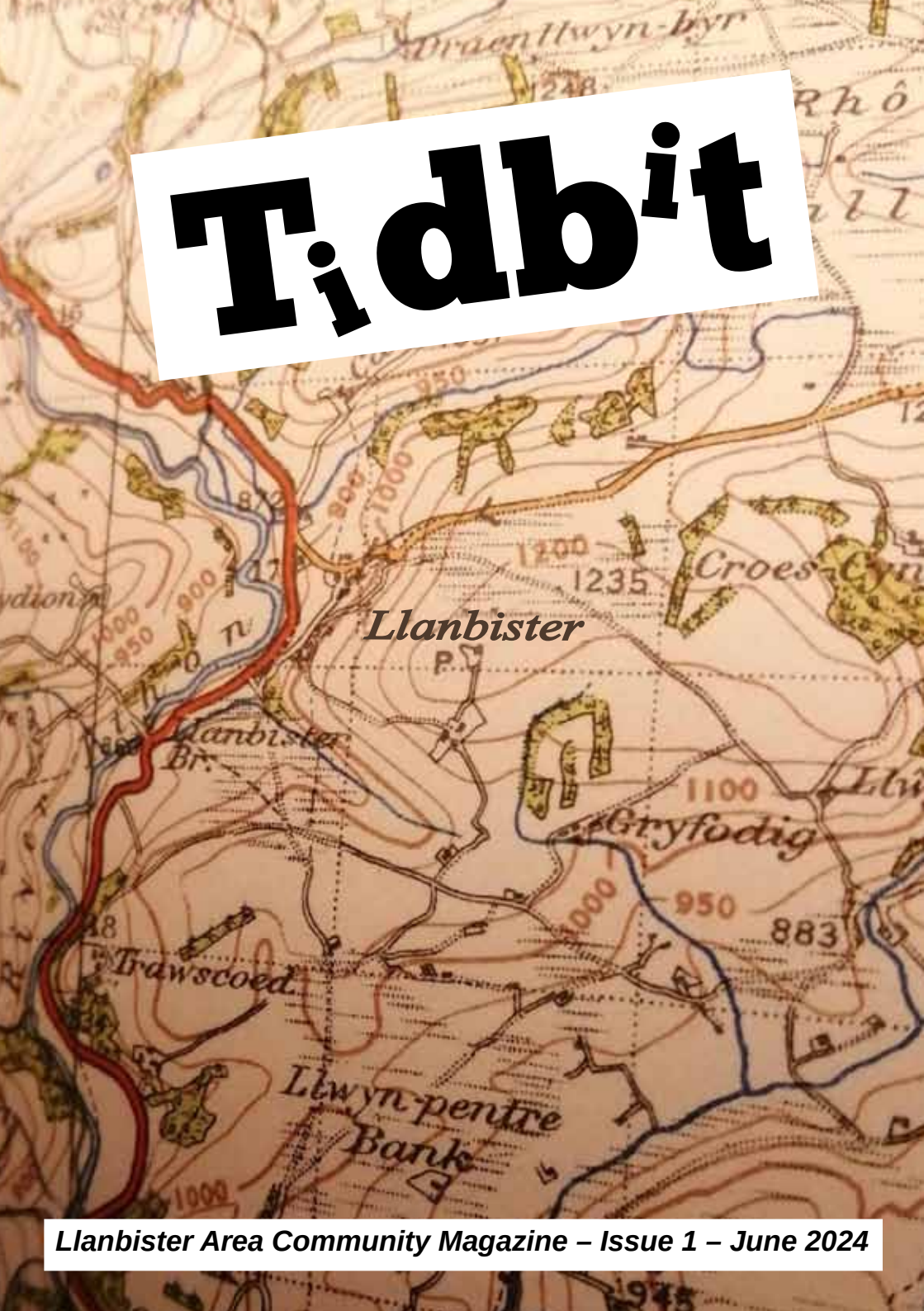


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Welcome to The Tidbit!

