



# Tidbit

**Llanbister Area Community Magazine**  
Issue 5: June – August 2025

## Disclaimer

*The Tidbit cannot be held responsible for any errors in information that have been published in good faith. Any queries, please contact the contributor directly. Contributors please remember the decision of the Editorial Team is final and items received after the deadline may not be included. Please supply your name and contact details with submissions. The Editorial Team will respect your anonymity if requested. Contributions may be edited for space or other reasons. Researched articles need references/ acknowledgments or permissions. In order to comply with copyright laws, copyright of all articles remains with the author at all times unless otherwise stated.*

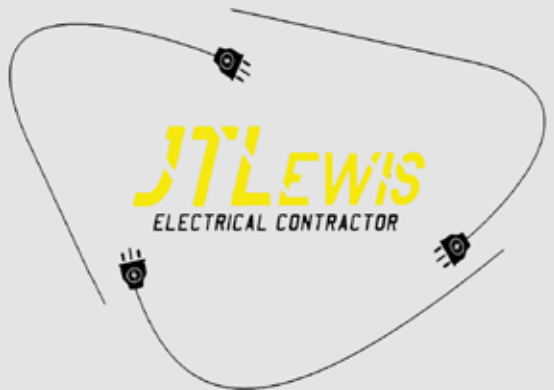
## CONTENTS

Page	
3.	Welcome to Tidbit 5
4.	Llanbister Community Hall
5.	Church & Chapel & Tidbit Quiz
6.	Llanbister School & PTA
7.	Llanbister School Governors Report
8.	Council Chamber News
9/10.	Some Observations of Moelfre City
11.	Best Kept Village
12.	Gardening Tips from Jude
14.	V. E. Day & Community Council
15/16.	Llanbister Community Council minutes
17.	Llanbister Show Report
21.	Cantal YFC & Quiz answers
24.	Llanbister School Head Master Report
26.	Handy Contacts
27.	Recipies

NAME: TOM LEWIS  
PHONE: 07527897048  
EMAIL: JTLEWISELECTRICAL@GMAIL.COM

ALL ASPECTS OF ELECTRICAL  
WORK INCLUDING:

- DOMESTIC
- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- AGRICULTURAL
- SOLAR PV & BATTERY STORAGE
- EV CHARGERS



APPROVED CONTRACTOR



## A new year for Tidbit!

This issue is the first in our second year of publication – we can't believe how the time has gone! Thank you everyone who has contributed and advertised and supported this new venture in various ways so far .

Tidbit is a free quarterly magazine for residents of Llanbister and surrounding areas, an initiative by Llanbister Community Council and free of charge. Apart from those delivered by hand to as many residents as possible, there will be additional copies available in The Lion Hotel, Llanbister Book Exchange, the Map Box at Grevodig, the telephone box at Crossways and Llanbadarn Community Shop. If you have and special delivery preferences, have been receiving duplicate copies or are not receiving it at home at all, please let us know.

It aims to be full of hopefully reliable information about local groups and events and fun seasonal articles such as recipes, gardening tips, puzzles and quizzes. We are on the look out for articles of specific local interest including your contributions and adverts. 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 to llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com, preferably in Word format or plain text (don't forget the 2 in the middle or your email will vanish unseen into the dark electronic void!).

### DEADLINES

**Closing date for inclusion in the next edition (September to November): 1st August 2025**

*If you are interested in advertising a local business, the rate is currently only £40 for the year. This is great value for money. Donations are also gratefully received and will go toward printing costs. Payment & donations to: Llanbister Community Council 40 26 21 account no. 41048619*

\*\*\*\*\*

.....  
: We are sorry to hear of the passing of Cledwyn Carter of :  
: Glan Dorddau on 6th May. :  
: Our condolences to Kath and all the family. :  
.....

# LLANBISTER COMMUNITY HALL & HUB

## *What's On*

<b>Quiz nights with Malcolm</b>	<b>19th June, 17th July &amp; 21st August</b> 8.00pm start. Teams of 4 (£2 per member). Bar open for drinks
<b>Beer and Bowls</b>	Every Thursday of the month from 7.30pm onwards
<b>Badminton</b>	Tuesday with Chris Nicholls from 7- 8pm Wednesday with Tracy Lewis from 6 – 7pm
<b>Llanbister Ladies Choir</b>	Every Sunday at 6pm. Contact Amy on 07833 820077 if interested

*To book the hall or hub, contact:*

**Tracy Lewis (07495 827360 or Helen Hughes 01597 840450)**

### **Future events to look out for:**

Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal - Saturday 1st November 2025

Remembrance Service - Sunday 9th November 2025 followed by refreshments in the Hall.



## **CATCH-UP CLUB** *Activities planned*

Meets in the Community Hall or Hub

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Blood bikes talk and Haircuts
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Holiday snaps with David and Janice
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Dominoes and Nails
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Seaside trip to Aberystwyth

*Contact:* Tracy Lewis (07495 827360)

### **Bake-off!**

On 19th March Catch Up Club held a bake-off contest. Members baked their own cakes and brought them in for judging. Every member tasted each cake and awarded a mark out of 10. Everybody had a great time and the winner was a lemon cake made by Joan Bennett. Well done!

