gala Concert. She is a faithful member of Cor Newyddion Da performing at the Royal Albert Hall and the Cardiff International Arena.

Joy performed a medley of both Welsh and English songs and the audience joined her with the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

David Ryder Owen gave the vote of thanks bilingually and presented Joy with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Llandeilo Rotary.

The evening was far from finished with an auction of three items performed by Councillor Edward Thomas. Items included two gift vouchers each for two people for afternoon or evening dining. These were kindly donated by the Plough Inn. The third prize was a bottle of Celt Penderyn whisky which was again kindly donated and auctioned. The total raised from the auction was £205. In addition a raffle held earlier in the evening amounted to a further £212. With other kind donations a grand total of £550 was achieved.

President Nigel Haines presented a cheque to Claire Jones who then thanked the Rotary Club on behalf of Llandeilo Friends of Tenovus. Karen Davies President elect of Inner Wheel then thanked the Rotary Club on behalf of Inner Wheel. This concluded what was a very enjoyable and successful evening.

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# JANUARY 2024

1st Jac Llovd

2nd Dai Morgan

2nd Arthur Webster

3rd Ena Jones

3rd Anna M Rees

3rd Elinor Richards

#### FEBRUARY 2024

1st Ffion Thomas

2nd Gina Jones

2nd Heather Davies

3rd Dafydd Morgan

3rd Kirsty Locke

3rd Rhys Morgan

Many thanks to you all for your continued support to the Choir.

# LLANDOVERY ROTARY CLUB

Some months are quiet, others are extremely busy but one thing is for sure in Rotary there is always something interesting going on. This is no better example of this than this month. Such an eclectic mix of subjects covering many different aspects of life in the Community and beyond. A lot of money given away to good causes. Five cheques distributed in one meeting to be exact and each one carefully considered to be worthy and meaningful. These donations hopefully have a big impact and we feel the community is better off as a whole as a result of them.

Also another new member, and two new babies! Hold on, hold on ...... grandchildren actually. And so, so much more.

Here goes ....... The first news we received last month was that Dai Dyer and Carol were presented with a new grandchild, a baby boy. Congratulations to the Dyer family.

Llangadog Community Centre requested funding towards a new range cooker for the hall.

This we were delighted to support as the Llangadog community always supports us very well indeed. All were in favour of support and a substantial cheque was on its way. Happy cooking!

We wish our member Neil Cuthill good luck with his upcoming hip replacement.

This month we inducted another new member. Hazel Miller Redgrave from Cynghordy had attended as a guest on a couple of occasions and was happy to put in her application. This was accepted unanimously. Hazel thanked the club and detailed her life with her late husband Jim. Members responded in the usual way with a hearty round of applause and welcomed her as a new Rotarian. Welcome Hazel.



Our latest new member Hazel Redgrave from Cynghordy.

The Crocuses which many of us planted around the town years ago came through in some style again this year. They are all purple in colour to support Rotary against Polio. Thousands of them came through but had to fight hard to be seen as the mild Winter ensured the grass was fairly long, but they did look absolutely splendid.

We received a request for funding from Llangadog Rugby Club. This was for essential training wear which was desperately needed. We were all in favour of supporting and another healthy cheque was on its way to Llangadog. Good luck.

We wished one of our elder statesmen Mike a very happy 80th birthday. Several joked he didn't look a day over 79 but as always he took it in good heart as we sung 'Happy Birthday' in both languages. Many more of them Mike.

# MEET THE MEMBER - DEREK JONES



Our next Rotary Club's 'Meet The Member' is Llandovery born and extremely proud 'Cyw Bawddwr', Derek Jones.

He has been married to Meryl for 40 years, is the father of two wonderful daughters Delyth and Eleri, and a grandfather to three 'cheeky' grandsons.

He has been a member of Rotary for over 20 years and last year was awarded Rotary's highest accolade, the Paul Harris Fellowship award.

Following in his father's footsteps he was the owner of Castle Garage in Llandovery but somehow, after 39 years, he contracted the flesh eating disease (necrotising fasciitis) 15 years ago and was told he must never work again.

Derek was a Magistrate for 18 years and was awarded the huge honour of becoming the Chairman of the Dinefwr Magistrate's Bench.



Huw Adams, Rosie Davies, The Bishop of St David's Bishop Dorrien, District Governor Mary Adams, President Dan.

He was Captain of Cradoc Golf Club in 1999-2000 gaining many wonderful lifelong friends during this time.

He is a passionate supporter of the Drovers attending every game and as a player, after losing his devastating pace (ha ha) he was dropped from the first team and captained the successful Second team for 5 years.

