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At Christmas there's nothing like curling up with a good book, so here's a few suggestions.

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Troy by Stephen Fry, this is a rollicking retelling of Troy, Stephen Fry is at his best.

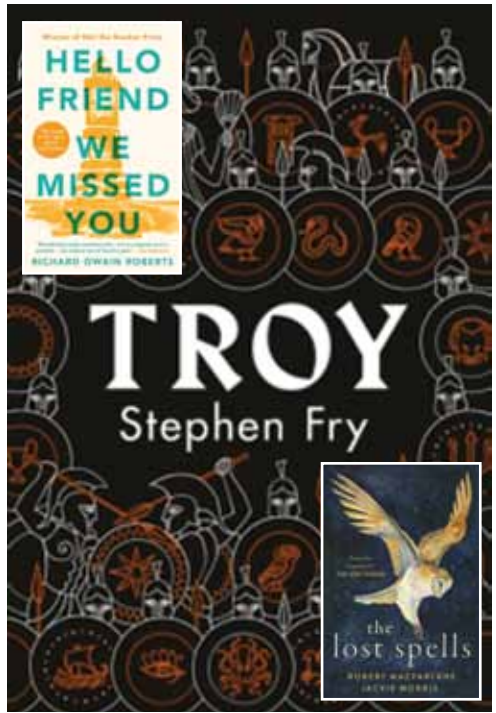
Hello Friend, We Missed You by Richard Owain Roberts, this is the first novel by a young Welsh writer, poignant and funny in equal measure, it's a novel about loneliness and loss.

Last but not least The Castle of Tangled Magic, the latest book by Sophie Anderson who wrote the very popular The Girl Who Speaks Bear, it's another magical tale.

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Please call Liz on 07791 241197 for details about the Women and Girls' team.

We are always on the look out for new senior players – on a weekly basis for the 1st XI, or on a casual basis for our new Occasionals XI who play midweek and Sunday games. If interested in any of the teams, please contact Adrian Davies on 07867794771 for more information.

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Great news. Our Centre will re-open for face-to-face and online tuition in most subjects and at all levels, come the new year.

With the announcement that examinations in Wales are cancelled for 2021, teacher-based and examination board assessments are ever more important. We have been busy discussing the situation with representatives from the Ministry and WJEC in order to be fully prepared for what is being asked of the students. As ever, we offer free advice for parents, so please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.



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It has been a very busy few months with enquiries from schools, individuals, home-schooling organisations, students abroad and forces' educational services. We have taken on seven local teachers/administrators and we expect to employ more in the new year. If you would like to be involved, please send your CV to admin@net-teach.co.uk

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English to settled refugee families in Wales and we are in conversation with a number of councils to roll this provision out across Wales and perhaps the rest of the UK.

Like most charities during this time, our funds have been heavily depleted and we will be looking to hold a fundraising event soon to allow us to continue this important work. If you could volunteer to help us organise this, or if you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please ring Rod on: 01550 779298. One way to help is to shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1177718-0. All donations will be sent to Net-Reach Charity. Many thanks in advance.



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Christmas is nearly upon us which hopefully all can enjoy along with the riches of our changing Winter landscape, in spite of the restricted lives we are experiencing. Soon it's farewell to 2020 and welcome 2021 with the possibilities of a more "normal" year with good times happening and classes eventually starting again in person at the Centre. Although it is still not possible to attend yoga classes at the Centre for the moment, PadmaSamBhava is offering a comprehensive Autumn term programme on Zoom, which will continue for the Spring term.

Padmasambhava is sorry to announce that Antonia has now retired from teaching at the Centre in Llandeilo. The Centre and all Antonia's students thank her for her contribution and teaching over these past six years and will miss her and Mac, Antonia's dog. All wish her a fond farewell and much joy, happiness and good health. Padmasambhava is delighted to welcome back Norman and welcome Fiona to share in the teaching.

Chair Yoga classes have now re-started on Monday mornings on the Zoom platform. The Centre offers a mixture of classes on Zoom – from a mixed daytime class to the more experienced 3rd Year classes. Each of the classes spends time on breathing and relaxation techniques which help ease the mind and bring resilience in navigating these times, as well as gentle physical practices to help release tension within the body as well as encourage flexibility and strength. A few simple practices can provide us with the tools to enhance our awareness and begin to make a difference to the state of our minds, our health, our energy as well as relax the body.

All at PadmaSamBhava hope that you are well and are still able to enjoy good times with some of your friends and family. Indeed, as time goes on, it is even more important to remain positive and continue to do your yoga practices and also to be quiet and meditate. PadmaSamBhava is there for students old and new – so please do call the Centre if you would like help or guidance or resources for practice. Classes at PadmaSamBhava are special in that they take into account the health and abilities of everyone and aim to help both the mind and the body.

The Centre is chanting the healing manta at 6.00pm every Friday. If you would like anyone added to the list of named recipients for this chant, please send an email to mail@padma.org.uk

PadmaSamBhava would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students and wider community and to wish everyone every good wish for a happy Christmas and for good health, peace, love and much better freer and happier times in 2021. May we welcome the New Year and Spring with love in our hearts and hope for sunny, healthy and joyful days here in Wales and throughout the World. Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

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We linked up with a wholesaler, started finding other local food producers and rapidly created a website. We're now delivering boxes of organically grown fruit and vegetables to around forty households from Llandovery to Ammanford with others collecting from our gate.

Most of the fruit, veg and mushrooms come from Lampeter-based wholesaler Watson and Pratt, with some from local suppliers and our own garden. We supply produce from all around the world but we make sure to prioritise local, Welsh and UK grown food when in season.

We're also stocking produce from a range of local Welsh businesses:

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In the run-up to Christmas we have also prepared bumper Christmas Veg Boxes and Christmas Hampers to see you through the holiday season.

The Gardd Sadwrn team have also spent the lockdown refurbishing a trailer into a catering van, with the intention of doing pop up food events around the county, now we are considering doing a ready meal service as well. Watch our website to find out more or call us on 07506 568 075.

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**NEWS
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The summer of 2020 was to be full of activities to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the formation of Cymdeithas Cwmdau but the Corona virus put a stop to all that!