This is the first edition of a new, free magazine for residents of Llanbister and surrounding areas. An exciting initiative by Llanbister Community Council, planned to be published quarterly and distributed free of charge to all residents. Additional copies will be available at The Lion, Llanbadarn Book Exchange and The Community Shop

We hope to provide you with reliable information about things that are happening locally, along with fun seasonal articles such as recipes, gardening tips, puzzles and quizzes. We hope that all local groups will want to contribute and let everyone know about their club, event, activity and news.

In this edition, we have contributions from Llanbister School, The Village Hall, The Church and Cantal Young Farmers amongst others. It is a great way to keep up with your Community Council too as their minutes will also be included.

We would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this first edition and welcome everyone who would like to contribute to future editions. Please contact David Horne if you would like to submit an article that would be of interest to our local community (his number is on the back page along with a directory of Handy Local Telephone Numbers). There is no charge for printing an article about your club or event.

Plans for the future? - Are you a budding literary genius or just a great story teller – we would love to add a serialised story to your magazine. We would like to introduce a Children's quarterly art competition too. Are you new to the area? Why not write a little bit about you and your family, to introduce yourself to the Community? What would you like to see in your magazine? We would love to hear your ideas.

If you would like to help with the editing or distribution of the magazine, we would be very grateful for this assistance. Please let us know if you can help.

We also accept advertising from local businesses, at £40 for a year we feel this is great value for money and donations are also gratefully received – these funds will go towards printing costs. Closing date for inclusion in the next edition will be 1st August

So for now, get a cup of tea, sit back and enjoy your first edition of The Tidbit!

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LLANBISTER CC LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

Llanbister Community Council have invested in 8 sets of litter picking kit for our community.

Regular litter picking events will be organised by Sue Cox and will focus on the "5 mile loop" – starting in the village, down to the turnpike, up Caerfaelog Lane on to the common, past Pehrhos Paddocks, turn right towards Cwmllchwydd Fawr, right at the Chapel and back towards the village. There will be regular litter picks between May and September with occasional events between October and April each year.

The first village litter pick is planned for Sunday July 14th, meeting at 10:00 at the village war memorial. If you'd like to take part please contact Sue Cox.

Future dates will be added to the Village Noticeboard and social media.

The kit can be borrowed at any time if individuals or groups want to clean up a specific area in the village. Please contact Sue Cox for details.

Sue Cox, Rock House, Llanbister. 07759546054

CHAMBER NEWS



Welcome everyone to Llanbister Community Council's 'Tidbit'! As your County Councillor I have been asked to write a column in the newsletter.

One of my first duties as County Councillor for the Ithon valley was to open the Community Hub here in Llanbister.

On the death of HRH queen Elizabeth II a number of you expressed concern to me that you would have liked to go and pay your last respects to her but felt they were unable to due to the long journey and queue so myself, Darren Rogers and Liz Bowen made the journey to London to pass by her coffin and represent you.



Llanbister representatives at the Queen's funeral

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both as I wouldn't have done it by myself It was an experience I will never forget.

In March I voted against the Council Tax rise as I feel we are not getting a fair deal - the cuts are all coming off the one side of the cake.

Geoff Morgan

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LLANBISTER SHOW 2024

RAIN DOESN'T STOP PLAY!

Intermittent rain failed to dampen spirits at our Show on Bank Holiday Monday where a large number turned out to enjoy displays such as the Wye Valley Axemen and Wye Valley Falconry and the traditional attractions. Carriage Driving and a few stalls cancelled but all the regular activities like Crafts, Cookery, Produce, Art and Photography, Horse Show, Jumping, Dog, Sheep and Pig Shows, Children's Athletics, Vintage and Custom Vehicles wide variety of trade and community stalls went ahead as usual and poultry were welcome in the Fur'n Feather competition after several years of avian flu restrictions. The raffle organised by Margaret Grieve proved popular as ever, helped by some exceptionally generous prize donations from local businesses and individuals.

Cantal YFC excelled themselves with a barbecue and impressive range of cakes and sandwiches in the tea tent, a welcome refuge from the elements. The usual Car Treasure Hunt with fiendish clues by Geoff Morgan and a Speed Shearing competition at Llanbister Hall took place the day before.