Derek is now kept (very) busy running the Love Llandovery Facebook page.

He says "Hopefully I will serve this community for many years to come.

I feel extremely blessed to be able to do so".

He added, "Live every day as if it's your last, because one day you will be right!

We received a request for funding from Llandovery Brownies. They need the funds to purchase some gymnastic crash mats which would enhance the Brownies enjoyment. Again we supported this request wholeheartedly and another cheque was on its way.

The Annual Welsh Cakes Competition in town came around again and President Dan thought we should support it. No one volunteered last year so Dan did it himself. And this year, guess what? No one volunteered again! I nearly did but thought that the judges might not appreciate breaking their teeth in the tasting part so politely declined the opportunity! So guess what once more? Dan did it again! Although clearly a Master Chef in the making, amazingly he didn't make the podium! None of us thought for a moment that he would but well



Bishop Dorrien during his wonderful address to us.

done for trying Dan. Next year maybe! Dan says 'Maybe not!' Ha, we'll see.

Then we had one of the highlights of the year. None other than the Bishop of St David's, Bishop Dorrien Davies had agreed to come to address us. Our partners or plus ones were invited along too. We were delighted too that our wonderful District Governor Mary and her husband Huw agreed to attend as well. It's always great to have them with us. Over forty of us enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Castle Hotel then afterwards the Bishop gave his address:-

I am grateful to Secretary Rosie for her comprehensive minutes of the meeting outlining Bishop Dorrien's talk which is shown below ......

# Bishop Dorrien,

- Thanked the club for the warm welcome, feel like he is amongst friends.
- Thank you to the Castle staff for a lovely meal.
- Celebrating 36 years in the ministry. To be Bishop is a great privilege and an honour.
- Grateful for my lovely wife Rosie, and I actually baptised Rotary Rosie when she was a baby, lovely to see her and her grandmother Jane.
- Congratulations to Mike on his 80th and his beautiful wife.
- To be appointed Bishop of St David's is a great honour.
- It is a challenging time facing the church currently.
- Discussed the challenges of maintenance of buildings within the ministry.
- Discussed practicalities of the future, the church is not a building, it is the people that go and worship there.
- Discussed the challenges with rural living and the statistics of young vocations.
- Hoping to revitalise the reality of commitment and get young people on board.
- Wants to encourage growth and development
- Discussed 'pruning for growth'- looking at opportunities to prune to encourage young shoots to grow.
- Recognises the importance of working with children within the diocese.
- Shared a story of working with a school in Pembrokeshire of experience with children experience trauma and the impact this had on him.
- Shared desire to tackle the challenges facing the people in the area and discussed wanting to reintroduce Jesus to people.
- "Hope will become a reality and we will see growth".
- Shared story of his parents and their neighbour.
- 36 years has gone very quickly. Time as Bishop will be quick, but hopefully it will be effective.

The only way is up with good people such as yourselves, giving not only hope, but opportunity.

Thank you Rosie for the excellent minutes.

The Bishop also agreed to a Q&A session which was followed by a vote of thanks from Derek after which all stood to thank the Bishop for giving of his time from a very busy schedule and for a most memorable speech by giving a rousing round of applause.

We have been Blessed as a Rotary Club as we have

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Lynnette was "The Best Dressed Lady" at Hereford race meeting recently. Of course she was!

now been addressed by TWO Bishop's of St David's Cathedral and a former Archbishop of Canterbury. Either they are all pleased to accept our invitations or they must believe we are in need of Divine Intervention! You choose.

We received a request from Llandovery Scout Group who were requesting funding to purchase some tents. The Brownies and the Scouts do so much for local youngsters in this community and we were again delighted to assist. Yet another healthy cheque was forwarded. Happy camping guys!

Congratulations to Lynnette as she won 'Best Dressed Lady' at Hereford races recently. Lynnette wore a stunning outfit and looked fabulous.

We gave our congratulations to Ieuan as he and Barbara were presented with a bouncing grandson. Happy days for the Pugh-Morgan's.

We received yet another request for funding. Neil Harries from Llangadog has been selected to play for Wales Over 40's in cricket. He has been selected to play for Wales Over 40s in South Africa this Summer and those fortunate to be selected have to part fund the large cost of the trip. We forwarded a cheque to Neil to help with the cost and wish him well.

Dai was again congratulated for the wonderful work he has done and continues to do with the Youth in all competitions. Is that what keeps you young Dai? Whatever it is, keep doing it! Well done.

