

Llandyssil Community News

Newyddion Cymunedol Llandyssil

**For residents of Llandyssil, Cefn-y-Coed, Cwminkin, and Green Lane
October/November/December 2009 (Issue 18)**

LLANDYSSIL DRAGONFEST '09 - Saturday 12th September Another Roaring Success

**Around £3,500 was raised for the renovation of the Old School Hall.
New Dragon Field opened by Mick Bates AM**

On a spectacularly beautiful Welsh day, over 1,200 people joined in the annual Dragonfest celebrations in Llandyssil on Saturday 12th September. Dragons of all shapes and hues graced many of the houses as the opening procession of four Chinese ceremonial dragons made by and 'operated' by the children from primary schools in Abermule, Forden, Leighton and Montgomery, and led by Montgomery Town Crier Sue Blower, colourfully wound its way through the village.

The procession, to the delight of stall holders, circled the new Dragon Field – which has recently been acquired by Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council for Community use – before a ribbon was cut by Mick Bates AM who declared the field open. In his speech he thanked the Community Council for its work in obtaining the Dragon Field for the village and praised all the people of Llandyssil for the ingenuity of the many dragons decorating the village and for all the effort that went into making Dragonfest a real community event for everyone to enjoy.

Over 200 children enjoyed rides on the red little train – 'Draig Goch' – kindly provided by the Newtown Miniature Railway Society, as The Oscars Duck Races, Tai Chi and Line Dancing demonstrations took place and Montgomery Ales and Old Monty Cider were enjoyed in the sunshine. Purchases were made of Dragonfest polo shirts and other Dragonfest collectables and products as numerous games and activities were enjoyed from Qwackers and the Bouncy Castle, Dragon Walks and Dragon Hunt! Dairy Dreams Ice Creams had a record breaking day and had to send out for more supplies. The Llandyssil Olympics was once more a centre of attraction with the damson stone spitting competition and human 'sheep dog' trials gaining great applause. In the tug of war, Llandyssil men once again retained their local village title in the 'derby' with Abermule. And Llandyssil Ladies triumphed in the first ladies tug of war.

As the sun set, the band, Lunacy, played songs with an Irish lilt, as the Dragonroast – tasting suspiciously like pork - was enjoyed by all. Over 1,200 people attended Dragonfest '09 and around £3,500 was raised for the community.

Congratulations to all Dragon Makers. If you didn't walk the village on Dragonfest morning, you may have missed seeing the Dragon's Cave at Cherryfields, St. George clambering over No:9 to save the Damsel, the fire breathing Dragon on Orchard Villa, the detailed, humourous and cleverness of 'The Dragon's Lair' at Nos:1 & 2, Bill & Ben protecting the 'little weed' against a ferocious Dragon, the details of nests from Cwm Bach, hedges, fences and barns around Phipps Tenament, up poles and hills or

tucked away in bushes, all over the village. There were so many innovative ideas that the judges decided to give all Dragon makers, in their absence, a 'Match the Map' draw ticket to acknowledge the marvellous efforts they had all made. The 'draw winner' received a meal for two at the Lowfield Inn.

Thanks to everyone who took part in Dragon fest. To Thelma and her team of ladies, (Thelma particularly asked for everyone who made cakes or helped on the tent to be thanked), to Mike for liaising with the schools and to Mike and Gill and food helpers and to everyone who made cakes and salads, to Mick and Pam ace carvers, to Graham and Yvonne at the bakery, to Wyn and Arthur for cutting the hedge and clearing the brook, to Compy and Adrian for directing traffic, to Gwyneth and Allan for the use of the field for parking, to Gerald and Phil for the Olympics, to Ceri and Lee for judging, to Jane for compering the Tug of War and 'races', to Helen for first aid, [to Michelle for getting lots of raffle prizes](#), to MaltHouse for setting up the Dragonfest stall of Information, tickets, Dragon collectibles, hunts, walks, games and to all those who helped 'man' it, Maz, Alan, Andrew, Cathy and Tim, to Iolo for being challenged, to Mike for the use of the beer tent and for the bins and 'rubbish recycling' handling, to Michelle and family for the strawberries and cream, to the 'man on the mike' Dave the Rave, to Richard for track laying, to John for judging the Tug-o-war, to Tina for the bottle stall, to Sharon and Nigel for quiz and games, to Beryl and Gwyn for bacon butties, to Wyn and Ben for the The Oscars Duck Race, to Stan as the race starter, to both bands, to Ceri and helpers on kids games stalls, to Sue, Sarah & Paula on Bouncy Castle, to Bob & Ann for sandwiches, to Owen and Sharon on the Bar, and to numerous other helpers who sold tickets, supplied electricity and gave general support, to Andrew for water, bales and general co-ordinating this year, and to everyone who attended, supported or sponsored Dragonfest in any way to make it such another stunning success. And a big thank you to photographers Barrie Hope, Tessa Kirk, Gregory Mclannon, Ceri Williams, Phil Jones and Lee who took the fantastic pictures. Thank you. If anyone has been missed – apologies!

Contribution to profit after directly related costs – Train £65, Raffle £1040, Hog roast £469, Bar £575.65, Dragonfest Stall £450, Bouncy castle £124.50, Duck Race £165, Cake Stall £118.50, Bottle Stall £98, Sharon and Nigel's Games £50, Kids stall and games £ 65, Strawberries and Cream £50, Sandwiches £80, Teas £47.80, Donations £86.20, Bacon butties £45, Olympics/catapult £176, Ice Cream £60 – total £3765.65 less general costs – scout tent, band, electric, toilets of £310 = £3455.65

Note : Some stall holders have asked how/where they can make their contribution. Cash or cheques made out to 'Dragonfest' to Malt House, please.