# CHURCH & CHAPEL

## St Cynllo's Church

No services planned for May & June. Planning to hold one in July and other months, but the rota won't be prepared until the middle of June.

*West Radnor Ministry Area Administrator: 01597 822557 or email [westradnor.maa@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:westradnor.maa@churchinwales.org.uk)*

*Ministry Area Lead: Rev. Jonathan Copus*

**Pound Chapel** Services are held weekly at 2.30pm



## TIDBIT QUIZ

### 'Summertime'

1. Which British city hosts the world's biggest theatre event each August?
2. Where was the barbecue invented?
3. True or False: Most thunderstorms occur during summer
4. Which country consumes 85% of its tea as iced tea?
5. What do crocodiles, lungfish and desert tortoises have in common during the summer?
6. Which common purple flowers are often planted to attract bees and ward off large animals?
7. Which Spanish city celebrates their patron saint, Saint Fermin, with a bull-running festival each July?
8. Which city will host the 2032 Summer Olympics?
9. According to British folklore, if it rains on Saint Swithin's Day, how many days of rain will follow?
10. What time do the Alaskan Goldpanners of Fairbanks basketball team tip off on the summer solstice?

*Answers on page 21*

# Llanbister School - future dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School photos
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Open evening
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 3 to 4 Sleepover
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Rags to Riches
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Years 3 to 6 visit to Pentwyn farm
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	INSET DAY – no pupils
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Eco Day – Bute energy visit
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers assembly at 14:00
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – event to be announced!!



**LLANBISTER SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**  
PLEASE SEE ON PAGE 24



## 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. We would like to thank the community for your continued support, we really appreciate it.

We had a successful Easter bingo, thank you to everyone who attended. We have a couple of fundraising events to look forward to and are still in the planning process – afternoon tea and possibly a ball run but nothing confirmed yet. Keep an eye out for posters and watch out on social media for dates of future events.

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

*Llanbister School PTA (Fundraisers)*

## Llanbister School Governors (from May 2025)

Writing for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Tidbit, we have enjoyed a warmer and sunnier Springtime. We have reorganised the postponed Parents/Carers 'meet and greet' and amalgamated with an 'Open Evening'. This will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 4.30pm. It will be a drop in event, so do come along and meet some of the Governors whilst looking at some of the wonderful things your local Llanbister CP School has to offer. There will be opportunity to hear about some of the recent activities and achievements for the learners at the school and future plans.

We will soon be saying goodbye to our current year 6 learners, who have been a bright and dynamic group, enjoying sporting success and prepared themselves well for their move to High School.

There has been a healthy number of new applications to join Reception year in September, we look forward to welcoming those new learners at the very beginning of their school life. It's a joy to see keen interest in our school and welcome these learners knowing they are going to be offered such a rich school experience in our local, thriving school.

We met as Governors on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, this meeting is our annual meeting spent solely on the budget. We were all delighted to be able to agree on a licensed budget which is going to be able to run the school with stability through the coming years.

The staff are to be commended on their commitment to our learners and their learning journey, ensuring they continue to receive an education of great value despite much pressure to cut costs from local government. We are also hugely indebted to our PTA who work hard to continue to raise much needed and much appreciated funds for the school. These funds often go towards very fundamental items to help learning which would simply not be available without PTA funds.

Thank you to the community also for supporting these events, we hope they enrich your lives also, knowing you are helping somewhere that younger generations can flourish and you are helping that continue.

We will have some upcoming vacancies in the Governing Body from Autumn onwards, as some Governors naturally come to the end of their terms. If you think you have something to give to the Governing Body with respect to enthusiasm, skills and an interest in education governance please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. We welcome non-parents as well as parents/carers as there are roles for each.

*Rebekah Meredith*  
*Chair of Governing Body*





## COUNCIL CHAMBER NEWS

I nominated some local people for Silver Kite awards, a civic award presented by Powys County Council to recognise outstanding commitment to the community:

Liz Bowen in recognition for her services to Cantal and Llanbister communities including running Cantal Playgroup

along with Olwen Wilson, McMillan coffee mornings, Club leader Cantal YFC (hosting rally twice), 33 years and counting as cleaner/caretaker and 21 years dinner duty at the School, 30 years on the Hall committee, served on the Show committee and runs Catch Up Club along with Tracy Lewis. Since Covid the church found itself warden less so she stepped as church warden and plans a major tidy up of the yard with plans to plant wildflowers and daffodils on the graves of the ones whose families have passed on or moved away. From the people of Cantal and Llanbister - thank you!

Also presented to Adam Rees and Malcolm Bates of Rhayader & District MC & LCC and Saintswell Events in recognition of their work promoting Mid Wales and the local tourism industry.

