

# Llandyssil Community News

## Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

For residents of Llandyssil, Cefn-y-Coed, Cwminkin, and Green Lane  
April/May/June 2010 (Issue 20)

### **The Old School Hall is now ready for action!**

**Grand opening on April 23rd at 3.30 pm – and on into early evening.**

At 4pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April there will be a brief opening ceremony in the Hall to mark the completion of the refurbishment of the Old School Hall. Guests are invited from 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served. Anyone that is interested in seeing the work that has been done will be made welcome.

**Calling all old Llandyssil School pupils.**

*Following the opening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apri, we would like as many former pupils of Llandyssil School as possible to have their photograph taken at the Old School Hall for a 'time capsule' that is to be placed in the walls.*

**If you went to, or know of any former pupils, who went to Llandyssil School, please all join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**At 7pm the Youth Club is organising a Duck race on the Brook to raise funds for the Hall and Youth Club. Ducks can be purchased on the night or in advance from Sharon, Sarah, Jane or Stan.**

### **So, what has been done?**

The Old School Hall has been totally refurbished and now conforms to all health, safety and legal requirements. It incorporates local requests and now provides a well insulated, warm, light, comfortable Hall for meetings and other village activities. It has a capacity for 60 people. This can be increased to 100 people with provisions.

As far as possible, everything has been sourced locally. The 'environmentally friendly' heating system came from Chirbury and the new double glazed oak windows and doors were made in Green Lane by C & C

Joinery. And nearly every one that has managed and worked on the project lives in or near the village including the main contractors Rob Hughes and Nigel Thomas and Adrian Hughes, Gwyn and Alex Hamer who did the plumbing, to ace plasterers Colin and Sam Davies, to electricians Gary and Craig Lewis from Newtown, decorator Dave Davies from Abermule and carpenters Jonathan and Richard Smout. Help and advice was given by Gwynfor Humphreys.

New energy efficient lighting has been installed along with a new hard wearing oak floor and appropriate tiles, some period, laid in all areas.

The 'gents' toilet has been totally refurbished and the 'ladies' toilet has been converted to include a unisex 'disabled' toilet. An additional 'ladies' toilet has been built in the little store room by the north door. Hot water is now available in all toilets as well as the kitchen. The building has been totally re-plumbed and re-wired.

The hatch to the kitchen has been widened using some good original hall panels and the kitchen improved.

The access to the storage area has been improved. It is now possible to wheel through to the storage area chairs and the ping pong tables - so that the Hall can be emptied for events when required.

With huge thanks to everyone who helped secure, fund and worked on the project, our village can now boast a refurbished Victorian 'Old School Hall' – the likes of which are disappearing from our Welsh landscape - to meet the needs of the next generation.

Please come to the Hall on 23rd April 2010 to celebrate a new era.

The next newsletter will include 'before and after' pictures of the Hall.

### **Village Memorabilia**

It has been suggested that an archive of village memorabilia is established so that any old pictures, records or artifacts of Llandyssil, its parish and people are not lost. There are already some wonderful old pictures in the Hall and a cabinet has been built to display them and other memorabilia and keep them all safe. If anyone has any old material which they think might be of interest that they do not wish to keep or may be copied, please let Gerald know on 07976 978611 or Lee on 668180

**Community Meeting at Abermule Community Centre  
7pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

*About 60 people from Llandyssil and Abermule attended a community meeting at Abermule at which the new Development Flood Maps for the Abermule, Aberbechan and Llandyssil areas were shown. Those present noted the extent of the 'shaded area' to the south of Abermule and from the Church across much of the West of the village of Llandyssil. Cllr. Wynne Jones who was chairing the meeting was then asked a number of questions. See County Councillor's Report below.*

*The plans for the Abermule Business Park and associated infrastructure – including a cycle path to the Abermule Hotel and the new cycle path from the River Bridge to the centre of Abermule - were then discussed. Quite soon these will all connect with the canal cycle way to Newtown – which will also mean that Llandyssil residents can bike to Newtown avoiding the A483.*

*There was then a Police And Communities Together (PACT) - meeting with the police on policing issues in Abermule & Llandyssil. There is very little crime and the main issues are Anti Social Behaviour in Abermule – but no recent reports (too cold!) – and dog fouling in both Abermule and Llandyssil. The main subject for discussion were concerns regarding the safety of the right turn from the Newtown Road across the River Bridge and associated road markings. In future, the PACT meeting will be part of a Community Council meeting – at which everyone is welcome. Please watch the newsletter for details of the next PACT Meeting.*

