

# **Llandyssil and Abermule Community News**

## **Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil eyda Abermiwl**

For residents of Llandyssil, Cefn-y-Coed, Cwminkin, and Green Lane  
July/August/September 2009 (Issue 17)

### **'Dragonfest' 09 - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** **Please bring out your Dragons**

Dragonfest will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009. It is hoped that with everyone's help we can repeat the success of 2008. Dragonfest will be held on Dragon Field – the land behind Brooklyn.

**There will be a planning meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the Old School Hall. Do come if you can.**

Last year lots of people helped by making salads (non green), putting up tents, helping with stalls, manning the bouncy castle. If you are able to spend some time – however little – to make Dragonfest a success, do let us know.

A number of local schools have been approached to provide processional dragons - starting from the Upper House at 12.30. The Montgomery Town crier has kindly said she will lead the procession, the hog is booked and the Llandyssil Olympics are being planned. It is hoped that as many dragons as possible will once again come out of their lairs to grace or scare the village after their winter hibernation. The big question is if Llandyssil will retain the 'tug of war' trophy?

For the answers to these questions and many more put the date of Dragonfest 2009 in your diary now – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Picture shows Sue presenting her winnings from the village Eurovision evening at Malt House to the Dragonfest fund.

### **Newtown and District Male Voice Choir Concert**

On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 around 150 people attended a concert in St Tyssil's Church by Newtown Male Voice Choir. The evening was a spectacular success with Gerald Jones, in ebullient form, compering the event.

The Church wardens agreed that the Church, with its wonderful acoustics, could be used and Gwyneth Jones kindly allowed parking on the Church Field.

In addition to the wonders of the choir, there were various soloists including Glen Lloyd, our local guitar vocalist with songs by Oasis and Bob Marley , and Paul Sawtell, an amazing jazz pianist who has worked with the Kenny Ball Jazz Band. Refreshments were available in the Hall following the concert – and, of course, the Upper House was open for a sing song at the end of the evening.

**Thelma Bevan was presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her tireless work for the Hall.**

**Over £700 was raised, after costs, for the renovation of the Hall.**

## **Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust - AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Kim Lovatt and Alan Backhouse are once again on the Hall Management Committee representing the Community Council. It was also good to see other Community Councillors and the Church Wardens. New Trustees Dave Hamer and Alan Jefferies - and several former trustees and Toni Bennett the new Rector – were welcomed to the meeting. Simon McIntosh, who having done his year as a Trustee, is standing down. His help has been invaluable.

Last year's Dragonfest, the Christmas Fair, Concert and coffee mornings raised around £5,000 for the Hall. This is a remarkable achievement for a small village like Llandyssil. A word of thanks should also be given to the prior trustees for the healthy bank account that was in place and which proved vital, with funds raised, in enabling the Trustees to successfully apply for match funding

Last September, at a ceremony in St Tyssil's Church with the Bishop, saw the signing of the 25 year lease on the Hall. This provides the security of tenure to plan for the future and to renovate the Hall to meet needs of the next generation of the community. With the help of Cllr Wynn Jones, the Trustees were then able to raise grants to undertake the most urgent of repairs – to replace all the roofs and open up the Hall ceiling. This work – which cost well over £30,000 - was carried out over the winter.

VAT registration in order to recoup some of the major costs has now been approved.

Work on plans to undertake phases 2 and 3 of the renovation work is progressing – a proper floor, new heating, double glazed windows, soundproofing, redecoration. Further grants have been applied for.

The audited accounts to 31 March 2009 showed a deficit of around £3,500. At the time of going to press a number of outstanding grants have now been received and the account is now in credit with a positive bank balance of around £7,000.

Andrew Lloyd was elected Chairman, Tim Halford – Vice Chairman, Jane Hamer – Treasurer and Maz Ralph – Secretary.. Other Trustee Board Members are Gerald Jones, Lee Waite, Richard Cossey., David Hamer and Alan Jefferies

## Hall update

Several grants have been applied for which, if received – a 50/50 chance!, will enable renovations of the main hall to be completed. In addition there is pressure from grant givers for a disabled toilet facility to be included – and grants are available for this. However the only space of the right size is the current ‘Ladies’ and it would mean losing one of the two toilets. The disabled toilet would be unisex! Views please.

