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# SCIENCE FACT FUELS CAMPAIGN TO STAMP OUT 'POLLINATOR- FRIENDLY' FICTION



- **The National Botanic Garden of Wales launches first pollinator plant logo scheme in the UK to be backed by DNA-barcoding science**
- **Being rolled out to growers & nurseries so shoppers are guaranteed eligible plants are loved by bees and other pollinating insects, don't contain synthetic insecticides and are grown in peat-free compost**
- **Aims to prevent pollinator decline and benefit other wildlife such as hedgehogs, sparrows and frogs**

A new campaign to protect pollinators will end the game of Russian roulette we play every time we buy a plant. NBGW-Final LogoFor the first time, gardeners are able to buy plants that are guaranteed to be good for bees and other pollinators.

The National Botanic Garden of Wales has launched its Saving Pollinators Assurance Scheme which is uniquely backed by the Garden's cutting-edge scientific research.

Head of Science, Dr Natasha de Vere explains:

"Lockdown has seen a massive growth in gardening with many more people spending extra time and money buying plants to make their gardens more wildlife-friendly, without realising the plants could contain residues of synthetic insecticides that are extremely damaging to pollinators and to our environment.

"There are so many labels out there in garden centres and other stores that advertise plants as being bee-friendly or pollinator-friendly when there is often not much evidence of their benefits.

"A team of scientists here at the Botanic Garden have been using DNA barcoding to investigate which plants honeybees, solitary bees, bumblebees and hoverflies visit. Our new Saving Pollinators Assurance Scheme harnesses this 17 years' worth of research, and makes its results accessible to gardeners."

There are already 23 participating

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growers and specialist nurseries signed up to the scheme and they are using the new 'Saving Pollinators' logo. The scheme's organisers hope the concept could, in the future, be rolled out to other parts of the UK and are calling on the horticulture and garden retail industry to take note.

The Assurance Scheme is being run by the Botanic Garden's 'Growing the Future' project. GTF Science Officer, Dr Kevin McGinn said: "The pollinator plants assured by our scheme are not only backed by scientific evidence but have been sown, grown and nurtured by a range of passionate growers in a peat-free and synthetic-insecticide-free environment. Consumers can be sure that these plants are not only attractive to pollinators but have also been grown in an environmentally sustainable way."

On the issue of peat, Kevin added: "The use of peat compost is still widespread but its use is very environmentally damaging. Its extraction from the ground destroys precious habitats and allows vast amounts of carbon dioxide to be released, contributing to climate change. Peat also holds enormous amounts of water, so its extraction increases vulnerability to flooding. Our new assurance scheme covers only plants that are grown peat free."

The drastic worldwide decline in vital pollinating insects is partly caused by the use of neonicotinoids and other pesticides.

Research confirms that even plants labelled by retailers as 'pollinator friendly' can contain potentially toxic pesticides. Buying plants grown without synthetic insecticides will help prevent pollinator declines and also benefit insect-eating wildlife such as hedgehogs, sparrows and frogs.

Says Dr de Vere: "This new campaign is all about highlighting what gardeners can do to improve the odds for insects but we need a huge awareness-raising campaign about current horticultural practices so consumers are empowered to do the right thing."

"Look out for our Saving Pollinator Assurance Scheme logo on plants in garden centres and specialist nurseries across Wales, including in the Garden Centre here at the Botanic Garden. It is the only pollinator plant logo in the marketplace that is backed up by science and the only one that assures buyers they have made an environmentally sustainable choice."



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## PadmaSamBhava Yoga and Meditation Centre

The summer is now drawing to an end and we should have been looking forward to attending our yoga classes at the Centre, but sadly this is still not possible as life continues on in its 'topsy turvy' way. However, we must not let ourselves be downspirited as we all learn to adapt to such different ways and times. All at PadmaSamBhava hope that you are well and have been able to share these longer days with some of your friends and family as 'lockdown' continues to open up a little. Indeed, as time goes on, it is even more important to remain positive and continue to do your yoga practices.

PadmaSamBhava has given some Zoom classes which have been well received. The classes have run smoothly and so far technical fears and phobias overcome. Students have enjoyed greeting their classmates once again and seeing the Yoga room. The Centre is now working on a timetable for Autumn Zoom classes. The last session of this year's one-year course, 'The Golden Thread: Sadhana and the Rhythms of Nature' will be held on September 12th.

Thankfully all is well at PadmaSamBhava and the Centre looks forward to a time when all will be able to enjoy the classes in person again. PadmaSamBhava is there for students old and new and would like to remind you how important your Yogic practices including meditation are, so please do keep these up. A few simple stretches can help release tension in the physical body and breathing practices with awareness can make a big difference to the state of our minds, our health, as well as relax the body. Please do call the Centre if you need help and guidance.

The Centre is chanting the healing manta at 6 pm 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](mailto:mail@padma.org.uk)

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It is with deep regret that following an assessment of the current and anticipated COVID 19 restrictions that the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Royal Welsh Winter Fair. The event is the last major event in the Society's calendar and was to be held on the Royal Welsh Showground on 30th November and 1st December.

This decision follows the cancellation of the 2020 Smallholding and Countryside Festival and Royal Welsh Show and will have a significant impact on the Society and all stakeholders. Despite some optimism around the ongoing releasing of restrictions, the Trustees came to the conclusion that the event could not operate safely within the law covering social distancing and guidance affecting mass gatherings. There are no plans to allow large gatherings or reduce the 2m rule in Wales in the near future.

Steve Hughson, the Chief Executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society said:

"Everyone at the Society is deeply disappointed that all of our major events have been cancelled this year. However we take our responsibilities as an event organiser very seriously and must play our part in fighting this pandemic.

The Society would like to thank our members, traders, exhibitors, competitors, sponsors and all stakeholders for their understanding and patience during this period of uncertainty. We will keep you fully informed regarding any further developments in what is an unprecedented situation.

