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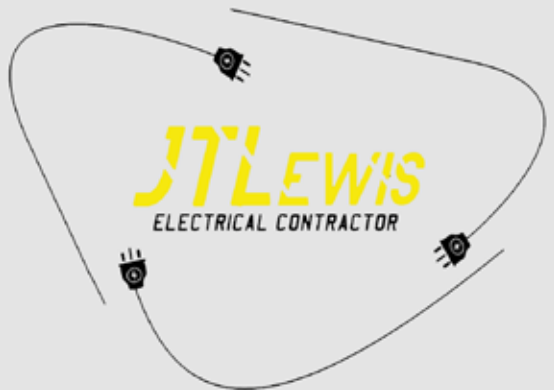


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Welcome to Four Seasons of Tidbit!



This Springtime issue sees Tidbit completing its first year of quarterly publication. Let's hope that with your interest and support we will see it through many seasons to come. Thank you to all those who have joined us on this experimental journey so far with your contributions and adverts.

This free quarterly magazine for residents of Llanbister and surrounding areas is an initiative launched 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. It will 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 significant life events 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 (June to August): 1st May 2025

6th edition (September to November): by 1st August.

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





COUNCIL CHAMBER NEWS

Council Tax is set to rise 8.9%. I voted against because I believe more cuts are needed within the Council, especially as water and electricity prices are rising.

A new appointment system and charges for recycling are being introduced for certain items from April 1st. I also voted against it as rural areas will become dumping grounds. Book online (addr) or by phone 01597 827465.

Now some good news! PCC has received £1.226 million into the Highways, Transport & Recycling budget. I have submitted an emergency motion, seconded by Cllr Iain McIntosh, that this money be ring-fenced for potholes and culvert clearance, and the work to be carried out by contractors ensuring potholes are properly cut out, filled, compacted with a wacker plate and sealed to improve long-term resilience of the road network.

At this moment in time I do not know whether the motion will be accepted and debated.

Geoff Morgan

County Councillor for Ithon Valley Ward
Assistant Vice Chair of Powys County Council



Concerned about things in the area which are broken, dirty, damaged or dumped, and need fixing, cleaning or clearing, like graffiti, dog fouling, potholes or street lights that don't work? If they are a Council responsibility you can easily report them on [FixMyStreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) – an independent website designed to make it easier to report problems even if you don't know who they should go to. It includes issues with hedges, trees or verges, which you can also report via en.powys.gov.uk/article/2461/Report-a-problem-with-hedges-trees-or-verges





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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

LIGHTING UP LLANBISTER!



Winter is a quiet time for nature and gardening, as it has been for the BKV group. Members have planted a few things in troughs for seasonal colour but perhaps our most visible output was the annual wooden Christmas Tree display to which we added battery LED lights in place of the previous inadequate solar types, supplemented by an extra tree on loan from the school to place opposite Ally and Steve's to welcome those entering from that side.

Along with the regular big village Christmas tree by the war memorial, Llanbister was transformed into fair competition to Blackpool!

As Spring creeps too slowly upon us, we will be looking to add a bit more colour to displays generally and crossing fingers that last year's bulb planting will bear flower. Meanwhile, as we write this, nature (with a little help here and there) is providing an exceptional display of snowdrops in our hedges, verges and many gardens. A small crop of primroses and early daffodils up towards the Cefn are slowly fading, soon to be overtaken by a prolific late explosion of stout-looking daffs.



As ever, we welcome new volunteers – but know many of you are busy enough with your own gardens and containers.

Chairperson: Malcolm Dean

Secretary: David Strachan 01597 840757

Treasurer: Tonia Greene

Group email: bloomingllanbister@outlook.com



CANTAL YFC

Cantal Young Farmers Club

What has been on go in the world of Cantal YFC you ask?

Well, a lot has happened since the last time you heard from Cantal YFC! We were busy starting up for the new YFC year back in August, have competed in many competitions throughout the year so far, and are currently working tirelessly behind the scenes preparing for pantomime week!

We held our AGM on the 12th of August in Llanbister village hall under the watchful eye of County official Delyth Powell! The new year saw new faces taking the reins within the club, with the quick thinking and smiley Laura Bevan adopting the role as Chairman of Cantal YFC. Fitting it all in with her busy schedule, Rhian Hughes took on the role as Vice Chairman, and Adam Watson sharing his wisdom for another year as Secretary.