## Quiz Night

After the excellent turn out for the last Quiz Night, a second village Quiz Night was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7pm in the Hall. Gerald Jones set the questions - it was a fun filled night. The quiz made £185 profit. Wyn, Maz, Laura and John took the crown, closely followed by Iolo and Ceri and family.

## Funds raised for Severn Hospice

A charity walk, followed by an Irish ceilidh and hog roast in the Hall, to honour the life of Brian Harris and organised by Sian Harris, raised lots of money for Severn Hospice. It was a wonderful and memorable occasion.

## Coffee mornings

The regular coffee mornings – thanks to the hard work of Thelma and her team – continue to be well supported. Do join us at 10.15 on Saturday **July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## Cyril Mountford retires from Parish Council after 62 years

Mr Cyril Mountford, who has recently retired having been a member of the Parochial Church Council of St Tyssil’s Church, Llandyssil for 62 years. He was presented with a picture of the Church by the Rev Toni Bennett. Mr Mountford and his wife were entertained to a meal (prepared by members of the PCC) at the Church on 26<sup>th</sup> May as a token of appreciation for his services. Mrs Mountford was also presented with a bunch of flowers. (plus pic)

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

Rector Rev’d Toni Bennett Tel. 01686 668243 email: [toni.rev@btinternet.com](mailto:toni.rev@btinternet.com)

Assistant Priest Rev’d Roger Brignell Tel. 01688 668539

<b>Sunday Services:</b>	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer
	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer
	Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
	Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer
	Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
	Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer.
	Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged – check notice board.
	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Eucharist
	Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer
	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Eucharist
	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm Evening Prayer

Baptisms will normally take place during the 3.00pm service. At least 2 months notice should be given to allow time for to attend preparation classes.

The Rector is usually in church on Thursdays between 11.30am and Noon and is happy to see people at that time. However she is away for most of July.

Looking ahead we have our Harvest Celebration in October, beginning with a Harvest Praise and supper on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Then on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Harvest Celebration for young and not so young on the theme of environment. – the gift and the challenge. Please watch notice boards for further details..

## **Village News**

### **Village Newsletter and Bulletin**

**Further to discussions regarding linking the Llandyssil Newsletter with Abermule the decision has been made to maintaining both newsletters as they are for the time being. This newsletter is written and produced in Llandyssil and funded by the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust. Comments have been received that it is too long and a shorter version like Abermule's would be preferable. Any views would be welcomed.**

**The village website – [www.landyssil-powys.co.uk](http://www.landyssil-powys.co.uk) – is receiving a number of hits. Please check it out. It includes details of events, sports, notices etc. If anyone who receives the newsletter would like to include a free link to/from the village website to their website please let us know.**

### **Village announcements**

**Congratulations to Rob Hughes and Jayne Jones on reaching 40 and to Alex Hamer on making 18!**

**Congratulations to Alan 'Tai Chi' Jefferies – and Pam who are to marry on 13<sup>th</sup> September , to Simon (New House Farm) McIntosh and Maggie who are to marry on 24<sup>th</sup> October and to Clare (daughter of Gerald) Jones and David (Hawkins) who are to marry on 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Congratulations to the Abermule School BobbyBusters general knowledge team – with several Llandyssil members – who have made it to the final at County Hall - and to all the Llandyssil years 5 and 6 at Abermule school who passed their cycling proficiency tests.**

**Congratulations to young George Hughes who won his year of the cross country running championship at Plas Dolerw**

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

## **Reports on village activities**

### **Regular meetings**

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

**Line Dancing** – every Monday at 7.30 (Dave Hamer [djhhamer@hotmail.com](mailto:djhhamer@hotmail.com) tel : 668303). All are welcome.

**Women's Institute** – The WI meets in the Old School Hall at 7.30 pm on the third THURSDAY of each month apart from August. If you are interested do come along and join us – be sure of a warm welcome. (Maire Hewitt tel : 668490).