We are all working hard to ensure that the Society and its events come through this crisis and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our showground when it is safe to do so."

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## BETHLEHEM SNIPPETS



At the time of writing, the Old School remains, sadly, closed due to the Covid-19 situation.

The Sunday takeaway however is proving to be extremely popular with local residents, with anything up to thirty lunches and occasionally more being packed up and collected every Sunday from 12 to 2pm, along with home made puddings and cakes.

We hope to continue with this venture into September, or for as long as we feel that there is a demand for it.

At the moment, it shows no sign of declining!

We offer a choice of ready boxed up salad based lunches – quiches, savoury tarts, potato pie, roasted gammon, pates, seafood etc – all hygienically packaged and ready for customers to collect at a time to suit them.

The menu is published on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bethlehemcymru](http://www.facebook.com/bethlehemcymru) every Monday evening, and displayed on the community noticeboard in the village, so take a look and if you fancy something a bit different on a Sunday, get in touch with your menu choice, contact Nia on 01550 777254, or email [niaclement@aol.com](mailto:niaclement@aol.com)

September is when Bethlehem traditionally hosts a very successful and popular Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Unfortunately this year, due to the current crisis, Linda Court and her team of volunteers who do such a great job of organising this extremely well supported event, have decided that the practicalities of hosting it in just a few weeks time are not feasible, so sadly, it will not be happening.

Instead, Linda is asking for donations from those local residents who would normally turn up to support the cause, so that at least some money can be handed over to this amazing charity, until they can stage a bumper fundraiser in 2021.

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**WOMEN'S GROUP**

It will come as no surprise that the September 7th meeting in Llansadwrn Reading Room has been cancelled. We will all miss the presentation by Menna as she recalled her amazing Marathon Challenge Run in New Zealand 2020. We will also miss the cancelled October 5th presentation by Elin Wyn Murphy from Wales Air Ambulance that we were all looking forward to hearing. All meetings are now cancelled until Spring 2021. An update on new dates for 2021 group meetings will be found in The Post. Looking ahead to 2021, we'll re-invite those speakers who have missed out this year and maybe we'll even get in our visit to Llandovery on the Heart of Wales train and hear the talk by Lisa Denison in the station cafe. Lots to look forward to! If anyone needs any further information about the Group please phone 01550 777622.

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# HISTORY OF LLANDOVERY LUNCHEON CLUB

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The meals were cooked at the hospital and collected by volunteers which is still ongoing.

The first venue for the Luncheon Club was the Catholic Hall and volunteers from various organisations of the town helped every Tuesday.

When the Catholic Hall was being renovated the college offered their help so the Luncheon Club moved to the college for a few months.

I retired from nursing in 1997 so Mrs Messenger asked me to help.

In January 1998 the Red Cross withdrew their services and Social Services CCC took over and Mrs Messenger retired, so I was asked to take over and the club was increased to twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday.

We now had a minibus and a very helpful driver who picked up the members.

There was a warden controlled estate at Dolau Bran and a very convenient community hall so with the help of the social worker, we move the club to Dolau Bran in 2001. Crockery and cutlery etc was provided also a dishwasher was installed.

We now organised talks etc after lunch and also had two or three trips out after lunch. These were very happy times for members and volunteers to socialise.

In 2010 CCC withdrew their services and the minibus. This was a great problem for the club. How could we continue? All the clients coming to the club were very anxious as they all enjoyed. We were serving at least 50 meals a week. At that time I approached the WRUS to see if they could support us. They agreed to take over the responsibility of the club.

There was another problem, we had no finances. I approached the Town Council and also the Rotary Club and we were also supported by various organisations of the town.

The Rotary Club donated a monthly amount up to the lockdown so we are very grateful to them for their support over the years.

We are also grateful to Towi Taxis for their help.

In July 2019 we celebrated 40 years and we were very happy to welcome HRH the Duchess of Cornwall to join us

in our celebrations. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a very enjoyable occasion. We also had one of our members celebrating her 100th birthday. Over the years we have celebrated many birthdays.

So in 2020 owing to the lockdown we had to close the club. After five months we all miss the social side and also the delicious meals provided by the hospital. Thank you to them for their dedication over the years and thanks to everyone who has supported the club, especially all the volunteers who have been very dedicated.

I don't know when the club will open, but I and many of the volunteers have decided to retire, so if there is anyone who would be interested in organising the club I'm willing to help. Contact number 01550 720056.

Both Ivor and I have enjoyed our 22 years of retirement.

In 2005 – 2007 Ivor was mayor of the town. We were very honoured of this position and did our utmost for the community.

In 2008, RUS celebrated their Diamond Jubilee and I was very honoured to be nominated as a Jubilee champion. Ivor was a CC for 13 years and in 2011 Ivor was chairman of CCC for 1 year. This was a very busy and enjoyable year. We raised a great amount for our 3 charities.

In 2013 I was awarded the BEM for my services to the community. I was very honoured to accept.

Both Ivor and I have had an enjoyable and busy 22 years of retirement, so we now feel this is the time to step down and take a back seat.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us over the years.