We are grateful to visitors for co-operating with the new regulations which require all organisations, including even small shows, to sort and recycle all waste, and Powys County Council for providing bins, so the litter-picking and sorting was minimal.

Whilst the day passed off very well in the end, we still struggle with an overall shortage of helpers. Run entirely by volunteers, not only are hands needed on the day but it takes a huge amount of forward planning every year so we always need practical and organisational help, from putting up marquees, stewarding, litter-picking to admin support and many other tasks. The financial outcome looks fairly tight but when possible the Show donates surplus funds to local causes after annual expenses are covered and a sufficient reserve remains for the following year.

The committee records thanks to everyone who contributed to getting the event off the ground but especially to James Grieve who has stood down after many years as Treasurer and to Gerri Hughes who is handing over the Sheep Show. We were pleased to have had some good local press coverage (trusting that some people still read the newspapers!)

Meetings are open to anyone interested and usually held monthly from September to May/June. The Annual General meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October 7.30pm but there may be a special 'Meet the Gang' gathering in September for new volunteers and to celebrate the 102nd year of the Show!

For more information and enquiries, email llanbistershow@hotmail.com, see the Llanbister Show Facebook page or phone the Secretary Claire Carter on 07598 101713 (leave message). You can also ask to be included on the email circulation list.

David Strachan
Programme & Publicity Officer



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BEST KEPT VILLAGE GROUP

We are a very informal group and meetings take place every couple of months to plan the work and allocate tasks. Interested? Please contact David Strachan on 01597 840757 or bloomingllanbister@outlook.com

The group was set up over 20 years ago to enter the county Best Kept Village competition - and Llanbister won! It included some of the older troughs and later a Millennium Garden on the wide verge alongside the A483, of which a few shrubs remain. The late Ray Lewis was one of the driving forces and a few years ago he and Colin Williams suggested reviving it to help brighten up the village again, although the competition no longer happens. BKV has been grateful to receive some grant funding from the Garreg Llwyd Community Fund which helps cover the cost of planters, compost and some of the bulbs, etc.

AIMS

- To improve and keep tidy the public green spaces within the village (not including the grass cutting areas), for the benefit of local people and visitors
- To provide and maintain tubs, troughs etc. with flowers and insect-attracting plants
- To encourage residents to be involved in ongoing work

Many folk in the village contribute to its character with their own gardens but everyone is welcome to join in with brightening the 'non-private' features. We are a very informal group and meetings take place every couple of months to plan the work and allocate tasks. Interested?

Please contact: Chairperson & Acting Secretary: David Strachan,
Treasurer: Tonia Greene. Group email: bloomingllanbister@outlook.com

Jude's (Rock House) gardening tips.

From Soggy Spring to Flaming June – we hope?

Flaming June brings summer colour and many plants are doing their best to out bloom each other, even in Radnorshire where we are often way behind more temperate places. If you happen to find yourself with a few moments to spare on a beautiful sunny day, take some time to sit and appreciate the garden that you and nature have produced together. Plants like roses, phlox and aquilegia will be trying to out do each other with glorious displays of colour and many flowers will be producing the most glorious scents - some will be stronger in the evening as dusk descends like Jasmine, Philadelphus (mock orange) or the aptly named Evening Primrose – great for planting around a garden bench.

If you're anything like me though, that activity will last all of 5 minutes because seeing a weed somewhere will distract you and before you know it you'll be down on your knees grafting away! If that's you, here's some things to keep you busy at this time of year - **dead heading** and **mulching**.

Dead heading is simply cutting off flowers that have finished before they turn

into seed pods. This directs the plant's energy into strong growth. In some cases it promotes the production of new flowers and prevents seeds forming which may spread a plant where you don't want it. Roses, pelargoniums (geraniums) and hanging basket plants will all benefit from dead heading however some plants produce seed heads that provide food for bird through the winter so are best NOT deadheaded. For example, ornamental thistle, teasel and miscanthus (ornamental grass).