Rosie and Rachel attended a District area meeting and were again asked how is Llandovery recruiting members when almost all others are struggling to recruit. 'Simple' they said. We now have ladies, a lot of new younger members so we have a great mix of young and errittrices young, we all get on together, we raise loads of money, we give loads to local charities and we all have fun doing it. Fair enough.

If you or your organisation would like to request funding. Go ahead, ask us. We've still got some left and we'd be only too glad to assist.

That's about it for this month. Don't miss next months exciting episode!

Derek Jones.

# NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Greetings from Llandovery Council. We hope you have had a good Easter.

We are very sorry that our long standing councillor Ivor Jackson has decided, due to ill health to step down as a town councillor. Ivor has been a very hardworking, diligent councillor. He served as Mayor of the town for three consecutive years. He also served the town as a County Councillor and was CCC Chair for a year. He walked the streets daily and kept us all abreast of any issues that town council needed to address. Thank you Ivor for your very loyal service to your home town. A true Cyw Bawddwr!

Ivor would have been the first to notice the very unwelcome increase in dog fouling in and around the town. New Road, Queensway, Stone Street, Market Square have all seen an increase to name but a few areas. It has been noted that it happens early in the morning or late at night. Be aware that this is unacceptable and we will welcome any help in stopping it. Pick up your dog's mess, bag it and deposit it in the waste bins.

Some of you may have seen on Facebook recently that a lorry got stuck at the entrance of Maesglas [old Rhys Prichard school side]. This is an area used by delivery lorries to turn around after making vital deliveries to businesses in Stone Street. Unfortunately a number of people are now using this as a parking area. Please think again and find a more suitable place to park.

Llandovery monthly Farmer's market will be resuming for the summer months and will we hope be bigger and better than ever. The canopies and new seating will also be going up in Market Square soon.

Well done The Drovers for reaching the final in Cardiff for the third time. Another opportunity for us to go and support them on April 7th.

# LLANGADOG **GARDEN CLUB**



We are all happy spring is here after a tough, very wet winter. We hope that spring will bring more days outside enjoying our beautiful gardens with nature all around us.

We all continue to work hard to garden sustainably, always with the environment at the forefront. Blue Barnes will boost our biodiversity knowledge with his talk How Green is your Garden, on 27th March.

We meet on the last Wednesday of every month excluding July/August/December at 7.30pm at Llangadog Community Centre.

Membership £8 or £2 per talk. All welcome. Hope to see you at one of our talks.

#### 27th March

Blue Barnes Thompson from Parc yr Yscob will talk about gardening, with biodiversity as the priority.

# 24th April

Huw Richards – Self-Sufficiency from Small Spaces (priority for garden club members)

# Mid May tbc

Trip to Llanllyr, at Talsarn near Lampeter, by car.

Ferryside Garden Crawl trip by car.

# July no meeting

#### 3rd August

Llangadog Show fundraising stall

Tombola, flower bonnet/hat competition, seed swap, plants for sale. Plant/Tombola/produce donations gratefully received. All funds pay for speakers and room rent for the club. Volunteers needed for the day.

Contact: sheridanjulieann@gmail.com



# **CANTORION LLANDEILO** PERFORMS MOZART IN SUPPORT OF ALZHEIMER'S SOCIFTY

Cantorion Llandeilo Singers' concert in St Teilo's Church on 27 April 2024, will be a joy for all Mozart

The programme will explore the development of Mozart's compositions, starting with his first piano minuet-and-trio written at the age of 5, right through solos from his church music and much-loved operas, to the Requiem completed after he died at the tragically young age of 35.

# 50% OF THE TICKET SALES WILL BE DONATED TO ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Conducted by Musical Director Colin New, the first half of the concert is:

Minuet and Trio (written by Mozart at the age of 5) Symphony no. 1 (written by Mozart at the age of 8)

Exaltate (Alleluia) (soprano)

Laudate Dominum (soprano)

'Non so più' (mezzo), 'Hai già vinta la causa' (baritone), 'Voi che sapete' (mezzo) from The Marriage of Figaro 'Il mio tesoro' (tenor), 'Là ci darem' (duet - mezzo/ baritone) from Don Giovanni

'Un aura amorosa' (tenor) from Così fan tutte

Duet 'Pa-pa-Papageno!' (soprano/baritone) from The Magic Flute

'Parto, parto' (mezzo with clarinet) from La clemenza

The Requiem in D minor, K. 626 will follow in the second half of the concert.