However, the spirit of Cwmdau still survives and there have been several socially distanced mini events throughout the summer. The annual events of the Boat Race, Beer Festival, Apple and Cider Weekend and Plant Swap were cancelled in their usual form, but many plants found new homes and on Apple Day, lots of apples were made into juice, thanks to the Cider Club at Dinefwr bringing along the apple press and operating in half hour slots throughout the day, whilst cider was available from the pub to uphold the atmosphere of the occasion.

The Shop and Post Office have remained open for essential shopping and postal services even during the lockdown periods, on Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.30am – 1.30pm, but not on Saturday as previously. As well as the essentials, we have a lot of locally produced products, including honey, jam, chutney, pickles and free range eggs – ideal for topping up those Christmas hampers and for other small Christmas gifts, we have a selection of locally made pottery from Jackie John at Carmel Pottery <https://www.facebook.com/Carmelpottery> and wooden dragons by Paul Crampton of Ceredigion from £1.80 for a key ring.

The Cwmdau Inn was closed initially, during the lockdown, but was able to serve drinks in the tent in the garden, complete with fire pits and blankets to keep warm when the weather got cooler- but still with social distancing! It is now open (at time of writing) on Wednesdays and Saturdays 7.00 – 10.00pm and 6.00 – 10.00pm on Fridays. Limited numbers in the bar, but the tent in the garden will still be available as before.

Halloween and Bonfire Night were non-events and as yet we have no plans for Christmas and the New Year, but keep up with any news by checking either on our website www.cwmdau.com on Facebook: CwmdauInn or email: events@cwmdau.com or phone: 01558 685156 for information.

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Finally, volunteers must get a mention and thanks, as without everyone doing their bit towards the organising of our activities and helping to run the businesses, we wouldn't be able to function. We lost some volunteers because of the pandemic, due to them being in the sheltered or vulnerable categories, and some have now returned, but more are desperately needed, especially to help in the Post Office and shop. Other areas where volunteers may be able to help are for example: Finance & Management, Maintenance & Cleaning, Pub & garden, Kitchen (when it reopens), Advertising, IT, Website and Facebook. If you would be interested in volunteering to help us in any way – and there are so many ways we need help – please make contact. Even an hour here and there would be welcomed.

Thank you all for your support and long may it continue.

Very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING – NATURALLY



A café proprietor in Brecknockshire has turned COVID-19 protection into an artwork highlighting the nature found in the area, and it's all thanks to his landlord.

David George who, with his wife Kate, runs Caffi Sosban in Llanwrtyd Wells, was keen to re-open his business after the lockdown by installing social distancing screens indoors, and so his landlord Chris Brookes undertook to do the work.

Chris explains what happened next, 'As an artist, I felt that there was an opportunity to make it a little more interesting than just plain screens.'

Chris carves organic wooden furniture for a hobby, using skills first employed 40 years ago when he ran a restaurant in Suffolk, where his ornate wooden partitions created attractive booth seating for his customers.

Trees are a favourite motif for Chris, so the first embellishments that he added were some miniature tree trunks, proportioned to act as physical supports for the 2mm-thick clear Perspex screens.

'After that, I added a woodpecker and then various other creatures, because trees need some wildlife,' says Chris. 'But the high ceilings in the café also made it possible to extend above the level of the screens themselves, so I allowed my trees to 'grow' upwards to merge with clouds and, of course, a soaring red kite'. When further screens were required in the second area I developed the idea to encompass a river theme detailing nature found above and below the water'.

'It's been a four-month project so far and artistically it has been a labour of love, since I much prefer creating one-offs. So as not to interfere with Dave's business, I initially designed these panels to be removable, once the pandemic has passed.'

But David has other ideas. 'The new table layout has actually decreased our seating capacity,' he admits, 'although our customers do feel a lot safer with the screens in place. However, Chris's carvings have proved very popular, both with locals and visitors: some people keep coming back in to see whether any more birds and animals have been added, while parents often ask their kids to see how many creatures they can find.'

David continues, 'So I plan to keep them all in place as a permanent feature, and I shall enjoy watching them grow. We've even had interest from an internationally-famous storyteller, who, once restrictions allow, wants to give a performance in the café of tales inspired by the new woodcarvings, and this does seem to be in the best traditions of Llanwrtyd Wells as a centre for alternative ideas and creativity.'



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PETITION FOR PEDESTRIANISATION IN LLANDEILO



A group of residents and businesses in Llandeilo have launched a petition to pedestrianize the lower part of Carmarthen Street, currently blocked off for the refurbishment of the Shire Hall since end of last year.

“Cars used to speed down our narrow road,” Keeley Clarke, a local resident says. “With no pavements to talk off it’s been very dangerous for me and my kids and it forces wheelchair users right onto the road.”

“I used to be sceptical about blocking the road off,” Claudine Barr, a local jeweller on Carmarthen Street admits. “But now that it is, people are strolling the street and footfall for us has increased.”

“It should fit well with the Ten Towns Regeneration plan,” says Mered Williams, a local resident and creator of the petition. “Businesses need more footfall and tourists and residents more quiet and peaceful areas to enjoy our beautiful town.”

Despite strong support for the online petition response from County Council and Llandeilo Town Council has been discouraging.

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"My proposal to full heartedly support the petition was voted down 6:5 in council," Llandeilo Town Councillor Christoph Fischer reports. "While this signifies a hesitation and doesn't mean an eventual rejection of the plan by the town council, to me and the residents it is disappointing that the council didn't at least in principal fully support this improvement to our town."

"Admittedly, there are details to be sorted out," says Williams, "but a more encouraging or stronger support would have been welcome."

"Two new developments in the area, the Market Hall and Shire Hall, both on Carmarthen Street, have reduced local parking but will increase traffic and footfall through the currently blocked off road," explains Fischer.

"Issues like residents parking have been addressed several months ago and have brought us local residents together. We had little official response for our proposals since we began lobbying," Keeley Clarke adds.

Meanwhile the traffic and parking situation by the Primary schools on Rhosmaen Street carries on frustrating parents and residents. Lack of dropping bays for parents and removal of the Lollipop lady have stirred up emotions and concerned citizens have created a Facebook page to reinstate the Lollipop lady and bring in safeguarding measures for the children.

"A lot needs to be done, but it's great that people are showing initiative," says Fischer.