With Cantal being set for the year ahead, we turned to the annual Inter Club Quiz in Penybont village hall held at the end of September, with the Cantal quiz heads battling it out for the top spot! Unfortunately, neither team made the cut – perhaps we should spend less time chasing sheep and more time watching The Chase!

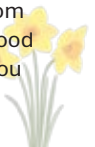
Next on the agenda was stock judging day held by Presteigne YFC at Knighton Market place, where multiple members put on their sharpest shirts and fanciest ties to wow the judges alongside their well-executed reasons. The juniors had a very good showing, with Laura winning the under-18 beef judging, and Casey Rees hot on her heels coming away with second. The girls placed a respectable 6th and 8th overall, competing in the Junior Stockman of the Year competition.

Field Day was just around the corner, with the Cantal team giving their best and turning their hand to the range of competitions throughout the day. The members managed to pick up some fantastic results, including the junior 'give it a go' team claiming 2nd place, a 4th in the junior floral and a 1st place in the junior Fferm Factor competition – an impressive day from our younger members! We also witnessed the determination from our female members, where they competed in the fencing competition in some very wet weather conditions, showing that you can give anything a go. There were many other great results, helping the club to gain an overall 5th place - well done to all that competed!

The fun didn't stop there as the public speaking weekend was fast approaching! Cantal put their best skills forward, as the junior reading and public speaking teams claimed a 2nd place each. Adding to the place cards, the seniors claimed a 3rd in the 'After Dinner' speaking competition – placing Cantal 3rd overall.

As winter arrived, the annual pool and darts competition took place over the hills in Rhosgogh golf club, with the Cantal team as keen as ever (or not, as it was held on a Sunday). Laura flew all the way to the finals, ending up claiming the Ladies singles darts title, and only just missed out on the title for the Ladies singles pool competition – I'm sure you'll get them both next year, Laur!

You may have seen (or heard first) Cantal's jolly gang walking around the village or driving from farm to farm over the festive period, singing a few carols. Thank you to all that donated to Blood Bikes Wales and kept us going with chocolates – we managed to raise over £400 thanks to you all.



The start of a new year meant the annual Entertainment week was around the corner. This year, all 13 clubs will be showcasing their talents in the pantomime competition held in February half term. Many of our members are practising away, ready to strut their stuff on the Albert Hall stage on the Thursday night (27th), along with Rhayader and Penybont's pantomimes. Cantal YFC invite you to join them on Monday the 10th of March in Llanbister hall for their concert, where you will have the chance to catch the crew acting away on stage again, alongside some supporting acts!

In amongst all the pantomime practices, the senior members managed to squeeze a night away to the Royal Welsh Showground for 'Radnor YFC does Ally Pally'. Past and present Cantal members demonstrated their darting skills up on stage in front of hundreds of dressed up fans, with our very own Karl Lewis claiming the title and receiving a big shiny trophy! A huge well done to Karl, as this is an amazing achievement.

The most recent event in Cantal's diary was a visit from Cerris Hulse, a psychic medium on the 31st of January. We hope to see her again in the future, as a successful evening was had by all, thanks to a great turn out.

If you would like to receive further information on Cantal YFC's calendar, have any questions or would like to join the team, please do not hesitate to contact:

Laura Bevan: 07868 543786 **Adam Watson:** 07979 980145 **Rhian Hughes:** 07957 653905



TIDBIT QUIZ

SPRING IS IN THE AIR



1. How long is the night time on the day of the Spring Equinox?
2. What kind of dancing might you see at a town fair on Mayday in the UK?
3. What month does Spring end in the Northern Hemisphere?
4. Who is the Goddess of Spring in Roman Mythology?
5. On Holi, Indians celebrate the end of winter by throwing what?
6. Where would you have to stand to see the sun pass directly above you during the Spring Equinox?
7. How many petals does a snowdrop have?
8. Which country does the Netherlands give 10,000 tulips each spring to thank for housing their exiled Royal Family during World War II?
9. The date of Easter Sunday changes every year because it has to fall on the Sunday after what?
10. Which Spring flower's name comes from the French for 'lion teeth'?



GARDENING TIPS *from Jude*

Spring is on the way and our gardens are waking up! You may already have plenty of things in flower and showing signs of growth so take a moment to appreciate the starting of life after the long, cold and wet winter.