The professional soloists are: Helen Massey, (soprano), Esme Bronwen-Smith (mezzo-soprano), Robyn Lyn Evans (tenor), and Theo Perry (bass/baritone).

Tickets cost £15 (under 18s admitted free) and are available from Peppercorn, 5 King Street, Llandeilo SA19 6BA; by phoning 07851 786569; or at the door on the night. There will be a licensed wine bar. The concert starts at 7 p.m. on 27 April 2024 in St Teilo's Church, SA19 6BH.

# DROVERS FLY INTO THE WRU CUP FINAL

Llandovery 43 Ebbw Vale 7

Huw S Thomas at The Talbot Athletic Ground



Jac Davies whose two brilliant tries helped Llandovery beat Ebbw Vale 43-7 in the WRU Cup semi final (photo by Huw S Thomas)

In a surprisingly one sided WRU Cup semi final at Aberavon, the Drovers went through to the final with a display that even superlatives would not do justice to writes Huw S Thomas

They will now face Merthyr at the Millenniun Stadium on April 7 after the Ironmen beat Swansea 23-17 in the other semi final at Bridgend.

The Steelmen had been the only side to beat Llandovery in the Indigo Premiership back in October but here they were comprehensively outplayed by a Llandovery team that played with a poise, skill and confidence rarely seen at semi pro level.

"We have been waiting for that kind of performance for a while" said coach Euros Evans, "and the first half play was one of the best that this side has produced since my time with them"

"After two very close contests in the Premiership, we knew that we had to be on top of our game against them and to do so would require us to step up a gear."

"Our first half performance laid the foundations for an outstanding Cup win and it will take us into the final in good stead."

Attack coach Gareth Potter beamed "On a firm pitch and in dry conditions, the boys' attacking play was on another level with their creativity a delight to see and they quite literally danced their way to the Ebbw Vale line."

"Jac Davies's extra pace and incisive running from full back lit the touch paper for all around"

Not even the most rabid Ebbw Vale fan, player, coach or committee man would deny the superiority of the Drovers in all departments. Once the Llandovery forwards gained early control with their hard carrying, the backs put on a display of swift and balanced running, passing and supporting that had the Ebbw defence clutching at straws.

If the WRU want to show an example of what they might want in quality and attitude from next year's semi pro Elite League, then they have Llandovery's display on camera to distribute to all clubs as the exciting template for the future.

Individually and collectively Llandovery dazzled with their ambition and invention, none more so than the centre pairing of Adam Warren and Rhodri Jones whose understanding of space, time and support was out of the top drawer.

They and fly half Ioan Hughes continually asked questions of the Ebbw midfield with the intelligence of their angles and passing - long, short, quick, delayed - confounding would be tacklers.

Little bobby dazzler Lee Rees was in the middle of everything at scrum half, wings Aaron Warren and Harri Doel made ground whenever in possession whilst in full back Jac Davies Llandovery have found a star of the future.

Two brilliant solo tries from the 20 year old, one from his own try line brought the house down in admiration and proved his selection in front of goal kicker Jack Maymard a master stroke by the coaching team.

Many had been in favour of keeping Maynard at full back for his goal kicking but soon had to change their minds when Davies slipped one tackler on half way and slalomed in from 50 metres.

If that was brilliant then his second half try was even more remarkable, picking up the ball near his own try line, slipping onrushing attackers and chipping ahead before gathering on his way to the try line.

Llandovery old timers shook their heads in disbelieving admiration of the length of the field score from the quick and elusive Ysgol Glantaf product.

Not that the backs were the only heroes. Scrums were rock solid and line out only a tad less so but in the loose the back row of Osian Davies, Joe Powell and Stuart Worrall did everything at a speed and conviction that their opposite numbers could not match.

At the beating heart of the forward effort were locks Jack Jones and Chris Long whose work in defence alongside front rowers Jamie Hughes, Taylor Davies and Berian Watkins stifled Ebbw's sporadic attempts to bully their way through tacklers.

In a first half of scintillating rugby, Llandovery scored four tries, through Jac Davies, Ioan Hughes, Adam Warren and Jamie Hughes – all crafted and executed perfectly - and could easily have scored three more such was the ease in which the backs continued to cut through.

Fly half Hughes added nine points from the boot, and the tie was already dead at 29-0.

A yellow card for flanker Lewis Young, son of the watching Dai, just before the break for hands in the ruck and then another for centre Ethan Phillips for back chat made Ebbw's chances of recovery even slimmer.

Davies's virtuoso 100 metre effort made it 36-0 before

the Drovers emptied their bench with a quarter of an hour to go.