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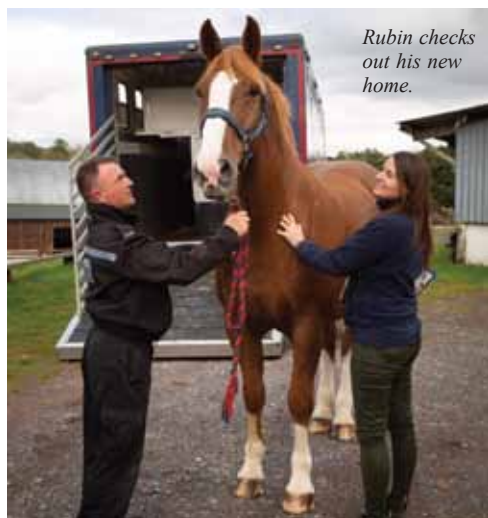
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Rubin's Police colleagues wish him a fond farewell.

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Rubin checks out his new home.

the younger inexperienced horses and worked tirelessly to help keep the public safe at major national events. These included leading the procession at Harry and Meghan's Royal Wedding, large sporting occasions, the 2012 Olympics, the NATO Conference, festivals, and neighbourhood policing duties. PC Rick Lewis has been with Rubín throughout his career and is happy to see him take his well-earned retirement in the tranquil Brecon Beacons. WPC Kelly Colley learnt to ride on Rubín and wanted to see him settle into his retirement home. Katrina Edmonds-Daniel Yard Manager of the Dog and Mounted Section gave him a tearful farewell and has promised she will be back again to visit him in the future.

BEST BUDDIES

On arrival at Lluest Rubín needed to be placed into quarantine which is standard practice for any new equine arrivals at the Trust. Luckily for him recently returned Joey provided some great company and it took them no longer than a couple of hours to become best quarantine buddies. We had been told how friendly Rubín was with other horses, whenever he escaped from his stable (South Wales police's own Houdini) he would go to find a friend to groom. Joey was returned from his Guardian home of two years the day before Rubín arrived and was super happy to have company. Imagine all the stories Rubín has to tell young gelding Joey.



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Well, we'll never know but personally I think that we should make much more of our famed highwayman. The fake Robin Hood became world renowned in literature, a television series, on stage and in many films. Even a Walt Disney film glorified the make believe robber, a fake! What we had is the real deal. A genuine, real life highwayman. Couldn't Llandovery somehow benefit from this legend? Surely we could. A statue even?

Anyway, Rotary news. Well there isn't any! Well, very little.

NOTHING has happened this year and Alan our President hasn't put a foot wrong. Well he couldn't could he!

As COVID has forced us to cancel EVERY event it only seemed fair to offer Alan to remain as our President for next year as well. He accepted. This makes Alan the first President to do two years in succession since the first President did it for the first two years that Llandovery Rotary Club was formed in 1984. President Elect Anthony and President Nominee Dan also agreed to hold station for another year leaving us in the happy position of having these three young men lined up leaving us in very capable hands. Relatively speaking of course!

So, our end of 2020 report says All events cancelled.

- No BBQ.
- No Winter Dinner.
- No marshalling at Rallies.
- No marshalling the Firework Display.
- No meetings even, from March onwards.
- No Youth Speaks.
- No Schools Competition.
- No Young Chef.
- No Rotary Youth Leadership Award.
- No Young Musician.
- No DroverFest.
- No fellowship.
- No Santa Sleighs even.
- No meals out on Tuesdays.
- Nothing, nowt, dim, zilch, zero.
Aaaaaaaarrrrrrrrggggghhhhhh.

We are not complaining because we know all this 'Nothing' means we are doing everything we can to keep ourselves and everyone else safe.

Knowing that our long suffering Secretary Dan Jones and his lovely wife Gina are involved in so many organisations in Llandovery I asked him if he would kindly give an outline of how he came to live here in the first place and to list some of the ways they both help out on a voluntary basis. He reluctantly agreed but eventually this is just part of his and Gina's story and voluntary work.

Dan Jones:- If you want a bit of my history then I was born and bred (although totally Welsh) in 3 lions area namely Bancyfelin (the village of Delme Thomas, Johnathan Davies and Mike Phillips fame) until I was 12 when my parents moved to Alltwalis. I had a very sickly upbringing with a rare blood disorder and believe it was penicillin that saved me. During my junior school days I was in and out of hospital for nearly 3 years. Also suffered from acute asthma and after another hospital stint found I was allergic to horse smell. From 12 the asthma went and it was only then I could do any sort of sport. Although I missed a lot of school, I did pass my 11+ which meant I went to Carmarthen Grammar school but although not an academic, I left at 16 when I joined Lloyds Bank at the small branch of Newport Pembro where Tom Griffiths of Talley was manager and for a while Gethin Thomas of Llandovery was the sub manager. I worked for Lloyds for 38 years with other branches. Cardiff Docks (it was the docks then) and Newport Gwent (over 90 on the staff) before coming to Llandovery then back and forward to Llandeilo a few times. During this time I also went relief with stints in Ammanford, Neath and Pontardulais.

On the sporting side, which due to my earlier illness I was a late developer and due to my very poor eyesight could not play Rugby. I started soccer but broke many glasses until contact lenses were invented when I was 18. Still kept with soccer playing for Pencader for a short while but mainly for St Julians HSOB when we lived in Newport, Gwent. Took up running and although not a speed merchant I have run numerous events and have completed a marathon in each of my decades, 20s (Cardiff), 30s, 40s & 50s (London). Best time 3 hours 43 min. At my peak I targeted a half Marathon for a time under 1hr 30m and was successful in doing the Tour of Torfaen in 1 hr 27m. At 60 I realised my body could not take another full marathon but enjoyed completing the Cardiff Half in 2hr 16m. No plans for my 70th! I played 4 rugby games for Llandovery veterans and scored my one and only try against the touring Japanese team. I was treasurer and in the group that set up and built the Llandovery Squash Courts and still a member but disappointed that this facility is not now being used regularly. I am also found cutting the Llandingat Churchyard for many hours every week.

Married Gina in 1974 with 2 daughters Rachel and Emma and 3 Grandchildren Amity, Katie and Corey.

Gina's present voluntary work includes:- Town Councillor (been Mayor 3 times), Chair of Friendship Club, Chair of Llandovery Floral Art, Treasurer of League of Friends Llandovery Hospital, Treasurer Llandovery Museum and Visitor Centre, Church Warden of Llandingat Church, Local Ministry Area Church Warden, Elected member of the Governing Body and Electoral College of the Church in Wales. Member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, Churches and Pastoral Committee and the Schools Committee and Vice President of Llandovery Male voice Choir. Was a member of St Johns ambulance for over 20 years. She was a teacher for 40 years, sadly being there at the closure of 3 local primary schools and one comprehensive. During our 36 years in Llandovery she has been actively involved in many different organisations.