Flowering bulbs – if you are enjoying a wonderful display of flowering bulbs, when those flowers start to fade, don't be tempted to cut the leaves off or tie them into a bunch because they look untidy. Bulbs need their leaves to make energy to take down into the bulb to ensure they will come up again next year. If you really hate the look of the leaves 'going over' then plant your bulbs in deep tubs. Stand the tubs in a border so the tubs can't be seen then once the blooms have finished you can move the tubs to a quiet corner to wilt unseen.

The art of hoeing – a hoe is a garden tool that has been around for centuries and there's a good reason for that – it works! These days you often find them rusting in the back of a shed. So, I'm encouraging you to get yours out and give it a clean. Hoes come in a variety of shapes but essentially have a flat metal (usually) piece that can be sharpened. They work by you using the hoe to move back and forth across the soil surface cutting off small weeds as they appear. Weeds are developing all the time just under the soil so regular hoeing, ideally on a dry day, will prevent them from getting a hold. As long as you've chopped them with the hoe you can leave them on the soil to rot down.



Some common types of hoe:



Sow your Christmas dinner! – Yes really! March is the time to buy main crop potatoes. You can get them from most garden centres and they come with easy to follow instructions. Then in April sow parsnip, carrot, leek and brussels sprout seeds.

And finally, if you're keen for some inspiration and relaxation (and cake), check out which local gardens are opening for the **National Garden Scheme** raising money for nursing and health care charities here www.ngs.org.uk.

Garregllwyd in Nantmel is open 10th and 11th May, 12 - 5pm
Rock House will be opening on 7th and 8th June, 12 - 5pm

Happy gardening everyone from Jude at Rock House



LEST WE FORGET

A TRIBUTE TO THE LLANBISTER FALLEN (PART 2)

by Richard Ford



their lives, in two devastating conflicts. I referred also, to the Llanbister War Memorial and the nine individuals listed thereon and my respect and interest as to who these fallen individuals were and the circumstances that unfortunately took their lives. Details of Three of the Nine individuals listed were given in Part One and I now conclude this article with details of the remaining Six

Participation in the Great War 1914-1918

THOMAS JONES, Private 55244 Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The son of Richard and Sarah Jones of Cefnledryn, Llanbister. He worked at Great Cwmllechwedd Farm Llanbister Road and enlisted in to the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, was posted to France joining the 2nd Battalion RWF. Moving and fighting at various locations near the Somme then to Ypres in September 1917. To participate in the 3rd Battle of Ypres. When the 2nd RWF were in line front of Polygon Wood preparing to attack together with the Australians Thomas was killed soon after the 24th September 1917 He was 21 years old. There is no know grave and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial Belgium.



PRYCE MYTTTON OWENS, Private, 2567. Montgomeryshire Yeomanry. Pryce was born in Pennyffynon Llanbister in 1888. He had lived and worked at Cwm-y-Gaist near Llangunllo and enlisted in the aforementioned Yeomanry. In September 2015. The unit was moved to Southwold for Coastal Defence Duties. On 15th March 1916 Pryce was assisting in receiving a delivery of hay for the battalion's horses. Having finished unloading. One of the horses was startled and bolted. Pryce attempted to jump onto the saddle of one of the horses, but unfortunately fell and was kicked in the head and subsequently died of his injuries He was 28 years old and was buried with full military honours by Reverend J Handlingham and Reverend Powell. Chaplin to the Welsh Brigade, at St Edmunds Churchyard, Southwold. The Last Post was sounded over his grave.

JOHN ABRHAM PRICE, Private, 235762. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The son of James and Margaret Price of Bryngwyn, Llanbister. He worked on his father's farm prior to enlisting in the aforementioned regiment. Soon after the outbreak of war. He was posted to France and his battalion joined the 58 Brigade 19th (Western) Division. In autumn of 1917 he was at Ypres and experiences heavy fighting at Passchendale. By spring of 1918 the division move to Bealencourt facing the Hindenburg Line preparing for an anticipated German offensive. There came three offensives in 1918 and the division was caught up in the heavy fighting. The second came on 9th April along the Lys Valley engaging the 19th Division. Following a week of intense inferno, the 19th were pushed back behind Mount Kemmel in reserve. On the 16th April launched a fierce assault and the 19th Division were ordered forward to meet them John was killed on the 18th April 1918 in a continuing ferocious assault by the Germans. He was 25 years old. There is no known grave and he is commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial Belgium.