Mulching means covering the soil with organic matter (grass clippings, bark, wood chips or leaves) to deter weeds, retain water and improve the condition of the soil. As our summers becomes drier, mulching plants can help roots stay cool and prevent excessive water evaporation. If mulching is to primarily prevent weed growth, try putting a layer of carboard (all tape removed first) on the soil first, then cover that with bark chips or garden shreadings. Grass mowings can be used in the same way at the back of borders or under shrubs, where its less easily seen, taking care to leave shrub stems clear to allow air to circulate.

Whatever you get up to, enjoy your garden!



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Village Hall Diary

We have lots going on at the village Hall – Why not come along and enjoy something new!!

Monthly

Pool, Whist, Dominoes – First Thursday

Beer and Bowls – First Thursday

Catch Up Club – First and Third Wednesday of each month (2-4pm in the Hub)

Whist Club – First and Third Friday

We also have a monthly quiz – please contact Helen Hughes for details.
helenhughes51@hotmail.co.uk

Weekly

Pool League and Practice – Wednesday

Badminton Club – Tuesday and Wednesday

Fitness Classes - Please message Tracy Lewis on 07960 271696 for more information





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After a 16 year absence, the Enduro World Championship returns to its home of Mid Wales. The EnduroGP of Wales will be run by Rhayader Motor Club and Saintswell Events and will start at Cwmythig Hill near Rhayader and use the Abbey woods to link in with Saintswell Enduro Centre.

“Its amazing to be bringing the event back to the UK and to Mid Wales, we have British world champions in the Men’s, Women’s and Junior categories and it seemed crazy that there wasn’t a round in the UK.

The event stands to bring in the region of 1 million pounds to Mid Wales with hotels, holiday lets and camp sites all filling up for the event as well visitors using local pubs, restaurants, shops and local attractions.” Adam Rees – EnduroGP of Wales, Event Director

The Event will consist of three days of racing starting with the SuperTest on Friday evening at Cwmythig Hill.

The Saturday and Sunday will see the world’s best riders compete in two full days of enduro racing. Check out our Facebook page to keep up to date with the event.





As a governing body, we are all really proud of the *children* and the *teaching and learning* that takes place in Llanbister C. P. School primary school. Our community primary school continues to go from strength to strength!

We have so much to celebrate as a school and just a few of the many achievements are detailed below:

- The funding through the Arts Council for Wales meant continued visits and workshops from upbeat Dave, who is a real favourite with the children!
- The whole school visited St Fagans, as part of their topic of time travellers. The trip was supported by Governor Darren Rogers. The children each attended a workshop during the visit and had the opportunity to explore changes in Wales through time.
- The school held their annual Eisteddfod on 1st March. The children completed lots of art, singing and craft activities and it was well attended by parents.
- Children in years 5/6 have had a visit from Kathryn Vaughn (Year 7 Head of Year in Ysgol Calon Cymru). Kathryn was accompanied by some of last year's leavers and the children got to chat and ask questions, all in readiness for transition to high school.
- Two year 5 pupils have completed their Bronze young Ambassador training virtually on 7th February and the children also celebrated world book day by dressing up as their favourite characters.
- Debbie Cornelius has visited to school and met with Miss Powell to review progress in Welsh. The school is beginning to work towards the silver award for Siater Iaith.

School Improvement and monitoring has continued, and staff conducted a book look in Maths as part of their self-evaluation process. Following this, governor visits commenced with Rebekah Meredith and Tina Samuel (who oversee Maths and Numeracy) enjoying a learning walk, where they got to chat with learners of all ages, discuss their work and celebrate their success. Matthew Williams also spent a day in school with the staff and children, which was enjoyed by all and assisted Matthew in beginning his journey as a new parent governor.

Tina Samuel and Rachel Powell have also completed their Additional Learning Needs termly monitoring visit with Abi Powell, the school ALNCO, to ensure provision is in place for all learners, whatever their need.

The *staff* at the school are always looking for ways in which they can train to support learners further.