My pot hole motion (see last edition) failed to get to debate on grounds it broke the constitution as they cannot tell officers how work needs to be done or carried out by contractors. Also the independent group which I was in at time put forward a alternative budget which reduced the council tax by 2% - again this was thrown out by officers and not able to be debated by council. So the constitution needs to be changed and I cannot do this as an Independent and you need legal advice. This was the major factor in my decision to join Reform UK.

Today I attended the VE Day Memorial at County Hall remembering the sacrifices so many give for us to live our lives today. Breaking news as I write - a new pope has been elected. Let's hope this will bring stability and peace in the world so those sacrifices won't have to be made again.

New residents may like to know that they might qualify for a regular payment from local windfarm generator RES under the Local Electricity Discount Scheme. Contact RES 0141 404 5555 [leds@res-group.com](mailto:leds@res-group.com).

**Geoff Morgan** (County Councillor for Ithon Valley Ward. Assistant Vice Chair of Powys County Council)



*Presentations with  
Chair of Powys  
County Council  
County Councillor  
Jonathan Wilkinson  
and Assistant  
Vice-Chair  
County Councillor  
Geoff Morgan*



# Some Observations of Moelfre City

(part one)

I have always been intrigued by the names and locations of “Moelfre City” and “City Shop” together with the images that could be conjured up within an individuals imagination. Various pictures come to mind, of a “City” especially adjacent to the hamlet of Llanbister. What type of City; how big; how many streets; what was the population; what were the activities and lifestyles of the inhabitants? Also, “City Shop” What type of Shop; what did it sell; who used it facilities? Was there really a “City” with occupants that somehow vanished within the mists of time. Where was its location and what is there now?



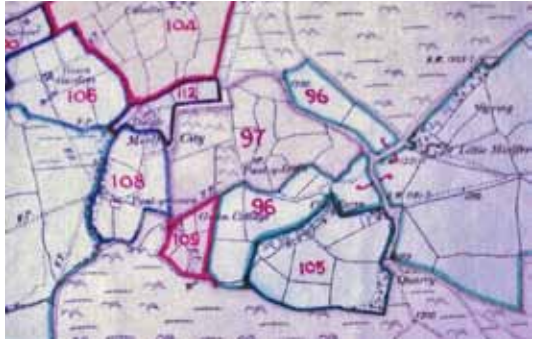
The intensive List of Historic Place Names of Wales website [historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk](http://historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk) recorded Moelfre City (between 1898-1908) with a Grid Ref :- SO 11460 75594. Interestingly, also recorded at the same period is “City Farm” with a Grid Ref SO 11829 75438 located to the rear of the current City Shop. Potentially one and the same. The excellent Clwyd - Powys Archaeological Trust website gives references to guided walks ([www.cpat.org.uk/walks](http://www.cpat.org.uk/walks)). Of relevance here, is one walk entitled “Gors Lydan and the Medieval Hut Cluster”. This particular walk follows a series of public footpaths and open moorland viewing prehistoric burial mounds, medieval huts and enclosure sites. Of particular interest is the evidence for medieval primitive settlements and farming. The

Moelfre City area reveals some excellent examples, of small squatter settlements developed on a gradual “bit by bit” basis that enveloped the open common areas throughout the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is recorded that in the 1840s, that there were 12 or so cottages within this area. Of these 7 remain each with their own small fields.

In the highly informative Ref Book “RADNORSHIRE” by W H Howse. issued by/for the Radnorshire Society and prefaced 1949, there is one interesting reference to Moelfre City as follows: *It is worth mentioning that some two miles North East of Llanbister is a place known from time immemorial as the “City of Moelfre” and is so called on various maps. (Kitchin’s Map of about 1750 gave the name as (Malveris City.) Perhaps the original name was Dinas Moelfre, marking the site of an early British settlement. The present City is a remotely situated valley,*

The current owner of City Shop, is the now semi retired, multi-talented Mr Derek Bruce, a highly creative individual who excels in the art of Wood Carving, Stone Sculpting, Building and Barn renovations, together with numerous other talents. His stone carving capabilities were evident within the “City Shop” dwelling, when I visited him to enquire of his memories of Home. Of

particular interest was a Portland stone bust of the **Sicilian Princess Eleanor** by **Francesco Laurana** 1420-1502. He reflected: *"I have been here 43 years, but not as long as others in the area. In 1983 I was living in Sussex, came and visited the dwelling twice and decided to buy it. I never met the seller, but met the chap who was selling and exchanging produce here with the locals, he was one of the Nicholas brothers."* Derek recalled: *"This chap swapped eggs for grips, hairpins and suchlike and received 1 (one) Old Penny per dozen when selling them. People rented the dwelling before the people I brought it from, who were called Hargreaves Bier. The persons living here when I arrived, had a son called Richie, who used to sleep downstairs in a corner archive beside the fire. He told me there was a knothole in the ceiling, through which they had poked a wire from above in front of the fire on which they used to hang a dead Pig."*



I asked Derek about City Farm and he agreed on some old maps it was called so. He believed



the City name came from the little "shacks" that were dotted around the area pre-war and up unto the early 1950's. Derek did mention a severed head at City Shop and the incident of a murder in the tiny stone cottage near Lower Caeglas quite near the old barns, or what I would call Colin's Caravan site, but that is a story for another time. The rear stone wall of that dwelling still stands there today.