Throwing the ball about as if on a Pendine beach holiday, the Drovers paid for their abandon when replacement wing Reece Dunne -on loan from Gloucester - scored an interception try, converted by replacement Kieran Meek

It meant little and a strong run from Long and a swift inside pass to Powell saw the No 8 gallop over for his side's sixth and last try of one of the most unequal semi finals in the 53 year history of the Welsh Cup.

\*\*\* Llandovery face a non too easy task on Friday when they travel to Pontypool who still have a chance of making the Premiership play offs. The Drovers will need to be on full guard against Pooler

# Llandovery

Tries: J Davies (2), I Hughes, Adam Warren, J Hughes,

J Powell

Cons: I Hughes (4), J Maynard

Pen: I Hughes

**Ebbw Vale** Tries: R Dunne Con: K Meek

Llandovery: J Davies; H Doel, Adam Warren, R Jones, Aaron Warren; I Hughes, L Rees; J Hughes, T Davies, B Watkins, J Jones (capt), C Long, O Davies, J Powell, S Worrall

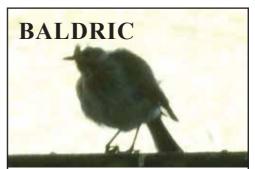
Replacements: D Dallavalle, C Thomas, L Green, Marco Dallavalle, N Hart, I Phillips, J Maynard, D Land

Ebbw Vale: M Richards; E Bowden, E Phillips, D Franchi, J Thomas; E Lloyd, J Evans; L Garrett, R Francis (capt), A Court, D Bartlett, C Gregory, C Regan, A Howes, L Young

Replacements: M Davies, R Francis, H Drone, E McIntyre, R Jenkins, R Harries, B Main, R Dunne, K Meek



Adam Warren releases Jac Davies on yet another run for the Ebbw try line. (photo by Graham Davies)



During the early days of summer in 2023, when the weather became very hot and dry, and we feared we might be in for a drought, we first encountered a very particular robin in the garden. His condition was terrible, horrifying. His head was utterly bald and there was a ring of naked, black skin round his neck. His shoulders and back scrunched up into a twisted hunch. He had a sharply pointed spear of poor feathers just above his beak and his wretched little feet had become pathetic balls of thin, rolled wire. I don't know how he managed to perch, to roost or to forage for food. Had he been attacked, met with an accident or been hatched with those infirmities? In compensation for these horrors he had tremendous courage and audacity, became very tame an adept at organising us to move wheelbarrowers etc. to provide shelter and to produce more food. He absolutely ruled the back door, kitchen area, and naturally we became his willing slaves. Several times a day he demanded supplies, running operations from the top of the outdoor kitchen light. He responded to human conversation and popped up, eyeball to eyeball, in the front garden as well. The strange unicorn horn vanished; his condition improved and new feathers grew. With the dry weather he seemed to be doing well. When the rains started he stood his ground beneath his wheelbarrow. Sadly the end was nigh. What settled into a horrid, soaking wet, cold summer, was more than his frail little body could withstand. One morning he wasn't there for breakfast and we never saw him again. I hope his departure was quick and painless. (What wild creature is lucky enough to achieve that?)

It is unwise to get too fond of the wild birds and small creatures that share our domains; their lives are fleeting and fragile. We watch and observe their activities and enjoy their presence; we feed them in season, leaving a protective landscape of bushes, trees, hedges, long grass, brambles, ivy and farm buildings for their use, and our valiant little stream that does not fail. We also wait in trepidation for the arrival (or not) of swallows in April, dreading their departure in September, until the fieldfares arrive in consolation. We also miss our funny little damaged robin who left with the warm weather last summer. I think we will not forget him ..... Baldric The Brave.

# Church Services

E-English W-Welsh B-Bilingual

# ST. CWRDAF CHURCH, LLANWRDA

7 Apr 11.00am Combined Eucharist Cil-y-cwm

21 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion 5 May 9.30am Holy Communion

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

# ST. SADWRN CHURCH, LLANSADWRN

7 Apr 11.00am Combined Eucharist, Cil-v-Cwm

21 Apr 11.00am Holy Communion 5 May 11.00am Morning Prayer

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

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANORDEILO

7 Apr 11.00am Combined Eucharist, Cil-y-cwm

14 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion 28 Apr 9.30am Morning Prayer

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

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CILYCWM

7 Apr 11.00am Combined Eucharist for Llanwrda Group

14 Apr 11.00am Holy Communion 28 Apr 11.00am Morning Prayer

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

# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGEL'S CHURCH, TALLEY 7 Apr 11.00am Holy Communion

14 Apr 11.00am Morning Worship 21 Apr 11.00am Family Worship 28 Apr 11.00am Holy Communion 5 May 11.00am Holy Communion 9 May 6.00pm Ascension Holy Communion &

Refreshments
For further information, please call 01550
728319 (Office Hours).

