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"A Warm Welcome in the Hillside"

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WELCOME to Issue 8



Christmas feasting was long behind us when Winter served up an unexpected main course but Goretta was definitely not a variety of pasta, as Richard vividly describes later in his article what landed on our plates. On top of rain, wind, snow, floods and fallen trees we've experienced water supply outages, localised power cuts and continue to endure (to borrow from the famous Beatles song) enough local (pot)holes to fill the Albert Hall Llandrindod! But this is being written as signs of Spring break through and, despite all, Llanbister keeps smiling through with maybe just a few wry grins and launches itself into a new year with activities traditional and new. Now into our third year, perhaps *Tidbit* will also become a tradition but that partly depends on you, the reader. Please **feed back** your comments and suggestions, questions for our local history writers, interesting snippets of your own or even a complete article! By the way, we wonder whether many children read *Tidbit* and/or do the puzzles, colouring, etc? Should we try to make it more interesting to young people?

That brings us to distribution: we are still trying to iron out a few glitches and make sure all addresses in the community are served so apologies if you haven't received copies. Some people have enquired about receiving by email instead or as well as a printed copy – if you would like it by email please send a message to the *Tidbit* address including your name and postal address. By doing so you will be giving permission for your contact details to be used solely for purposes relating to *Tidbit*. If you are a bit more technical you can scan the QR code below with your phone which should open your email directly.

Please let us have **contributions**, including articles, announcements you would like to share such as births, marriages, deaths, special anniversaries and achievements, etc, which should be submitted about 1 month before the next publication date to allow ample time for editing and printing, either as handwritten/typed contributions to 1 School Meadow, Llanbister LD1 6TN, or by email preferably in plain text or Word format to **llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com** (don't forget the 2 in the middle or your email will vanish into a bottomless electronic pothole!).



Deadline for inclusion in the next edition (June to August 2026): **1st May 2026**. If you'd like to promote a local business, demonstrate goodwill and maintain our sustainability with an advert, please get in touch. Donations are also gratefully received. Payment & donations to: Llanbister Community Council 40 26 21 account no. 41048619

TIDBIT back numbers - we would like to think copies of *Tidbit* are already so collectible no-one wishes to part with them, but if you do have an unwanted copy of Issue 2 (September - November 2024) we would welcome it to fill a gap in the archives. **Thank you!**

GARDENING TIPS *from Jude at Rock House*

Spring at last! So lovely to know that the days are getting longer and it's time to spend more of your days outside getting the garden ship shape and growing so here's a few jobs to get on with in the coming weeks.

The hardy shrub **Dogwood (Cornus)** provides brilliant value for money through the year coming into it's own in the winter months with a glorious display of those coloured stems which are available in yellow, orange, green, red and black tones.

Around late March is a good time to hard prune dogwoods. When your shrub is over say 2 years old, cut back to around 15cm from the ground to promote a bushy specimen or cut back to around 60cm from the ground for a less bushy plant. Remove any very slim stems so the remaining stems get all the plant's energy and regrowth is strong.

Lavender should be pruned in late summer after it has flowered but early spring is also a good time to light prune lavender to remove any winter damage but remember, NEVER cut into the old bare wood as this will not regrow.

Daffodils will be starting to fade now so as the flowers die off, pinch them off (dead heading) and pop them on your compost heap. This stops the plant from putting all its energy into making seeds so there will be energy left for the bulbs to survive through the year and perhaps divide themselves too.



Seed potatoes need to be chitted about 6 weeks before you plan to plant them. So maincrop potatoes need chitting about now for April / May planting. **What is chitting?** After you've bought your seed potatoes from your garden centre, you can put them in an egg box with the 'eyes' pointing upwards. Put the box in a light frost free place and wait for them to develop small growths. They are ready for planting when the growths are around

2cm long.

And finally, don't forget to take pleasure in your garden or outdoor space and notice what's growing, what a delight and what has made you smile.

Happy gardening everyone and don't forget to check out www.ngs.org to see what gardens are open for the National Garden Scheme near you (including ours!) – a great way to contribute to nursing and health care charities as well as get some inspiration for your own garden.