Thank you Dan and Gina. Llandovery is indeed blessed to have these two people, who put in so many hours of voluntary work, doing so much work on behalf of the people and the community. Well done indeed.

Ahhhhhhhhh, there is some Rotary news. At the Remembrance Sunday Parade that the Royal British Legion, Llandovery Branch does so well, Alan was called



The Rotary Club Zoom meeting as we await more to sign in.



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upon to perform his first and only duty as President and lay our wreath at the War Memorial. This he did at the hugely reduced service which was carried out with full social distancing. What a shame as this is always a brilliantly organised and attended event conducted with great dignity but completely understandable as the pandemic is now well and truly among us.

Ellie from Cynghordy is selling her beautiful hampers for Christmas and for each hamper sold she is donating £10 to either Chloe's Caravan, Llandovery Rotary Club or local Charities. These really are superb hampers and are beautifully presented. Check out 'Ellie's Charity Christmas Hampers' facebook page.

We did have one very brief Zoom meeting but with some members struggling with extremely poor connection we really didn't achieve much in the half hour slot. We did however pass the accounts for last year and that alone made it worthwhile. We will try again if anything pressing or important comes up, which is highly unlikely while this virus continues to heap untold misery upon us.

Sadly we have been advised not to go ahead with our Santa Sleigh in any shape or form which we will miss hugely as we absolutely love the connection we get with you all especially as it's so close to Christmas. I really do feel for the young children who will not have the excitement of Father Christmas coming to their home this year. It is such a terrible, but wholly necessary, shame to have had to cancel this very popular event.

As the next report will not be until February may we, every member, Mike, Huw, Barry, Neil C, Doug, Dai, Dan E, Robin, Mickey, Dan J, Derek, President Alan, Neil M, Chris, Ieuan, Edward, Gary, Dave, Kevan, Anthony and Peter wish you all a very Happy, and safe, Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We thank you for your fantastic support once again and look forward with even greater anticipation than normal to getting back to some sort of normality by serving the community and organising some real humdinger events for you to enjoy next year. We simply can't wait.

See you in 2021. Let's look on the bright side. It's got to be better than 2020 hasn't it?

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A genuine mistake was made and apologies were given. I just wanted to let you know that we have remembered all those who sacrificed so much for us.

Gina

LLANGADOG W.I.

My goodness, what a year it has been!! We had so many plans for 2020, it being our 95th year. We managed to start ok in January with afternoon tea at The Cawdor Hotel, Llandeilo, were in the midst of floods in February and, in March, some of us took the train to Shrewsbury and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. From then on "lockdown!!" No chance for a coastal visit, a day out at Denham College and other planned events. Let's hope we can reschedule them for 2021?? At the moment there is no date set to have a meeting but, as soon as we can, I'm sure we will have a special celebration. So, we wish you all a very "Happy Christmas" and health and happiness for the New Year. Stay safe.

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LLANDEILO COUNTRY MARKET

Llandeilo Country Market has been open on most Fridays since the beginning of July either outside in the grounds of Capel Newydd or in the top car park. We were very lucky during most of this time to have reasonably dry weather but were worried as the weather got worse that we would have difficulty holding a Market. Happily, we are now back in the Vestry and hope to be there until the last market for 2020 on the 18th December. I'm not sure what will happen in January as we usually return on the third Friday after Christmas but you can check on our facebook page. For the rest of this year's Markets we will have the usual eggs, cakes and savouries, jams, pickles, honey and chutney, and Christmas cakes, mince pies and puddings. There will also be a good selection of crafts and cards, wreaths and possibly some veg. We are also happy to take orders, phone Lynne on 01558 668744. We are also always on the lookout for producers to join us particularly cooks. The Market is open every Friday morning from 8.30am to 12.30pm in Capel newydd Vestry

LLANDOVERY FLORAL ART SOCIETY

Christmas greetings to all our members present and past. I hope you are all continuing to cope with these very strange conditions we find ourselves living through and keeping well. It was lovely to see some of you in the recent flu clinics. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of those of you, who have not had a good year.

As many of you will know from Heather's emails she has been working hard to try and arrange some demonstrations for next year. It will be April, May at the earliest but it is better to be ready in case life is back to some form of normality. Everything will be arranged with great care. Let's hope for a better 2021 even if it is only the second half.

In keeping with our usual Christmas celebrations I thought I would set you a simple "quiz". This year it is a selection of anagrams of different flowers/plants. Have a go, but sorry you are on your own this year and there are no chocolates for the winners.

Answers in February?

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| list up | it's love | age I quail | wolf snakes |
| nose and lid | totems lie | steal mic | angry head |
| station pie | o mad girl | rain on act | |
| stones | thy chains | miss chatterer | |
| I must run at | rows pond | a bid duel | adorn pong |

Here is a simple but very meaningful verse on the importance of smiling!

When someone's having a bad day,
A smile could go a long way,
So make sure to put one on
And keep it until the day is gone.
You don't know what this deed
Could do for a friend in need.
It might save them from the pain
Of a sadness they cannot contain.
Don't ask what a smile can do
Because I'm sure it once helped you.

by Malek Meleka

Christmas cheers everyone. Happier New Year to you all.

Gina.

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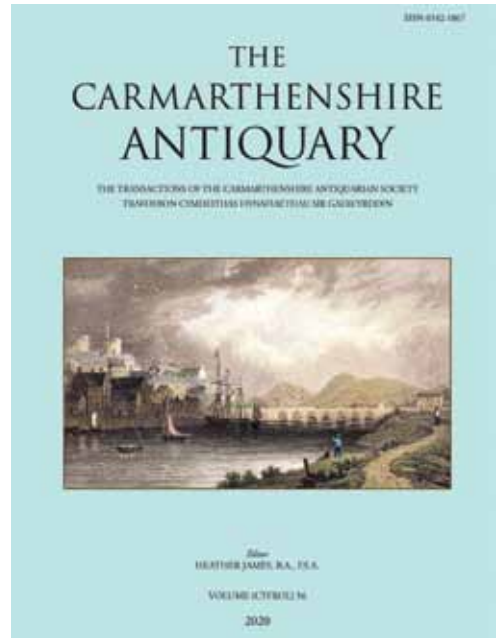
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NEW CARMARTHENSHIRE HISTORY PUBLICATION



The latest volume of its publication *The Carmarthenshire Antiquary* has just been released by the county's history and archaeology society, the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society. The publication is a long valued source of information about Carmarthenshire's history and archaeology.

