

Llandyssil Community News

For residents of Llandyssil, Cwminkin, Cefn Y Coed & Green Lane

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Village Survey – Results

Thank you to all who completed the survey, and congratulations to Stan & Lynne who won the £20 Bunner's voucher. Thanks go to Gwen Cooper who drew the winning ticket.

There were many suggestions about what could happen in the future at The Old School Hall - these include:

Bingo	Choir & Music	Interesting Talks	Gardening
Films	Afternoon Tea	Race Night	Whist / Bridge
DIY	Men's Club	Lunch Club	Discussion Groups

More frequent coffee mornings
Information Sessions on Health & Aging
Weekly / monthly lunch for pensioners on a 'at cost' basis at weekends

We really welcome your suggestions, but in order that they can happen we need you to get involved with the organisation of these events. So, put your hands up and volunteer. Please contact Kathy on kbllandyssil@aol.com if you can help.

Many thanks to those who have come forward to help with existing events. So far, we have:

Coffee Mornings: Jane & Charlie Vaughan-Jones

Lottery Organiser: Mick Redford with help from Stan Davies

Christmas Fair: Lynn has volunteered but needs a partner to share the load.

<p>Lottery subscriptions are due... an enrolment / renewal form is enclosed</p>
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Trustees

We are in urgent need of additional Trustees. This is essential in order to keep the Old School Hall operational. We currently have 4 Trustees but need at least another two people to come forward. The work is not onerous and Kathy will provide you with all the information you will need. If nobody volunteers, then **the future of The Old School Hall is in jeopardy**. Please contact Kathy if you can help. Tel: 01686 668922 or Email: kblandyssil@aol.com

Dragonfest Organiser: Almost a distant memory! But we still need to know who may be willing to help. Again, contact Kathy.

Christmas 2020 in Llandyssil, Brooklands Green: The tree certainly gave us some Christmas cheer. Many thanks go to Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council who provided the funding for both the tree and lights. In addition, appreciation goes to our Chairman Nigel, Mike Membro, Stan and others who erected the tree and to Gwen Cooper who provided many decorations.



This photo above - right, taken by Jane Vaughan-Jones shows how Gwen Cooper had used all her knitting skills to bring joy to the Llandyssil Community. Many thanks Gwen.

The Old School Hall

Due to successful grant applications, the Trustees continue to make improvements to the Old School Hall. These include painting

the exterior, purchasing new equipment, eg: ladders, vacuum cleaner, cleaning items etc. in readiness for when we reopen. We have, with the help of Lynne, Stan, Mike, Brian, Sandra and other volunteers cleaned the hall and disposed of unwanted items. The Trustees have decided to paint all the hall internally in February, however, we still need volunteers to help us with cleaning in the kitchen, crockery, windows and other tasks. If you can help then please contact Kathy.

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you have escaped the virus and are getting the much-needed vaccinations. This year has been interesting as the hall has received no income from rents.

However, we have been very fortunate to have received several grants to cover the continuing outgoings like rent and energy. As a result, the funds are looking very healthy, over £20,000 in savings, so we have not only kept the bills paid but have done some much needed jobs around the hall.

Llandyssil Lottery

Thank you for your loyal support this year and over the last five years. Despite there being no coffee mornings at which to make the draw, I have called upon unsuspecting villagers to ask them to pick the numbers and my thanks must go to them too. This year, April 2020 to January 2021, £702.90 profit has been made for the village hall. Thank you to all members of the village lottery.

Earlier this year we asked if anyone would like to join the team or to become our new treasurer. I am pleased to say that Mick Redford has offered to take responsibility for the lottery, so welcome to the team Mick. This means that I have decided to continue being the treasurer, a role I enjoy.

The winners this January are:

1 st : Steven Parry (Newtown)	Number 12	Prize £39.60
2 nd : Pete Hare	Number 47	Prize £24.75
3 rd : Gwynfor Evans	Number 55	Prize £ 9.90

The renewal sheet for present members / new members is in the newsletter as usual. This gives the instructions and contact details that you will need. If you choose not to renew, please let either Mick or me know. Thanks for taking part.

New members are very welcome to join as the lottery is a fun way to support the hall and village.

Maralyn Parry

A message from Mick Redford - new Lottery Co-ordinator

It's so good to see, that despite current circumstances that the School Hall finances are in the pink. Even so given the current restrictions it is unlikely the hall will generate any income over the coming months. While the proceeds from the lottery are not huge, every little helps, and for that reason we are encouraging as many people as possible to take part in the lottery this year. It's only £10 for a twelve month subscription and you get 4 chances to win one of the three cash prizes.