### **Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm**

**A presentation was made to a group from the Community Council on the local impact of the development of the Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm (about three miles due south of Dolfor).**

**The site is proposed to contain 23 wind turbines. Each turbine will be transported in six large parts – three blades and three tower sections. The blades are 45 metres long and three metres wide. The tower sections are shorter but the base section is five metres wide. The nacelle (gearbox housing that sits on top of the tower) is transported as an abnormal load but is considered abnormal due to its weight rather than dimensions.**

**Because of road constraints the blades and tower convoys (three units in each convoy plus police escort vehicles) will take separate routes from Welshpool, having come down the A483 from Ellesmere Port. The tower sections will go into Newtown and turn left at the McDonalds roundabout taking the A 489 to the top of the hill before Kerry, before turning right on the minor road to Dolfor. This road will be widened with crushed stone to accommodate the vehicles. The blades will take the A490/B4388/B4385 to the Blue Bell cross roads, via Montgomery, before turning on to the A489 towards Newtown through Sarn and Kerry and then left on the minor road to Dolfor. The Blue Bell junction will need to be widened.**

All the 'deliveries' – the 46 convoys - will take place within a three month period, avoiding the summer months and busy times of day – such as morning and evening rush hours. The convoys are expected to travel at around 20 – 30 miles per hour.

RES Ltd., the contractor, hope to get consent this year and will then order the turbines. Likely timing for the deliveries is spring or autumn 2012. RES have already reached an agreement for the wind farm to connect to the grid via Knighton, so unlike other wind farm schemes electricity transportation is not expected to be an issue. The wind farm should be operational in 2012/2013.

There will be an exhibition in Kerry in the spring/early summer. For those interested in keeping track of the project visit : [www.garreglwydhill.co.uk](http://www.garreglwydhill.co.uk)

The wind farm, when fully operational, will have an installed capacity of around 40 megawatts and RES has committed to create a Community Benefit Fund with a minimum of £2,000 per MW ie £80,000 a year is expected. It is anticipated that 70 per cent of such funds will go to communities directly affected by the development of the wind farms with the rest being available to communities throughout North Powys, as recommended by Powys Council. How the funds are to be administered is still being discussed. They will probably be combined with funds from other wind farm developments and should eventually bring in around £300,000 a year. RES is keen to work with local communities to find the preferred structure for the community benefit fund.

### **Hall AGM on Wednesday, May 19th at 7.30**

The first management committee is the **Annual General Meeting** of the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust and Old School Hall Management Committee and will take place at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 May**. All are Welcome.

It is hoped that you will be there. Topics will include a) next steps for the development of the Hall, b) marketing of the Hall so we can increase income from hiring and continued fundraising c) forthcoming events.

Minutes of Hall/Village meetings are available on the website – [www.llandyssil-powys.co.uk](http://www.llandyssil-powys.co.uk) .

### **Hall Caretaker**

The Community Council is to provide some funding for around two hours a week for a caretaker/cleaner for the Hall starting in April. The post was advertised and Dave Hamer has kindly agreed to take up the position.

### **Coffee mornings**

After two excellent coffee mornings in the Church, the regular coffee Hall mornings will start again at **10.15 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. This is a week later than normal because of the Hall opening and Concert on the weekend of 23/24 April. Everyone is welcome.

## **Lots of Thank Yous**

**In addition to huge thanks to the Llandyssil Stompers who continue to provide extraordinary support, the Trustees also thank Alan Jefferies and the Tai Chi class who during the year made generous donations. *And a huge thank you to Wyn for regularly mowing the Hall grass. Really appreciated.***

## **The Church of St. Tyssil**

**Rector:** Rev'd Toni Bennett Tel. 01686 668243 email:

[toni.rev@btinternet.com](mailto:toni.rev@btinternet.com)

**Website:** Stasaphdiocese, then follow the links from local churches.

**Sunday Services:** 1st Sunday at 11.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.30am.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday varies please check the website or phone the Rector.

### **Easter Day:**

6.30am Sunrise Service Montgomery Castle followed by breakfast at St. Nicholas Church.

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St. Tyssil's.

