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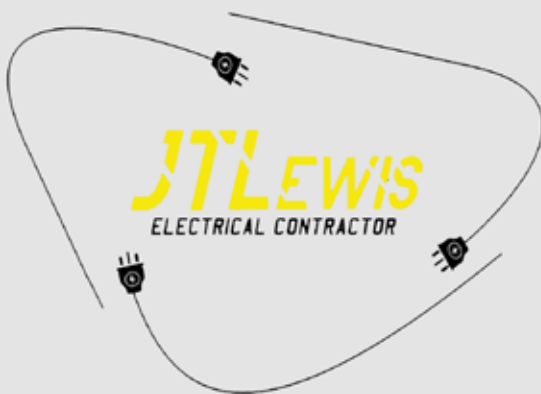
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Welcome to the 3rd edition of Tidbit

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 reliable information about local groups and events and fun seasonal articles such as recipes, gardening tips, puzzles and quizzes.

Our thanks continue to go out to all those who have placed an advert and those who have contributed. We are on the look out for articles of specific local interest that can be added to future editions, including significant life events. Any such articles should be submitted to llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com, preferably in Word format or plain text, or handwritten/typed contributions to 1 School Meadow, Llanbister LD1 6TN, about 1 month before the next publication date to allow ample time for editing and printing.

DEADLINES

4th Edition (March 2025 to May): by 1st February, to go to the printers in mid-February 2025.

5th Edition (June to September): by 1st May, to go to the printers in mid-May 2025.

If you are interested in advertising a local business, the rate is 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 41048619**

Closing date for inclusion in the next edition will be 1st February 2025

FUN AND GAMES ON OFFER

Looking for a little fundraising or entertaining activity as part of your event? Buzzwire and Splat the Rat games (as seen at the village show) can be borrowed from David Strachan.

Also a set of small shelves for displaying raffle prizes etc.

**Contact David on 01597 840757
or c/o llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com**



COUNCIL CHAMBER NEWS

Since my attention was drawn to the poor and deteriorating condition of the existing buildings, I have been lobbying for a new **High School** in Llandrindod Wells which many local children attend.

If you are concerned about things in the area which may be the responsibility of the Council and are broken, dirty, damaged or dumped, and need fixing, cleaning or

clearing, like graffiti, dog fouling, potholes or street lights that don't work and, you can easily report them on **FixMyStreet.com** - an independent website designed to make it easier to report problems in your community, even if you don't know who those reports should go to.

It includes problems 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**

Sustainable Powys - Powys County Council is forecasting a large funding shortfall so is taking a new approach to how it plans and delivers public services in the future to ensure the delivery of stronger, fairer, and greener services going forward, whilst remaining within the available budget. It includes re-modelling many services through providing a hub in each of four core areas, based around Welshpool, Newtown, Llandrindod and Brecon - anything else will only be provided if there is an approved business case to support it. We will utilise schools and other community assets wherever we can for community-based solutions and service, Travel times can be up to 1 hour to your nearest hub (even if you are a child), Provision must be digitally supported, and Public and Community transport must align each locality to the hub. Engagement of local residents and other stakeholders is an important part.

You can find out more detail at **en.powys.gov.uk/sustainablepowys**

Remembrance Day – I attended the Remembrance events at Llanbister war memorial, Penybont, and services at Crossgates and Llanbister Primary School. All were well attended.

That is a brief outline of some of the things I am involved with, so it just remains to say to you all...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Geoff Morgan

County Councillor for Ithon Valley Ward

Assistant Vice Chair of Powys County Council



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LLANBISTER SCHOOL

It has been a busy and exciting time in Llanbister Primary School - we have had a visit from the Wildlife Trust, competed in a cross country festival, held a beautiful harvest service at the church, and had singing lessons from Aled. Our healthy schools committee, Eco-School, Digital committee and Criw Cymraeg have also conducted introductory assemblies for our learners and are beginning their work across the school.

Staff have attended training for teaching and learning with the cluster of schools in the area on reflective pedagogy and teaching. They have also received training on a range of additional learning needs support that we can offer to our pupils.

Members of the Governing Body have been into school to support with Health and Wellbeing opportunities such as swimming, after school clubs and the multi – sport event at Ysgol Calon Cymru, others have visited school to explore learning within Expressive Arts supported by Miss Emma.