Good luck to everyone who is involved in community work, may all the organisations in the town recommence soon so that we are able to socialise once again

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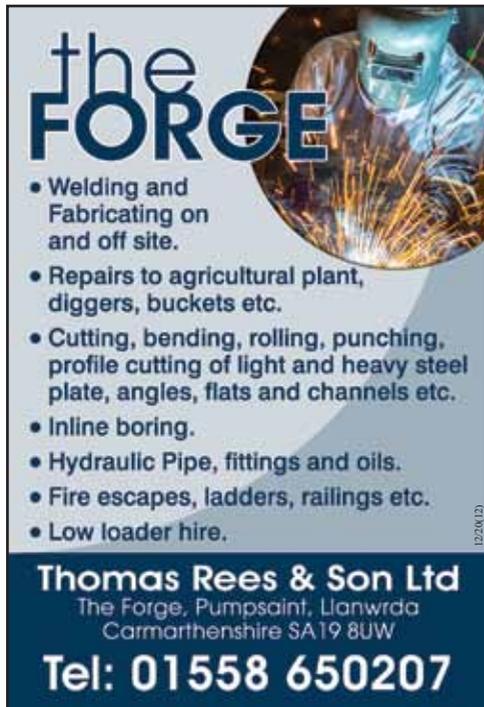
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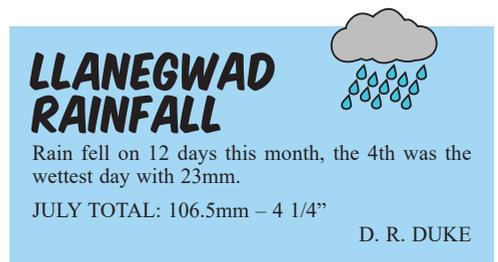


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Appointed in September 2019, the Llandovery College Warden, Dominic Findlay, said:

"I am delighted with this year's results, which have been accredited via both an internal and external moderation process. Students and staff handled the Covid 19 period with much credit ensuring that courses were completed and that the College sent exam boards hugely detailed evidence for each student across all subjects.

"Our top performing three students gained 6 A\*s and 6 As between them and a host of other students achieved a minimum of 2 As and, as a result, we have seen our A\*-A percentage increase to 50% meaning that half our students results were at the top grade tiers this year. This is a fantastic achievement, especially when you consider their commitment to our substantial co-curricular programme throughout their two years in Sixth Form.

"Students have gained places in Russell Group universities, three are now entering Medical Schools, some the world of professional sport, whilst others have decided to take up apprenticeship opportunities or delay their entrance to university for a year.

"We are disappointed that a number of grades have been impacted negatively following the WJEC and other exam board processes and many of these will be appealed in the coming weeks. The UK now has three different approaches to the accreditation of exam results, depending on where you live, and this urgently needs reviewing so that all students gain the results they, and we, believe they were capable of achieving. The last minute decision to use AS grades in Wales gives little credit for those students who improve during Year 13, which in reality is the majority.

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## DROVERS RETURN BY HUW S THOMAS

The coronavirus pandemic may have decimated the sporting world but Llandovery like many clubs in the Welsh Premiership have been planning for the return of rugby.

“When that might be in the lap of the gods” said Drovers head coach Euros Evans “but we must be ready for a restart and make plans accordingly”

“We are all desperate to start training together and are waiting for the go ahead.”

“We are hoping to get started in October, training in small groups and then in November doing some social distancing team training.”

“Full contact training is pencilled in for December and we would like to play some friendly games over the Christmas period.”

“Fingers crossed that the Premiership might start up in January 2021.”

“We have lost two influential players from last year’s squad in Jack Maynard and Richard Brooks but we have recruited well enough to minimize their loss”

“Fly half Jack has moved on to Cardiff and No 8 Richard has retired and it was important we address their departures.”

To that end Evans has brought back an old Llandovery favourite in James Garland who returns to Church Bank after a five year playing spell with Aberavon.

He played 100 games for Llandovery 2011-2015 and scored 684 points from fly half.

The 32 year old Garland has been appointed player coach, responsible for directing operations from fly half in both training and match play scenarios and will work in harmony with team attack coach Gareth Potter.

One of Garland’s tasks will be to bring on the development of very promising fly half Ryan Williams, son of former club captain and centre Geraint Williams.

Potter moves from defence coach to attack coach which will now be the responsibility of former Llandovery flanker Lloyd Phillips who rejoins the club after a short coaching spell with Llanelli.

To replace former skipper Richard Brooks was no easy task but Llandovery’s back row options will be further

strengthened by the signing from Cardiff of Lloyd Pike and the return to Church Bank of former skipper Phil Day.

22 year old back row Pike is well known to Coleg Sir Gar Director of Rugby coach Evans as he was a very successful former college captain under Evans.

Day was thought good enough to turn fully professional before taking time off from the game for business reasons.

The 29 year old and former captain played 158 games for the Drovers 2011-2017 and was in the side that won the 2016 Swalec Welsh Cup.

He and Pike join back rowers Joe Powell, Stuart Worrall and Shaun Miles to form a very effective quintet for Evans to choose. There is also the added bonus in the light of the retirement of lock Rhys Jones that both Powell and day are equally effective in the second row.

Four more promising back rowers in Llandeilo’s George David, the Llangennech pair Sam Melmouth and Jordan Saunders plus Tom Davies will be standing ready for an opportunity.

Other significant signings are full back Will Thomas and wing Ashley Evans.

Wales 7s squad member Thomas is another former Drover and returns to Wales after a spell with England Championship Rotherham. The startlingly quick Thomas had an outstanding season at Church Bank in 2015-2016, scoring 10 tries from full back in 26 appearances and was in the 2016 Cup winning side.

Evans – brother of referee Craig Evans - is a former Wales U20 international who played in the 2013 U20 World Cup final. He has had spells at Neath, Llanelli and Bridgend and will vie for a place on the right wing.

Others hoping to make an impact are props Liam Tobias (Neath) and Will Carron-Lewis (Aberystwyth), wings George Thomas (Cardiff Univ), Tom Richards and Ben Griffin (both Brecon) and centre Shane Davies – son of former dashing Llandovery centre Tracy Lewis .

Another change in management sees yet another former Drovers centre and captain return to Church Bank in the shape of Mathew Jacobs who will help Ian Brooks on the conditioning side of things.

Llandovery will also have the benefit – when available - of some Scarlets.