**Sunshine Sunday Club** (for pre-school children)

3.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. April at Montgomery Church,  
May at Forden Church.

### **Message from the Rector:**

By the time you read this you will probably have celebrated Easter and be into the Easter season. For the church Easter is not just a one day event. Eastertide takes us through to Ascension Day which this year is the 13<sup>th</sup> May. In Forden school the other day one of the children asked me "if Jesus came back to life is he still alive and walking about today?" Not an unnatural question. The answer is no, Jesus ascended into heaven so that He could be with us in spiritual form, be with each person, not just the few in the same place as He happens to be. The coming of Jesus' Spirit or Holy Spirit the church celebrates on 23<sup>rd</sup> May – the day of Pentecost or Whitsun. It is this continuing story of Jesus, the story of His continuing work in the world that is so easily missed. Even by regular church worshippers Ascension Day is rarely marked – I often say Jesus should never have ascended on a Thursday!! And now that the Spring Bank holiday has been fixed at the end of May it only occasionally coincides with Whitsun, so no more Whitsun parades and celebrations outside the church. Yet the churches, and their decreasing congregations, faithful witness to these celebrations remind us that Jesus is, not was, and that His life Spirit is at work in our world.

Rev'd Roger Brignell retires on 18<sup>th</sup> April. If anyone wishes to donate towards a retirement gift they can give to Gwyneth Jones or to the Rector. There will be a bring and share lunch at Forden Community Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> April after the 10.45am service at Forden Church conducted by Father Roger.

Open Church. We would like to have the church open on Saturdays between Easter and Harvest but we need a volunteer to unlock and lock the church. Please contact the Rector if this is something you could do. **Toni** .

## **Village News**

### **February Coffee Morning**

The coffee morning held in Llandyssil Church on Saturday 27th February raised a fantastic sum of £331.00 to be forwarded to the Jubilee Appeal for help for the people of Haiti. It was lovely to see so many enjoying the opportunity to socialise together and we offer many thanks to all who supported the Appeal by attending the Coffee Morning, and also to those who donated goods for sale or raffle prizes. A further coffee morning was held in Llandyssil Church on the **27th March** with proceeds going towards Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury. Many thanks to members of the Hall Committee for supporting the Church by giving the opportunity to hold the coffee mornings in the Church while the Hall was closed for repairs.

### **"LLANDYSSIL LADIES CLUB" FORMED**

"The recently formed Llandyssil Ladies Club will be meeting on Tuesday April 20th in the newly refurbished Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. The Club will hold purely social events with a mixture of speakers, demonstrations, outings etc. Formalities will be few, with all monies received being used for the benefit of the Club itself. It is hoped the less formal structure of the new Club will appeal to ladies who like an evening out without the constraints imposed by a large organisation. Posters giving further details regarding the April 20th meeting will be put on Village noticeboards after Easter. We look forward to welcoming you to support our new venture. Any additional information can be obtained from Christine Tel.669963 or Lynne 668760"

### **Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir – Saturday 24th April.**

There will be a concert in St Tyssil's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 by the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir in aid of the Churchyard Fund. Shrewsbury Police Choir sang here previously several years ago and we are pleased that they have agreed to return to us to give a concert. Tickets will cost £6.00 each and are available from members of the Church PCC, alternatively please contact either Miss A Cooper or Mrs G Cooper on 01686 668 104 or Mrs G Jones on 01686 668 216

### **"Elvis has entered the Village" – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

On Saturday 8th May well known Elvis impersonator, Shane Prince, is visiting Llandyssil. He will give an Elvis Night concert in the Hall at 7.30. Tickets are going fast. If you would like tickets please call Dave Hamer 01686 668303 soon. Numbers are limited. Tickets are £10 each.

### **Newtown and District Male Voice Choir Concert – St. Tyssil's Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30**

*In June 2009 around 150 people attended a concert in St Tyssil's Church by Newtown Male Voice Choir. The evening was a spectacular success. The Church wardens have kindly agreed that the Church, with its wonderful acoustics, can be used for another concert to raise funds for the Hall on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. In addition to the glorious singing, there will be an Irish balladeer and other excitements. Last time,*

*over £700 was raised for the Hall. Tickets will cost £6 and will be available on the door or from Trustees.*

### **Open Gardens – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

A number of gardens in Llandyssil will be open to the public on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July also to raise money for the Churchyard Fund. The organisers are looking for anyone willing to open their garden for this and if you are interested in joining the scheme, please contact Gwen Cooper on 668104. The aim is to open the Church on this day and provide refreshments, further details to follow in the future. Several years ago a number of trees had to be felled in Llandyssil Churchyard on safety grounds at a cost of £6,000, and the Churchyard fund being unable to pay this out at the time the shortfall was made up from the main Church account. As a result the Churchyard fund remains in deficit for a considerable amount of money which is why the Church is endeavouring to fundraise as much as possible for the Churchyard Fund to rectify this matter as soon as possible.