**LADIES - Llandyssil W.I. needs you! Due to a gradual decline in numbers, your W.I.(established 1953,) may not be able to survive beyond 2009.**

**If you have a spare Thursday evening once a month, come and join us. Phone Christine 669963 or Lynne 668760 for more details. IT'S NOT ALL JAM & JERUSALEM!**

**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.

**Over 25 Youth Club members recently went on a very successful tour of the big windmill farm above Llandinam – a great day out!**

**Coffee Morning** – Meets on last Saturday of each month at 10.15 (not December)

**T'ai Chi** classes in the Village Hall on Saturdays **12.30pm to 1.30pm** . Contact Alan Jefferies (Green Lane, Tel: 630778) for more information. Why not join?

**Gardening Club** (Gardening & Wildlife Society) – meets on second Thursday of the month in the Old School Hall at 7.30 (not August). However on July 9<sup>th</sup> instead of the evening meeting the Club is to visit Llwyn Madoc Old Farm (near Abermule) to look at the memorabilia collection of old farm and garden tools. Scones and a cup of tea will be provided. Anyone interested in coming along please call Vivien Hunter 01686 668603.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows: September: The Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust, October: To be confirmed, November: A demonstration on Willow Making by Helen Porter, December: Vere Cattermole will be speaking at our Christmas evening on “The Pleasures of the late Season”.

Our June meeting was held in the afternoon at Wroxeter Vineyard (near Shrewsbury) where we enjoyed a very interesting guided tour of the vineyard and the wine-making process. This was followed by a wine-tasting and afternoon tea. We all returned with at least one bottle of wine!

We welcome new Members to any of our meetings. Membership is £5 per person or £8 per couple. As from September, when membership renewals are due, this will increase to £6 per person or £10 per couple (this is due to rising costs of running the club). Non-Members are also welcome to attend any meeting for £2 per meeting per person. We are also looking for Members who would like to help to organise the programme.

### **Sports news - Llandyssil**

**Hockey** — the Montgomery Ladies - the first Shropshire Hatcher Ladies Hockey League – ended the season well positioned. Paula Hughes was named best attacker and Sarah Hughes best mid field player

**Mid and North Powys Junior Football League – an amazing season with the Under 10s unbeaten and the Under 11s only losing to Berriew, having made it to the League Cup Final**

**Cricket** – Youth coaching. Everybody welcome. Ring Stan for details on 668247. The Montgomery under 11s in the Shropshire League – with several players from Llandyssil and Abermule – have so far only lost one match.

**Tennis.** Local players continue to contribute to the success of Montgomery Tennis Club. Daniel Pugh is playing regularly for the Men's A team, partnered by Paul Inns, and the team currently leads the League (from Meifod) with a respectable 41 points from 7 matches.

Another new young player is Connor Parry who is playing for the Men's B team, which is having mixed fortune. It had a disastrous match against Llanidloes who will certainly win promotion, but an exciting and epic match against Guilsfield in which Connor and John Billington – despite an age-gap of six decades – took three of our four sets, including sharing two tie-breakers (6-7 and 7-6) with their first pair over a hard-fought two hours, before dismissing their second pair 6:1, 6:0. Like Daniel, Connor can look forward to playing for Montgomery for many years to come.

**Ladies tennis:** Coaching is continuing on an ad hoc basis. Anyone interested should contact Jane Randall-Smith on 668500.

**Junior tennis:** Coaching takes place regularly on Monday evenings at Montgomery. Contact Sue Lawrence on 01938-561314.