WILLIAM JAMES LEWIS, Private, 2707, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry. The son of Mrs Margaret Davies of Pentwyn, Llanbister Road. He worked at White Walls Farm prior to enlisting into the aforementioned Yeomanry William served less than six months in the Home Service before being taken ill and dying of Bronco Pneumonia at Llanbister on 11th April 1915 He is buried Hephzibah Baptist Chapelyard , Llanbister

EVEN RICHARDS, Private 34251 Kings Shropshire Light Infantry. The son of Edward and Jane Richards, Edward was born at Brynwhidoes, Llanbister. The family later farmed at Bailey Farm, Llangynllo Evan enlisted into the aforementioned Infantry and after training was posted to France. He probably joined the battalion late after 1916 after its efforts on the Somme. The division took part in the Battle of Arras and then fought in the Battle of Cambrai later that year The division remained in the Cambrai over the freezing winter and on 21st March was hit hard by the German offensive Heavy and ferrous fighting occurred and the line withdrew over the coming weeks and moved to the Lys sector. On 9th April 1918 a further offensive took place and the division suffered heavy casualties. Within this terrible offensive, Evan had been taken prisoner by the Germans and was incarcerated in a camp in Ardennes. He died in Sedan Hospital on 27th August 1918. He was aged 19 years, and is buried in Sedan (St Charles) Communal Cemetery France.

Participation in the Second World War 1939-1945

TREVOR JAMES JONES, Private. 1467766404. Durham Light Infantry. The son of Richard Morgan Jones and Cecilia Eaton Jones (nee Maypole). Trevor was born at New Cottage, Llanbister on 25th May 1925. The family latter lived at Llandrindod Wells. Trevor enlisted into the army following the outbreak of war and was posted to the 8th Battalion DLI. The battalion landed on the Normandy Beaches 6th June 1944. The troops moved forward from the beaches towards Meuvaines and met with little resistance. Again the line advanced the following day and the 8th Durhams took up positions along the Bayeux to Caen railway. Unfortunately the battalions positions were attacked by German Tiger tanks which machine gunned their trenches on 11th June 1944. Trevor was killed in this attack. He was just 19 years old and is buried in the Bayeux War Cemetery France. The inscription on his headstone reads: DEAREST TREVOR NO MORNINGDAWNS NO NIGHT RETURNS BUT WHAT WE THINK OF YOU.

This concludes some of the gallant men honoured upon the Llanbister War Memorial.

I earnestly pray that Wales and the United Kingdom will **NEVER SEE AGAIN** the likes of the barbarity of the First World War. Where many thousands of young man, called from the then British Empire, gave their lives in the defence of the then Great Britain. Equally, the tragic loss of life experienced throughout the Second World War. Which left Britain virtually bankrupt!



Picture courtesy Mr Geoff Morgan

The aforementioned sacrifices may make the reader think twice as he or she drives past the Llanbister Village Memorial of those individuals and thousands of others who died.

No article relating to the Llanbister War Memorial would be complete without acknowledging the talent and determination of Mrs Vera Wozencraft who designed the panels and Lectern situated adjacent the War Memorial. (Completed 2020) She very rightly deserves a separate page of special thanks within the TidBit magazine.

2024 Remembrance Sunday has now passed, but perhaps this article may make the reader consider in participating in the 2025 Llanbister Remembrance Service.

RICHARD FORD



Llanbister School Governors March 2025 – May 2025



Writing for the 4th Edition of Tidbit, Llanbister CP School Governors are pleased to welcome a new parent governor, Mrs Francis McKay. We look forward to Francis joining the team for the forthcoming meetings in the Spring Term.

Unfortunately due to a sudden snap of extremely cold weather with black ice the evening of 21st November we had to postpone our parents/carers 'meet and greet' event. We hope we can rearrange this in the next months, but certainly after lambing season as that will keep many of us busy indeed.