### **Dragonfest 2010**

Dragonfest 2010 will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. There is now a proven formula in place. Already people are asking about Dragonfest from outside. All suggestions and ideas for enhancing the event are welcomed. If you would like to be involved, help, have a stall at Dragonfest? - please call Lee on 668180.

### **Dates for diary - 2010**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Shrewsbury Police Male Voice Choir Concert in St Tyssil's**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Coffee Morning at 10.15**

**May - Quiz Night to be arranged. Please watch notice boards.**

**Wednesday 19 May – Hall AGM at 7.30**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee Morning at 10.15**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Newtown Male Voice Choir Concert in St Tyssil's**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee Morning at 10.15**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Open Gardens**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Dragonfest 2010**

### **Village announcements**

#### **Congratulations**

'To the Dyssil Boys for twice being the runners up in competitions at Theatre Hafren and as again at the Montgomery Club 'Montgomeryshire has Talent' show.'

***Please phone or e-mail the editor with any village announcements which should be considered for inclusion.***

***There are a number of notable birthdays around :***

Wyn Ralph 50, Ceri Williams 40, Glyn Hamer 50 - to top all that Peter Rowell of Church Pitch made it to 100.

## Reports on village activities

### Regular meetings

**For Hall bookings – contact Maz Ralph on 01686 668927.**

**Line Dancing** – There will be a ‘social’ in the Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April – open to all, price £3 - and then every Monday at 7.30 in the Hall. The Llandyssil Stompers are looking forward to returning to the Old School Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The line dancer's would thank the Refel Chapel Rooms where they have been meeting for the last three months. Argae Hall nights are doing well. There is one on the 26<sup>th</sup> March with artist Dean Austin. Profits go to the Marie Curie Cancer Care Daffodil Dance Night. Contact : Dave Hamer at [djhhamer@hotmail.com](mailto:djhhamer@hotmail.com) or 668303. **All are welcome.**

**Llandyssil Ladies** - Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.p.m in the Old School Hall and then every third Tuesday in the month. Posters giving further details regarding meetings will be put on Village notice boards. Additional information can be obtained from Christine - Tel.669963 or Lynne 668760

**Youth Club** - every Friday from 6.30 - 8pm. (Sarah Hughes tel 668176 or Stan Davies tel: 668247). The Llandyssil Youth Club has up to 40 members – ages 7 – 12. There is Youth Club Duck Race at 7pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the new ‘term’ starts properly on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Morning** – The next coffee morning is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.15 but usually they are held on the last Saturday of the month.

**T'ai Chi** classes in the Village Hall on Saturdays **1.00pm to 2.00pm from April 10<sup>th</sup> and on Mondays from 2.00pm to 3.00pm from May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Alan Jefferies (Green Lane, Tel: 630778) for more information. Why not join? Classes also in Montgomery and Berriew.

**Gardening Club** (Gardening & Wildlife Society) – see below - meets on second Thursday of the month in the Old School Hall at 7.30 (not August) - £6 per single/£10 per couple a year or £2 on the door (Vivien Hunter – Tel : 668 603)

### Llandyssil Gardening & Wildlife Society

#### *Programme 2010*

April 8	Gardeners’ question time: Professional & amateur panel + fund raising plant sale. It is time to divide those perennials so give your surplus plants a good home.
May 13	Modern techniques in vegetable growing: Martin Ford, BBC Radio Shropshire horticulture expert and panellist, author & lecturer. Don’t miss this one.
June 10	Garden visit & afternoon tea: Cwm-Weeg, Dolfor (National Garden Scheme participant).
July 8	<b>Plants for your garden:</b> Kristian Booth, garden consultant & designer.
August	No meeting
September 9	<b>Water in the garden:</b> Peter Styles, garden designer & managing director of Lingard Styles.
October 14	<b>The birds of Montgomeryshire:</b> Brayton Holt, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.
November 11	<b>Pests &amp; diseases:</b> Speaker to be confirmed.