*Returning Drovers James Garland (left) and Phil Day who return to Church Bank for the new season*

Wings Callum Williams and Harri Doel, back row Iestyn Rees, lock Morgan Jones, prop Harri O'Connor and hooker Dafydd Hughes will make occasional appearances with the agreement of the Scarlets management.

Euros Evans's goal is to improve on last year's fourth and finish in the top three of the Premiership.

"We lacked that little bit of consistency and let ourselves down once or twice in games that slipped away from us." said the coach.

"The season ahead has a lot of question marks hanging over it and we are all in the dark on how it is going to pan out but we are all champing at the bit to get going - whenever that might be!"

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## FIVE GENERATIONS



The picture was taken on the occasion of our (Jayne & I) 40th Wedding Anniversary on 9th August 2020. With the exception of Great Great Grandmother Anne Marrey, who was born in London, they are all born and raised in Llandoverly. Anne is known to many in Llandoverly as Anne the Bear following her time in the pub which at the time was run by her parents Mary & Nathaniel Richards. As is the custom in Llandoverly daughter Jayne was also then known as Jayne the Bear – a tag that began to fade when we got married but I still hear on occasion. Many, many years later Gemma also worked for a time in the Bear but has been spared the suffix, at least to date. Caitlin appears to have broken the mould and is currently working as a nursery nurse in Carmarthen.

Elen Charlotte is our most recent addition at 10 months and all of the above mentioned are on her staff in one form or another – as indeed am I.

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Sadly, as we all know, this ain't over yet. Not by a very long way. We are learning to live with it, but we have still got a lot of learning to do. Every one of us.

But ..... life goes on:

What a result we had when we auctioned the Welsh Rugby shirt donated by Wyn Jones.

Last year Wyn, the Wales loose head prop from Clynmawr Farm, Cilycwm came along to Rotary and gave a superb talk on his life beginning with growing up on a Cilycwm farm, going to school in Llandovery, becoming a Junior Drover and then going on to play 25 times for Wales (and rising fast). It was a wonderful address from Wyn, who along with possessing enormous strength and skill is truly a really nice man. Following his talk he presented the then President Mickey Gough

with a Welsh Rugby shirt signed by the Welsh Rugby World Cup Squad. A brilliant and extremely generous gesture from Wyn.

With COVID 19 seriously restricting what we could do with this fantastic gift, Mickey decided to ask the club if we could auction it and give the proceeds to the League of Friends Llandovery Hospital. It was passed unanimously. This was in appreciation of the absolutely superb care given to us by the Llanfair Surgery and Llandovery Hospital at all times, but highlighted spectacularly in this current virus ridden climate that we live in today. With Wyn's permission it was put on ebay to auction and with great help from Mickey's race horse owning partner Sue Teague from Shropshire this is what happened. The shirt was framed by Howell Whitney at the Old Printing Office at no cost.

To everyone's absolute astonishment and delight Wyn's Jersey was bought for £3,401. Yes, three thousand, four hundred and one pounds! An absolutely staggering figure.

The buyer wishes to remain anonymous and we totally respect that but to avoid speculation we can say that the buyer lives outside Carmarthenshire. To the buyer, on behalf of everyone in this community we offer you our heartfelt thanks.

The cheque was handed over to Dr Rees by means of a socially distanced, masked and gloved passing of a rugby ball with cheque attached. The ball was passed from Wyn to our last years President Mickey, then on to nurses Sue and Emma and finally on to Dr Rees who caught the ball expertly on the turn. Also present were Dr Neil Windsor-Jones and Dr Alun Davies. A brilliant result for all concerned. Good luck for the new season Wyn.

Barry Clement of Red Dragon Cleaning & Restoration fame is one of life's good guys. He is a very successful businessman and is the Rotary Club's best organiser. Every good club needs a Barry Clement. He is an extremely hard working man. His day starts before 6am but after a full day he can still find time to Chair the Llandovery Sports Association which has taken over the Castle playing fields which are in superb condition and is a mainstay of the thriving Llanwrda Cricket team. In recent years Barry has become an extremely good and valued friend of mine. Barry is the 'Brains' behind our biggest events. Whether it is working with members of Llandovery Young Farmers to organise the fantastic DroverFest or in charge of our brilliant James Bond Casino night in the Castle Hotel, Barry is our 'go to' man. I'll let you into a little secret here. Shhhhhhh



The Welsh jersey donated by Wyn Jones which raise £3401 for the League of Friends Llandovery Hospital.



The presentation, by the passing of the rugby ball with cheque attached. Socially distanced and gloved & masked up!

..... But don't tell anyone ..... Promise? But looking ahead to 2021 we are looking at organising something very similar to that blockbuster James Bond Casino night again. This one will leave you really shaken, and stirred. However, Barry agreed to be put in that little room with the bright spotlight shining right into his eyes and be interrogated about his life. There are some very revealing answers here which I am sending off to a top psychologist for analysis.

Here is this most revealing interview with Barry:

### Where were you born?

Bridgwater in Somerset 20th August 1956. My father was born in the Rhondda – Maerdy to be precise, hence my strong allegiance to the Principality. “Born in England, refined in Wales” to quote Tony Copley (former Welsh Lock).

### Hobbies?

Ale, red wine, cricket and rugby (watching now) and of course, my beloved Rotary.

### Best day of your life?

Two days in truth: The day I married Sandy (my best friend) and the day I was told I had fathered twins (now 34 – both of them).

### Ambitions?

At nearly 64, I have realised already most of my ambitions, but I would love to go the Caribbean and Australia for a Test match cricket tour, as well as Sri Lanka. I have been fortunate enough to have been on two British Lions Tours 2001 to Australia and 2009 to South Africa (where I have lived for 6 months in 1993). Amazing experiences. Sport is important in my life.