A monitoring Maths and Numeracy Learning Walk was performed by Governors, Emma Howells and myself in late November. We had an afternoon of looking at workbooks, walking around classrooms viewing the display boards and spending time with our enthusiastic learners. We have compiled our reports and were both assured of standards and some great maths work. It's always a joy to hear how the children are enjoying their lessons. We heard of outdoor time spent looking in the playground for symmetry in leaves and other foliage, and drawing their own symmetrical images, using mirrors on the line of symmetry as tools to aid their drawing. We talked about symmetry in our world around us.

We have issued our annual report to parents which is distributed to parents/carers and gives update on 27 elements of school and governing activities. It's amazing the activities that are packed into every year at Llanbister C P School.

Our meetings will be held 13 th February and 1st May, in time to submit our budget. The finance meetings are held monthly with the local authority and we are pleased to report there are no concerns.

The local authority continue to provide training on many aspects of Governing. Much of this training is provided via TEAMS online, but occasionally there are face to face events. Some of these training courses are mandatory for all governors to attend such as the Governor Induction, National Training Programme for Understanding Data, Safeguarding, Safer recruitment, Cyber security, GDPR, to name a few.. Our Governors are supported by the Clerk, Gwyneth Phillips who we are very grateful to, both for her expertise and also keeping us in order with our training and keeping to the agenda.

Don't hesitate to talk to any of the Governors if you wish to know more about our wonderful school or becoming involved in the work of the Governing Body.

Rebekah Meredith
Chair of Governors.



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

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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 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



As we move quickly through the beginning of 2025, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the school activities that closed 2024. Back in December we welcomed Rhayader Male Voice Choir to the school, and it was a spectacular opportunity for the pupils of Llanbister to sing with the range of talented vocalists that were on show that evening. I would like to thank the Male Voice choir and the members of the community that joined us for providing yet another amazing learning opportunity for the pupils.

Very soon pupils in years 5 and 6 will be leaving school for their adventure to Cardiff and their residential trip to the Urdd. Pupils will be taking part in a range of activities such as a tour of the principality stadium, a visit to the Senedd and Ice skating.

As we move quickly towards the spring, the pupils will be yet again showcasing their creative talents in our school Eisteddfod taking place on Friday the 7th March. On the same week we will also be celebrating World Book Day.

On the 5th March we will be welcoming Jayne Griffiths to the community where she will be holding a flower arranging workshop for the community. Please keep an eye out for tickets nearer the time.

In April some of our older learners will be visiting Pentwyn Farm with the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust and Bute energy will be returning to continue their work looking at the

growth of algae around the school area. Moving into May and it will be all stations ready to prepare for Sports day and the local show competitions.

As always, our little school is busy with our young people creating learning experiences that will last a lifetime with the support of all our families and our fantastic little community. Diolch.



Llanbister School – future dates

5 th March	Parents Evening
6 th March	Parents Evening
7 th March	2.00pm Eisteddfod – Parents welcome
6 th March	Bute energy climate experiment
21 st March	INSET DAY – No Pupils
10 th April	Cross country championship
11 th – 25 th April	Easter Holidays
5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
26 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
26 th – 30 th May	Half Term



CATCH-UP CLUB - ACTIVITIES PLANNED

5th March	Powys Falls Prevention
19th March	Bake off and Haircuts
2nd April	Whist with Helen Hughes
16th April	Bingo with Cantal YFC
7th May	County Councillor Geoff Morgan
21st May	Coaster Art with Janice

"A Warm Welcome in the Hillside"

Ray & Janet Thomas

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LLANBISTER SCHOOL HISTORICAL *97 and counting*

Llanbister School's Centenary arrives in just 3 years (let us pray it makes it!). Jennifer Lewis has discovered this original draft programme for the event and an early photo of some of the pupils. Recognise anyone?



Llanbister School, Radnorshire

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PROGRAMME FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW COUNCIL
SCHOOL AT LLANBISTER.

Friday, 7th September, 1928.

at

3 p.m.

Members of the Local Education Authority, Managers,
Parents and pupils, etc., will assemble outside the new
school at 2.55 p.m.

The key of the school will be handed to the
Chairman of the Education Committee by the School Architect
(Mr. Frank Edwards).