December 9

**Christmas social, wine & mince pies:** Presentation by Andy Talbot from Friends of Montgomery Canal.

**All meetings in Llandyssil Old School Hall, 7.30pm, unless advised otherwise  
Contact: 01686 668603**

### **Sports news – Llandyssil**

**Hockey** — the Montgomery Ladies playing in the first Shropshire Hatcher Ladies Hockey League did not have their best season. Not bottom of the league but not as well placed as they deserved.

#### **Mid and North Powys Junior Football League –**

Montgomery Under 12's, 11's and 9's with several players from the village had a good season once the bad weather passed, winning more games than losing.

**Cricket** – Nets started on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Shrewsbury School. The new development is nearly finished with £80,000 of work done with the help of numerous grants of approximately £60,000. With the help of Royal Mail the 11's, 13's and 15's have new cricket shirts through the Sports Foundation. For more information contact Stan, Vice Chairman, on 668247.

**Tennis** – There is an open day for the Montgomery Bowling and Tennis Club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. This is a good time for new members to join, meet existing members over refreshments and engage in (optional) social games. Junior tennis coaching will be held on Monday evenings from 19<sup>th</sup> April and continuing until 14<sup>th</sup> July. Contact Sue Lawrence on 01938 561314.

*If there is sports news which should be included in the next issue, please contact the editor by 18th June 2010.*

### **The Upper House (668465)**

**The Upper House supports a number of village teams:**

**Darts** – The Upper House darts team has not had its best season losing a number of key games 4/3. Currently in the finals of the 'threes'.

**Pool** - The Upper House Yorkies/Dyssel Blues are lying in the top three in both the Welshpool and Newtown Division 3 Leagues, with Yorkie (Paul) a star player. Sadly the Upper House '5 Poofs'/Dyssel Boys are not doing quite so well - reasonably placed in Welshpool and Newtown leagues.

**Dominoes** – The Upper House, Thursday night dominoes league is going strong.

### **Bus service**

The bus service is now being operated by Veolia/Tanat Valley Travel (01792 851569) – see times below. To check either call above number, see transport section of Powys County Council website – [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk) or call Welsh transport information centre on 0871 200 2233 giving your post code.

#### **Tuesday/Thursday – departs from the Upper House pub**

Leave Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1037

Arrive at Newtown Bus Station at 1054

Leave Newtown Bus Station at 1255

Arrive at Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1312

## **Mobile Library**

The mobile library comes to Llandyssil village - Brooklyn at 2.40 – 2.55 pm and Upper House at 2.55 – 3.10 pm - on FRIDAYS fortnightly – 9/23 April, 7/21 May, 4/18 June, 2 July. Further details at [www.library.powys.gov.uk](http://www.library.powys.gov.uk) – go to Library Services, Welshpool Area, Route 10.

## **Llandyssil and Abermule Walking Groups**

Reports of approaches by Powys County Council representatives to local landowners regarding Public Rights of Way in the Llandyssil parish have been both ‘constructive and understanding’. It is envisaged that large number of new styles and gates are to be installed as around three village circular walks are way-marked. See County Councillor’s report below.

It is difficult to put a time span on how long the work will take. More information will be in the next newsletter

It is hoped that work on clearing and way-marking some of the more prominent local footpaths will begin in April.

During February John Billington and Mike Membery met with Paul Hodgson and Colum Carr (representing the County Council) who asked them also to report on the Abermule also, so that these may be worked on at the same time or shortly after.

A start will be made on these in April and anyone interested in exploring the area north of the A 483 at Abermule is welcome to join the group. Saturday afternoon 10th April and Saturday 8th May are two suggested dates, meeting initially at the bus stop in Llandyssil at 2 p.m. Please contact John Billington (668619) if you would like to be involved with the Llandyssil Walking Group. Everyone is welcome.

**Please watch notice boards for led walks from Llandyssil and Abermule.**

## **Community News**

### **Report from your County Councillor.**

#### **1. Footpaths.**

Work on developing a series of circular footpaths in the area was supposed to take place last year, but due to budget cuts there has been a delay in the work schedule. However, I am able to report that the work should begin towards the end of April. It is intended to develop three circular walks at Llandyssil and then something similar at Abermule. These will provide interesting and varied walking options for people of differing ages and ability.