I am also highly indebted to Mr Jonathan. Mills of Green Gardens Farm and his disabled Sister Miss Ruby, who in her very late years and

in spite of a rheumatic shoulder, still has enough energy to rule and discipline her collection of Welsh cows and sheep, within the small farm complex. There is more about these individuals in the second part of this article continued in the next issue.

Richard Ford (map Image courtesy Jonathan Mills, City Shop photo Richard Ford)

**AREA ANAGRAMS**  
**Can you work out what these local places or features are?**

BACON HOLLER LISTS  
 RHINO RIVET  
 LEO HILTON

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 24**

# BEST KEPT VILLAGE (BKV) – SUMMER 2025

*by Malcolm Dean, Chairman*

Writing this article in beautiful sunshine, I am hoping that it is the precursor to a wonderful summer in Llanbister. Last January, thanks to the hard work from Janet Thomas, Llanbister secured a grant from the Garreg Lwyd Community Benefit Fund, our local wind farm company. This allowed us to continue the planting and Christmas lighting in our village. Additional finance was also raised through personal donations and fundraising on domino nights at the Lion Hotel. With the money raised we were able to purchase new Christmas lights, tidy around the cenotaph especially the Silent Soldier, as well as provide floral displays in the numerous troughs, banks and grassed areas around the village.

Due to one of the recent storms you would have noticed that the rowan tree, located at the entrance to School Meadow, fell. Examination appears to show that the direct cause for this in addition to the high winds was the root system of the tree being infected with Honey Fungus. The consequence has caused a deep thought process of what to substitute it with as Honey Fungus remains in the soil and the remaining old root system. Most trees and shrubs are highly susceptible to infection and none are totally immune which would limit choice and create high odds against a healthy future for any replanting.

With that in mind it is proposed to purchase or obtain a large stone/concrete trough that would be in keeping with the current troughs already in existence in the village. We would like to take this opportunity to appeal to anyone who may have a suitable one they would like to donate. It is felt that a substantial trough would enhance the central area of the village. We will continue fund raising and hope this goal can be accomplished.

In addition to fundraising for the trough it is intended to continue raising money so that the Christmas lights this year can be enhanced further, therefore continuing to improve the already lovely light display throughout the village that we have. We would like to mention the hard work provided by Jude at Rock House who not only stores the trees year round but maintains, erects and removes them and the lights each year.

The summer brings new life to our natural surroundings which we hope to enhance with flower displays in all of the current troughs in the village. We thank everyone that contributes and maintains these troughs and look forward to the wonderful displays that they provide. We encourage anyone with ideas no matter how small or large to come forward by contacting those who are directly involved:

**Chairperson:** Malcolm Dean

**Secretary:** David Strachan 01597 840757

**Treasurer:** Tonia Greene

**Group email:** [bloomingllanbister@outlook.com](mailto:bloomingllanbister@outlook.com)



# GARDENING TIPS *from Jude*

There's nothing I like more than watching the Chelsea Flower Show on TV and getting great ideas for my own garden, but have you ever heard of the **Chelsea Chop**? Well, it's a way of pruning herbaceous perennials. These are plants which are non woody stemmed plants that grow to their full height and flower in one year before dying back for the winter and come back the following year. Some examples herbaceous perennials Penstemon, Phlox, Hardy geraniums and Valerian.

## **So what is the Chelsea Chop and why do it?**

In late May / early June cut back the stems of the chosen plant by 1/3 to 1/2 of their height.

The benefits: It encourages bushier growth and reduces the need to stake or support taller plants. It can delay flowering so if you chop some clumps and not others, overall you'll lengthen the flowering season of your plants. If you know when your plant is due to flower, remember, the closer to that flowering time you perform the chop, there will be a greater delay to that plant flowering.

## **Other things to do in June.**

**Staking:** For taller plants that escape 'the chop' make sure you have some canes handy to stake them so that they withstand and survive windy weather.

**Watering:** Make sure you have as many water butts as possible to avoid using tap water in the garden. Not only is it wasteful, especially if you're on a meter, plants prefer rainwater. Only water if it is needed so if we have a dry spell prioritise vegetables that are growing fast at this time of year, seedlings, pots and anything you've recently planted.

**Weeding:** Keep on top of weeds by hoeing them regularly. If you have a veg patch consider putting down cardboard between the rows and topping off with grass cuttings as a mulch. This will help reduce weed growth and retain water at the roots of the veg. (See previous issues of Tidbits for tips on hoeing + mulching.)