The Carmarthenshire Antiquary will provide a wide variety of enlightening reading material to enjoy at a time of isolation and it could be a much appreciated Christmas

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gift. The extensively illustrated contents include articles on New Discoveries on the Roman Road between Carmarthen and Kidwelly, Llanelly Pottery 1840-1922, Lost Farms of Glangwili and Glyncothi, The Financial Fortunes of the Philippses of Cwmgwili and The Shipwreck of the De Brooders in January 1770 on Cefn Sidan Sands.

The publication is available free of charge for members of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society which encourages the study of the county's history and archaeology and has a programme of talks and visits to historic sites ready for commencing as soon as the epidemic situation will allow. The Society is also pleased to announce that its new President is Thomas Lloyd OBE DL FSA Wales Herald Extraordinary, author of *The Lost Houses of Wales* and co-author of the two volumes of *The Buildings of Wales* which cover the historic built heritage of South-West Wales.

More information about the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society and how to become a member or arrange a gift membership which will include *The Carmarthenshire Antiquary* will be found on the website www.carmants.org.uk.

MERCHED Y WAWR BRO PANTYCELYN

Er nad yw'r gangen wedi cwrdd fel arfer dros adeg y pandemic ofnadwy mae'r aelodau wedi parhau i gysylltu a'u gilydd ar hyd yr amser. Buom yn ffodus dros ben i fedru cynnal ein Cinio Dathlu Gwyl Ddewi yng nghwmni ein Llywydd Cenedlaethol, Meirwen Lloyd, ar Fawrth 11eg yng Ngwesty'r Castell yn y dre. Noson hyfryd, araith bwrsasol iawn gan Meirwen, bywd blasus a chwmni da a phawb wedi mwynhau yn fawr.

Nid yw pethau wedi bod yn rhwydd dros y misoedd dwetha a bydd raid i baw fod yn ofalus iawn dros y misoedd nesa, misoedd y gaeaf, am nid yw'r firws hyn wedi mynd. Gobeithio bydd pawb yn gofalu am eu hunain a'u hanwyliaid, ffrindiau, cymdlogion ac yn y blaen a chadw'n saff.

Dymuna aelodau Merched y Wawr Bro Pantycelyn Nadolig Dedwydd i baw a phob gobaith am Flwyddyn Newydd Dda iach a heddychol yn 2021.

THANK YOU

My neighbour Mrs Pamela Davies and myself would like to say a huge thank you to La Patisserie, Mr & Mrs Davies – Chemist, the Price sisters and the garage for keeping us supplied with food and medication.

This also includes all family owned shops for supplying us with any other necessary commodity we might need.

Once again, many thanks.

Monica Kettle, Rhandirmwyn

Ready Steady Go Ho! Ho!

The Christmas Tree lighting will go ahead in the village as always but sadly no gathering of friends, no partying in the garage and we all know why! Our beautiful spruce will be lit up so you won't miss it as you go by.

"Light Up Llanwrda" is the theme on Christmas Eve to celebrate CHRISTINGLE. The annual event originates from the German word meaning "Christ Light". In a little German village the minister encourage children to light candles on Christmas Eve – a simple symbol to convey the Christian message. A lighted candle – Christ Light or as we now know it, Christingle.

At 6.00pm on Christmas Eve you are invited to put lighted tea lights in jars in your windows, porches and gardens. Remember lights must be safe to use indoors.

We will light up Llanwrda.

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SADWRN STARTART

Christmas Greetings from my bubble to your bubbles! Hope you are all still keeping up with your art projects and your Christmas present list is full of arty essentials – just for you.

It will be wonderful to get back into Llansadwrn Reading Room on our Monday mornings for our get togethers. Now there may be a vaccine coming our meetings may be getting nearer than we hoped. Until then, keep enjoying your art, have a lovely holiday time and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021.

For more information on Sadwrn StartArt ... a group for anyone interested in any aspect of art: 01550 777622 Find us on Facebook too!

TOWY VALLEY CAMERA CLUB

Like many other camera clubs who have had to make significant adjustments to the way they operate due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Towy Valley CC has embraced the use of Zoom and will use it to run the programme for the foreseeable future.

Programme for November to December 2020.

December 14th: AGM

The club programme for 2021 is currently being developed taking into consideration the ongoing restrictions, and will be published in due course. Please visit our website for more up to date information.

If you are a newcomer to photography, the club has a wealth of expertise amongst its members, who would be happy to assist you with tips and techniques to help you improve your photographic skills. The club has much to offer both the experienced photographer, and new-comers, with a variety of guest speakers, to opportunities to enter your work in both club and inter-club competitions.

If you are interested in joining us at the club please visit our website at the following address, and register your interest using the Contact Us option. You could also visit our Facebook page, simply search for Towy Valley Camera Club.

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STYLISH KLOVER SMART 120 BOILER COOKER STOVE REPLACES OIL RANGE COOKER IN GOLDEN GROVE

A classic oil cooker with back boiler to heat this cosy cottage in the beautiful village of Gelli Aur (Golden Grove). While Mike and his family loved the look of their cooker, when it needed to be replaced, they searched for a greener solution. Switching from oil to wood pellets considerably reduced their carbon foot print. Not only is the system greener, the boiler also qualifies for the governmental Renewable Heating Incentive (RHI) scheme. Quarterly payments over seven years from this scheme will more than recuperate their initial investment..

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LET US PRAY

Our freedom has been taken,
In so many ways.
Restrictions, bans and losses,
Now haunt our days.
Grant the strength to help us,
In the months to come,
With a new year on the doorstep,
We pray in unison.
“Let us all be free once more,
Without this fear from shore to shore.”
Protect the medics everyday,
Who help the sick in every way.
Our thoughts are with the casualties,
Please stop it soon, this sad disease.
Let's hope a vaccine can be found,
So we can walk on firmer ground.
And hope that soon, our land we'll see,
Restored to right, as it should be.