#### **2. Cycleway from Newtown ( to Abermule)**

The new cycleway from Newtown to Abermule is at an advanced stage of development and is expected to be completed by end of April. This development has caused considerable interest, not only in Abermule, but also over a wider area in the

community, including, naturally, the Llandyssil area. The development has been widely welcomed and I am delighted that so many people are planning to use the new route. Already people are asking me when the route will go on to Welshpool !!! That will take a further allocation of grant funding, but already my attention is turning to that task.

### **3. Llandyssil Old School Hall**

I am delighted for the Llandyssil Community that the project to refurbish the 'old school' is nearing completion and although I have not actually seen it myself, I am told it looks stunning and will mean that the Community has a lovely Community Hall, fit for purpose in 21<sup>st</sup> century. I am similarly pleased that I, as your County Councillor, have been able to play my part in helping with the funding for this project and therefore fulfilling a promise I made to the community way back in 2004 when I sought election. I am looking forward to the opening event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> immensely.

### **4. Flood plain.**

A number of residents from Llandyssil attended the Community Information evening at Abermule on February 4<sup>th</sup>, when I showed the new flood maps for the area, which outlines the new C2 Floodplain as designated under TAN15. Although there are some differences between the new maps as against the previous 2004 maps, unfortunately the majority of the land to the north of the village, is still mostly affected by the C2 predicted floodplain, and is therefore not suitable for development. It is particularly disappointing as land to the north otherwise could have lent itself to the development of several 'Local Needs Affordable' dwellings, which we need at Llandyssil. Should anyone who did not attend the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>., wish to see the maps, please get in touch with me.

### **5. Secondary Schools Modernisation.**

The row over the Secondary Schools issue in Powys, rumbles on, and my email box still seems to attract a large number of daily contacts on this issue, mostly from parents of children currently attending Schools at Llanfyllin, Llanfair & Llanidloes. The situation at Powys County Council is that the original working group has been disbanded and a new structure has been agreed to take this work forward. The new structure will encompass the work on Primary School Modernisation, the urgent work on Secondary Schools referred to above, and will also look at Leisure Centre provision. I have been appointed to the Programme Board which oversees the process and there will be separate Project Boards to carry out the individual work streams.

### **6. Unitary Development Plan**

It was with some delight and relief that I stood before Council at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March to propose to Members the adoption of the Powys Unitary Development Plan. Thankfully Members unanimously supported the proposal and after several years of preparation the UDP finally became a fully adopted plan, against which all applications for development will be judged. As Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Development, my attention now turns to the preparation of the successor plan, the Local Development Plan ( LDP), which will take 4 years to prepare and will then succeed the UDP.

*For further and regular information please see my website: [Cllrwynnejones.co.uk](http://Cllrwynnejones.co.uk).*

**Wynne Jones**  
**Elected Member for Powys County Council - Dolforwyn Ward.**

## **Community Council**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of meetings of the Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Abermule Gyda Llandysul are displayed on the Bakery notice board in Llandysill and in Abermule village Shop and at <http://www.abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk> Do check out the Community Council website as it contains a great deal of interesting information.

The next meetings, in Abermule Community Centre are on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

### **Members (all 01686 numbers unless stated otherwise)**

Chair, Cllr Gwyneth Jones, Lane House, Llandyssil - Tel: 668216  
Vice Chair, Cllr Brian Williams, Maesgwaelod, Green Lane - Tel : 07970 427514  
Cllr Alan Backhouse, Perelandra. Llandyssil – Tel :669963  
Cllr Gwen Cooper, School House, Llandyssil – Tel : 668104  
Cllr Howard Ellis, 30 Court Close, Abermule – Tel :630372  
Cllr Tim Halford, Malt House, Llandyssil – Tel : 668180  
Cllr Mike Lloyd, Gate Farm, Llandyssil - Tel : 670625  
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### **Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council Report**

#### **Phone boxes**

Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council has now acquired the four phone boxes in the area, including the one on Llandyssil Green.

#### **Llandyssil Gardens Competition**

Following Brooklyn's success in success in the 2009 Montgomery Gardens competition, the Community Council is considering sponsoring a Llandyssil Gardens Competition with various categories from Best Hanging Basket to Best Front Garden. Please watch notice boards for details.