**Enjoy gardens and get new ideas:** If the Chelsea Flower Show feels a little unattainable for ideas for your garden, why not visit a local garden which is open for the National Garden Scheme (NGS)? **Our garden here at Rock House, Llanbister will be open on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon to 5pm.** Even if you've been before its always worth a visit for a slice of home-made cake and a cuppa! To find all the gardens opening for the NGS visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



Whatever you get up to, enjoy your garden!



Professional Massage & Beauty Therapist.  
Specialising in spa and massage treatments

Appointments available from the comfort of your  
own Home or your Holiday Accommodation

Contact Aggie: 07591001434 / [enquiries@abmassagetherapy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@abmassagetherapy.co.uk)



## Community Council and VE Day

Llanbister Community Council wanted to arrange something special to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day in 2025. But what could we do that was a little bit different? An afternoon Tea? A Party?



We discussed all of the options, but felt that as well as celebrating the achievements of those that fought in this terrible conflict to keep us all safe, it was also important that our younger generation were educated to understand the sacrifice that was made by so many on our behalf. We decided to hold a special assembly within the school where Councillors could explain what VE Day means to the younger members of our community.



On 9th May Councillor Darren Rogers and Councillor Marc Williams went along to the school and spoke to all of the children who attend, those from Llanbister and also from neighbouring parishes. They explained what VE Day means and why we should never forget the sacrifices made. The children were engaged and asked questions, showing their interest and understanding. The Community Council also gave every pupil a pin badge to mark VE Day and to help the children to remember.

## Victory in Europe (VE) Day 80-year Commemoration

The community of Llanbister held a picnic at the Lion Hotel on Thursday 8th May in commemoration of VE Day 80. All those that were alive during the conflict had to endure hardships and made sacrifices to protect the freedoms that we enjoy today. Many made the ultimate sacrifice and to those we say thank you. Today is as much about those that survived as those who died, a generation whose numbers are dwindling. We have so much to thank all of them for.

There was food, drink and music from that time and we were also joined by the children from Llanbister School who entertained us with traditional country dancing.

Thank you to Janet for hosting the event.



*David Horne*

# Llanbister Community Council General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

**1. Apologies received:** None

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

**3. Declaration of Interest.** None

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)** – Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 general meeting were reviewed. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Proposed DR, Seconded GB Approved and Duly signed by the Vice Chair

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes-**

- Graveyard – Information received from solicitor regarding Execution Clause and signing. GM to contact solicitor and feedback exactly what is required. Clerk then to send information
- Community Engagement – There were some issues with distribution of Issue 3 highlighted in a letter from the editor. Councillors will distribute to the wider village, with editors delivering to the heart of the village. Suggested a notice to residents is included in the next copy advertising where copies can be collected in person and asking residents to notify Tidbit team if they would like a copy delivered and aren't receiving one so far. Some households receive two copies with one coming through the school, this may have to be looked at in the future to prevent duplication and avoid additional printing costs. Advertisers need reviewing and contacting to renew. Clerk to provide information of payments received. A grant has been secured to cover the remaining printing costs for twelve months aside from advertising revenue.
- PAVO – an application was successfully submitted for funds for one year of printing for Tidbit. Cost of printing 4 issues, £1,300, advertising income is £260. Funds requested £1,040. It may be possible in future to apply to BUTE for funding for other activities
- Speedbump – paint has been sourced, and this will be completed once the weather improves

**6. Planning** – None

**7. Finance - Balances as at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Savings Account - £ 9,116.17 (£8000 belonging to current account)**

**Community Current Account - £2154.15**

Income (as part of above balance) - None

Outgoings in addition to the above balance –

£5 Bank charge

Clerk's salary (March and April to include payrise and backpay)

£26 x 2 Clerks expenses (March and April)

£48.60 HMRC (March and April plus additional for payrise)

£79 One Voice Wales

Approved

Councillors reviewed NALC pay increase guidelines and agreed to increase Clerks salary on same scale 11 to £14.13 per hour

(Proposed DR, Seconded GB)

## 8. School Governor's Report.

A new parent governor has been appointed, there will be more vacancies in the next twelve months. The school has received funding from PAVO for school buses for swimming for a year, Coding kits x 2, ICT support and sports equipment. Years 3 and 4 had a great trip to the library to celebrate World Book Day and were bought ice-creams by fund raisers on PTA. Eisteddfod is 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## 9. Community Hall / Hub Report.

Big Breakfast was a great success with 82 breakfasts being served. Psychic night went well with approximately 40 attending, this was hosted by Young Farmers. Pool Team have continued success. Catch Up Club is well attended. There is a Coffee Morning on 1<sup>st</sup> November to raise funds for Poppy Appeal. Young Farmers are organising concert. Beer and Bowls is going well. Hub is being used more frequently with regular bookings for meetings and by a local photographer.