Cheryl Tansley

The Last Gallery, Llangadog SHOP LOCAL SPECIAL EXHIBITION

*Tues 1st – Wed 23rd Dec 2020
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Mick Sheridan – Upholstery
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Julie has landscapes, abstracts, lichen and her recent lockdown paintings displayed and is also offering a 10% discount on her online YouTube tutorials.

Early bird offer 10% off all sales in first week.

Come and see us. COVID safe.

Happy Christmas Everyone

MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER 2020

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Macmillan fundraiser.

Even though we were unable to have a Coffee Morning this year we still managed raise an amazing £1,573. I can't thank you all enough.

This brings the total we've raised since 2013 to £13,173.

Thank you to Morris Isaacs, Ystrad, La Patisserie, Matthews Butchers and The Whitehall for all having collection boxes.

Hopefully things will be back to normal next year and we'll be able to get together again.

Keep safe and well everyone.

Thank you.

Beth Price

MERCHED Y WAWR BRO PANTYCELYN

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Nid yw pethau wedi bod yn rhwydd dros y misoedd dwetha a bydd raid i bawb fod yn ofalus iawn dros y misoedd nesa, misoedd y gaeaf, am nid yw'r firws hyn wedi mynd. Gobeithio bydd pawb yn gofalu am eu hunain a'u hanwyliaid, ffrindiau, cymdigion ac yn y blaen a chadw'n saf.

Dymuna aelodau Merched y Wawr Bro Pantycelyn Nadolig Dedwydd i bawb a phob gobaith am Flwyddyn Newydd Dda iach a heddychol yn 2021.

PostDatum would like to thank all of its drop points for continually accepting copies of The Post for distribution and also to all our readers and contributors for their constant support over what has been a difficult year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a

*Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

SPOT

It seems unbelievable that the Powell family of Llanwrda are facing the second anniversary of the disappearance of their much loved (and very distinctive looking) sheep dog Spot. Wednesday December 5th 2018 is a day date forever etched in their minds; the day when they took a call informing them the Spot had disappeared from another farm in Gwyfe SA19, where she was being trained as a sheepdog. Sadly, they are still no further on as to knowing what happened to Spot that day; unfortunately there was a 24 hour delay before the Powells were informed by the trainer. 24 crucial hours. Someone must know something.

It cannot be stated strongly enough that back in 2018 it was inconceivable that Spot would not be found or located. The Powell family have never, ever given up hope of finding Spot. Since that day so much has been undertaken and put in place in a bid to find her. They are extremely grateful for the huge ongoing support and help, that they have received from the local community and, also from further afield from people they have never met. Kindly enquiries from local people about Spot are very much appreciated because it means that people haven't forgotten about her; they have never wavered in their hope that one day she will be back with them, where she rightfully belongs. Spot was more than a working dog, she was part of the family. The more cynical might think that they are hoping for the impossible; however, Missing Dogs Team Wales (a volunteer group who are on Facebook) update followers with news of dogs returned to their owners even after an absence of longer than two years. Celebration of these reunions go viral on social media and this strongly suggests that people should never give up hope. It goes without saying that the Powell family will never give up on Spot.

So what has been done in a bid to find Spot during the past two years?

- A huge social media campaign spanning Facebook and Twitter; this is on going
- Messages and sharing of possible dogs similar to Spot



description have been followed up. These have come from all over the UK and Ireland

- An extensive poster campaign in the SA19 locality immediately after she was reported as missing
- A poster campaign in call centres in Merthyr and Cardiff and in the South Wales Valleys
- Scenting strategies were put in to action immediately, despite the 24 hour lag of the family being informed she was missing by the trainer.
- Dog tracking
- The following up of potential sightings locally.
- Food stations and night cameras were set up and checked every single day in all weathers
- Liaison with the Dyfed- Powys police force and the Rural Crime Team
- Legal advice has been sought
- Custom made banners displayed at key locations
- Adverts and articles in Countryman's Weekly and Agri Trader

Should you sight or become aware of a dog resembling SPOT, please don't attempt to call her or try to catch her under any circumstances. If you can get a photograph of her, that would be extremely helpful, but please do so safely and contact the owners on one of the following numbers: 07760 491131 – 07746 456502 – 01550 777589

There is a substantial reward of information leading to the safe return of Spot.

The Powell family would like to reiterate their gratitude for the on-going kindness and support.

 ID 137849

STILL MISSING

SPOT

Spot a young female collie missing since 5th December 2018 from Gwynfe near Llangadog SA19 area Wales.



Substantial reward offered for any information leading to her safe return.

Please ring
07760 491131
or 07746 856502

If found must be reported to the warden as required by law.

LLANDOVERY FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EVERYONE



Hope you are all keeping well and coping with life as well as is possible in these difficult times. It was lovely to see many of you in the recent flu clinics.

We were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend and Vice Chairman Roland Griffiths in October. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and all the family.

Having lost Esther Morgan at the beginning of lockdown we feel the sadness of their loss together, with their families and all their friends and will miss their company when next we get to meet up.

Sadly there has been no Harvest tea and no Christmas meal to look forward to and most importantly no opportunities for a friendly chat. We will have to make up for it next year, God willing.

So to make up for the spaces in your calendar here are some anagrams of Christmas songs/carols for you to have a go at, with a biscuit or a cake and a cuppa or even a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. The number in brackets is the number of words in the title.(kensquiz) Answers in February

THIS WARM ETHICS (2)
SONIC GAS KNOWLEDGE (3)
THY LION HOG (3)
RACY ADDITIVE ONLY SONIC (5)
HID HEALTHY NOVELTY (5)
THE CHALK SHED (3)
KNEEL DOTILY (2)
HANDWRITTEN BIKE MILE (4)
LIFT SHELTER NOW (3)
WORTHY JOLT ODE (4)
TO WISHY WAHY,RARE CRUMMIES (6)
JILL BEGS LEN(2)

I hope the poem from Mary has brought back some memories and raised a smile.

Mary, Pat, Angela and all the committee send their best wishes for Christmas and The New Year.



***Nadolig Llawen Pawb
a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.***



Gina

Since writing my Christmas greetings and sending them to Aaron, I have just received the sad news that Stan Baugh has passed away. Stan was another loyal member and very active President for many years. He like Esther and Roland will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Jean and the family.

THE PAST IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY

The Britain of my childhood
I see through rosy eyes
For us children in the fifties
Our limits were the skies

People seemed much kinder then,
Less hurried keen to smile,
And everyone was so polite
They queued in single file.