**Rock House opens again this year on
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June 2026**



CALENDAR

CATCH UP CLUB

March 4th	Library talk & Natalie (Massage in Llanbister)
March 18th	Mid and North Powys MIND
April 1st	Dominoes with Helen
April 15th	Bingo with YFC.
May 6th	Bake off
May 20th	Llanbister Show Crafts with Janice



LLANBISTER COMMUNITY HALL & HUB

Regular activities

Beer and Bowls	...and Pool and Dominoes! First Thursday of the month from 7-11pm
Badminton	Wednesday with Tracy Lewis 6.00-7.30pm
Lily Rose Massage	Every 2nd Wednesday in Hub from 9.00am-4pm. Massage therapy & Nails with Natalie Scarlet in the Hub (booking essential)
Pool League	Every other Wednesday, 8.00pm start (full League details and tables available from Hall)
Whist	First and third Friday of the month.

Events

March 8th	Cantal YFC entertainment, 6.30 for 7.00pm
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To book the Hall or Hub, contact:
Tracy Lewis 07495 827360 or Joni Hughes 07508 048681

CHURCHES

St Cynllo's No services currently planned. Check noticeboards for any changes.

Pound Chapel

April 2nd	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
June 14th	Church 130th Anniversary Service and tea 2.30 pm

Regular services held weekly on Sunday at 2.30pm



3rd & 4th March	Parents Evening
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Inset Day
13th March	Eisteddfod, Community Hall at 2.00pm
20th March	Red Nose Day
26th March	Year 3- 6 Cross Country, Builth Wells
30th March-10th April	Easter Holidays
20th April	Stick 2 Percussion Workshop - Whole School
7th May	Year 5/6 Visit to Llandrindod Magistrates Court
13th May	Year 3-6 Trip to Theatre in Cardiff
21st May	Hay Festival
22nd May	Sports Day
17th June	Rags to Riches collection (PTA)

ST CYNLLOS CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

St Cynllo's Church celebrated a memorable Christmas Eve with a beautiful candlelit service attended by 75 worshippers. The evening began with tea and fellowship at the community hall, setting a warm and welcoming tone for the night's events.



From the hall the congregation processed by candlelight to the church following the star carried by Steve Thomas as a lovely symbol of the journey to Bethlehem. Rev Jonathon Copus led the service supported by a team of dedicated readers - Beverley Kemp, Gwyn and Menna Thomas, Heidi Davies, Tommy Lewis, Allyson Thomas and Janice Horne. The collection plates were carried by Paul Lewis and Harry Nicholls and the musical accompaniment was provided by organists Catherine Lewis and Janet Thomas.



Llanbister School PTA

We are a small committee of parents who support the school with extra funds to provide more learning opportunities, activities, resources, equipment, travelling/transport cost and much more.

Our February Rags to Riches collection made a total of £67.63, collecting 62 bags in total. Thank you for all your contributions. Our next Rags to Riches collection is on **Wednesday 17th June 2026**.

We have an Easter bingo planned, date to be decided.

Every year the PTA support the school and our little learners with over £2,000 worth of educational materials and other bits along the way. All the funds that are made at all of our events are very much needed, so a big thank you to the community for your continued support, we really appreciate your help.

Keep an eye on the Llanbister Facebook page for upcoming fundraising events.

We have a lovely school and community which we are all very proud of!

Thank you all,
Llanbister School PTA (Fundraisers)



LLANBISTER CP SCHOOL

Head Teacher's Report

Since our last update, school life has continued to be as busy, positive and purposeful as ever. This term, our learning across the school has been shaped through the lens of diversity, helping pupils to understand, value and celebrate the differences that make our community — and the wider world — such a rich and interesting place. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, children have shown thoughtfulness, curiosity and kindness as they explore new perspectives.

We have also enjoyed some exciting visitors. One particular highlight was a visit from Upbeat Dave, whose energetic and engaging sessions brought music, movement and smiles into school. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and enthusiasm grow as the sessions progressed.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Llangrannog in February. This much-anticipated trip will give pupils the opportunity to develop independence, teamwork and resilience while enjoying a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. It promises to be a memorable experience and an important part of their learning journey.

Across the school, classrooms remain full of enthusiasm, creativity and hard work. Whether through lessons, enrichment activities or playtimes, school continues to be a happy, welcoming and busy place to learn, where children are encouraged to do their best and support one another.

As always, we are grateful for the continued support of our families and the wider community, and we look forward to sharing more news with you soon. Diolch.



BIG BREAKFAST



Hall committee thanks everyone for attending a lovely social gathering in the Hall on 31st January. We served 96 'Welsh breakfasts' including eggs from local farmers and raised £522!

Farmhouse Breakfast Week is an annual, community-focused gathering held in the UK during the last week of January, designed to connect farmers and rural residents around a traditional breakfast and showcase local seasonal produce when possible.

Llanbister School Governors



Llanbister C P School Governors were delighted to welcome our new parent Governor, Mrs Kelly Blackshaw to our last meeting of 2025.