Parental support has been highly valued this half term with many parents supporting off site visits and listening to pupils read. We can't express our thanks enough for this support as without it we wouldn't be able to provide the pupils with as many great experiences.

We have been holding lots of events in school this term including the Harvest Market, Scarecrow Hunt and male voice choir concert . It has been wonderful to see so many members of the local community join us for these events and we look forward to you joining us for many more.

Looking to the near future, we have a Christmas Carol Service in December. After Christmas we will be preparing for the school Eisteddfod in February and will be celebrating St Davids Day in March. In March we will also be welcoming Jayne Griffiths to the school to hold a flower arranging session for pupils and members of the community, so please keep an eye out for posters advertising this nearer the time.

For now, everyone in school would like to wish the local community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School Future Dates

9th December	2.00pm Christmas play in the Community Hall
10th December	6.00pm Christmas play in the Community Hall
12th December	6.00pm Christmas play in the Community Hall
12th December	Christmas Jumper day & festive photos
19th December	2.00pm Christmas Carol service in St Cynllo's Church
	3.00pm Christmas Fayre in the Community Hall
6th January 2025	Non-Pupil day
5th February	Rags to Riches
Half term Monday	24 th February to Friday 28 th February 2025

Scarecrow Competition winners

- 1st - Mark and Dana Williams - Mario
- 2nd - Wayne and Catherine James - Nightmare before Christmas
- 3rd - Graham Jones and Michelle Roberts & Wayne and Ellyn Davies - Minions

November Concert

The concert on 16th November with Rhayader Male Voice Choir, soloist Rhian Hughes, Musical Director Jonathan Pearce, Pianist Bethan Thomas and the children was very successful - thank you to everyone who attended. It was entertainingly compered by Phil Gayther.

Calendar Photo Competition winners

January - Emma Primmer
February - David Strachan
March - Dana Williams
April - Richard Ford
May - Richard Ford
June - Olwen Wilson

July - Amy Lewis
August - Rhiannon Williams
September - Dana Williams
October - Dana Williams
November - Sara Wilson
December - Warren Steele

Calendars £8 each, available at all upcoming school events and from the school office.

Rags 2 Riches

The *Rags2riches4schools* project is primarily about protecting our planet and as a bonus, we as a community are raising funds for Llanbister CP school to use for other projects. The clothes are currently all sent as re-usable clothing to the Ukraine. Where they are very much needed right now.

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 have lots of ideas for fundraising in 2025 which include a bingo and duck race, dates to be confirmed.
- We also plan to do a colour run, slip ' slide, football tournament, rounders and possibly a bouncy castle hire for Llanbister school families on sports day next year.

The PTA 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 as there was so many of us this year and thank you for leaving sweets out for the children. The children had such a great time).

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. Recently it's lovely to see lots of new families joining Llanbister school.

Thank you all,
Llanbister School PTA (Fundraisers)



CATCH-UP CLUB

Activities planned for December 2024, January and February 2025

December 4th	Wreath making
December 18th	Christmas lunch
January 8th	Loose Limbs Fitness, Haircuts
January 22nd	Neighbourhood Policing talk
February 5th	The Hive (community hub in Llandrindod) talk
February 19th	Cross Stitch with Rhian

News

At the get-together on September 18th a question was asked regarding where to obtain a tea cosy as she had been told no one uses them any more. The discussion revolved around the lack of tea cosies in the shops and whether they were relevant any more. You can warm a cup of tea up in the microwave if it has gone cold and people don't make pots of tea any more, so no need for a cosy? It was discussed if the group could make some as part of Club activities but it was considered too complex and time consuming.

Then at the get-together on 2nd October, two members had found and purchased tea cosies and these were presented to the person who asked the question in September, with much laughter and were gratefully received! This person had made enquiries in a shop in Llandrindod and was told she was the 3rd person to ask recently. Coincidence or what?



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LLANBISTER SCHOOL GOVERNORS

November 24 - February 2025

As I sit to write this for the 3rd Edition of Tidbit, Llanbister CP School has just finished celebrating it's Scarecrow Trail where the wonderful Scarecrows have been displayed around the community. There was strong competition amongst the many entries (over 20), the winner as I am sure you have realised in pride of place in the middle of Llanbister village,... Mr Mario himself.