This year, the aim is to make either renewing a subscription or entering the lottery for the first time as stress-free as possible. So, for first time subscribers and those who prefer to pay in cash, just put your entry and/or cash in an envelope and ring me Mick Redford 01686 669978 and leave a message with your name, address and telephone number to arrange a Covid-19 safe doorstep collection.

Many thanks

Mick Redford

Llandyssil Church

Before Xmas, the Friday afternoon tea and coffee group who usually meet in the church volunteered to make / donate items to sell as Xmas gifts to raise funds for the Air Ambulance. It was decided to use tables in the church porch for this purpose. A locked money box was made available which would be emptied daily. Many thanks to all who contributed either by donating or purchasing items. It was very well supported.

This was followed with decorations of hand-knitted Xmas items outside the church and also the nativity and xmas tree and lights in the church porch. Many donations were received in appreciation of this. When this was taken down, boxes of books from the church were made available on the table if anyone would like to make a donation to the Air Ambulance. These will still be available until such a time that it's possible to present the money to the charity. The amount being held at the moment is approximately £338. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Don't throw it away

SkillShop's Salvage and Recycling Shed is located at the Household Waste Recovery Centre (HWRC) in Powys CCs (Potters) yard on the Dyffryn estate in Newtown and is run by a new not-for-profit company Circular Economy Mid Wales Ltd (CEMW)

It opened in February 2020 but soon had to close for 12 weeks during the first lockdown. Over the summer it grew rapidly and rescued and re-homed lots of very useful items. (Its horrifying what folks throw away!!) It has 3 paid staff members and a number of volunteers. Unfortunately it's temporarily closed again because of the second lockdown, but once this lifts, please take anything that could be useful to someone else along to the shed in the corner of the yard.

You can buy things back from them either from the HWRC site itself, or from a stall in the town's Glanhafren indoor market hall, and they are starting to list some of their stock online via facebook (search for "Charlotte Sales"). More sales outlet opportunities are being planned for this coming year.

Biodiversity

I've no doubt that most folk are now very aware that the planet is suffering a biodiversity crisis. I'm seeking suggestions for the things we could do in and around the village to improve the local environment and help wildlife. Ideas please. Thank you

Mike Membery 668643



In a similar vein...

The photo above on the right, is just a small amount of the rubbish that is collected on a regular basis from the lanes and hedgerows around our village - mainly drinks containers and fast-food wrappers. The people who collect this rubbish are not paid or council employees, but ordinary folk who don't like to see our countryside defiled in this manner - it's also very dangerous for our wildlife too. **There is a hefty fine for littering - please take it home with you!**

Montgomery Cricket Club

After a much shortened cricket season, Montgomery Cricket Club are hopefully looking forward to a covid-restricted season ahead. It's very important - especially for our youth section - to start playing, for mental health reasons.

Our annual golf day will go ahead sometime during the summer and money raised will aid our club and Montgomery School.

Hopefully, soon the village hall and pub will re-open, as they are both a vital part of village life. Thanks to the bakery for going above and beyond, for helping keep the village together in these very difficult times.

Stan Davies

Farms of Llandyssil Parish (part 12)

This is about the land owned by Rev. Charles Wingfield (rector of Llanllwchaiarn), Samuel Breese, Edward Mountford, and Thomas Davies, as listed in Llandyssil parish tithe award.

Rev. Charles Wingfield (rector of Llanllwchaiarn) owned Green Lane Farm (47 acres) at the time of the parish tithe award, when it was farmed by Thomas Price of Bryntalch. Information about Thomas Price and subsequent farmers at Green Lane Farm was included in part 6 of this series.

The Bason family had links with the farms owned by the other three landowners in the nineteenth century, and readers who wish to cross-reference, can refer back to parts 4 and 9.