We will be bidding Mrs Jen Bright farewell from her position as LEA Governor in February's meeting. Our appreciation to Jen for her input over the past four years. We are of course thrilled that Jen has come aboard the teaching staff at the school so we will not be missing out on her loyalty, expertise and passion for all things educational.

We are hoping to make progress towards the appointment of Jen's replacement on Governors with the help of Geoff Morgan our local councillor, who is working on that task.

March is always a jubilant month at school, with World Book Day, the Annual Eisteddfod, Cross Country competition, to mention some of the activities and of course Parents Evenings.

Planned Governors Learning Walks include Mathematics in March and Language and Literacy in May. The Humanities Walk of last term advised that all learners had a good understanding of Humanities topic studied, supported by speaking to the learners and looking at their books.

The budget this school year continues to be healthy, we foresee no change in that positive position when we submit annually before beginning of May.

Our thanks to all who support the work of the school in Llanbister. As a community we know these months ahead require an increased intensity of work on the farms due to lambing etc. however the importance of school life for our learners remains our priority. Throughout the early part of 2026 it's been evident that illness, snow and road closures have led to a small decrease in attendance. January certainly was a challenge in all those areas. We are grateful to all our staff and those who support them for keeping the school warm and dry, and the playground safe from ice.

*Rebekah Meredith
Chair of Governors*





COUNCIL CHAMBER NEWS

Cabinet approved a new funding formula for schools. We were told there would be winners and losers, but no answer as to who. I believe there should not be any losers. I am also concerned about funding for ALN (Additional Learning Needs) in schools.

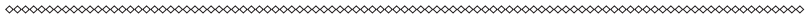
Potholes remain a big issue: I have assurances that at least some of our local ones are scheduled to be filled but I am lobbying the Council to acquire a special 'JCB Pothole Pro' machine. Meanwhile, a 4.9% Council Tax increase has had to be proposed and is likely to be adopted.

Lastly, a photograph for which there wasn't space in the last issue, with the Chair of Flintshire County Council, Mel Buckley. As mentioned, I represented Powys County Council at an All-Wales Civic Service in Wrexham on 14th September.

Geoff Morgan

County Councillor for Ithon Valley Ward

Vice Chair of Powys County Council



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CHURCHYARD UPDATE

Liz Bowen, Church Warden

The churchyard has faced challenges in recent weeks with Storm Darragh and January's snowfall causing damage to several trees. Work is ongoing to clear debris and restore grounds.

Despite the winter weather, signs of new life are on the way: daffodils, tulips and snowdrops have been planted by Brian, Elsie and myself ready to brighten the churchyard in the coming months. When the weather and ground conditions improve we plan to add wildflowers to further enhance the yard for visitors and wildlife alike.

Liz, Elsie and Brian bend to the plough in the churchyard



TIDBIT QUIZ

IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE SPRING

1. Who assassinated Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis on 4th April 1968?
2. In 1746 where did the English army of the Duke of Cumberland defeat the Scottish army of Bonnie Prince Charlie?
3. How did Olympian, Susan Brown, at 6st 12lb (44 Kilos), become famous as being the first female to do what in a particular springtime sporting event?
4. What was the name of the war between the French and English that commenced on 24th May 1337?
5. What is the name of the first man in space in April 1961?
6. In May 1796, Dr Edward Jenner discovered a vaccine for which deadly disease?
7. Name the steam ship that was built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in April 183 that cut the sea crossing to America by half?
8. What 268 mile walk between 2 pubs was officially opened in April 1965?
9. Which former Conservative Prime Minister died in April 2013?
10. Name the BBC TV presenter who was murdered near her front door step in Fulham on 26th April 1999?

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Llanbister Best Kept Village (BKV)

Our role within the community is to maintain and improve the aesthetic view of the village for the benefit of the local community and visitors to the area. Over the past 4 years or so we have maintained the planting in the existing troughs and tried to improve the appearance of verges and grassed areas.

For 2026 BKV is becoming involved in a collaborative project with The School. The idea is to reduce the cost of new plants by propagating seeds and seedlings, taking cuttings from existing plants and growing our own supply of new plants. Time is of the essence and to get the project going we need seeds, seed trays, plant labelling kit, canes for support, small and medium sized plant pots for continuation of growth. We have plenty of greenhouse space but seek **donations** of any of the above items. If you are able to assist us please contact **llanbisterbestkeptvillage@gmail.com** (note, this replaces the old bloomingllanbister@outlook.com address) or alternatively any donations can be dropped off at **1 School Meadow Llanbister**.