*If there is other sports news which should be included, please contact the editor by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.*

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

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

**Darts** – two darts teams are likely next season - possibly plus a ladies 'Wednesday' night team. Plus of course the new 'Johnno's darts league' in the pub

**Pool** - **After a really good season for both teams, there may be four pool teams next year - with two competing in the Welshpool League and two in the Newtown League**

**Dominoes** – **The Upper House, Thursday night dominoes league is a firm village fixture. I may rejoin the league.**

### **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 2.30 pm and Upper House at 2.45 pm - on FRIDAYS fortnightly.

## **Abermule and Llanmerewig News**

### **Boot Sales**

12th July – Junior Football Club; 18<sup>th</sup> July – Netball; 1<sup>st</sup> August – Youth Club; 15<sup>th</sup> August – Badminton; 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Saturday Football; 5<sup>th</sup> September – Young Farmers; 19<sup>th</sup> September – Community Centre

**The Brownies** meets in Abermule Community Centre from 5.30 to 6.45 on Thursdays.

**The Evergreen Club** meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1.45 in the Abermule Community Centre. Many speakers and activities planned. Jean Jones 650336. All welcome.

**Abermule W.I.** – Full 2008 programme – contact Eira Humphreys - 630331

**Young Farmer's Club** – Meets Tuesday nights in Abermule Community Centre. New members welcome. AGM – Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**YFC Sports** – 1<sup>st</sup> team is representing Montgomeryshire in Brecon, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ten Pin Bowling and 4<sup>th</sup> in Rugby.

**Abermule Bowls Club needs new members.** If you have played before come and join us, if not, and you would like to learn to play, come down on a Monday or Friday evening and learn how to play. All ages welcome, young and old. The Club has a supply of woods for you to use. Free of charge. Contact Margaret on 01686 668405

## **Llandyssil and Abermule Walking Groups**

The start of the county survey and marking of local footpaths in the area – due to have started this spring -- has been delayed as a result of financial constraints. However, initial approaches to local landowners are taking place in June and July to establish possible alternative routes where requested. Virtually all Rights of Way in the Llandyssil parish have now been reported on and we look forward to their way-marking in due course.

Group walks will resume in September – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September is our first date for the new season, leaving from the bus stop Llandyssil at 2.30 p.m. Do contact Lynn Davies (668247) or 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.**

With the British economy now deep in recession, the effect on local people and business in Powys is clear to see. Several important firms have closed down and many are working short-time. It will not stop short there either, with so much money having been used at National level to bail out banks etc., someone is going to have to pay for that. It is clear that some of that will come from extra taxes (already being sneaked through by government) and some of it will be recovered by a massive cut in public spending. We now know that funding for Councils will be drastically cut for many years, making the job of maintaining delivery of quality services to the people a huge

challenge. A knock- on will also be the enforced increases in Council Tax that will have to follow, which is a clever way of Government increasing your taxation by the back door, whilst deflecting the blame to a different elected body.

The wind farm debate rages on, Powys now has 13 applications awaiting determination. Alongside that, the issue of the power lines coming from the wind farms continues to cause concern. The first of which (coming from the proposed re-powered wind farm at Llandinam) is proposed to cross our ward near to Llandyssil on its way to join the grid at Welshpool. The piecemeal way that this is developing, means we could end up with 12/14 separate power lines out of the area. I continue to spend a lot of time trying to bring an improvement to the situation and in fact raised this issue with the Minister last week when I met with her in Cardiff. Further talks will take place shortly and hopefully Government Guidance will be forthcoming to assist us with this problem. I also remain fully involved in trying to bring about further improvements to the access problems associated with the building of wind farms, which has the potential to have a severe impact on North Powys for a period of years.

One piece of infra-structure that is coming to us and is most welcome is the new cycle path extension from Aberbechan to Abermule. The route is along the canal towpath and the path will leave at Abermule bridge and come right into the village. This is great news and will be wonderful for our whole area. Cyclists from a wide area will be able to use the minor road network to reach Abermule and then go onto the cycle route to Newtown. Very good news indeed I feel. It also has potential to bring many extra visitors into the area.