What a fun weekend it was. We are grateful to the school staff for coming up with this scare-brained idea. It was great fun making ours I know, using the different talents of our household in building the frame, painting, sewing, stuffing and of course, contributions towards the scarecrow's attire has helped tidy up the farmer of the household no end, he will finally have to find a new coat!!

As Governors we held our AGM and first meeting of the year on 25th September. We were able to share the news there about the headteacher interview that had taken place through the school day prior to the meeting. The Governors who formed the interview panel had been joined by three officers from Powys and all agreed to offer the role of Headteacher to Miss Kay Hughes. The Full Governing Body were in agreement and we are delighted that Miss Hughes has accepted the role and we now have a permanent Headteacher in place at the school.

Part of the interview process included a time spent with the pupils' own School Council. The interview panel heard how the School Council wanted Miss Hughes to be their Headteacher, someone they 'knew and trusted'. I am sure as a community you will welcome her in her Headteacher role along with the Governors and together we can support her and all the school staff in running the school. We have much to be grateful for, having Llanbister C P School in our community brings vitality to our area in its own unique way. As Governors we are thankful for all our learners and what they are achieving.

In the AGM the Chair and Vice Chair positions were resolved. Mrs Rebekah Meredith and Mr Gerry Hughes remained in both those roles respectively for the coming academic year.

There was also the annual 'delegation of functions', where the different committees that make up our roles as Governors are delegated. Of note to the community, the Safeguarding Committee includes Miss Kay Hughes, Miss Abi Powell and Mrs Rebekah Meredith. The Health and Safety Committee includes Miss Kay Hughes, Mr Matthew Williams and Mr Darren Rogers.

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This has been advertised amongst the parents. On 21st November parents and carers were invited to

an open evening organised by the Governors for parents/care-givers, when the role of the parent governor was explained along with other curriculum matters. In becoming a Parent Governor your eyes are opened to the mystery of how schools function in the locality and help you understand a lot more about your child's education. It's a rewarding role and certainly a busy one. If you want to discuss about being a Governor I am sure any of the Governing body are more than ready to try and explain some of what the role entails. Please do not hesitate to have a word with us.

One of our roles is monitoring the work of the school and we sometimes do learning walks... recently Jen Bright and Gerry Hughes took an afternoon to perform an 'Expressive Arts' learning walk. They will report back to the Governing Body in our next meeting and have prepared a written record of their visit. These monitoring visits are held at least once every half term, covering the different aspects of the curriculum by the governors who are responsible for those areas. A Maths and Numeracy Learning Walk is planned for end of November.

We have some busy weeks ahead in November and December. We look forward to the Rhayader Male Voice Choir evening on 16th November, at 19:00. There will be performances from the choir but also the learners will be singing. I am looking forward to hearing the songs prepared by the school learners as they have been having some excellent singing lessons from a rather famous choir master, Aled of 'John's Boys' fame.

In December we have the Christmas Play, which I hear is 'Peter Pan'... rehearsals are in full flow. Tickets are available through the school, it would be great to see you there, performances 9th, 10th & 12th December. We are also looking forward to our School Carol Service and Christmas Fayre on 19th December.

Our next Governors meeting will be 13th February 2025.

PASS THAT TRAIN!

If you have an Over-60s Transport for Wales Concessionary Pass, you can have FREE train travel between 1st October and 31st March on the Heart of Wales (Swansea-Shrewsbury, stopping at Llanbister Road by request and Llandrindod), Wrexham-Hawarden Bridge, Machynlleth-Pwllheli, Llandudno-Blaenau Ffestiniog lines. Various paid-for railcards can give you 1/3rd off after 930am and at weekends. More information online at <https://tfw.wales/info-for/over-60s/rail-concessionary-travel>, by phone 03333 211 202 or via Llandrindod ticket office.

GARDENING TIPS *from Jude*

As December marks the official start of winter, it's great that everything has stopped in the garden and we can sit down with a well-earned cup of tea and put our feet up... "Ha, ha, ha! No way!" There's still plenty to do in the garden so here's my top picks for the winter garden.

1 **Look after your tools** – clean soil and dirt from forks, spades and hand tools. Sharpen secateurs, loppers and spades used for cutting turf. Oil metal parts to keep your tools in good order through the winter. It's also a great time to have a bit of a shed tidy up and sort out. If you've run out of something or things need replacing, you never know, you might be able to get items reduced in the sales.

2 **Don't turn your compost!** – hibernating mammals may well have made a cosy nest in there so give yourself a break, and leave this job to the spring.