We also announce, following its success last year, another **Fundraising Scratchcard** with a great Easter-themed prize! £1 per entry. The card will circulate around various groups and places in the village, or get in touch to pick your squares! Thank you!

David Horne, on behalf of the BKV committee

CHILDREN'S CORNER

COLOUR IN THESE LOVELY EASTER EGGS!



Thanks to www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

A Tale of the Unexpected...?

THEN CAME STORM GORETTI

by Richard Ford

A Bible verse in **John 10:10** makes reference thus: **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.** This very dramatic scripture does not pull any punches in its content or delivery. It refers to an individual or individuals intent on doing robbery, murder and destruction. It also hints of unexpectedness surprise and unawareness. Do you ever consider where the names for these ever increasing storms come from? Or who dreams up the names? Storms for each year are named as part of a collaborative effort between the Met Office and partners in Ireland and the Netherlands. **Storm Goretti** was named by **Meteo France**, given that the brunt of the bad weather was expected to be felt in France. The word's origin stems from an Italian virgin saint of particular importance to the Catholic Church. **Storm Goretti** came as a thief in the night, killing stealing and destroying, reaping havoc throughout Cornwall, Devon, **Wales** and the Midlands depositing the heaviest snows in a decade, with hurricane force winds and causing significant damage, **with two fatalities** and power cuts to over **65,000** homes. It also brought train and flight movements to a standstill. **Goretti was considered one of the most impactful storms in decades. with long term damage to properties. trees and infrastructure.**

But what of **Powys** and in particular **Llanbister**? Power cuts were inflicted upon homes within the region and the snow created havoc for travelling. Over 70 schools including **Llanbister**, were closed. The **A483** between Newtown and Llandrindod Wells was shut in the early hours of Friday morning, January 9th. In particular, the road, between **Dolfor** and **Crossgates**, was closed with trees identified as being at risk of falling along the route, particularly in and near the village of **Llanbadarn Fynydd**. **Caerfaelog Lane** a rural lane in the village was blocked by the uprooting of two old trees near Upper Caerfaelog Farmhouse, necessitating drastic tree cutting by professionals. I am sure there were other incidents within the village and surroundings that I am unaware of, that individuals had to deal with. **More importantly, how did it impact you the reader?**

Living in what was formerly Newhouse Farm for over 25 years we, like many families living in isolation, have experienced expected and unexpected deluges of snow (**and some have been far more intense that Storm Goretti**). With the unchecked combination of heavy snow and high winds, the access to our dwelling, RWT car park and Upper Caeglas, can quickly become blocked resulting in many feet of snow that no amounts of shovelling would remove (a **JCB** would, however!). Without boring you, I recall previous years when our shopping was placed on sledges and left to gently slide down the undulating mounds of blocking snow, only for the contents to spill out halfway down the steep hill requiring regathering and replacing upon the sledges. Subsequent efforts were helped with the liberal usages of bungee wires and clips to ensure the contents stayed in situ. One of the most ironic events we faced however, was the occasion of my son going on a school skiing holiday, requiring to meet a coach at around 21:00hrs. This necessitated manhandling a large suitcase and others uphill in darkness using head torches, over a snow assault course of 7-10 foot snowdrifts to get to our vehicle above. This was duly achieved with much effort and prayer! To add further injury, when these efforts were explained to both teachers and

pupils, the response was both disbelief and laughter. I can also add that the rendezvous was some distance away with no snow in the vicinity.