# ST SIMON AND ST JUDE, LLANDDEUSANT

14 Apr 6.00pm Evening Prayer 28 Apr 11.15am Holy Eucharist

# LLANDINGAT, LLANDOVERY

7 Apr 10.30am Joint Area Family Service + Baptism "Receive the

Spirit"

14 Apr 9.30am Communion "Repentence & Forgiveness"

21 Apr 9.30am Morning Prayer

"The Good Shepherd" 27 Apr 10am-2pm Ministry Area

Conference with Archdeacon Ven Mathew Hill, Tim Llewelyn & Rev Bruce Collins

28 Apr 9.30am Communion "A Guide to the Perplexed"

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

# EGLWYS LLANFAIR AR Y BRYN, LLANYMDDYFRI

7fed o Ebrill 10.30yb @ Llandgad 21ain o Ebrill 11yb Cwrdd Cymun 27fed o Ebrill 10yb – 2yp Cynhadledd

Ardal Weinidogaeth @ Llandingad

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

#### ST MICHAELS. MYDDFAI

7 Apr 10.30am @ Llandingat 14 Apr 11.30am Communion 21 Apr 11.30am Morning Prayer 28 Apr 11.30am Communion

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

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CYNGHORDY

7 Apr 10.30am @ Llandingat 14 Apr 2.30pm Family Service 28 Apr 2.30am Communion

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

# ST CYNWYL'S CHURCH, CAIO

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Rev Rik Mayes 01558 685118.

# ST CADOG'S CHURCH, LLANGADOG

7 Apr 10.30am Holy Communion Joint Service 14 Apr 9.30am Morning Prayer 21 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion 28 Apr 9.30am Morning Prayer

20 Apr Supper and Auction
– ring 01550 777657 for tickets.

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

# ST. BARNABAS, RHANDIRMWYN

14 Apr 9.30am Holy Eucharist 21 Apr 9.30am Morning Prayer 28 Apr 9.30am Holy Eucharist

For further information, please call 01550 728319 (Office Hours).

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GWYNFE

7 Apr 10.30am Combined Service at Llangadog 14 Apr 11.15am Morning Prayer 21 Apr 11.15am Holy Communion 28 Apr No Service

# 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

1st Sun 11.00am Holy Communion 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

Every Wednesday there is Holy Communion at 10.30am.

# ST JOHN'S MAESTEILO

DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Email: h lloyd davies@hotmail.com

#### **HOLY TRINITY TALIARIS**

DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Email: h lloyd davies@hotmail.com

#### **LLANEGWAD CHURCH**

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

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

# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. LLANDOVERY

College View SA20 0BD (Served from Lampeter)

Saturday (vigil of Sunday) 5.00pm Wednesday 10.00am

Tel. 01570 421003 Mob: 07495 802711 Email: davidkeithevans@hotmail.co.uk for details.

# **WILLIAMS PANTYCELYN** MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Sunday praise at 11.00am [available also via zoom]

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

For further information or to contact Pastor Rob please visit

www.williamspantvcelvn.co.uk

#### 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.

#### EBENEZER APOSTOLIC CHURCH

(On B4302 at Cwmdu) Services every Sunday 10.30am Worship and Communion Service (Also Sunday School for under 15s) 5.00pm Evening Service Tea and Biscuits following.

Coffee Morning third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

All are welcome.

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

7 Apr 11.00am Communion services 21 Apr 11.00am Communion services

Info - contact Rev Roger Nock 01267 202347.

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH. LLANFIHANGEL RHOS Y CORN. **SA32 7RP**

7 Apr 2.30pm Communion services 21 Apr 2.30pm Communion services

all followed by tea in the church hall.

The next Pilgrim Service is on Wednesday, April 10, at 6.00pm.

"Lle Llonydd": A Quiet Space of Reflection and Contemplative Prayer

The monthly Quiet Space session at Llanfihangel on the last Saturday day of the month, April 27, at 2pm. . Info churchwardens Andrew Tait on 07846 310 848 or Beryl Edwards 07428 833 278. Forthcoming services are listed on the

Facebook pages for each church. Both churches are open for visitors/pilgrims.

For info contact Revd Roger Nock on 01267 202347 or 07796 761754 or roger.nock@talk21.com.