- Miss Wilson attended a creative circus course in January, so watch this space for new circus skills!
- Miss Hughes attended the final workshop with careers Wales in producing a resource for practitioners around Entrepreneurial learning. This will be shared across Wales during Careers week in March branded with the school's name. A brilliant way of showcasing our small village primary school.
- Miss Wilson and Miss Powell have started their training with Skip Cymru. This is an accredited course with the UWTSO and they have two more sessions to attend in the future. This course is fully funded by Powys Sports team.
- Miss Wilson also attended a sports games training session with Bach a Lach on 27th February.
- Miss Hammond continues to keep up with her supervisions that enable her to carry out her role as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).

Year 6 School Leavers



Our time at Llanbister Primary School has come to an end and the experiences we have had at our school have been amazing! This is how we feel about Llanbister School;

Llanbister school has shown me what I can and can't do, yet. Llanbister school has taught me well whilst getting me ready for high school. I will miss this school, all my friends and the teachers even though I'm excited to go to high school and see my old friends.

My favourite time was when Miss Emma first came to the school and taught us for the first time. Us Year Sixes were the first group Miss Emma taught and it will be emotional for Miss Emma and us, when we leave.

Even though I haven't been at Llanbister school for long, it feels like I have always been here with my friends. My favourite thing since joining the school was when the year sixes did a water bottle launch with a pump when we were learning science.

I like maths and going outside and this school has helped me learn a lot of things and I really like it.

My favourite thing at Llanbister School was going up Snowdon. I saw a really nice view.

My favourite part of being at Llanbister school has been the trips like when we went to a trampoline park. It was so fun!

I like history and being alone with my thoughts but also with friends.

Llanbister School has been a great experience packed with lots of fun memories and lots of friends. I will be sad to leave but I am sure there will be lots of memories made in high school.

Llanbister School has showed me how to be me, taught me how to be kind and thoughtful to other people which will help me loads! Everyone is so kind and we have all been supported along the way. I hope that others get the same experiences as me because I will really miss Llanbister School and I hope the others will to!

Llanbister School has taught me how to stay ready, respectful and safe. I have learnt lots of important lessons and life skills. I have made loads of amazing friends, who have helped me out along the way. All of the teachers are great and will explain to anyone who is stuck. We have had

so many amazing experiences and all of the memories will stay with me forever. I will really miss Llanbister School and I hope all it has taught me will come in handy.

LLANBISTER SCHOOL PTA

Hello everyone,

Id like to start by explaining who we are and what our purpose is.

We are Llanbister School PTA (fundraisers). We are a small committee of parents who support the School with extra funds to provide more learning opportunities, activities, resources, equipment, travelling/transport costs and of course more FUN for everyone.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community around us and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support, whether that is attending events, helping at events, donating money or supporting our school in anyway. We really appreciate it.

So far this academic year we have held a Halloween disco/party (thank you to all the residents of Llanbister for allowing us to trick or treat around the village after the party and for leaving sweets out for us, the children had great fun)

We also held a whist drive, the children performed their fantastic Christmas plays, we managed the charity shop in Llandrindod, held an Easter bingo and much more.

We are also lucky enough to have 'Rags to Riches' to come and collect unwanted clothes and shoes, this is a great easy way for us to fundraise so if you have any unwanted items, please bag them up for the next collection from Llanbister Hall on Wednesday 6th November.

We have a fantastic School and community which we are very proud of, it's wonderful to see the children thriving and growing into kind, caring and happy individuals.

Thank you all,

keep well,

Llanbister School PTA (Fundraisers)

QUIZBITS No.1

Here's a mixture of questions, mainly food and local knowledge, with something for all ages. See how many you can answer without looking it up on the Internet! Answers on page....