The following programme will then be carried out
inside the building:-

1. Dedication Prayer - *Rev Canon R W Leger-Davies*
Rev. J. Owen, Vicar of Llanbister.
2. Reading - Proverbs, Chap. 4, Verses 1-13. - *Rev. J. L.*
Williams, Llanbister
3. Hymn. - *Mr H O Phillips*
Representative of the Llanbister
4. Addresses - Chairman of the Education Committee
(Councillor J. G. Bufton).
Chairman of the Buildings Committee
(Councillor H. Evan-Thomas).
The Director of Education (Capt. J. Mostyn,
M.C., M.A.)
5. Votes of Thanks - Councillor T. E. W. Watson.

Mr. J. J. Price.

Tea is being provided by the Managers.

of other places
P.S. The selected pupils from the other school will
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RECIPES

The Last Word

Not our last recipe but a chance to revive your inner bootlegger with this popular Prohibition-era cocktail - beware the Federal agents!

Ingredients

22ml gin
22ml green chartreuse
22ml maraschino liqueur
22ml lime juice

Maraschino cherry and lime twist to garnish

Method

Pour all ingredients into an ice filled cocktail shaker. Shake well. Pour into a small glass and garnish

Enjoy!



Image: Pixabay



Ham and Egg Muffins

Ingredients

150g small chestnut mushrooms
60g Smoked lean ham
2 spring onions
4 large eggs
cooking oil
25mls milk
Salt and pepper

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees c/ 180 fan/ gas 5.
2. Prepare your ingredients – dice ham, trim and finely chop the spring onions
3. Grease a non-stick frying pan and cook the mushrooms for 10 minutes until golden. Mix the mushrooms, ham and onion together. Whisk the eggs and milk together and season to taste.
4. Line a muffin tin with paper cases. Spoon the mushroom mixture evenly between the cases and pour in beaten egg. Bake in oven for 20-25 minutes, or until slightly risen and golden. Leave to cool slightly for a few minutes before removing from the cases.

Eat as a snack or serve with baked beans, tomatoes and mushrooms for breakfast/lunch. Yum!

We are open and ready to welcome you !



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LLANBISTER SHOW

2025



PIGS AND PICTURES!

Gearing up for Llanbister Show

The printed programme should be ready by early April but we are giving you advance notice of certain competitions to give you time to polish your porkers and lenses and prepare your canvases. Entries are required by 16th April for the Pig Show – schedule and entry form available on request, to be returned by 16th April. Art and Photography competitions are now open as follows:

Art by Adults (over 16) – An original and preferably recent piece, 2D or 3D but must be portable and your own work. Any medium. If 2D, do not frame (under-16s art will be part of the Children's Creative section, see the programme).

Photography (under-16 & 16-plus years) – An original and preferably recent photograph (colour or black and white), and your own work. Do not frame, unless with a mount only if appropriate. Both art and photography to be your interpretation of the overall Show theme of 'Nature and Food' and can either be brought in by 1.30pm on the day or submitted in advance by arrangement. There is no entry fee.

Highlights of Show Day 26th May, are planned to include the traditional animal shows, art/craft, children's and produce competitions, vintage vehicles and machinery, stalls and sideshows. The main arena event is the Quack Pack duck herding, plus we have even more entertainment lined up this year including Llandrindod Silver Band, Children's Karaoke and other musical performers! To sustain you there's a licensed bar and usual Tea Tent refreshment. Open ground pitches for community and trade stalls available. As well as on the day itself there will be a run-up of other great events – see the separate advert. Volunteer stewards and site marshals are needed – are you free on or around Show Day?

All queries about the above or the Show generally, please get in touch by email llanbistershow@hotmail.com, message via the Llanbister Show Facebook page or call the Secretary on 07598 101713. Meetings of Llanbister Show & Sports Committee are open to all and take place monthly through to May in the Community Hall or the Hub.

Llanbister Show



Monday 26th May 2025

Official opening 12.30pm

Gates open 8.30am for Horse Show, Jumping and set-up

♥Horse Show and Jumping ♥Animals ♥Art/craft ♥Photography ♥Children's and Produce competitions ♥Vintage vehicles & machinery ♥Stalls and sideshows ♥Quack Pack ducks ♥Lots of music ♥Licensed bar ♥Tea Tent ♥Community and trade stalls...and more!♥

Plus, to get you in the mood...