To return to **Storm Goretti** - being aware via various internet weather sources of the impending storm's potential intensity, on Thursday evening we wisely left one of our vehicles at City Shop courtesy of Mr Derek Bruce and, in doing so, observed Mr Martin Gayther of Little Moelfre delivering round bales to the various metal containers for his stock. As a further precaution a second vehicle was left by the barn near Collins Caravan site, with previous experiences necessitating this procedure! In the knowledge that if the road was blocked by snow, we would be relying on **PCC** for that **JCB**! We also had a further vehicle parked at our farmhouse. Friday morning 9th January revealed the full extent of the storm, which clarified we could not move the vehicle parked at the house! (1) Because of the volume of the snow and (2) The intensity of the wind that brought down 3 trees across our track which would necessitate liberal use of a chainsaw!. However, we had to check outside world's accessibility, which we did by donning ski-wear and walking up our track past RWT car park up the tarmac road to where our second vehicle was parked. This trek achieved 3 things: (1) It clarified the tarmac road was completely blocked, (2) It improved our waistlines, (3) It exhausted us, as navigating an uphill snow assault courses is no joke! Our trek was executed on the Friday afternoon and when we arrived at our vehicle, we observed that **angels**, in the forms of a **tractor and snowplough**, had already cleared an access from the barn past Lower Caeglas towards City Shop. I believe we have to thank and acknowledge the **Godwin Family** for their efforts in achieving this. Thank you very much! However, we were still left with the problems of clearing the steep hill and removing the fallen trees down our track. Cutting a long but true story short, 2 requests to **PCC** for assistance, together with photographic evidence, resulted in a **JCB** appearing and clearing the snow blockages, much reduced due to rain, on Tuesday afternoon. The following day gave access for Mr Bruce with his experience in logging to carefully remove the fallen trees. I say carefully, as some of the branches were resting on upon our telephone/internet wires. The positive side of this, was a substantial increase to our wood stockpile, but of course we will have to wait until they are fully seasoned. In conclusion, snow is truly a mixed blessing. It can transform the landscape into unbelievable beauty that begs to be photographed and captured for posterity, but with the intensity of **Storm Goretti** it went beyond beauty which can, as recorded, kill and destroy with devastating results. Experience tells us to be fully prepared!



☀️ LLANBISTER TI A FI ☀️

We run every Friday morning throughout term time, 9:30 - 11:30 at Llanbister village hall - attached to the school. Fortunately due to funding we are currently FREE to attend! Our preschool group includes a craft activity and snack for every child but most importantly a hot drink for parents/guardians

We are a small, friendly, voluntary group who love to see new faces both attend and get involved with the running of the group.

For more information we have a Facebook group 'Llanbister Ti a Fi'

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ANSWERS TO TIDBIT QUIZ - ON PAGE 11

1. James Earl Ray
2. Battle of Culloden Moor
3. She was the first female Cox in the Oxford v Cambridge University Boat Race.
4. 100 Years War
5. Yuri Gagarin
6. Smallpox
7. SS Great Western
8. Pennine Way
9. Margaret Thatcher
10. Jill Dando



OLD NEWS

from Jennifer Lewis

Sadly, stories don't change much...

SAD DEATH THROUGH COLD.—On Wednesday evening, January 8th, Mrs. Mary Price, wife of Mr. Price of Cattleball; Llanbister, left home at five o'clock to go to a shop about a mile from her home. Her husband went to meet her about eight o'clock, and found her on the side of the road, unable to move. She was taken home and a doctor sent for, but she died in a few hours. The weather was very cold and the snow was falling fast at the time deceased was found. Great sympathy is felt in the neighbourhood for Mr. Price and his family. Deceased was only 25 years of age.

POLICE COURT, THURSDAY WEEK

Wellington Journal, 18th January 1879

TO THE PUBLIC.
WHEREAS, ELEANOR, the wife of me, JOHN PRICE, of Caleb's Land, in the parish of Llanbister, in the County of Radnor, hath eloped from me without any just cause. *This is to give Notice* to all persons, in all places, not to trust her, or give her any credit on my account; for if they do, I hereby declare that I will not pay any debt that she may contract after the date of this Notice. As witness my hand this eighteenth day of May, 1835.
The mark ✕ of JOHN PRICE.
JAMES WILLIAMS, } Witnesses.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, }

Hereford Times, 23rd May 1835

A GIRL LOST ON THE RADNORSHIRE HILLS.—A girl named Fanny Smith, aged eleven, was lost on Thursday evening on the Radnorshire Hills. She was returning from school at Llanbister, a village about three miles distant from her home. The evening was very foggy, and it is feared that the girl, having lost her way, has succumbed to the cold.

Edinburgh Evening News, 15th January 1883

CANTAL YFC

Another busy 3 months for Cantal, casting you back to November, where our members competed in Radnor's Public Speaking weekend. Coming into their element we took home some silver across the board! With Maisey, Ellen and Milly winning the junior public speaking competition, and congratulations to Ellen winning the best individual speaker. Will Lewis, Laura Bevan, Sioned Harris and Ellen also came away with second place in the intermediate Brains trust competition, well done to everyone who competed as Cantal came third overall!

On the 9th of November, our YFC laid a poppy wreath to honour those who sacrificed their lives in service for our country. This was followed with tea, cakes and a good cha in Llanbister hall for all. Congratulations to Laura Bev who competed and won the U-18 Beef and overall Beef judging team at the Winter fair on the Royal Welsh Show ground, which is an amazing achievement, well done Laur!