1. Cawl is a...
 - a. Traditional Welsh soup
 - b. Port in South Wales
 - c. Covering for a chimney
2. How many B vitamins are there?
3. What is the name of the stream which runs just north of Llanbister near the bus stop, and into the Ithon?
4. What is the main ingredient of Gnocchi?
 - a. Pasta
 - b. Potato
 - c. Italian cheese
5. A Margherita is a...
 - a. Summer cocktail drink
 - b. Spanish headdress
 - c. A type of pizza
6. What is the antidote to warfarin rat poison?
7. What does bara brith mean in English?
8. A Fodmap is a...
 - a. Type of satnav
 - b. App to help find local eating places
 - c. Type of carbohydrate
9. What pudding was traditionally served around St Cynllo's Church on the saint's day?
10. Who is the long-distance footpath, ...Way, which runs close to Llanbister named after?
 - a. Nye Bevan
 - b. Owain Glyndŵr
 - c. Gareth Thomas
11. What would you get if you made up a drink with tequila, orange liqueur and lime juice?
12. Where will you find the Chalybeate Spring?

Answers on page 21



Llanbister School – pre-1927

In the early to mid-1920s my father Jack Wilding and his brother Arthur, and sisters Edith, Hester and Gladys attended the old Llanbister School, on the site where the Vicarage now stands, which is now a private house. There was one large room divided into 2 by a curtain screen. Mr. George Bennett taught the older children who could be up to the age of 14, and his wife taught the younger children. There was a larger unfenced gravel playground in the front, and the outside toilets were out at the back. The children had an hour for dinnertime. They spent their time jumping over the Dorddu Brook which at one time was full of trout, the little children often falling in. They also played hopscotch, marbles, and a game with 7 stones. A popular game was Fox and Hounds. The boys were hounds and barked like dogs and the girls were the foxes. They would chase the girls over the fields below the Methodist Chapel, and were often late back for afternoon school. When they were late back, they had the cane, mostly on their hands.

School finished at 3.30. When the family lived at Glanrafon they and other children walked to school. Other children walking with them were those from Treboith, Bwlch, Tynypant, Goitre and the Porth. The younger boys were allowed to hitch lifts by hanging on to the back of coal wagons coming up the road from Penybont Station.

Later the Wilding family lived at Grevodig. The five children walked to school across the fields via Llwynitch and Shop Farm. Walking with them were the Bricks from New House, and the Mills from Ffoesyffin. At Llwynitch there was a pool with geese and a gander who tried to attack them.

By the time they got to Shop Farm they could hear Mrs. Price milking the cows.

The girls' dresses were made by a dressmaker, who lived in a house on the side of road going up Llanbister Pitch. The house was demolished a long time ago.

Memories as recalled

by Arthur and Edith Wilding to Jennifer Lewis.





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Memories of a Distant and Smokey Past

The ghosts and memories of Llanbister Road Railway Station were given a welcoming reprise of yesteryear on Saturday Lunchtime of 20th April 2024 and the event that stirred the spirits of the past can be summed up in one word. That word is STEAM!



The Railway Touring Company UK had organised a spectacular 9 day tour of the UK entitled "The Great Britain XV1." The journey from Liverpool Lime Street Station passing through Central Wales via the Heart of Wales Line to Swansea was Day 5 of this event.

The excursion was double headed by two Ex LMS Stanier Class 5, 4-6-0, locomotives. Commonly known as the *Black Five's*. Introduced by locomotive engineer Sir William Stanier and built between 1934 and 1951.

In the early days the locomotives were known as the "*Black Staniers*" from their black livery in contrast to Staniers other class of 4-6-0, the LMS "*Jubilee Class*" which were painted crimson. Time passing, the nickname of the former became "*Black Five*", the number referring to the power classification. This from 1940 was shown on cab sides as the simple figure 5.

The locomotives resplendent in their black livery and pulling an 11 "*West Coast Railways*" coaching stock in crimson livery, were numbered **44871** (unnamed built March 1945) and **45407** "*The Lancashire Fusilier*" (Built September 1937)

The train was an amazing and exhilarating sight, as it literally thundered through the pretty, but sleepy Llanbister Road railway station, to the delight of the numerous individuals and families who had gathered on the platform and over bridge to watch, video and photograph the event. The memories of Llanbister Road must have been delighted to see so many persons upon the platform, even though the train did not stop! In the space of about 50 seconds it was all over, the echoes of the train bouncing back from the over bridge and surrounding hills as the train sped upon its journey towards Llandrindod Wells and Swansea. I witnessed some very happy children and adults reluctantly returning to their cars in the aftermath of the event.