3 **Plant bare rooted trees + shrubs** – buying trees and shrub bare rooted (without a pot and soil) is always cheaper but these can only be planted when the plant is dormant, ie now. Treat your self to a trip to a good nursery to see what's on offer!

4 **Sow some seeds** - Boxing Day is the traditional day to sow onion seeds but you can also sow things like lambs lettuce and broad beans. Broad beans can be sown outside if there's not a frost and they should germinate in a few weeks. Then, if it gets cold they'll stop growing but once the spring is here they have a super head start to give you an early crop.



Happy gardening from Jude at Rock House

**Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i pawb
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.**

Photo Shop?

David Strachan is (slowly, he says) gathering historical information about the old village store and asks - do you have any photos of the interior before it was modernised (in the 1980s/90s) showing the original counters, etc, or of the outside when the petrol pump was in place which was even earlier? He can copy and return them with your permission.

***Please either drop them in to the Old Store
or email to David c/o llanbistertidbit2@gmail.com***



LilyRose

Wellness & Beauty

Will be in Llanbister Community Hub on:

Thursday 12th December (10am-4pm)

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.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE GROUP

Our AGM in October elected Malcolm Dean as Chairman, David Strachan as Secretary and Tonia Greene as Treasurer and those present as the formal committee (but meetings remain open for anyone interested in helping). Work during the year included tree pruning, continuation of regular planting, placing the wooden Christmas trees and a grant application for a new trough. We agreed that results of planting etc. should be more impactful. There was also discussion about tree-planting as there are schemes offering free native trees to community groups, but these have to be on publicly-accessible land which is in short supply in the village itself.

Work being carried out or planned over autumn-winter includes bedding plants and bulbs in some hitherto un-planted verges (but no new additions to previous verges and banks). The Silent Soldier bed was too overrun with weeds and couch grass so has been dug out, lined and topped with compost and bark. The decorated and illuminated Christmas trees will go up in December and there might even be a grand switch-on coordinated with the traditional big village tree lights!

The aims of the group are...

To improve and keep tidy the public green spaces within the village for the benefit of local people and visitors (not including the Council grass cutting areas)

To provide and maintain tubs, troughs etc. with flowers and insect-attracting plants

To encourage residents to be involved in ongoing work

Many people in the village contribute to its character with their own gardens but everyone is welcome to join in the group activities, even just one-off help with the bigger tasks. Meetings take place occasionally and things discussed in-between in person, by email and WhatsApp to plan the work and allocate tasks.

Interested? Please contact:

Secretary: David Strachan 01597 840757

Chairman: Malcolm Dean

Treasurer: Tonia Greene

Group Email: bloomingllanbister@outlook.com



LLANBISTER SHOW 2025

The countdown begun, the ball is now rolling towards next year's Show & Sports. Discussions about possible activities have begun in earnest and some exciting event bookings confirmed. The AGM in October re-elected Geoff Morgan as Chairman, Claire Carter as Secretary, David Strachan as Programme & Publicity Officer and welcomed Lucy Stonebridge as Treasurer. Thanks were expressed to James Grieve for carrying out the role of treasurer for many years, as well as many other tasks essential to the running of the Show.

Some other stalwarts are not able to do as much as they used to, so it is even more essential that new folk step into their shoes. By the way, we don't have as many 'Sports' these days as there used to be but if you'd like to help revive an early tradition, do come forward! See our **advert** for more information.



Llanbister Show

...5...4...3...2...1...

26th May 2025

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

Llanbister Show & Sports Committee

Meetings monthly through to May

in the Community Hall or the Hub

*Come along with your ideas or to find out ways in which you can help.
Lots of opportunities to join in, from doing a little when you can, to helping
out on Show day, to taking on a role within the Committee*

Just turn up or contact:

llanbistershow@hotmail.com Secretary on 07598 101713.

ST. CYNLLO'S CHURCH SERVICES

Many thanks to the following people for their help before, during and after the Harvest Festival Service: Lynn Greaves, Jenny Dean, Janice Horne, Lisbeth Bowen, Dana Williams, Geoff Morgan and Glenys Brick.

Sorry to report that there has been some dog fouling by the footway leading up through the church yard. It is no known whether by stray dogs or those attached to inconsiderate owners failing to clear it up afterwards. We would be grateful if dog owners keep the grounds clear and clear up after your dog(s). Thank you.