# ST. JOHN'S. FELINGWM

2nd Sun 2.00pm Eucharist

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

# 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 Days.

www.lampeterorthodox.org.uk Tel: 01974 261452

#### **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.

# **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

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

# AMMANFORD CHRISTADELPHIANS

Extend a warm welcome to their Sunday Bible talk.

12.15pm to 1.00pm in the Christadelphian Hall near Lidl's.

Contact: Brian Woodall brwoodall1940@gmail.com

# RIVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meet every Sunday at 5.00 p.m. in the Civic Hall, Llandeilo.

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



Dathliad o grochenwaith a serameg cyfoes wedi'u gwneud â llaw, o Dde Cymru a thu hwnt

A celebration of contemporary handmade pottery and ceramics from across south Wales and beyond

# APRIL 20 AND 21 AT THE NATIONAL **BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES**

The National Botanic Garden of Wales and South Wales Potters host a weekend celebrating clay with workshops, exhibitions, and more.

Visitors to the Botanic Garden will have a rare opportunity to meet some of South Wales' most talented ceramicists this April, as over 25 potters gather to exhibit their work in the iconic Great Glasshouse.

Ceramica Botanica is organised by South Wales Potters - a group of over 350 ceramicists from across South Wales - and offers a unique chance to see potters from across the full stretch of South Wales as they gather for one weekend only.

With the most recent series of The Great Pottery Throwdown having once again thrown the spotlight on pottery, more people than ever are taking an interest in clay. Ceramica Botanica presents the perfect opportunity to explore all that the art of ceramics has to offer, as visiting potters share their skills and run drop-in workshops throughout the weekend. Visitors will be able to watch demonstrations including raku firing, as well as various making and decoration techniques.

With the potters' work ranging from gas-fired raku vases to delicate porcelain mugs, jewellery, and more, there is much to see - and all pieces on display will also be available for purchase.

For more information contact widge.thorpe@btinternet.com

# READERS' SALES & WANTS

are free of charge (subject to space availability)

**NO TRADE ADS** 

# **FOR SALE**

- Benassi MC2300H Reverso. 48 cm Tiller, also comes with 90 cm Sickle bar attachment. Excellent condition. £1000. Phone 07878 313063.
- Massey Ferguson 135 Tractor. Good condition. Comes with set of weights, transport box and V5, £3750. Phone 07878 313063.
- Pride I Go Transportable Lightweight Folding Electric Wheelchair Powerchair, 2 years old, has seen heavy use. £1800 as new, selling for about half price.
- Acupressure/Tattoo Chair, including case, excellent condition, £80. Tel. 01550 777556
- Evette Flute, 00242. including hard case, excellent condition, adult player; £70. Tel. 01550 777556
- Vintage German Wittner Metronome, Taktell Junior, black case, excellent condition, £15. Tel. 01550 7775562
- 5 piece Yamaha Rydeen drum kit. Cranberry red.1 crash, 1 cymbal, 1 hi hat. Cowbell, stool, music stand, mats. Used, £350. Mobile 07760 306273.
- Alpha Romeo, spares or repair, £775 ono. Phone 01550 777149. mobile 07572 168275.
- Outsunny car fridge, 50 litre, still in box, never used, £150 ono. Tel 07815 718176.
- Broadwood baby/boudoir grand piano looking for a good home. Needs some attention but still plays nicely.
   Free to a good home. Phone 01550 777149 / mobile 07572 168275.
- Knapsack sprayer, Berthoud Vermorel 2000 Pro, £75.
   Selling due to retirement. Good condition. Telephone 01550 777149. mobile 07572 168275.
- Professional planting bag, £50. Selling due to retirement. Good condition. Telephone 01550 777149, mobile 07572 168275.
- Portable chemical toilet (never used) for sale, £25. Good condition. Selling due to retirement. Good condition. Telephone 01550 777149, mobile 07572 168275
- Maxi Cosi Tobi baby car-toddlers car seat, good as new. £50. Tel: 01558 685175.
- Corby 7700 Trouser Press, teak effect with coin dish and shirt hanger in excellent condition, £25 ono. Tel 07518 335682.
- Extending mahogany dining table with 4 chairs and 2 carvers in very good condition, £175 ono. Tel 07518 335682
- A4 laminator. Ibico ML-9, £15. Tel: 01550 777591 or 07854 148915.
- Car trailer, made from twin axle caravan, needs a tidy up. Details 07917 164044 (near Llandovery).