Delicious Summer Dessert Recipe

Sherry Log

Ingredients

Sweet sherry

2 packs of chocolate chip cookies

600ml double cream

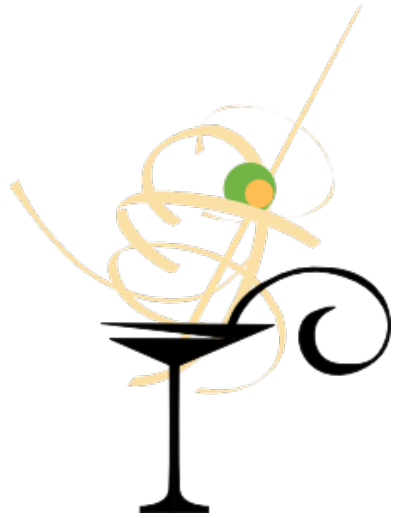
Flake

Instructions

Whip the cream to stiff peaks. Pour a little sherry into a shallow saucer. Dip a cookie into the sherry and spread with a little whipped cream. Repeat this process and sandwich the two biscuits together with one layer of cream on the outside. Stand on their side. Repeat with another cookie and add it to your row of biscuits. Keep going until you have a long run of biscuits and cream. You can do a straight line or a circle or another shape depending upon how much desert you can eat.

Once you have used all of your cookies, cover the 'log' with the rest of the whipped cream and sprinkle with a garnish of chocolate flake.

If you want to make an alcohol free version replace the sherry with orange juice.



Satan's Whiskers

Ingredients

15ml London Dry Gin
15ml Dry Vermouth
15ml Sweet Vermouth
15ml Orange Juice
8ml Grand Marnier
3 dashes of orange bitters
An orange twist to garnish

Instructions

Half fill the cocktail shaker with ice. Add all the ingredients and shake really well. Strain into a martini glass and garnish with a twist of orange.

ANSWERS TO TIDBIT QUIZ ON PAGE 16

1. a. Traditional Welsh soup
2. 8
3. Dorthau Brook
4. b. Potato
5. c. A type of pizza
6. Vitamin K1
7. Speckled bread
8. c. Type of carbohydrate
9. Rice pudding with raisins
10. b. (Prince) Owain Glyndŵr
11. A Margharita cocktail
12. Rock Park, Llandrindod

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Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

Date: Thursday 11th January 2024 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: None

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

3. Declaration of Interest. Wayne Bowen re planning 23/1746/HH

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 30th November 2023 general meeting were previously circulated to all councillors. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Approved and Duly signed by Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

a. Llanbister War Memorial - if the grant application is successful work should be completed by summer 2024

b. Graveyard - A fence is being erected and gates should arrive by 20th January 2024. This is being paid for by the Church. GM to chase lease. Llanbister CC will need to engage a firm of solicitors to act on their behalf. Chair and Vice chair will sign the lease. This will also need adding to the CC insurance certificate.

c. Community Engagement - Councillors reviewed and discussed a village magazine produced by a neighbouring community and distributed free of charge to all residents. It is felt that Llanbister could benefit from a similar project and Councillors would like to initiate this project in Spring 2024. It was suggested that the magazine could include 'Catch-up Club' and also possibly a raffle to raise funds. TL to arrange a meeting with volunteers following a facebook post requesting residents to volunteer to help with this project. Clerk to try to establish approximate printing costs.

d. RES - Applications not received as yet. Follow up February meeting

6. Planning –

Planning application 23/1746/FUL - approved

7. Correspondence.

a. Community Speedwatch - Councillors considered this. Not approved.

b. Buglife Event - Reviewed

c. Powys Local Development Plan - Councillors to review. CJ emphasised the importance.

d. Training Dates - OVW. Distributed to Councillors

9. Finance - Balances as at 11th January 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,094.51

Income (as part of above balance) 0

Expenditure - £5.25 bank charges

Community Account - £11,044.69

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

Outgoings as part of the above balance – £5 Bank charge

£70 OVW Membership

£147.61 Clerk's salary (Dec)

£147.61 Clerks salary (Jan)

£26 Clerks expenses

£110.60 HMRC

£650 Grant to Hall

Previous clerk backpay

Councillors reviewed the 2024-25 budget and agreed a precept request of £6,927 to remain same as 2023-24

Agreed to give notice to Mid Wales Accountants to terminate payroll provision from April 2024. Clerk will include payroll in her role with hours increased to 17.5 per month from April 2024.