There were huge pool and darts success for the Cantal team in Rhosgoch: first in the men's darts (Karl Lewis), first in the women's darts (Laura Bev), first in the mixed darts (Adam Watson and Rhian Hughes), second in the men's pool (Adam), second in the women's pool (Jaz Jones) and third in the mixed pool (Karl and Laura), congratulations all!

Over Christmas, in an attempt to keep warm, some of our members competed in Radnor's annual winter sports league playing Danish Longball - a bat and ball game with a fielding and batting team. Well done to the Cantal team coming away with third! Carol singing was also on the to do list, where our members went around the village and surrounding farms, raising £231.41 (and a Euro) for Hope House and St John Ambulance. Well done to all the carol singers and thank you to those who fed us along the way! A huge thank you also to Lyn Lydiate for turning us into wreath makers ready for Christmas, what local talent we have!

The new year saw Cantal's current and past members competing in Radnor's Ally Pally doubles - congratulations to Karl Lewis and Gerry Hughes for making it on stage playing some amazing darts and bringing the entertainment! Well done to Rhayader for winning the competition.

Recently keeping Cantal members and parents busy was the Entertainment competition, which took place at the Albert Hall Llandrindod on the 17th-21st of February, with the Cantal team getting on stage on the Thursday night and Jordan Canon singing on the Friday. Cantal came 4th with 89 marks (1 mark behind 3rd place), winning the best script, best producer and highest placed small club. Ellen Nicholls won best performance by a member 16 years and under and Rhian Hughes won best vocalist. Congratulations all!

If you would like to join Cantal, get involved or to know more about our YFC calendar, please do not hesitate to contact;

Rhian Hughes – 07957653905 Adam Watson – 07979980145



Llanbister Show 2026 is out of this world on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

We look forward to a 'out of this world' Show this year as the overall theme for Art, Children's Creative and Photography is '**Outer Space**'! Entries are open to everyone in the wider area, not just Llanbister. We are giving potential entrants plenty of notice and look forward to some creative interpretations, so brush off your paints and polish your lenses!



Entries have also opened for the usual sections but sadly there will be no feathers again in the 'Fur and Feather' Small Animals competition because of ongoing avian flu restrictions. Details of all competitions will become available in the printed programme due out in April but meanwhile on Facebook at Llanbister Show, by Messenger or email request to llanbistershow@hotmail.com, or phone the Secretary Claire Carter on 07598 101713.

Sharpen your needles or oil your sewing machine too because there is also a special competition, with prizes, to design and make simple cloth **bunting** to brighten up the showground! Full details and instructions also on Facebook or by request.

Highlights on the day itself include **Flyball**, a team dog sport that combines agility, speed, and obedience, **Revvii Bike** electric bicycle races for children and the return of **Llandrindod Silver Band** as well as regular activities such as the Dog, Horse/Pony, Jumping, Pigs and Sheep Shows, Raffle, Tea Tent, Bar and Ice Cream. Also new this year will be a **free play area** for smaller children to run into the late afternoon so grown-ups can relax a little and the **Talk Tent** where enthusiasts and experts will share short presentations on their areas of interest.

Bookings are also open for **Craft, Community and Trade stalls** as well as placing **adverts** in the printed programme as a means of expressing goodwill and financial support, but interested parties are urged to book *as soon as possible* to help with planning and ensure mention in the programme it should be going to print late March – contact David Strachan via the Show email.

The traditional **Car Treasure Hunt** takes place on Saturday 23rd, starting 4.00pm outside the church. Details of the Speed Shearing and other possible events in the run-up have yet to be confirmed at time of writing.



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Llanbister Community Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 20th November 2025 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received:

2. Members Present: Tracy Lewis, County Councillor Geoff Morgan, Darren Rogers, Wayne Bowen, Marc Williams, Catherine James, Gareth Bowen
Jennifer Turner (Clerk).

3. Declaration of Interest. None

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 4th September 2025 general meeting were reviewed. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Proposed DR, Seconded MW Approved and Duly signed by the Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- Tidbit – Clerk has recently made contact with Llanbadarn regarding a joint approach to the village magazine and they are willing to do this. GM will discuss with them splitting, costs, workload and distribution
- Graveyard – Advised by solicitor awaiting sale of Church and will then take instructions and contact CC
- War Memorial Funding request – CC are considering applying for funding.