#### **Litter picker and playground inspector .**

**Following the resignation of the previous 'handy' person, the Community Council is now inviting applications from anyone interested in doing this work. It is not possible to fill this post the Council regrets that there will be no alternative but to consider taking down the doggy bins and requesting that everyone picks up their dog mess and takes it home for disposal. Details of the post are available**

**from the Chair, Gwyneth Jones on 01686 668216 or the Clerk, Gwilym Ripon on 07799 888324**

### **Medical issues**

Concerns continue to be raised with Community Council members about a) the length of time it takes to see a doctor - two weeks or longer is not acceptable, b) the role of triage nurses and c) occasional difficulty in getting through to Shropdoc. If you have a concern write to the Community Health Council, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 (01686 627632) **who have an obligation to follow up all complaints.**

**Dog fouling.** Once again complaints have been received about dog fouling. Please pick up your dog's mess and use the bins provided around the village and on Dragon Field. It is a hazard, particularly for kids. Thank you.

### **MEG**

The Montgomery Energy Group is able to undertake Household Energy Surveys to measure the carbon footprint of the household. We can provide information and guidance on energy efficiency measures. Please ask for a free survey now. We currently have four trained surveyors in Montgomery and district we need more. Please contact Mike Beloe (01686) 668173, Roy Blower 668218, Jenny Heard 668168, Mike Membroy 668643 or Email: [mikemem@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mikemem@tiscali.co.uk) for more details.

### **Abermule**

**Saturday Car Boot Sales 2010 – 24<sup>th</sup> April; 1<sup>st</sup> May; 15<sup>th</sup> May; 29<sup>th</sup> May; 5<sup>th</sup> June; 19<sup>th</sup> June; 26<sup>th</sup> June; 3<sup>rd</sup> July; 17<sup>th</sup> July; 31<sup>st</sup> July; 7<sup>th</sup> August; 21<sup>st</sup> August. Further details – 01696 630240**

**Abermule Beavers and Cubs.** Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.00. Beavers – Linda Smith 630276/Cubs - Sian Griffiths 621258

**The Evergreen Club** meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1.45 in the Abermule Community Centre. Many activities planned. All welcome.

**Abermule W.I.** – Meets second Thursday in month. Contact Eira Humphreys - 630331

**Badminton** – Meets Tuesday nights in Abermule Community Centre. New members welcome. Alan/sue 668233

**Abermule Bowling Club** – Monday and Friday 6.30 onwards. Contact Margaret Peet on 668405. New members welcome.

**Abermule Quilters** – Mondays - £10 annual membership and £1 per meeting. Helen O'Brien 622707 or Ann Edwards 627516

**Keep Fit** – Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.00. Chris Trow 630421

**Yoga** – Wednesdays – 8 – 9.30 Elaine Edwards 420203

### **Forden**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
**‘MORNING HAS BROKEN’**  
**AT**  
**ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**  
**FORDEN**  
**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> 2010**

**The Church will be open from 10am-7pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-7pm Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and from 10am-7pm Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

## **Montgomery**

**Town Hall Scheme – the project to improve facilities in the Town Hall has been accepted for consideration by the Big Lottery Fund Programme. At the same time the Trust is applying to the Welsh Assembly for a community asset transfer grant of £500,000. Fingers crossed on all accounts.**

**Bell Ringing – Monday 6.30 to 8.30.** Interested? Call Rita Munnery on 01686 668617

**Meals on Wheels –** Helpers needed . Please call Mary Turnock on 01686 668459

**Bicycles for hire in Montgomery .** The bicycle hire scheme is now up and running. If you want to hire a bike with crash helmet and tyre repair kit call 0797 5974153

**Keep Fit,** Town Hall. Sally Orme 01686 668630 - Thursdays

**Scrabble Club** in The Dragon – Hazel and Paul on 01686 668912 - Mondays, fortnightly.

**Montgomery Scouts (Cubs) -**Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30 – Community Centre Ken Whitmore on 01686 630718