(Children's event to be confirmed)

Saturday 17th

QUAD SAFARI 11.30am

Sunday 25th

CAR TREASURE HUNT 4.00pm

SPEED SHEARING & BBQ 6.00pm+



Duck art from Freepik.com

Church Services

St Cynllo's Church

There are no services here in March but the Ministry Area aims to provide a minimum of one Eucharist per cluster per week and says 'Thanks to some of our retired clergy and lay readers, we have been able to provide additional services. There are however several that we have not been able to cover and wardens are being asked that, where possible, they or a lay reader cover a service as Morning/ Afternoon/Evening prayer as required... We hope to complete the April rota by middle of March and once we have a firm pattern in place, will do our best to send them out quarterly'.

Rev. Jonathan Copus has been appointed as Ministry Area Lead from 3rd March 2025.

West Radnor Ministry Area Administrator westradnor.maa@churchinwales.org.uk 01597 822557



Pound Chapel

Services are weekly at 2.30 including:

17th April Maundy Thursday Communion Service 2.30pm

20th April Easter Sunday 2.30pm

8th June Church Anniversary (& June Tea) 2.30pm



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**FAMILY RUN BUSINESS SINCE
2015**

Llanbister Community Council General Meeting Minutes

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

1. Apologies received:

2. Members Present: Tracy Lewis, Catherine James, County Councillor Geoff Morgan (8.30pm), Marc Williams, Gareth Bowen
Jennifer Turner (Clerk).

3. Declaration of Interest. TL - Planning 24/1285/FUL

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 6th September 2024 general meeting were reviewed. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Proposed MW, Seconded CJ Approved and Duly signed by the Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- Llanbister War Memorial – This work has been completed and the invoice is approved for payment. TL to take photo for website
- Graveyard – Solicitor awaiting information regarding lease. Information identified in standing orders, Clerk to send
- Community Engagement – Tidbit, the third issue is about to be printed. The magazine has been well received in the village and is regarded as a success. This remains a Community Council initiative and therefore funding will continue to be overseen by the Community Council, the Tidbit team will continue to oversee the editorial element of the magazine. Ideally a copy will be added to the website and Community Facebook page. It may be possible to apply for funding
- Speedbump – waiting for weather to improve to repaint

6. Planning –

Planning application 24/1285/FUL - approved

7. Finance - Balances as at 5th September 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,110.88

Income (as part of above balance) £5.35 interest

Community Account - £10,213.30

Income (as part of above balance) - £20 Tidbit

Outgoings as part of the above balance –

£5 Bank charge (October)

£194.40 x 2 Clerk's salary (Nov and Dec)

£26 x 2 Clerks expenses (Nov and Dec)

£104 HMRC (Nov and Dec)



£250 Grass Cutting

£15 D Horne Memory Stick for Tidbit

£20 Wreath



8. **School Governor's Report.**

A new headteacher has been appointed. There will be a drop in session for parents to find out more about becoming a parent governor

9. **Community Hall / Hub Report.**

TL reported the following on-going activities – Quizzes are going well, as is Catch up club, clerk recently gave a talk on the Community Council and Clerk's role. The organisers of Catch up Club have recently been contacted by PAVO and the Health Board to find out more about this. Councillors discussed the ongoing cost of this. A Games night is planned for 29th December and the Hall will be open for families on New Years Eve. YFC had their annual dinner

10. **Any Other Business.**

- Request from MOP to site concrete plinths under benches next to the Memorial.
- Request from MOP to paint benches and noticeboards – clerk to contact painter to arrange work for Spring 2025
- Request from MOP to re-site noticeboard
- A concern has been raised regarding the verge close to residents home

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.55



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!

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
(borrow/donate /skill share scheme)	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

LLANBISTER COMMUNITY HALL & HUB -WHAT'S ON-

1 st March	Big Breakfast
Quiz nights with Malcolm	Thursday 20 th March & every 3rd Thursday, 8.00pm start Teams of 4 (£2 per member). Bar open for drinks
Beer and Bowls	Every Thursday of the month from 7.30pm onwards
Badminton	Tuesday with Chris Nicholls from 7- 8pm Wednesday with Tracy Lewis from 6 – 7pm
Llanbister Ladies Choir	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.



ANSWERS TO TIDBIT QUIZ - ON PAGE 8

1. 12 hours
2. Maypole dancing
3. June
4. Flora
5. Powdered paint
6. The Equator
7. 6 (three large outer petals and three smaller ones inside)
8. Canada
9. The first full moon after the Spring Equinox
10. Dandelion



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