Christmas Church Services

St Cynllo's Church

19th December School's Church Nativity service 2.00pm
Christmas Eve 24th Carols by Candlelight service 6.00pm followed by refreshments in the Community Hall
Christmas Morning 25th Christmas Morning service. 9.30am

Pound Chapel

22nd December Carol Service 2.30pm in the Chapel
Christmas Eve 24th Outdoor Carol Singing around Llanbister Christmas Tree 2.30pm



LLANBISTER COMMUNITY HALL & HUB

WHAT'S ON...

QUIZ NIGHTS (THURSDAYS)

*THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER, THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025,
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 20TH MARCH. 8pm START.*

TEAMS OF 4 (£2 PER MEMBER). BAR OPEN FOR DRINKS

SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS GAMES NIGHT.

BEER AND BOWLS FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 7PM ONWARDS

BADMINTON TUESDAY WITH CHRIS NICHOLLS FROM 7 - 8pm

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NEW YEARS EVE 2024 FAMILY FUN NIGHT. STARTING AT 6pm. FOOD

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TRACY LEWIS: 07495 827360 OR HELEN HUGHES: 01597 840450

LOCAL HISTORY

THE KINGS RENT HOLE

Tynryn Hill, Llanbister

Every Monday following the 13th January the people of the Crown Manor pf Swydd Ugre gathered to choose who amongst them would collect the money known as the Kings Rent for the following year.

There was a hole cut into the side of Tynryn's Hill which would be recut annually.

The previous years collector would go into the hole and declare that all the last year's rent had been collected.

Then he would declare a sum he would do the job for the following year. Other men would then go into the hole if they could underbid the him and others. The lowest bidder then would then become the King's Witness to collect the rent for the following year.

This King's Witness would then go into the hole with other men who acted as witnesses to the whole procedure. The men would then place their hands on top of each other with the Kings Witness putting his hands above and below the stack. The King's witness then would swear that he would do his duty for the following year.

Jennifer Lewis



Walking out of the hole are W. Mills, Crossway; David Davies, Tansomalea; T. Brown, Merehouse; W. Nicholls, Maesgwyn; J.J. Price, Post Office; and Richard Price, Turnpike.





TIDBIT QUIZ

ALL THINGS WELSH



1. Who is Thomas John Woodward better known as?
2. Which famous fictional wizard was said to be born in Wales?
3. Which town in Wales claims to have the smallest house in Great Britain?
4. Who was the only Welshman to be crowned as King of England? (Bonus point if you can name where he was born).
5. Which Welsh town was invaded by mountain goats during the pandemic?
6. What is the biggest lake in Wales?
7. Wales is represented on the Union Jack, true or false?
8. What have Wales, Bhutan and Malta have in common?
9. In which year was King Charles III invested as The Prince of Wales? (Bonus point if you can name where the investiture took place)
10. Wales is sometimes referred to as the castle capital of the world, approximately how many do we have?

Answers on page 27

"A Warm Welcome in the Hillside"

Ray & Janet Thomas

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LEST WE FORGET

A TRIBUTE TO THE LLANBISTER FALLEN (PART 1)

by Richard Ford

It was a privilege to attend, and be allowed to photograph, the participants and ceremony of annual Llanbister Remembrance Service held at the War Memorial opposite St Cynllo's Church. This very brief act in our lives, takes our eyes and thoughts off, from ourselves and our life requirements for a few minutes and focuses them on individuals we may have never known, but on individuals who were part of the Llanbister Community in time past and who paid the ultimate sacrifice of losing their lives, in two devastating conflicts. Leaving behind sadness, loss and memories for their families and friends,



who faced the sudden departure of their loved ones. They are individuals, who are I am sure, and rightly should be, are highly revered in the minds of those family descendents and current generations of them, who are living in the community today.