6. Planning –

25/1262/HDG Grid Ref : E 312714 N 272330 Proposal Hedgerow removal notification for removal at different locations. Site Address : Land part of Grevodig, Tylers and the Ddole Farm, Llanbister LD1 6SS – Comment period expired 9th October

7. Finance - Balances as at 20th November 2025

Savings Account - £ 8,210.33 (£7000 belonging to current account)

Community Current Account - £2,691.79

Income (as part of above balance) - £114 VAT refund, £34.64 interest

Outgoings in addition to the above balance –

£5 Bank charge x 2 Nov and Dec

Clerk's salary (November and December)

£26 x 2 Clerks expenses (November and December)

£50.20 x 2 HMRC (November and December)

Stuart Ingram £210

D Horne Wreath £20

Payments Approved (Proposed WB, Seconded GM)

Budget, 2024-25 spend and 2025-26 spend so far reviewed and Precept agreed to be set at £7,427

8. Parish Matters

a) School Governor's Report.

New Parent Governor appointed. Current numbers at fifty-five and budget review is positive. School is liaising with Tidbit regarding distribution, to avoid duplication and reduce printing costs.

b) Community Hall / Hub Report.

AGM is 26th November, a new Treasurer and Secretary need to be appointed. Big Breakfast planned for January. Games night planned for 27th. Catch up club continued success – 3rd December wreath making and 17th December Christmas Lunch trialling bus hire. Choir is attending in November as a fundraiser. Whist/Beer and Bowls going well. Badminton continues to go well and numbers are increasing. Awaiting repair to Boiler House.

c) One Voice Wales Meeting 21st January – Clerk to send details to GM

d) Free Councillor Training – Councillors to let Clerk know if they wish to book a session

10. Any Other Business.

- Wreath laid on Remembrance Day. Well attended
- Cattlegrid repaired
- Cattlegrid above Crossways damaged. Clerk to report (allies.amber.dislikes)
- GM – Biodiversity Grant – to be added to next agenda
- Meeting Dates 2026 agreed as
 - 22nd January (TL apologies)
 - 5th March
 - 21st May
 - 30th July
 - 24th September
 - 19th November

Items for next agenda

- Biodiversity Grant
- Confirmation of precept
- Clerks pay increase

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.42



Minutes Llanbister Community Council General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 11th February 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: Wayne Bowen, Darren Rogers

2. Members Present: Tracy Lewis, Marc Williams, Catherine James, Gareth Bowen (19.40),
Cty Cllr Geoff Morgan

Jennifer Turner (Clerk) – by Zoom.

3. Declaration of Interest. Planning TL 1728 and 1729, GB 1682 and 1683

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 20th November 2025 general meeting were reviewed. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Proposed CJ, Seconded MW Approved and Duly signed by the Chair

5. Public Participation – Cllrs thanked volunteers at Tidbit for their hard work and provided information regarding proposed working with Llanbadarn CC. Current issues were raised by volunteers, including delivery issues and concerns that Llanbadarn would contribute to advertising revenue and help with distribution.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- **Tidbit** – Grant requested £1,390.00. 2025 report sent to PAVO. RESOLVED Clerk to invoice advertisers for this years fee, to stay at £40. To also provide an email with the benefits of advertising and requesting a standing order is set up. Clerk to attend next Tidbit meeting with Clerk of Llanbadarn. Clerk to obtain Electoral Register. Clerk to provide poster with link to website for inclusion in next Tidbit and noticeboards
- **Graveyard** – Advised by solicitor awaiting sale of Church and will then take instructions and contact CC. MW advised sale has completed. Clerk to chase.
- **War Memorial Funding request** – Grant requested £1,220.40

7. Parish Matters

- **Bio Diversity Grant** – Clerk to check if CC can still apply for funding
- **Councillor Training** – Circulated to All Councillors.
- **New laptop** – RESOLVED to buy a new laptop with Windows, Clerk to action
- **Email** – applied for .gov email address for Clerk, RESOLVED to purchase for all Councillors
- **Meeting dates 2026** – 7th May 2026
2nd July 2026
3rd September 2026
5th November 2026
7th January 2027

8. Planning –

Application Reference: 25/1728/FUL Grid Reference: E:314712 N: 272975 Proposal: Erection of Covered Silage Pit and Associated Works Site Address: Cantal Hall , Llanbister Road, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6SR - Approved

Application Reference: 25/1682/FUL Grid Reference: E:312969 N: 273336 Proposal: Erection of a covered muck store and associated works Site Address: Lower Croescynon , Llanbister, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6TL - Approved

Application Reference: 25/1683/FUL Grid Reference: E:312969 N: 273336 Proposal: Erection of a silage pit and associated works Site Address: Lower Croescynon , Llanbister, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6TL - Approved

Application Reference: 25/1729/FUL Grid Reference: E:314712 N: 272975 Proposal: Erection of Covered Yard and Silage Pit and Associated Works Site Address: Cantal Hall , Llanbister Road, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6SR - Approved