### Best holiday?

My honeymoon in 2007 for several reasons but mainly the experience of visiting some stunning places. 1st week we stayed in Raffles Hotel – Singapore (Sandy was born there to Celtic parents). 2nd week we flew to the island of Lombok in the Indonesian Ocean and stayed in the Oberoi Resort in an apartment with stunning views and absolute privacy. Last and 3rd week, we went on a small cruise to Malaysia and several of the Thailand islands. Blessed am I.

### Sporting achievement?

Being a cricket fanatic and a very poor ‘social player’. My proudest moment was actual scoring a 50 against Midsomer Norton Methodists in 1983. I guess the liquid lunch I enjoyed prior to the match assisted my effort. I was captain as well – great to lead from the front!

### Sporting regret?

I have very few regrets in my life fortunately but the one that really does hurt, is never having enjoyed the feeling of hitting a ‘6’ in cricket. Despite playing for nearly 50 years (well turning up and occasionally captaining).

### 3 guests you'd like for dinner?

Nelson Mandela – Fortunate enough to have visited Robin Island where he was incarcerated for 27 years and eventually honoured with a Nobel Peace Prize. I am in awe of this man and his humility.

Tom Hanks – To me the most complete actor. You can never refer to him as stereo typed.

Mum – Well she knew how to entertain and what dishes to serve and how to keep conversation flowing. An inspiration in my life in this world and hopefully she is inspiring others in the ‘life here after’, bless her.

### Childhood heroes?

Jeff Astle (WBA and England footballer). I am embarrassed now, but I did love football when I was at school and I did manage to score a few goals as a left winger. Which reminds me of another hero – Tony Currie (Sheff United, Leeds & QPR as well as England). Now, I cannot stand all the overpaid ‘Prima Donnas’ that play this game professionally – sorry if that offends football lovers. Talk to me if you are offended and I will explain. Rugby has become the new passion since moving here in 1993. Strangely enough on my birthday 27 years ago. Please tell me I have now qualified as being Welsh.

### Car you'd love to own?

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### Your hopes for Llandovery?

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### **Beer or wine?**

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### **Best day out?**

Being in the Principality Stadium when Wales beat France 16 - 9 to secure the Grand Slam in 2012. We even became recording artists as Paul Child’s back up singers. Me and 74,000 + others. I was actually sat next to Aled Williams (Llandovery, Bridgend, Swansea and 2 x caps for Wales) and his wife. Of course, I had to have a cwtusch with Mrs Williams. I did warn her before the game in readiness. Ever the gentleman of course!

### **Best advice to a child?**

Simple – Respect your elders. ‘We have all been here before you guys, we know stuff’.

### **Hopes for the future?**

To live until I am least 100. Don’t require the telegram from Royalty. Just love the thought that I can make the magic number. Of course, I need to be able to wipe my own butt, otherwise I may have to re-think this one.

### **Sporting heroes?**

Sir Ian Botham – Outstanding cricketer. In fact in my mind, on par (nearly) with Sir Gary Sobers. When Beefy took the field, you needed to watch, it was usually unmissable action, whether fielding, bowling or batting! I have different views about his off-field activities by the way. As Captain he was cr.p (not very good). All rounders do not make good Captain’s in my view. Unless your name is Adrian Davies (Cwmcowddu). Well now, there is a man!

Nigel Mansell – F1’s true racer. Not gifted with the best car like a certain Mr Hamilton. He would take a car and push it to extremes unlike any other driver of his time. Yes, he would ‘occasionally winge’, but an absolute racer, through and through! The best British driver by a mile, as far as I see it.

### **How would you spend your ideal day?**

Simple – A day in my garden. It is the best stress relief that the ‘Good Lord’ ever invented. Oddly enough, I still love work. So one day I will get to live my dream of idyllicity. No rush from my part - Sundays alone work for me at present.

### **If you had to live in another country which one would it be? And Why?**

I moved here in 1993 (Land of my Father). I have no desire to move anywhere else, thank you. I love Wales and Llandovery particularly.

### **You can spend an evening with any actress. Which one?**

Rain check – as I am sure my wife will read this, sorry. P.S. I have always adored Meryl Streep. 2nd best looking woman ‘in the world’. Guess whom I think is the first?



*Our big events organiser Barry with his lovely wife Sandy.*

Thank you Barry. That was most illuminating!

If there is anything in the above interview that you find disturbing then please feel free to write to Barry DIRECT.

Anyway, if this is the beginning of the ‘new normal’ we in Rotary are learning with you. A few of us met for a socially distanced meal outside in the car park of a local hostelry recently. Well, what a strange, unsocial, bizarre and weird experience. We were all two metres apart, fine if you are talking to your nearest colleague but if you attempt to talk to a person 3 seats away then that is 6 metres away. 20 feet! You then have to raise the volume of your voice to such an extent that the poor chap sitting next to you is unable to join in the conversation as he is covering his ears to avoid instant and acute deafness. And if there are others talking across the table at the same time it resembles a raucous, drunken wedding party after midnight arguing over football, politics and sex! Not nice!

Oh, and when someone asked ‘Pass the salt’ it had to travel about 40 metres!

We in Rotary are longing for the days when we can do what we do best. Raise money and distribute it to local good causes. Having raised and donated over £100,000 over the last 10 years to these local good causes we feel we are being denied this opportunity. And of course we are. This, together with our Tuesday evenings spent having a meal together and a couple of pints afterwards (for those that way inclined!) is, we feel, what we do best. It is the Coronavirus that is denying us. Personally I will be delighted when I can report that this is what we are doing again. Raising money and distributing it. And until this evil, hideous, killer virus leaves us we, like everyone else hope that a cure can be found quickly and we can return to those good old days. Oh, how we miss them.

Ah well, that’s another month gone. Another month nearer the end, hopefully, of this awful, devastating, horrible virus. Another month nearer the end of this nightmare of year 2020.