The sad phrase “Lest We Forget” is regularly used in war remembrance services commemorating individuals who lost their lives in battle or conflict in the defence of their or other countries. For a cause believed to be just. The term was used in reference to soldiers and war. It was first used in an 1897 Christian poem, that was created and written

by Rudyard Kipling which he decided to entitle “**Recessional**” to commemorate Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee. Within the poem, the phrase emphasizes the perilousness of failing to remember. To recall lives lost and remember the debts owed. Two lines of the poem read thus:-

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, - Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The perilousness of failing to remember is also mentioned in the Bible. **Deuteronomy 4:7-9** states: - *For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons.*

Llanbister War Memorial is one of 276 war memorials located within Powys. It is unique within the United Kingdom, that it lists the individuals who have served and survived the horrors of war, together with those revered individuals who lost their lives in battle. According to the data for the Imperial War Museum (iwm.org.uk). The memorial is an obelisk type, some 12ft in height. Commemorating both First and Second World Wars and was originally unveiled in December 1920. It is described as a two stepped granite base surmounted by polished red granite step, plinth and obelisk base. The inscriptions are incised in black lettering on three sides. The commemorations are: First World War 1914-1918. Total names on memorial :47. Served and returned: 39, Died: 8. Second World War 1939-1945. Total names on Memorial: 1 Served and returned: 0 Died: 1



However, there are 60 named individuals named on this community memorial. Listed are nine local men severely wounded, and three taken prisoner during the Great War. It intrigued me to consider who these nine individuals were, who their relations were and where they lived. Of paramount importance also, was to consider and respect the current descendants, of those fallen individuals and make no written offence to them. In researching any available data that follows. The presented information is such, that any successor of the individuals mentioned could equally, readily find the available data for themselves on any search engine. I also quickly realised the abundance of data necessitated the article to be presented into Two Parts to save space and to do justice to the individuals listed. The website; - ww1.wales revealed a fascinating and respectful insight into the war lives and deaths of these individuals. In committing observations regarding these men. I have only briefly touched the readily available information. In not wishing to offend or stir up painful memories of any living relatives today. Therefore, the following is only a brief vignette of their short lives

Participation in the Great War 1914-1918

PHILLIP LLEWELLYN DAVIES, Private, 27857. Border Regiment. The son of William and Ellen Davies of Lower Green Llanbadarn Fynydd. He worked on his father's farm prior to joining the Hereford shire Regiment. Upon arrival in France he was posted to 11th Battalion Border Regiment (The Lonsdale's). The division saw its first action during the battle of the Somme and following numerous encounters with the enemy, were entrenched at the Reden Ridge sectors, on 17th November 1916. At 06:30Hrs the following morning. The Lonsdale's rose from their trenches and attacked the German forces on Reden Ridge. Phillip was unfortunately killed during that advance on the 18th. He was 33 years old, and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France.

WILLIAM DAVIES, Private, 13388. Kings Shropshire Light Infantry. The son of Richard and Mary Davies of Church Villa Llanbister. He worked as a waggoner and enlisted in the aforementioned infantry at Merthyr. William landed with his battalion at Boulogne September 1915. The battalion was moved to various locations near Ypres. Through Christmas and into February the weather was atrocious with many men suffering frostbite and trench foot. During February the brigade took part in heavy fighting at the Bluff. The conditions of fighting and surviving were unbelievable making life a misery. On 31st March 1916. William was killed in a front line action. He was 24 years old and is buried in Dicklebusch New Military Cemetery Belgium.

EDWARD PRICE HARDWICK. Private, 231018. Kings Shropshire Light Infantry. The son of James and Margaret Hardwick, of Cillybyddir, Llanbister Road. He worked as a waggoner at Little Moelfre prior to enlisting in the aforementioned infantry at Knighton. He and his unit landed in France in September 1915. He was wounded either during the Somme offensive in 1916 or at Ypres in 1917 and returned to Britain to recover before being reposted to the 10th Battalion KSLI and returning to France. May 1918 near the Lys valley The Somme. On the 4th August the Germans began retreating and Edwards division advancing. However on the 22nd August the Germans counter attacked the KSLI Three officers and forty-one other ranks were killed or wounded. Edward was among the wounded and died of his wounds the following day. He was 29 years old and is buried in Aire Communal Cemetery France. This sobering article will be concluded in a future issue of Llanbister Tidbit



Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

Date: Thursday 4th July 2024 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: None

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

3. Declaration of Interest. WB and GB - Planning 24/0868/FUL and 24/0931/FUL, GM – All Planning, DR – Planning 24/0868 FUL

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

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- a. Llanbister War Memorial – waiting for weather to improve, DM to chase
- b. Graveyard - A lease has been received and reviewed. Some minor changes are needed and the lease will need reviewing by solicitors. No further update, GM to chase
- c. Community Engagement - A village magazine has been initiated by the CC, first copy was reviewed and Councillors agreed to distribute. Management of this initiative will now be passed to local residents, next copy is due out in September, with following copies being every quarter. Agreed to purchase flowers for Yvonne from Aztec to thank her for her extensive help.
- d. Speedbump – waiting for weather to improve to repaint
- e. Community Trip – this successfully went ahead on 3rd July to the Derwent Garden Centre. Cost was £360. Councillors discussed applying to RES for funding for a future trip and also for litter picking equipment. The trip could become an annual event run by the CC, Councillors discussed attendance of the trip.