For further information on local and Powys matters see my website on [www.cllrwynnejones.co.uk](http://www.cllrwynnejones.co.uk)

### **Wynne Jones**

(Elected Member Powys County Council – Dolforwyn Ward)

## **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 Llandyssil Old School Hall, are on Wednesday 15th July and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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  
Cllr Kim Lovatt – Tel : 07977 223590  
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## **Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council Report from the Chair 2008/9**

The Year started badly with the news that we had a fight on our hands to save Abermule Post Office from closure. Residents and Businesses of both the Llandyssil and Abermule communities were concerned with the proposed closure of Abermule Post Office and replacing it with an Outreach Service for a maximum of eight hours per week. Since Llandyssil lost its own Post Office and Shop we became acutely aware that many people from Llandyssil and the surrounding area rely on Abermule Shop and Post Office for their service. Many thanks go to all council members and the County Councillor who worked effortlessly on this campaign. **(Note : the Post Office within the Abermule shop is open everyday - from 9am to 5pm (closed for lunch 1pm to 2pm) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9am until 12.30 pm on Thursdays and Saturdays.)**

The New Year was busy with a number of projects being considered. Following the successful completion and handover of responsibility for the new play area and the Millfields Amenity Land at Abermule, the Community Council discussed the feasibility of employing a contractor/handyperson to keep this area in good condition together with both play areas in Abermule and Llandyssil. With regard to the Millfields Amenity Land we are currently processing a grant application to secure monies for improvements for access, by laying a Tarmac path. If successful with our grant applications we will have to match fund this in order to complete our project.

In Llandyssil last year, phase two of the play area was completed. This included the kerb being lowered, a new path leading to the play area to allow access for parents with pushchairs and those with restricted mobility, and also a new notice board was provided.

This year has seen improvements made to the land at the rear of Brooklyn. Following requests from residents the Community Council explored the possibility of improving this land to enable the youth and community to effectively use the land for sports and events. The improvement required a quantity of soil being spread over the surface which had a number of stony sections that were unsuitable from playing football and other sports. Residents raised concerns regarding the size of vehicles being used for this project but all necessary precautions were made by the contractor.

From April we have employed, on a contractual basis, two individuals. Their duties will be to inspect the play areas in Llandyssil and Abermule and to ensure that there is no litter in the play areas or bus shelters and to make certain that refuse bins and doggie bins are regularly emptied. A number of doggie bins are on order to prevent dog mess causing problem. The Council urge dog owners to use these bins to dispose of their dog's mess.

A request was made by Friends of Abermule School for financial assistance from the Council, to enable pupils of Abermule School to start a vegetable garden at the rear of the school. It is with much pleasure that Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council can announce that we gave an award of £ 1,300.00 to this worthy project.

The council once again gave grants to the two community centres in the ward. £3,000.00 to Abermule and £750.00 to Llandyssil. This also allows both centres to gain another grant from Powys County Council to, enable them to provide facilities to the community.

## **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 - Interested??

Please contact Mike Beloe (01686) 668173, Roy Blower 668218, Jenny Heard 668168, Mike Membery 668643 or Email: [mikemem@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mikemem@tiscali.co.uk) for more details.

## **Forden**

**GARDENS OPEN at FORDEN SUNDAY on 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009  
from 2.00 – 6.00 PM**

**Starting from ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, there will be 10 Gardens to visit.  
Refreshments will be available at the Church and plants for sale at some gardens**

**Entrance £4:00 (School children free)**

**With map and description of each garden.**

**Sorry no dogs (except guide dogs)**

**All proceeds to St Michael's Church**

**Enquiries 01686 668573**

## **Montgomery**

**Montgomery Show - 15th August**

Show Race 14th August; Summer Lunch 16th August; President's evening 18th July in the Town Hall;

**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**

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

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

Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30 – Community Centre – **Montgomery Scouts** (Cubs). 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**

**Digital TV** – The Long Mountain transmitter will be switched to ‘digital’ between 4<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. An information pack has been sent to the community – if anyone wishes to borrow it please call 01686 668180.

**(please keep any numbers you need as may not be included in future issues.)**

### **Useful numbers**

**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*

**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

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### Next Newsletter

Any ideas or suggestions for the October/November/December 2009 issue or comments on this issue of the newsletter are greatly welcomed by September 30th. Please contact Tim – editor - on 668180 or at [pineapplenews@aol.com](mailto:pineapplenews@aol.com)  
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