I am going to stay up on New Year’s Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves us! ..... Roll on next year.

See you next month.

Derek Jones.



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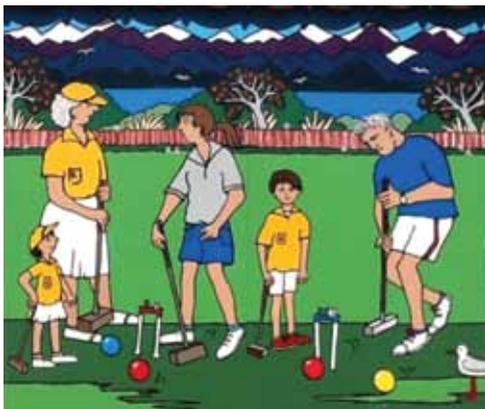
While the Ramblers group for this area, Dinefwr Ramblers, is regretfully still unable to resume offering its full range of led walks because of the continuing Covid-19

epidemic, members have been clearing footpaths, reporting problems and providing some shorter walks with strict adherence to safety measures which are being followed by all Ramblers groups across Wales and the rest of Britain.

The Ramblers organisation is also maintaining its work to protect the rights of walkers, lobbying government to provide more funding to improve the conditions for walking and drawing attention to the value of walking for improving health and wellbeing which is so particularly important now. And it is worth noting that walkers who join the organisation to support this work will receive a range of membership benefits and will be kept informed of what the organisation is doing to promote walking.

To find out more about the activities of Dinefwr Ramblers and the benefits of becoming a member of the Ramblers organisation, visit the website [www.dinefwrramblers.org.uk](http://www.dinefwrramblers.org.uk)

# LLANDOVERY CROQUET CLUB



Croquet Club members have continued to enjoy regular Tuesday and Thursday afternoon games on the Llandovery bowling green throughout August, despite some extreme weather conditions. Before our season ends, at the end of September, we hope to have matches arranged with Cardigan, Llanidloes and Bridgend Croquet Clubs. In order to comply with the current regulations teams will be limited to 4 per side and we will not be able to enjoy the usual communal lunch. However the matches will be just as competitive!

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The Myddfai regular classes have started up Yoga on Tuesday evenings 5.30pm-7pm, Pilates on Thursdays 9.45am-10.45am, please get in touch about our Stained Glass classes as a date for restarting had not been set at time of going to print but will be hopefully be back up and running very soon. Please contact us for more information.

For further information on classes & events or to book or view the hall please contact Les at [les@myddfai.org](mailto:les@myddfai.org). Mobile 07879119223 or Hall No. 01550 720449

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# TOMMY JONES



*Tommy's obelisk on the shoulder of Corn Du.*

A familiar story to many, but what is little known is that little Tommy Jones' maternal grandmother was a Llandovery girl, Mary Davies. Then in Maerdy, her daughter, Ann Davies marries William Jones and they have a little girl followed a year later by a little boy, Tommy.

It happened 120 years ago this month. Little Tommy Jones awoke excited for the day ahead. His father was taking him to visit his grandfather and cousin in Cwm Llwech farm in the shadow of the Beacons. Having caught the train to Brecon, Tommy and his father began the long walk south towards the farm. After a few miles father and son stopped at an army camp for refreshments, and there they met the grandfather and cousin. The older cousin and Tommy went on ahead to the farm to warn nan to get ready...they were almost there!

On the final leg of the journey Tommy got fearful without his father and so the cousin directed him back to the camp whilst he continued to the farm. Somehow, in the short walk back to the camp Tommy got lost. He was found twenty-nine days later on the shoulder of Corn Du.

The family was obviously distraught. Tommy's mother Ann was six-months pregnant at the time and the weeks from the disappearance to the finding of his little body must have been horrendous. Beyond words. How would the family survive? How can families survive such tragedy?

In this case, there was hope. Probably very difficult to fully understand, but there was hope. Not a hope that is wishy-washy and a 'maybe hope', but a certain hope. By the time little Tommy was found on the 2nd September all hope of finding him alive was gone. But the deep faith of the family, which had also witnessed a tragic mining disaster, had caused them to look beyond the grave with a special hope. The photograph shows Tommy's grave. Here are the words:

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'O'r Bannau yn Brycheiniog,  
Aeth Tommy bach i'r nef;  
Aeth adref at yr Iesu,  
Lle byth ni chollir ef.'

'In the Beacons in Breconshire  
Little Tommy went to heaven;  
He went home to Jesus,  
Where he will never be lost.'

The family had a sure hope that Tommy would be with God, and that one day they would see him again. Not a 'hope so' but a 'hope know' based on faith in God. The tragedy still existed. The depths of loss were still felt. But the hope was real, and in due course became the strength to face their tomorrows.

Following the heritage of Tommy's Llandoverly grandmother, Mary Davies, we are rediscovering the value of a hope that is certain. A genuine hope for life as well as death. A hope that walks hand-in-hand with peace, and even with joy in tough times.

In William William's Memorial Chapel our text for August is: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf."

A fuller account of the story with newspaper accounts from the time can be found at <http://daibach-welldigger.blogspot.com/2020/08/the-little-lost-boys-1-tommy-jones.html> or just pop welldigger Tommy Jones into a search engine.

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## LLANWRDA CRICKET CLUB

This year's cricket was severely affected but Llanwrda 1st XI did play in a mini-league. So there was a small return to normality in August. It was nice to hear the sound of leather on willow and the typical banter between players again, even if it has to be done from a distance! The fixtures were against: Llandeilo, Pontyberem, Drefach and Kidwelly.

Llanwrda started the short season in a similar way to how the 2019 season ended – with a victory over Llandeilo at Castle Fields.