6. Planning –

- Planning application 24/0868/FUL - approved
- Planning application 24/0829/HH - approved
- Planning Application 24/0606/FUL - approved
- Planning Application 24/0931/FUL - approved

7. Finance - Balances as at 4th July 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,105.53

Income (as part of above balance) £0

Community Account - £10,382.95

Income (as part of above balance) - £0

Outgoings as part of the above balance – £20 Bank charge (May to August)

Clerk's salary (May to August)

Clerks expenses (May to August)

£48.60 HMRC

£180 Grass Cutting

£180 Aztec Printing

8. School Governor's Report.

Children have been on several trips including Botannical Gardens of Wales, a cricket festival in Builth and a Rugby Tournament. In addition years 5 and 6 have been to Redridge on a residential trip and years 3 and 4 had a sleepover in the School. There have been some staff changes within the school.

9. Community Hall / Hub Report.

TL reported the following on-going activities - Speedshear was very successful. Catch-up club continues to increase their numbers and their trip was a huge success. Hire of the Hall and Hub continues to go well. More Pool Players are being sought, practice is on a Sunday. The Badminton Club have secured a grant. Bowls will start in September with teaching included. The masseuse is successful and will continue for three months. New blinds have been purchased for the hub and velux solar operated blinds are being considered for the Hall.

10. Any Other Business.

- a. There is a lot of overgrown foliage near to the bus shelter, it was proposed to hold a 'Tidy your village' day, with free hotdogs for those taking part. Clerk to create poster.
- b. Two trees overgrown at bottom of carpark, MB to contact owner
- c. Approved continuation of grass cutting contract
- d. It is felt the old website is unstable and despite several attempts, the clerk has been unable to contact the provider. The website has been down for several weeks. It was decided to create a new website using Hugo Fox as host. Clerk to facilitate

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.30pm.





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**FAMILY RUN BUSINESS SINCE
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Llanbister Community Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 5th September 2024 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: Wayne Bowen, Darren Rogers

2. Members Present: Tracy Lewis (8pm), Catherine James, County Councillor Geoff Morgan, Marc Williams, Gareth Bowen
Jennifer Turner (Clerk).

3. Declaration of Interest. GB and GM - Planning 24/1034/FUL

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

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- Llanbister War Memorial – Date arranged for work to be completed
- Graveyard – An updated lease has been received, reviewed and returned by GM. No further update, GM to chase
- Community Engagement – Second copy of the quarterly village magazine 'Tidbit' has been printed and Councillors agreed to distribute. Arrangements have been made to send copies to the school. The first copy was well received. Councillors checked adverts and reviewed the September issue.

The village tidy up was very successful. Clerk to ask the Grasscutter to include the triangle at the entry to the village, near to the bus stop in his regular grasscutting

Councillors are considering creating a Nature Walk within the village, behind Back Lane going up to the Church yard. This would hopefully be funded by grants once quotes were received for the necessary work

- Speedbump – waiting for weather to improve to repaint

6. Planning –

Planning application 24/1034/FUL - approved

7. Finance - Balances as at 5th September 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,105.53

Income (as part of above balance) £0

Community Account - £11,073.10

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

Outgoings as part of the above balance –

£5 Bank charge (September)

Clerk's salary (Sept and October)

Clerks expenses (Sept and October)
£104 HMRC (Sept and October)
£270 Grass Cutting (Paid £210 15th Aug, £60 to pay)
£110 Aztec Printing (Tidbit) (Paid 15th August)
£255 Aztec Printing (Tidbit)
£90 Audit (Paid 15th August)
£10 Flowers Aztec
£76 One Voice Wales membership (Paid 26th July)
£14.05 T Lewis (Hotdogs Village Tidy) (Paid 15th August)
£384 Mid Wales Accountants 2023-24 Payroll (Paid 26th July)

8. School Governor's Report.

Classroom structures have been changed – no further update

9. Community Hall / Hub Report.

TL reported the following on-going activities – More players are needed for the Pool Team. Bowls has started with seven members, this will continue for six weeks. Badminton course is starting in September. Catch up club is well attended and recently had a talk from the High Sheriff, Catherine Silk. A booking has been received for dinner and bar for Balwyn Sheep Society. Bookings have been received for YFC dinner and for Choir Booking for the School. Booking costs have been kept to a minimum of £25, as many venues are much more expensive and the Hall is benefiting from this with more bookings being received and therefore increased bar sales.