Application Reference: 25/1775/FUL Grid Reference: E:318324 N: 272659 Proposal: Creation of car parking area Site Address: Land At Pentwyn Farm, Llanbister Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5UT - Withdrawn

Application Reference: 25/1766/FUL Grid Reference: E:311252 N: 274849 Proposal: Erection of Covered Muck Store and Associated Works Site Address: Land At Forest View, Llanbister, Llandrindod Wells, Powys – Approved

9. Finance - Balances as at 11th February 2026

Savings Account - £ 8,240.23 (£7000 belonging to current account)

Community Current Account - £3,938.99

Income (as part of above balance) - £2,309 Precept, £29.90 interest

Outgoings in addition to the above balance –

£5 Bank charge x 3 Jan, Feb and March

Clerk's salary including payrise backpay (January, February and March)

£26 x 3 Clerks expenses (January, February and March)

£50.20 HMRC (January)

£121.56 and £55.20 HMRC (February and March)

Stuart Ingram £30

Aztec £414.40

Hugo Fox £143.88 Annual subscription

Payments Approved (Proposed CJ, Seconded MW)

Precept - Clerk confirmed precept had been submitted at £7,427

Pay Increase - Cllrs discussed Clerk payrise and agreed to increase to £14.13 per hour LCP1, SCP9 and reconsider in November 2026 for 2027/8 precept

10. School Governor's Report.

New Parent Governor settling in well. School working on attendance. Cllrs RESOLVED to provide a gift for pupil with best attendance. Rags to Riches gone well. Future plans – Valentines Disco, World Book Day and Year 5&6 Residential Trip.

11. Community Hall / Hub Report.

VH has a new booking system which is going well. Thank you to GM for funding for Wreath Making and Christmas Lunch which brought new members into Catch Up Club. Big Breakie raised £522, with 96 meals served. Beer and Bowls starts soon and Pool finishes in March. New secretary has settled into her role well. Boiler needs replacing and VH are sourcing funding.

12. Councillor Comments and Items for next agenda

MW Apologies

Wildlife

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.15



Handy contacts

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Church in Wales	West Radnor Area Administrator westradnor.maa@churcheinwales.org.uk (3 days per week – Tues, Weds & Thurs)
Citizens Advice Bureau	0345 6018421
Dial-a-Ride Newtown	01686 622466
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Library of Things/Benthyg Llandrindod	c/o The Hive, Llandrindod Wells 01597 824616 llandrindod.benthyg.cymru (tools & equipment loan scheme)
Llanbister Community Council Clerk	Jennifer Turner 07534 990237
Llanbister CC Chair –	Tracy Lewis 07495 827360
Llanbister CC – Website	www.llanbister.org.uk 
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Llanbister Community Hall	Bookings: Joni Hughes 07508 048681
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Local Representative (Powys County Council)	Geoff Morgan 07495 503808
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RECIPES

Air Fry Salmon Fillets with Vegetables



Ingredients (Serves 4)

4 Salmon Fillets	Olive Oil
Tender-stem Broccoli	1tbs of Smoked Paprika
Green Beans	Fresh Rosemary
New Potatoes	Good quality Butter

Method

1. Prepare the salmon fillets, brush the fillets with olive oil and sprinkle with the smoked paprika and place in air fry ready to cook.
2. Finely chop the fresh rosemary.
3. Fill up bottom pan of steamer with water and bring to the boil.
4. Cut the new potatoes in half and place them in the first steamer, they will take 15 to 25 mins depending on their size.
5. Prepare the broccoli and green beans.
6. Put the salmon fillets on at 200c and cook for 12mins. (Preheat your air fryer if needed)
7. Put the broccoli and green beans into the steamer and cook for 5-8 mins
8. Drain the potatoes and place in serving dish with butter & chopped fresh rosemary.
9. Put the green beans and broccoli into serving dish.
10. Dish up the salmon onto plates
11. Enjoy!



Gin Hot Toddy

Ingredients

- 35ml Orange or Marmalade Gin
- Juice of a clementine
- 1 tsp runny honey
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 cloves
- 1 slice of orange
- 150ml hot water

With all the cold, wet weather we are having, we thought you may like something to warm you up whilst we are waiting for the sun to shine!

To Make

Pour the gin and clementine juice into a heatproof glass or mug.
Stir in the honey until dissolved.
Drop in the cinnamon stick, push the cloves into the orange slice and drop into the glass.

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Use the cinnamon stick to stir and mix.

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