On 1st August with Llanwrda having to bat first, things were looking rosy at 49-1. However a quick flurry of wickets soon saw Llanwrda in deep trouble at 51-7 thanks to a combination of some good bowling and rusty batting from the Llanwrda players. One player who certainly didn't look worse for wear was Owen Davies who hit an enterprising 46 not out who, along with a nice cameo from Carwyn Jones (16), saw Llanwrda reach a total of 124-9 from their 40 overs.

Llanwrda's bowling attack instantly got to work in the visitor's response, and had Llandeilo on the ropes at 24-4. The wickets kept on tumbling with Llanwrda eventually bowling Llandeilo out for a total of 74. There were notable contributions with both William Thurtle (3-4) and Garan Williams (3-13) taking three wickets each, as well as a couple of wickets for Steff Roberts too (2-5), which proved to be too much for the Llandeilo batsman!

Thanks to Llandeilo for a good spirited game between the two sides.

It was a sweltering hot day in Pontyberem for the match on 8th August, where a very youthful Llanwrda put in a valiant display against a strong Pontyberem side.

Asked to field first in the midday heat, Pontyberem took the attack to Llanwrda, but were halted by two quick wickets for skipper Adrian Davies. The runs continued to flow however, and with the score at 143-2 Pontyberem looked likely to put on a monster total, but with William Thurtle removing the two set batsman in consecutive balls, with one falling to a superb diving effort from Garan Williams, there was a change in momentum. However, Pontyberem eventually managed to put on an good total of 205-8.

Missing many of our top order, the chase was always going to be hard, and despite resilient knocks from both Osian Nicholas (33) and William Thurtle (32), Llanwrda were eventually bowled out for 122.

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recognition. Nigel Clarke made his debut for Wales Over 60s against Somerset on 2nd August. Club captain Adrian Davies played his first match for Wales Over 50s against Pembrokeshire Veterans at St Ishmaels CC - top-scoring with 47. Congratulations to them both.

We offer all girls and boys - aged 5 and over - a chance to play this great game.

Please contact Gwynn Davies about the juniors on 07956 14 74 64 or LlanwrdaCC@gmail.com for more details, or just search online for "Llanwrda Cricket." We are also on Facebook. Come and join us.

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.

### LLANWRDA C C BONUS BALL WINNERS

08/07/20	30	Stuart Davies
15/07/20	49	No winner
22/07/20	19	Jon Lodge
29/07/20	51	No winner
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If you've visited my bookshop and Fair Trade shop in Llandeilo, you'll know just how small and crammed it was, and very difficult to make safe, made more difficult on a personal level as I care for my partner & Dad who were both shielding.

So, I've come up with plan B.

I've moved everything back to the market garden in Llansadwrn. The bookshop is now appointment only which makes it very safe for customers and staff, you get the bookshop to yourself for a minimum of an hour, heaven, if you're a booklover like me.

I also sell Soil Association approved organic compost, Franchi seeds and veggies from the market garden.

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The stylish Klover Smart 120 fitted perfectly into the space of the existing range. The stove and oven segments allow the couple to cook in their favourite spot. Jane is particularly keen on slow cooking and Welsh cakes fresh from the hot plate are delicious!!

Elegant and with the burning flame visible the Klover Smart 120 forms a warm and attractive centre point of their kitchen. The system is user friendly,



highly efficient, clean and gives them a chance to reduce their carbon foot print drastically.

David and Jane like to get up to a warm house and go to bed with a warm house, which they can now achieve easily by pressing a few buttons on the controls or even programme heating times from afar via the Internet due to its automated features.

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# ADVICE ABOUT FLU VACCINATION IN 2020 FROM LLANDOVERY SURGERY

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Everyone is susceptible to flu, even if they are in good health and eat well.

Flu immunisation is one of the most effective interventions we can provide to reduce harm from flu and pressures on health and social care services during the winter.

The impact of flu on frail and vulnerable people can be fatal and outbreaks can cause severe disruption to families, communities, care homes and hospitals.

You can be infected with the virus and have no symptoms but you can still pass the flu virus to others.

The demand for flu vaccine is expected to be higher this autumn because of concerns about COVID-19, which is likely to be co-circulating with flu.

Llanfair Surgery will deliver the programme according to the guidelines on social distancing which are current at the time. Surgery staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Shielding and social distancing will mean that delivering the flu vaccine this year will be more challenging for us all. Details about this year's venue, safety measures and session dates will be published when arrangements have been finalised. We expect sessions to begin in early October.

Vaccination is free for patients who fit the criteria below and are registered with Llanfair surgery, (other surgeries make their own arrangements). We are only supplied with enough vaccinations to give to this group of people.

Anyone aged 65 and over.

Anyone aged 6 months to 64 years' old who:

- has disease which affects their lungs, heart, liver or kidneys
- has Diabetes
- has neurological illness
- has a friend or relative who relies on them for their care
- is pregnant
- is a carer
- is a household contact of those on the NHS shielded patient list
- has a disease, or takes medicines which suppresses their immune system
- and all children aged 2 or 3yrs i.e. born between 01.09.16 and 31.08.18

All children in primary school will be offered the vaccine by the school nursing service.

We have been informed that patients aged between 50 and 64 years are likely to be offered flu vaccine under the NHS flu vaccination programme following the prioritisation of other eligible groups and subject to vaccine supply – probably during November and December 2020.

People who are employed as carers in care homes can be vaccinated in pharmacies free of charge.

## READERS' SALES & WANTS

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2. Margaret Davies
3. Gethin Lloyd
4. Helen Wood
5. Ann Hughes
6. Sandra Davies
7. Rhys Long

### APRIL

1. Bryn Price
2. Heulwen Jones
3. Joyce Boxall
4. Dominic Davies
5. Elan Lewis
6. Clive Waters
7. Julie Douglas

### MAY

1. Denise, Maesglas
2. Lorraine Davies
3. Eirlys Faulkner
4. Dylan Davies
5. Richard Thomas
6. Tony Byard
7. Ruth Rees

### JUNE

1. Millie James
2. Kelly Thomas
3. Blessyn holgate
4. Jac Morgan
5. Tudor Jones
6. Sheila Davies
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Visitors to any of our churches will notice immediately that (temporary) adaptations have been made to ensure a 2m social distance. Cleaning procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of each and every visitor, including clergy and volunteers.