0. **School Governor's Report.**

Matthew Williams appointed as school governor. There are some pressures on the current School budget

1. **Community Hall / Hub Report.**

TL reported the following on-going activities - Christmas Events well attended, Fitness Club - reduction in numbers, Pool Team doing well, Beer and Bowls went well

Male voice choir coming on 10th February 2024

Big Breakfast planned for 2nd or 3rd March 2024

2. **Any Other Business.**

a. DH will continue to Defibrillator for expiry of pads and battery

b. BUTE Energy (requested by Cllr Morgan). A meeting is scheduled for 31st January. Follow up February meeting

c. Request for CC to purchase litter pickers and Hi-Vis jackets - Agenda February

d. Request for painting of Village Hall Speed bump - Councillors agreed and will action

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

3. Declaration of Interest. G Bowen and D Rogers Planning 23/1915/FUL

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 11th January 2024 general meeting were previously circulated to all councillors. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Approved and Duly signed by Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- a. Llanbister War Memorial - DR to arrange work to commence in May
- b. Graveyard - A lease has been received and reviewed. Some minor changes are needed and the lease will need reviewing by solicitors. The Council are happy to sign this subject to the solicitors comments. Once complete clerk to add graveyard to the insurance policy.
- c. Community Engagement - A village magazine produced by a neighbouring community and distributed free of charge to all residents was reviewed and discussed. It is felt that Llanbister could benefit from a similar project and as such work has already started on this with a hope to produce the first quarterly copy in June 2024.
- d. RES - Grant awarded for £760 for Phone Box, Door and War Memorial

6. Planning –

- Planning application 23/1516/FUL - approved
- Planning application 23/1915/FUL - no comment

7. Correspondence.

- a. Litter Pick - Clerk to order equipment (Bin bags, HI-vis jackets, gloves and litter pickers)
- b. Speedbump - MW to source paint and action
- c. Training Dates - OVW. Distributed to Councillors by email

9. Finance - Balances as at 29th February 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,094.51

Income (as part of above balance) £0

Community Account - £11,034.69

Income (as part of above balance) - £0

Outgoings as part of the above balance – £5 Bank charge

£178.15 Clerk's salary (Feb)

£26 Clerks expenses

Agreed to give notice to Mid Wales Accountants to terminate payroll provision from April 2024. Clerk will operate and maintain a new payroll system from April 2024

10. School Governor's Report.

There are some pressures on the current School budget. Staffing will be reviewed including teaching staff and lunchtime supervision. The school has recently undertaken a successful trip to St Fagans. There has also been a successful fundraiser in the form of a bingo night which was well attended by many of the local community.

11. Community Hall / Hub Report.

TL reported the following on-going activities - Choir was very successful. Rugby was well attended and the Village Hall would like to purchase a television for more showings. The pool team were pleased with their performance. The Fitness Club will cease due to low numbers. Beer and Bowls will continue

Planned for the future is

Big Breakfast planned for 3rd March 2024

Sale day in aid of MIND

Quiz Night - April (this will become a monthly event if successful)

12. Any Other Business.

a. Request from Mochdre with Penstrowed CC to add Llanbister support to a letter to Powys County Council regarding the plan to take unclassified roads back to stone rather than repairing pot holes, GM proposed, DR seconded

b. BUTE Energy - Cllr Morgan attended a the scheduled meeting on 31st January. This will be followed by a further meeting once the evenings become lighter. The intention is to try to include Llanbister in the catchment area.

c. YFC only received a partial RES grant and it was suggested that a donation could be made to support them with running costs. TL will discuss with them and update at the next meeting

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.30pm.



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