Samuel Breese, a blacksmith, owned 79 acres in the parish. At the time, he and his Cornwall-born wife, Mary, lived on a small plot of land on Jews Common (Abermule), but the largest part of his property, 75 acres, was Cloddia, then farmed by John Perkins. Successive census returns from 1851 show that Cloddia was farmed by John Evans and later, by George Bason (whose wife, Mary Breese, was step-daughter of John Evans), and after him, by his son, John Bason. Research to date has not established whether Mary Breese belonged to the family of Samuel Breese. The following, taken from Shrewsbury Chronicle 29 September 1893, sheds light on the structure of Cloddia farmhouse and buildings as well as the disastrous fire:

A fire broke out on Sunday last at the Cloddia, the property of Mr. Bason, which resulted in nearly the total destruction of the farm building and the entire farm produce, and some of the implements. Fortunately, most of the household furniture was saved, but the premises being nearly all covered with thatch and of wooden structure were reduced to almost a total wreck in about half an hour. Twelve bucketfuls of water were all that could be obtained to put out the fire. About 200 people assembled, and did all they could, but it was evidently a hopeless case from the first. The cause of the fire is as yet unknown. The buildings were insured in the Sun Fire Office, but it is feared that the whole of the farm stock and implements were not insured.

Of his 66 acres in the parish at the time of the tithe award, **Edward Mountford** (who was not living in Llandyssil parish when any of the censuses were taken) farmed Castle y Gwynt (33 acres) and 22 acres of Drain Llwyn Ellen, while the remaining 11 acres were let out as follows: Copyhold to George Shutt; Cwm to Richard Bowen; and Pentre to Thomas Weaver. Castle y Gwynt was farmed by the Bason family, namely William (father of George mentioned above), Charles, Thomas and John, from the mid-nineteenth century to at least the time of the 1911 census. Charles Bowen was listed in the 1939 Register as the farmer of Castle y Gwynt.

At the time of the tithe award, **Thomas Davies** owned Pentre and Cwm, 53 acres lying east of Tan House. The identity of Thomas Davies is unclear but sources show that the Brumwell family farmed the land for decades: first, Richard Brumwell and then his son, also Richard (son-in-law of William Bason mentioned above). By the time of the 1901 census, it is likely that the land had been absorbed into neighbouring farms, and the next generation, William Brumwell, was farming New House.

Annie Owen

Free Bicycles or a free service on your present bike

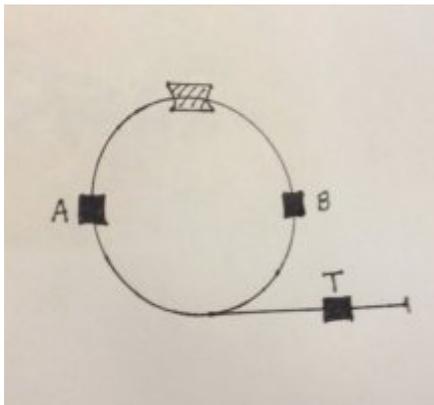
Yes, get ahead for the kinder weather and bag that free bike before everyone else wants one. The MEG free bike scheme is still going strong and has refurbished 396 bikes and passed them on to new owners. If you want a bike or service telephone Brett on 01686 669730 and arrange a time to view the many bikes available. Once again thank you to all the kind people who have donated bikes to the scheme.

Charlie's Puzzle Poser!

This puzzle is designed to go round in your head until you crack it! The aim is to swap the positions of the carriages A and B using the train T and end up with the train back in the siding.

However, there are three snags:

1. You have to use the train, not a finger tip
2. Trains can't turn sharp corners
3. The killer... only the train can go under the tunnel at the top of the picture!



Steve Parry has found this photo of Cefn y Coed in the 1930s



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The Daily Telegraph

Thursday January 27 1921

TERRIBLE DISASTER ON A WELSH RAILWAY TRAINS IN COLLISION - 17 KILLED: 17 INJURED

A terrible disaster occurred about midday yesterday on the Cambrian railway. Two passenger trains - one an express from Aberystwyth to Manchester, the other a local train from Whitchurch to Aberystwyth - met in a head-on collision at the bend of a single line between Newtown and Abermule.

The impact was terrific. The front portion of the express train telescoped, the engine being piled on the debris.

The scene of the disaster is a rural spot half a mile from Abermule. The engine of the express train reared straight up and mounted the second carriage of the opposing train, the engine of which, together with the first carriage was thrown on the side of the track. The engine & tender, in which the driver and fireman are still lying dead, was smashed to scrap iron, while the carriage following it is nothing but matchwood.

Ordinarily, the slow train remains in a siding at Abermule, to give the express way, but for some reason, which is not yet explained, the two trains met within a hundred yards of a sharp bend in the line which would obscure them...

Thanks to John Billington for providing the newspaper article about this incredibly unfortunate accident that happened 100 years ago.

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