## 10. Any Other Business.

- Letter from resident requesting clean up at Cefn to enable better churchyard access. This is not Church land, Councillors will consider options and discuss at the next meeting
- CJ - Fly-Tipping in laybys is becoming a problem. A litter pick will be arranged – to be discussed at next meeting
- VE Day – Councillors discussed options and decided to provide all children attending the school with a VE Day Poppy pin to commemorate the occasion. This will be given out in a school assembly. Clerk to order 60 units at £5 each to be added to payments as reimbursement for clerk. DR to liaise with school.
- GM – Council Tax is rising by 8.9%.

**Date of Next meeting** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.55



### **FUNNY-FARMING!**

What did the mummy cow say to the baby cow?  
- It's pasture bedtime!

## Llanbister Show

Blown away? Not quite!

Despite wind and rain we were blown away by the great turnout and subsequent praise for Llanbister Show on Bank Holiday Monday. The wind demolished two marquees a couple of nights before so some activities had to be squeezed into remaining tents and a horsebox! Everyone took it good spirits, helped by uplifting music and song from Llandrindod Silver Band and music charity Music Anywhere, and few could avoid laughing at the antics of the famous Quack Pack runner ducks being herded by sheepdogs in the main arena. Llandrindod's Town Crier Jan Swindale braved a soaking to lend a traditional voice and welcome to the official opening, alongside Show President Reg Bowen.

Most of the regular competitions had very good numbers of entries. A variety of stalls added extra interest, including face-painting and chainsaw-carving. The tea tent run by Cantal YFC provided much-needed shelter and refreshment and the ever-popular raffle raised £281 for Show funds. Events running up to the Show were also very successful: the Quad Safari the previous weekend, a first for the Show, was extremely well-supported with 31 entries. The Children's Disco, Car Treasure Hunt and Speed Shearing all went very enjoyably.

More details of the events and results are available on the Show's Facebook page or email [llanbistershow@hotmail.com](mailto:llanbistershow@hotmail.com). Volunteers welcome to help next year!

9:30 TO 11:30  
FRIDAYS  
DURING TERM

LLANBISTER  
COMMUNITY  
HALL

LLANBISTER TL A FI  
**PLAYGROUP**

£1 PER CHILD INCLUDES SNACK & DRINKS

ALL WELCOME BETWEEN AGES 0 - 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION JOIN OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP LLANBISTER TL A FI

# WEALES WHEELS

## A family run Minibus and Coach Hire



company based in Powys!



### Coaches to hire include...

- ✓ 16 Seat Minibuses
- ✓ 28 Seat Midibuses
- ✓ 33 Seat Midibuses
- ✓ 49 Seat Coaches
- ✓ 52 Seat Coaches
- ✓ 59 Seat Coaches
- ✓ 70 Seat Coaches

*We also now provide private hire cars and minibuses ranging from 4 to 8 seats.*

***[mjweale@btinternet.com](mailto:mjweale@btinternet.com)***

**Weales Wheels are also now in partnership with JJ Travels to help provide day trips and overnight stays!**

These Trips include...

- ✓ Theatre trips
- ✓ City breaks & Coastal breaks
- ✓ Various shows such as Malvern Flower Show

And much more...



**Weales Wheels – 07766 743760**

**JJ Travels – 07398 144808**



Find us on:  
**facebook®**



## Llandrindod Wells Post Office



- **Parcels and letters**
- **DPD**
- **Banking**
- **Free Cash Withdrawals**
- **Mobile Post Office**
- **Greeting Cards**
- **Stationery**
- **Gifts**
- **Balloons**
- **Photo booth**

**Post Office, Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells,  
Powys, LD1 5BB**

**Tel: 01597 824114**

**FAMILY RUN BUSINESS SINCE  
2015**

We are open and ready to welcome you !



a dining experience with a difference

The dining club is a place for friends and family to gather, share, eat and connect  
We offer set menus focusing on local produce and foraged ingredients

Private hire is available seating up to 12 people

Check Facebook for our monthly dates  
Pre booking and deposit essential



(+44) 07513 892727

thewalshllanddewi@gmail.com

Llanddewi, Llandrindod, LD1 6SE



*"A Warm Welcome in the Hillside"*

*Ray & Janet Thomas*

**LION HOTEL**

**Llanbister**

**Llandrindod Wells**

**Powys LD1 6TN**

tel: 01597 840 244

email: lionhotel\_llanbister@btinternet.com

www.lionhotel-llanbister.co.uk



# CANTAL YFC

The new year brought the annual pantomime competition with members of the club practising away to strut our stuff on the Albert Hall stage! Practices were getting stranger by the day. But all was revealed in our Panto when Will Thomas won the best sketch award with his Hoover scene. We had an array of nominations with Ellen Nicholls winning best under 13 Actress, Rhian winning best vocalist, Jordan Cannon getting best performance in the Time To Shine competition, Rhian winning the Time To Shine and finally coming 4th and getting highest placed smallest club! Following this we hosted a concert in Llanbister hall which was extremely well attended and raised a great amount of money for the Young Farmers so thank you all for your support.