**Library -** opening times Tuesday 5.30 – 7.30, Thursday 11 – 1pm and 2 – 4pm, Friday 5.30 – 7.30 and Saturday 10 – 2pm

**Montgomery Walking Group.** Eric Gent 01686 668474

**Montgomery Book Club –** 668619

**Montgomery Computer Club –** additional courses now offered – Kate Wesson, Coleg Powys 0845 4086210

**Jazz Evening –** every Wednesday at the Dragon

## **Bits and Pieces**

**Dial a ride – 622566**

**Doctors' Surgery Montgomery - 668217**

**Newtown Police Station - 08453 302000**

**Mail Preference Service –** to remove your name from 95 per cent of direct mail lists – *Call 0845 7034 599*

**Free Home Fire Safety Check –** Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service. Checks for your house or dependent relative on 0800 1691234 or [www.mawwfire.gov.uk](http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk)

**Security marking system -** The Neighbourhood Police Team has provided details of a new property security marking system, Smartwater. It is a clear fluid which is easily applied to valuables enabling them to be traced back to you if stolen or lost. Further details are available from Graham Davies, Police Liaison Manager, Smartwater Technology Ltd, Tel: 08702 428899.

This is a very safe area but in view of opportunists and travelling criminals the Police recommended that doors should be locked and care taken, especially by older people. They asked that advantage be taken of the Bobby Van scheme - a free service for

senior citizens to survey and to fit additional security if required. (Call - 0127 226468 or e-mail [anna.lewis@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anna.lewis@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk)).

If you require any help or advice or wish to report suspicious or other behaviour do not hesitate to call the Police on 0845 3302000,

**TPS** – the **telephone preference service** is the central opt out register on which you can record your preference not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing telephone calls on your home or mobile numbers – *Call 0845 0700 707*

**Silentcall-gard** – to stop it when you pick up the phone and there is no-one at the other end or a computer is calling – *Call 0870 444 3969*

The Fire Brigade are conducting **Free fire home safety checks**. Ring 0800 3899279.

**Junk Mail** - To remove your name from the Royal Mail list for unaddressed mail contact Opt Out, Room 130, Wheatstone House, Wheatstone Road, Dorcan, Swindon SN3 5JW or call 0845 7950950

**Age Concern Montgomeryshire** provide a **service for checking benefits** – such as pension credit, council tax and eligibility for attendance allowance - and will also give help in completing the necessary forms.

**Severn Hospice** is urgently seeking Patient Care Volunteers and Patient Transport Drivers for **Hafren Day Hospice, Newtown**. For further information contact Sister Lynda Williams (Mon to Wed) on 01686 617204

## **Advertisements**

TOP TO TOE  
HOLISTIC THERAPIES AND NAIL TREATMENTS  
3 PRINCES SQUARE, MONTGOMERY

CONTACT MAZ RALPH FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
ON  
0787 55 22 453

**Aromatherapy, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Swedish Body Massage  
Hopi Ear Candling, Manicures and Pedicures**

***Alexander Technique***  
***Six Week Introductory Course***  
***to give a grounding in basic principles***  
***Llandyssil Old School Hall - starting Spring/Summer 2010***  
***Cost £35 for six one hour sessions***  
***Suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels***

*Small groups – maximum six people*  
*Contact Michelle BenjaminMSTAT on 01686 668262 or*  
*[michellebenjamin@hotmail.com](mailto:michellebenjamin@hotmail.com) BOOKING ESSENTIAL*  
*Alexander Technique can help*  
*improve posture, breathing, balance and coordination*  
*naturally overcome back, neck and joint pain*  
*improve performance in music, drama and sport*  
*reduce stress related conditions*

## Tai Chi

For Health and Relaxation  
Saturday classes from 1 - 2 from April 10th  
There are now  
Weekly Day time Classes every Monday from 2-3  
from May 10th  
LLandyssil Old School Hall  
Are you interested?  
Call Alan for more information and free taster session?  
Telephone 01686 630778  
Mobile 07976 321 345  
New Website  
For more information log on to  
[www.whitecranetaichi.co.uk](http://www.whitecranetaichi.co.uk)

**Handmade cards** - tell me the occasion and I will make a special unique card.  
Examples always available. Ring Pam on 01686 668520

**Environmentally Friendly Burials – Ifor and Eira Humphreys**  
**Tel : 630331 or e-mail : [greenlaneburialfield.co.uk](http://greenlaneburialfield.co.uk)**

*Occasional gardener wanted – call Alan on 668095 (Bridge House)*

For fantastic flowers and flower arrangements contact Jan Phillips on 668645 or call in at 'Rhyd y ware'.

*Please advise editor if you would like to advertise. Examples -*  
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