10. Any Other Business.

- Two trees overgrown at bottom of carpark - MW has arranged for this work to be completed.
- Speeding traffic travelling past the village is a problem and Councillors considered the purchase of a fake police speed man – clerk to find out cost
- GM is arranging a meeting with Emma Palmer from Powys County Council regarding service reductions in Powys – GM to provide proposed date
- There is a remnant of a replaced fence near to the Church gate, this could present a danger to sheep – TL to contact landowner
- Old railings from war memorial need disposing of – GB to arrange
- Not many people attended the recent litter pick.
- The Noticeboard has been re-sited free of charge, a member of the public has asked for this and the bench to be renovated and repainted as funds are available for this work.
- Work on the new website is ongoing

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.34

Handy contacts

Age Concern	01686 623707
Church in Wales	WestRadnor Area Administrator westradnor.maa@churchinwales.org.uk (3 days per week- Tues, Weds & Thurs) / Rev Pete Letson 01597 502494 / Rev Robert Simpson (tel no. TBC)
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	Llandrindod Wells 01597 826870 Newtown 01686 626934
Library of Things/Benthyg Llandrindod (community borrow/donate /skill share scheme)	c/o The Hive, Llandrindod Wells 01597 824616 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
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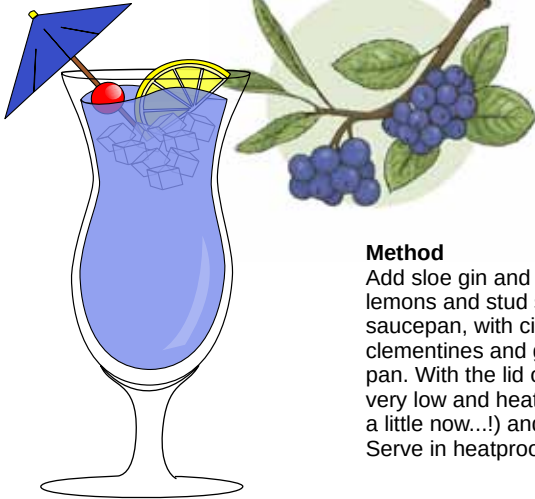
Festive sprouts

Ingredients 500g brussels sprouts finely shredded
200 bacon lardons (smoked or unsmoked according to preference)
1 tbsp Sesame oil
Dark Soy sauce
Chestnuts (optional)

Method Heat up a wok or large frying pan
Add sesame oil
Add lardons and stir fry until golden (about 2 minutes)
Add sprouts and optional chestnuts, stir fry for one minute
Remove from heat and add soy sauce for colour and flavour
Serve with your Christmas lunch



Mulled Sloe Gin *Serves 12*



Ingredients
600ml Sloe Gin
3 litres apple juice
2 lemons
4 clementines
12 cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
8 Cardamom pods
25g fresh ginger
Lemon juice to taste

Method

Add sloe gin and apple juice to a saucepan. Slice the lemons and stud some slices with cloves. Add to the saucepan, with cinnamon and cardamom pods. Slice the clementines and ginger (no need to peel either) and add to pan. With the lid on, bring to a simmer, lower the heat to very low and heat very gently for 1-1.5 hours. Sample (just a little now...!) and add lemon juice to taste. Serve in heatproof glasses

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ANSWERS TO TIDBIT QUIZ - ON PAGE 17

1. Tom Jones
2. Merlin
3. Conwy
4. Henry Tudor aka King Henry VII
– born in Pembroke Castle
5. Llandudno
6. Llyn Tegid (or Bala Lake in English)
7. False, Wales is the only country in the UK not on the flag
8. They all have a dragon on their flags
9. 1969 – it took place at Caernarfon Castle
10. From 3 sources, there are more than 600 castles in Wales

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