- New Belling cooker, mains gas, £700. Tel: 07481 983828.
- Big bird cage for Parrot, £40. Tel: 07481 983828.
- Old Caravan for use as chicken house, offers. Tel: 07481 983828.
- Attention "Old Camera" Enthusiasts. I have a large collection of various 35mm cameras, mostly single lense reflex, looking for good home, 21 in all e.g. Nikon, Canon, Pentax etc with cases, including various selections of lenses and photographic accessories. Sadly for sale due to bereavement. Further info. Tel: 07950 630031 or 07583 996827.
- A nice Brass coal scuttle Angle-Poise lamp Large and small plastic Tool boxes Selection of Garden Tools Lots of Welsh and English records, (old and not so old) Professional pulsating garden water sprinkler New curtain rail Sky blaster pressure washer Ferex Ash and dirt vacuum hoover (new in box) Nice Brass ceiling light fittings Stained leaded oval glass windows (glass only no frame) Titan electric wood mulcher. Plus a lot more items. Monies received will be donated to Llanwrda Church at the end of the month. Please call 07761 107055
- Set of Art & Craft style dining room chairs, 1 carver, 3 chairs, £130 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Lift Mate Scissor Table TXL500L, large platform, 500KG, £450 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Low Trolley, 74" long x 47" wide x 3" high, 8 planks 2" thick on 3 wheel on each corner, £150 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Master Mix electric cement mixer, 130ltr drum, £75 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Scaffold aluminium tower, 6' x 4', 18ft high, crossbars and feet, 4 boards, £210 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Roof ladder, 20 rung with loop hook and wheels, £120 ono. Tel: 01558 669130 (Dryslwyn).
- Two recliner swivel chairs and footstools in beige material with teak wooden circular base, VGC, £75 each ono. Tel: 01558 668201.
- Teak garden table and four chairs, two of which are recliners, VGC, little used, £120. Tel: 01591 610507.

## WANTED

- Books wanted. Whenever you are busy making space/ clearing your house, we would be more than pleased to receive your unwanted pre-loved books for our Secondhand Bookroom within Newton House. Just box/ bag the books and deliver to the House when you are passing. We even have a re-cycling outlet for those that are not in such a pretty state. The house is now open every day during the spring/summer months and there will always be someone to help you offload if required. You will be helping us to maintain Newton House and Dinefwr Park. Many thanks in advance. Any queries: Holly Dwyer 01558 825917. (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ visit/wales/dinefwr).
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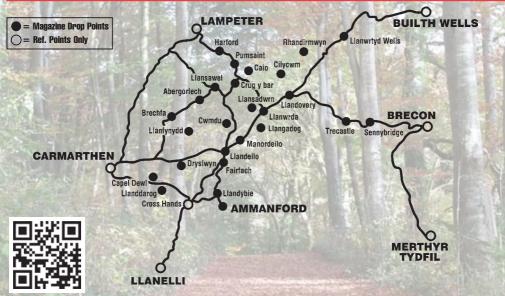
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#### Llandovery - Llandeilo - Carmarthen (280/281) Morris Travel 281 280 281 280 281 280 281 280 7 00 8.50 10.45 12.20 14.00 16.25 17.50 19 10 L'dovery(car park) 12.30 19.18 Llansadwrr 7.15 9.05 11.00 12.35 14.15 16.40 18.04 Llangadog (Rhyd-y-Fro) 11 00 10 10 31 02

Liangadog (Common)		1.24	_	11.09	_	14.24	_	10.12	_
Cwmifor		_	_	11.21	_	14.36	_	_	_
Llandeilo. New Road		7.37	9.29	11.27	12.59	14.44	17.02	18.24	19.31
Carmarthen		8.22	10.14	12.12	13.44	15.27	17.45	19.03	20.02
	281	280	281	280	281	280	281	280	
Carmarthen	6.05	7.20	9.15	10.20	12.20	14.20	16.20	17.50	
Llandeilo	6.35	7.58	9.57	10.58	13.02	14.58	17.02	18.29	
Cwmifor	_	_	10.05	_	13.10	_	17.10	_	
Llangadog (Common)	_	_	10.17	_	13.22	_	17.21	_	
Llangadog (Rhyd)	_	8.13	_	11.13	_	15.13	_	18.42	
Llansadwrn (War Memorial)	_	8.21	10.26	11.21	13.31	15.21	17.29	18.50	
Llanwrda `	6.49	8.26	10.31	11.26	13.36	15.26	17.34	18.55	
L'dovery(car park)	6.58	8.36	10.41	11.36	13.46	15.36	17.44	19.05	

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