We also hosted Psychic medium Cerris Hulse who, from what I've been told, was amazing! In amongst all the pantomime practice the senior members managed to squeeze a night away at the "Radnor does Ally Pally". Gerry or 'Luke Larger' and Karl 'The Hound' Lewis were drawn out to play in the first round, and after Karl claimed that victory, he went on to take home the title!

A shock came in March when we realised that Cantal had won Wales YFC club of the month! Everyone was chuffed to bits which is the pickup we needed heading into lambing. Wales public speaking day saw Adam and Ellen representing county in After dinner speaking and Junior reading. After a very successful day the junior reading team came second meaning Ellen heads to NFYFC speaking day for the second year in a row. We have now turned our attention to preparing for the rally which will take place at the Hafod in Llanbadarn on the 14th of June.

## ANSWERS TO TIDBIT QUIZ - ON PAGE 5

- |    |                    |     |          |
|----|--------------------|-----|----------|
| 1. | Edinburgh          | 6.  | Lavender |
| 2. | Caribbean          | 7.  | Pamploma |
| 3. | True               | 8.  | Brisbane |
| 4. | USA                | 9.  | 40       |
| 5. | They all hibernate | 10. | Midnight |





# LilyRose

Wellness & Beauty

Will be in Llanbister Community Hub on:

2025!

Thursday 3rd April  
Thursday 1st May  
Thursday 5th June  
Thursday 3rd July  
Thursday 7th August

## Treatments Available

Back, Neck & Shoulder Massage (25 Minutes) £25.00

Shoulder, Neck & Scalp Massage (25 Minutes) £20.00

Back & Legs Massage (45 Minutes) £35.00

Full body Massage (60 Minutes) £45.00

**\*No walk-in appointments available you will need to pre-book**

Please contact Natalie on 07531483799 by phone call or by text.



## 🔧 Handyman Jon 🔧

Need a quick fix or a helping hand? Look no further!

From minor repairs to major projects, Handyman Jon is here to tackle your to-do list with precision and care

Why Choose Me?

\* Reliable \* - Prompt and efficient service.

\* Experienced \*\* - Skilled in a wide range of odd jobs.

\*Affordable \* - Quality work at competitive prices.

\*Friendly\* - A neighbourly touch to every task.

### ***Services Offered:***

- Plumbing and Electrical: Drips, leaks, sparks and all things in between.
- Carpentry and Repairs: Furniture assembly, door fixing and custom woodworking.
- Painting and Decorating: Freshen up your space with a splash of colour.
- Garden Maintenance: Pruning, mowing, strimming, planting, chainsaw qualified, log-splitting, wood chipping, drainage, hedge-laying and more
- General Handyman Services: If it needs fixing, or you need a 2nd pair of hands or advice...

I've got you covered!

***Please contact me today***

07484 289160

Jon.glyde@btinternet.com

Green Cottage, Llanbister

***House and  
garden  
maintenance  
and repair***





## LLANBISTER SCHOOL HEAD'S UPDATE. MAY 2025



We have had a very busy and exciting start to the Spring and Summer terms. Back in January the pupils were visited by the Welsh Whisperer who helped us to create our very own Llanbister Primary School song. We were lucky enough to showcase the children's work in the community Hub where families were invited to listen to the pupils perform. We hope to use it in the future for a video highlighting the amazing area and school that we have.

The pupils in years 5 and 6 have visited Cardiff on their residential trip. They visited the Senedd, the Principality Stadium and were lucky enough to explore the city. This was followed by the pupils hosting the school Eisteddfod where they showcased their talents in craft, baking, writing and music. Staying with the Welsh theme the pupils in year 5, along with Miss Emma, have conducted some research on the local area as part of a Welsh Heritage project. The pupils have been successful in their endeavours and have been invited to Swansea's waterfront museum for the awards ceremony, we will find out then where we have been placed.

We have many more exciting things to look forward to in the last few weeks of the academic year including sports day, our school open evening on the 5th of July and waving our oldest pupils off to their new secondary schools. We wish them all the best in their new adventures and hope that they have had learning experiences in Llanbister that will stay with them for a lifetime. We would also like to express our best wishes to Miss Powell who will be beginning her maternity leave in the middle of July.



### FUNNY-FARMING!



What do a farmers talk about when they are milking cows?  
- *Udder nonsense!*

**ANAGRAM ANSWERS:** Llanbister School, River Ithon, Lion Hotel

## TRANSPORTS OF DELIGHT?

Funding has been secured to restore a fifth daily train service on the Heart of Wales line, which was axed in 2024. It is described as a crucial step towards improving the service, ensuring the line's viability and a lifeline for rural communities providing vital transport links for residents and supporting local businesses.

A timetable proposed in the recent Powys Council Bus consultation, which closed in February, appears to offer similar times to the present during the day but possibly a later evening northbound bus to Newtown (currently 19:29 at Llanbister) and later from Newtown to Brecon (currently 20:36 at Llanbister). If implemented it might make some of our evenings out more viable by public transport!