It's true there were wet summers
And often heavy fogs,
But in the cold, damp winters
Open fires burned fragrant logs.

Children's television programmes
Were broadcast just once a day,
But we youngsters never minded-
We went outside to play.

In cinemas they played the Anthem
As soon as films had ended,
And we each stood to attention,
All our realm defended.

That was Britain way back then
Like a distant fairy tale,
A pleasantly recalled dream
That is not Great Britain ow.

I suppose each generation
Will look back on years gone by
And they will too, be full of praise.
"It was all wonderful", they'll cry.

Claire Summer

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL THE LADIES IN LLANWRDA AND LLANSADWRN COUNTRY WOMEN'S GROUP

A strange year is coming to an end and another month without meeting together is passing.

Winter's more fun when we're all together!
Hopefully, with news of a vaccine in the pipeline, we can look forward to next year when we can all meet up again in Llansadwrn Reading Room for a jolly chat and get together.

As we have missed our meals out this year it will be special to plan some extra meals out for 2021 – this will be something to look forward to! Start planning now!

Best wishes to you all for a hopeful, happy and healthy 2021.

For more information on the Group call – everyone welcome: 01550 777622.

READERS' SALES & WANTS

are free of charge
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NO TRADE ADS

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- **Heavy Horse World magazines**, vgc, £5. Tel: 01550 777432.
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- **Ladies bike**, 26" wheels, Kettler 9 speed with lights, stand, carrier and extras, as new, cost new nearly £800, will sell for £195 ono. Tel: 07805 093803 (Llandybie).
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- **The Pottery Handbook and Handbuilt Pottery Techniques books**, excellent condition, £10. Tel: 01550 777796.
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- **Stool with ceramic top**, £10. Tel: 07770 777992 / 07872 509031.
- **Job lot spanners and Black & Decker drill**, £20. Tel: 07770 777992 / 07872 509031.
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- **Singer sewing machine**, hand operated. Please call 01550 722976 / 07770 994926.
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BRO DYFRI LOCAL MINISTRY AREA

The Coronavirus situation continues to affect the way that churches operate in Bro Dyfri.

Whilst a number of churches within the Local Ministry Area have opened for private prayer and public worship, the situation remains subject to sudden revision. Because numbers are strictly limited in accordance with Welsh Government regulations, it is important to phone your local contact to check service details and to book a place. This is particularly necessary in December when Christmas services are likely to fill up quickly.

Please note that for Holy Communion services in all our churches, Communion is only permitted in one kind, i.e. bread wafer.

LLANDOVERY GROUP

DECEMBER

St Dingat's, Llandingat

- 2 Dec 1.00pm Cymun Bendigaid Welsh
6 Dec 9.30am Morning Prayer
16 Dec 1.00pm Cymun Bendigaid Welsh
20 Dec 10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion
24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass

To reserve a place, please contact Gina Jones on 01550 720790 – bookings for Midnight Mass by 23 December.

St Michael's Myddfai

- 6 Dec 11.30am Holy Communion with Ven Dorrien Davies
13 Dec 11.30am Holy Communion
27 Dec 11.30am Holy Communion

JANUARY

St Dingat's, Llandingat

- 3 Jan 9.30am Morning Prayer
6 Jan 1.00pm Cymun Bendigaid Welsh
17 Jan 9.30am Holy Communion
20 Jan 1.00pm Cymun Bendigaid Welsh
31 Jan 10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion

St Michael's Myddfai

- 10 Jan 11.30am Morning Prayer
24 Jan 11.30am Holy Communion

LLANWRDA GROUP

DECEMBER

St Cwrdaf's, Llanwrda

- 6 & 20 December at 10.00am

St Sadwrn's, Llansadwrn

- 13 December at 11.00am

St Paul's, Manordeilo*

- 27 December at 10.00am
*Subject to confirmation

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

- 24 Dec 6.30pm in Llanwrda – Doorstep Christingle
24 Dec 11.30pm in Llanwrda – Midnight Mass
25 Dec 10.00am in Llansadwrn – Christmas Day Holy Communion

JANUARY

St Cwrdaf's, Llanwrda

- 3 & 17 January at 10.00am

St Sadwrn's, Llansadwrn

- 10 & 24 January at 11a.m.

St Paul's, Manordeilo

- 31 January at 10.00am*
*Subject to confirmation

CILYCWYM GROUP

DECEMBER

St Michael's, Cilycwm

- 6, 13, 20 December at 10.30am
25 Dec 10.30am Christmas Day Service
NB There is no service on 27 December

JANUARY

St Michael's, Cilycwm

- Every Sunday at 10.30am

TALLEY GROUP

DECEMBER

St Michael's, Talley

- Every Sunday at 11.00am

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

- 24 Dec 6.00pm Christingle
24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass
25 Dec 10.00am Family Service

St Sawyl's, Llansawel*

- First and third Sundays at 11.00am

Christmas arrangements for Llansawel will be circulated in due course.

JANUARY

St Michael's, Talley

- Every Sunday at 11.00am

St Sawyl's, Llansawel*

- First and third Sundays at 11.00am

Arrangements for the fifth Sunday at Llansawel are still to be confirmed.

LLANGADOG GROUP

- 6 Dec 11.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Advent 2.
13 Dec 9.30am St Cadog Llangadog. Advent 3.
20 Dec 11.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Advent 4.
24 Dec 11.30pm St Cadog Llangadog. Midnight Mass.
25 Dec 10.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Christmas Morning.
27 Dec 9.30am St Cadog Llangadog. Christmas 1 - John, Apostle and Evangelist.
3 Jan 11.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Christmas 2.
10 Jan 9.30am St Cadog Llangadog. Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Christ.
17 Jan 11.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Epiphany 2.

Church Services

E-English W-Welsh B-Bilingual

- 24 Jan 9.30am St Cadog Llangadog. Epiphany 3.
31 Jan 11.00am St Simon & Jude, Llanddeusant. Epiphany 4.

Service information will continue to be communicated through social media and community posters as well as by word of mouth.