We would be delighted to receive prayer requests, either for inclusion in broadcast services or in the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. Clergy continue to offer pastoral care by phone and in appropriately socially-distanced settings; services and reflections continue online and, for a while at least, there will be a combination of church-based and online worship. For more information about your local situation please contact the following:

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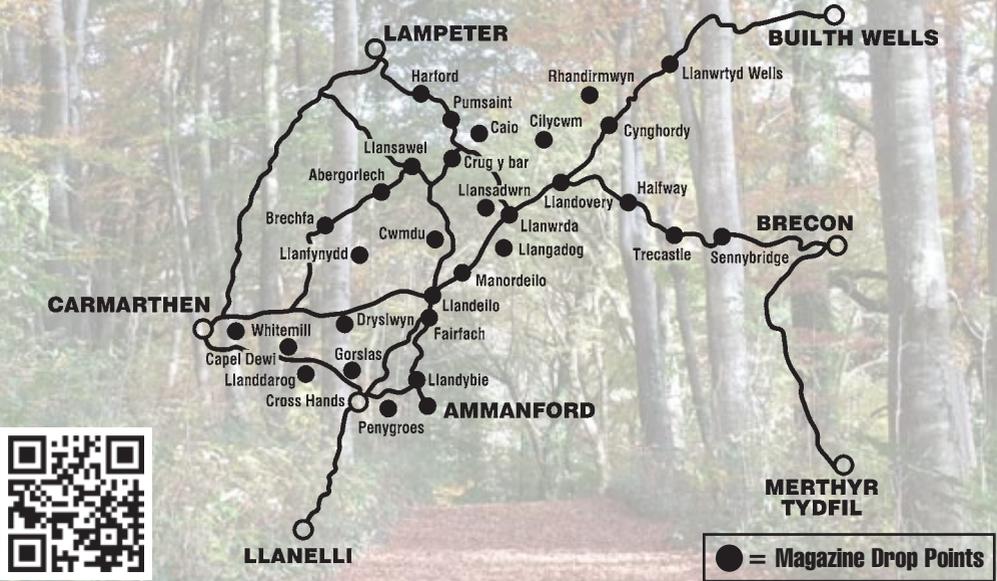
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# Noticeboard

## CARMARTHENSHIRE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

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Mon 09:00 – 17:00

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

Thurs 09:00 – 17:00

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### LLANDOVERY LIBRARY:

Tel. 01550 721626

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.

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

### TAXI SERVICES

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11 Glamorgan Street, Brecon. LD3 7DW:

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**Traveline: 0871 200 22 33**

## BUS TIMES

(NOTE: SUMMARY OF MAIN SERVICES ONLY SHOWN.

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### Llandovery – Lampeter

via Llansawel (A - 288) or Pumsaint (B - 289)

Llandovery (Car Park) A 9.15 am (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Llandovery (Car Park) B 12.50 pm (Mon & Fri only)

Caio Post Office B 10.55 am (Tues & Thurs only)

### Golden Grove – Llandeilo – Carmarthen (277) Wed only

	Wed	Wed
Gelli Aur Gelli Newydd	9.10	Carmarthen (Bus Stn.) 13.45
Ffair-fach	9.15	Abergwili 13.53
Llandeilo (Yr Hen Vic)	9.20	Nantgaredig (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
Nantgaredig (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	All services operate Mon-Sat
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	11.29	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	13.31	15.21	17.29	18.50	
L'dovery(car park)	6.58	8.36	10.41	11.36	13.46	15.36	17.44	19.05	

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## LLANDOVERY SWIMMING POOL Tel: 01267 224733

Day	Time	Activity	Day	Time	Activity
Mon:	11.00am – 11.45am	Group Splash	Thur:	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming
Mon:	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming	Thur:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming
Mon:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	Thur:	2.00pm – 3.55pm	Private Booking
Mon:	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Disabled Session	Thur:	3.55pm – 6.00pm	Wave/Splash Lessons
Mon:	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	Thur:	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming
Mon:	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Family/Lane Swimming	Thur:	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Canoe Club
Tues:	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming	Fri:	7.30am – 8.15am	Lane Swimming
Tues:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	Fri:	8.15am – 9.00am	Recreational Public Swimming
Tues:	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Private Booking	Fri:	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming
Tues:	4.00pm – 5.30pm	Wave/Splash Lessons	Fri:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming
Tues:	5.45pm – 7.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	Fri:	2.00pm – 2.30pm	Group Splash
Wed:	7.30am – 8.30am	Lane Swimming	Fri:	4.00pm – 5.30pm	Wave/Splash Lessons
Wed:	8.15am – 9.00am	Recreational Public Swimming	Fri:	5.30pm – 6.15pm	Family/Lane Swimming
Wed:	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming	Fri:	6.15pm – 7.00pm	Adult Lessons
Wed:	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	Sun:	9.30am – 11.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming
Wed:	3.55pm – 6.30pm	Wave/Splash Lessons	11.00pm – 12.00pm	Recreational Public Swimming	
Wed:	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Family/Lane Swimming	12.00pm – 2.00pm	Family/Lane Swimming	

## Train Times (Heart of Wales Line)

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** – The Welsh Government has confirmed the essential travel restriction on public transport has been lifted, opening up trains and buses to more potential passengers.

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.

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Tel: 03457 484 950

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x = Service stops on request

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