## FUNNY-FARMING!

As a farmer, I hear a lot of jokes about sheep -  
*We'd tell them to the dog, but he'd herd them all!*

Look after your Hedgehogs



*from People's Trust for Endangered Species and Hedgehog Rescue*

In March and April hedgehogs come out of hibernation. Natural food could be scarce so if you know you have hogs you could put out meaty cat or dog food and a shallow dish of water in the evening – not all summer of course because they need wild food and like to roam, about a mile a night in good weather. That suggests another good turn: if your garden is surrounded by wooden or wire fencing, by brick or stone walling why not cut a small throughway 16cms x 16cms (6ins x 6ins) to facilitate nightly wandering – your neighbours could do the same? Hedgehogs eat slugs and other pests by the ton so you would all benefit by this natural 'pesticide'.

If you see a hog during the day it must be poorly, injured or perhaps a young one out of the nest because mother hasn't come home. An adult can be given food and water

# Handy contacts

Age Concern		01686 623707
Church in Wales	WestRadnor 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
Doctor	Llandrindod Medical Practice	01597 824291
	Knighton Surgery	01547 528523
Shropdoc out of hours (via NHS 111)		111
Dyfed/Powys Police Non-emergency		101
Emergency Services		999
Libraries		
(note: Llandrindod Library has moved to the Museum)		
	Llandrindod Wells	01597 826870
	Newtown	01686 626934
Library of Things/Benthyg Llandrindod	c/o The Hive, Llandrindod Wells	01597 824616
<i>(borrow/donate /skill share scheme)</i> llandrindod.benthyg.cymru		
Llanbister Community Council Clerk	Jennifer Turner	07534 990237
Llanbister CC Chair – Tracy Lewis		07495 827360
Llanbister CC – Website	www.llanbister.org.uk	
	Facebook page Llanbister Community	
Llanbister Community Hall bookings –	Helen Hughes	01597 840450
Llanbister School		01597 840258
Llandrindod Wells Hospital		01597 822951
	Minor Injuries Unit	01597 828735
(new hours from Nov 2024: 8am–8pm, 7 days a week)		
Local Representative (Powys County Council)	Geoff Morgan	07495 503808
Mobile Post Office	Thursdays 11.45 – 12.30	Lion Hotel car park
Public Transport		
	Buses: (Timetables etc)	0871 200 2233 www.traveline.info
	Rail: 03333 211 202	tfw.wales/service-status/timetables
	& www.trainline.com/train-times (or via App)	

Trash Nothing – want free stuff...got stuff to give away?  
<https://trashnothing.com/beta/>

Vet – Ddole Road		01597 822044
Vet – Hafren		01597 851500
TIDBIT Editing Team	llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com (note the '2!')	
	07398 190585 c/o 1 School Meadow LD1 6TN	

Tidbit Payment & donations to:  
Llanbister Community Council – account 40 26 21 41048619

# RECIPES (Thanks to Amy and Jenny!)

## **Boozy Eton Mess summer pudding**

### **Ingredients**

Ingredients  
500g mixed berries, such as cherries, raspberries or blackberries, hulled and chopped  
2 tsp caster sugar  
150ml gin or your favourite liquor  
500ml double cream  
4 meringue nests  
Fresh mint leaves  
Icing sugar



### **Method**

1. Place the berries in a shallow dish. Spread the berries out as much as possible in one even layer so they absorb the gin and sprinkle with the caster sugar. Pour the gin over the berries and set aside for 15 minutes. The longer you leave the berries, the boozier they will be.
2. Meanwhile, whip the cream in a bowl until it thickens. Crush three of the meringue nests and fold them into the whipped cream. Drain the berries and set a few aside for decorating.
3. In bowls or on a serving platter, alternate a spoonful of the meringue cream mixture with spoonfuls of the boozy berries to create a layered Eton mess. Crumble the remaining meringue nest over the top. Decorate with some berries and a couple of mint leaves. Dust some icing sugar over the top and serve.

Serve with Raspberry sorbet. Nice with a light and bubbly sparkling Prosecco!

## **Jalisco Flower - not a flower but a refreshing cocktail!**



### **Ingredients**

15ml Tequila  
20ml Elderflower Liqueur  
35ml Pink Grapefruit Juice  
Prosecco or Cava to top up

**Method:** Put Tequila, Elderflower Liqueur and Pink Grapefruit juice in a shaker with some ice. Shake well, Strain into a margarita glass and top up with prosecco

Enjoy this taste of summer!!



HAYDN LEWIS  
FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD

INVESTMENT PLANNING

RETIREMENT PLANNING

INHERITANCE TAX PLANNING

PROTECTION PLANNING

**CONTACT US**

☎ 01597 824338

[haydnlewis.co.uk](http://haydnlewis.co.uk)

SJP APPROVED 08/03/2024