Clergy will provide pastoral care by phone and in appropriately socially-distanced settings; services and reflections continue online and, for the foreseeable future, there will be a combination of church-based and online worship. For more information about your local situation please contact the following:

CILYCWYM GROUP (INCLUDING CILYCWYM, CYNGHORDY AND RHANDIRMWYN)

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Revd Viv Sayer 01550 777200
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LLANGADOG GROUP (INCLUDING LLANGADOG, LLANDEUSANT AND GWYNFE)

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

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Merry Christmas

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YOGA CLASSES: Cefneithin hall 6.00 – 7.15, Llangathen Hall wed 9.15 am, Fri 9.15 – 10.30am, Fri 18.00 – 19.15pm. All classes are being recorded on zoom if you can't make it in person for different reasons. Head to the website www.goldengroveretreat.co.uk if you would like to book on. These classes are a combination of vinyasa flow and yin yoga. 06/21(6)

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Advice Line, Tel. 03444 772020

LLANDEILO LIBRARY:

Tel: 01558 825323 E-mail: libraries@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Mon 09:00 – 17:00

Tues 09:00 – 18:00 (Staff available 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 18:00)

Wed 09:00 – 17:30 (Staff available 13:30 – 17:30)

Thurs 09:00 – 17:00

Fri 09:00 – 18:00 (Staff available 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 18:00)

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Mon 1.00pm – 5.00pm; Wed 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Fri 10.00am – 12.00am; 2.00pm – 6.00pm

COUNTRY MARKETS

Llandeilo: Fri, 8.30am – 12.30pm, vestry in Capel Newydd, Crescent Rd.

Myddfai: Last Sunday of each month 12.00 – 4.00pm. Tel: 01550 720449

Brecon: 2nd Saturday of month at the Brecon Market Hall, 9.30am – 2.00pm.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Llandovery: Open seasonally, Easter to Oct, standard hours 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Mon – Sat, High season, extended hours 10.00am – 1.00pm and 1.30pm – 5.00pm,

7 days, Enquiries to 01874 622485.

Llanwrtyd Wells: Tel: 01591 610666. 10.00am – 1.00pm; 1.30pm – 5.00pm

LOCAL POLICE

Tel: 0845 3302000. Crime Stoppers: Tel: 0800 555111.

TAXI SERVICES

Bridge Taxis, L'deilo. Tel: 01558 822093; Mobile: 07742 283325.

JM Taxis, Llanwrtyd Wells. Tel: 01591 620777.

Llangadog Taxis, Llangadog. Tel: 01550 779294.

Rays Taxi, Llandovery. Tel: 07775 210900.

Towy Taxi, Llandovery. Tel: 07544 624411.

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Tel: 0300 1232326.

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Tel: 01554 784080.

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11 Glamorgan Street, Brecon. LD3 7DW:

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BUS TIMES

(NOTE: SUMMARY OF MAIN SERVICES ONLY SHOWN.

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Llandovery – Llandeilo (289)

via Crug-y-bar, Llanwrda

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|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Llandeilo, New Road | 9.35 | Llandovery Car Park | 13.40 |
| Crug-y-bar, Community Cen. | 10.13 | Crug-y-bar, Dyffryn Anell | 14.04 |
| Llandovery Car Park | 10.41 | Llandeilo, New Road | 14.44 |

Golden Grove – Llandeilo – Carmarthen (277) Wed only

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| Gelli Aur Gelli Newydd | 9.10 | Carmarthen (Bus Stn.) | 13.45 |
| Ffair-fach | 9.15 | Abergwili | 13.53 |
| Llandeilo (Yr Hen Vic) | 9.20 | Nantgareidig (square) | 14.04 |
| Salem (opp. Angel Inn) | 9.30 | Felindre | 14.16 |
| Capel Isaac | 9.40 | Capel Isaac | 14.40 |
| Felindre | 10.04 | Salem (Angel Inn) | 14.49 |
| Nantgareidig (square) shelter | 10.17 | Llandeilo (Yr Hen Vic) | 15.00 |
| Abergwili (shelter) | 10.27 | Ffair-fach | 15.05 |
| Carmarthen (Bus Stn.) | 10.35 | Gelli Aur | 15.10 |

Llandovery – Llandeilo – Carmarthen (280/281)

| | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | 281 | All services operate Mon-Sat |
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| L'dovery(car park) | 7.00 | 8.50 | 10.45 | 12.20 | 14.00 | 16.25 | 17.50 | 19.10 | | |
| Llanwrda | 7.10 | 9.00 | 10.55 | 12.30 | 14.10 | 16.35 | 17.59 | 19.18 | | |
| Llansadwrn | 7.15 | 9.05 | 11.00 | 12.35 | 14.15 | 16.40 | 18.04 | — | | |
| Llangadog (Rhyd-y-Fro) | — | 9.14 | — | 12.44 | — | 16.48 | — | — | | |
| Llangadog (Common) | 7.24 | — | 11.09 | — | 14.24 | — | 18.12 | — | | |
| Cwmifor | — | — | 11.21 | — | 14.36 | — | — | — | | |
| Llandeilo, Capel Saron | 7.39 | 9.31 | — | 13.01 | 14.44 | 17.07 | 18.25 | 19.32 | | |
| Carmarthen | 8.22 | 10.14 | 12.12 | 13.44 | 15.27 | 17.45 | 19.03 | 20.02 | | |
| Carmarthen | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | 281 | 280 | | |
| Llandeilo | 6.05 | 7.20 | 9.15 | 10.20 | 12.20 | 14.20 | 16.20 | 17.50 | | |
| Cwmifor | 6.36 | 8.00 | 9.59 | 11.00 | 13.04 | 15.00 | 17.04 | 18.29 | | |
| Llangadog (Common) | — | — | 10.05 | — | 13.10 | — | 17.10 | — | | |
| Llangadog (Rhyd) | — | — | 10.17 | — | 13.22 | — | 17.21 | — | | |
| Llansadwrn (War Memorial) | — | 8.13 | — | 11.13 | — | 15.13 | — | 18.42 | | |
| 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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Timetables severely limited at present, only two trains each way every day, based on the normal Sunday service timetable (new May – December timetable) – please check with Transport for Wales for current service timetables and about refunds.

All tickets can be purchased online, on the train and from Llandrindod Station Ticket Office, Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5BE. Tel: 01597 822053. Also Llanelli Station Ticket Office (mornings only), Swansea Station and Shrewsbury Station. TfW mobile tickets can be sent straight to your Android or Apple phone. You just need to download the TfW app from the App Store or Google Play and select 'm-ticket' or 'mobile ticket' as your delivery option.

www.tfwrail.wales

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xx = Starts from Carmarthen