Winners – Raffle - £100 prize - J. Jacks, Catapult - Cyril Jones, Best Village Dragon - Gerald Jones, Dragonhunt – The Monty Crew, Match the Map – Carl and Pat Dayman, The Duck Race 'Oscars' – Gareth Bayliss, David Garbitt, Lucy Owen. Bessed Dressed Dragon – Ray Jones, Tug of War – Llandyssil, Ladies Tug of War – Llandyssil, 'Find Someone Who..?' - Josh Jones, Newtown.

Next Dragonfest – Saturday 11th September 2010.

The aspiration is to make it into a zero waste event.

We may have two more school Dragons – Buttington and Berriew.

Please keep your Dragons safe in their lairs until next year.

Hall update

Llandyssil Old School Hall receives £43,000 of Grants

- **£25,000 Community Renewal Grant Scheme and**
- **£15,000 Community Enablement Support Fund**
- **£3,000 Welsh Church Act.**

Renovations to be undertaken in January.

In July, the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust has received £25,000 from the Community Renewal Grant Scheme for the renovation of the main Hall of Old School, Llandyssil. The scheme is administered by the Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO). The Community Renewal Grant Scheme is being delivered by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) as part of the Powys Rural Development Plan 2007-2013. The scheme aims to support local community projects that take account of a community's needs and aspirations, improve the level of facilities available and provide a sense of place. The project has received funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

At Dragonfest on 12th September, Councillor Wynne Jones, presented a cheque for £18,000 to Andrew Lloyd, Chairman, Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust to the fund to renovate the Llandyssil Old School Hall. The grant is from the Community Enablement Support Fund 2009 (£15,000) and the Welsh Church Act Fund 2009 (£3,000).

Andrew Lloyd, Chairman of the Trust, commented 'When the Trustees signed the 25 year lease on the Old School Hall this time last year, we set ourselves a target of £120,000 and ten years to complete all outstanding works. At that time Cllr Jones promised he would do everything in his power to help us to secure and renovate the Hall, the village's only community facility. He has been true to his word. Having replaced the roof last winter and opened up the Victorian ceiling joists, new grants received this year, which will bring the total raised to around £85,000, will enable us to complete the renovation of the main hall and the bulk of the outstanding works. It is an incredible achievement that has only been possible because of the hard work of many people in this village.'

Work on the Hall will start in mid December and continue until end January. The main Hall will be totally refurbished and work undertaken to upgrade other areas. At a well attended village meeting on 30th September to discuss the plans, a number of excellent views were expressed which have now been incorporated. See village website – www.llandyssil-powys.co.uk - for minutes. The Hall may be closed to users for some days during this period. Please check with the Trustees if you have a Hall booking in that period.

Special Note : A huge thank you to Wyn for regularly mowing the Hall grass. Really appreciated.

Brooklyn award

Congratulations Brooklyn! Brooklyn has received Awards in the Montgomeryshire Gardens Competition 2009 for the '**Best Kept Housing Estate**' in the Montgomery area, in all of Montgomeryshire and is also the first winner on the Cllr Eldrydd Jones Shield. Jenny and Jessica Gittins won a Certificate of Excellence – and 2nd prize - in the Best Kept Garden Competition for their garden at 11 Brooklyn. Could this revive the idea of Llandyssil as Best Kept Village *and* Home of Dragonfest ?

Quiz Night

There will be another quiz night on **Saturday 21st November**. Please watch notice boards for details.

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 **October 31st and 5th December (Christmas Fair)**.

The Church of St Tyssil

Rector Rev'd Toni Bennett Tel. 01686 668243 email: toni.rev@btinternet.com

Assistant Priest Rev'd Roger Brignell Tel. 01688 668539

Sunday Services:

- October 4th 4.00pm Harvest Family Worship – come and meet the chicken with a problem.
- October 11th 9.30am Morning Prayer
- October 18th 4.00pm Holy Eucharist
- October 25th 9.30am Morning Prayer
- November 1st 4.00pm Holy Eucharist
- November 8th 10.45am Remembrance Day Service
- November 15th 4.00pm Holy Eucharist

The rest of November and December yet to be arranged.

Baptisms will normally take place during the 4.00pm service. At least 2 months notice should be given to allow time for to attend preparation classes.

During the winter months the Rector will not be coming into church for midweek prayers. If you wish to see her please email or phone.

Calling all parents of pre-school age children. On Sunday 11th October there will be a service just for you and your children (older siblings welcome). It will be held at Montgomery church at 3.30pm and will be over by 4.00pm. Come along and give it a try and help us to find to best way to help you encourage your children's natural spirituality.

Christmas Worship.

Sunday 13th December 10.00am Group Carol Service at St. Tyssil's, led by Bishop Gregory (the new Bishop of St. Asaph).

Thursday 24th December 11.30pm Holy Eucharist.

Message from the Rector:

The harvest celebrations are drawing to a close and in the church calendar we begin to look to Remembrance and Advent. I have been interested to hear on the news of the campaign to keep Christmas things out of the shops until November. Like trying to

keep Christmas carols out of church until Advent it is probably doomed to failure. I once half read a novel (it proved too hard going) set on an Island where the king had trained the native birds to say "here and now" as a constant reminder to his subjects to live in the here and now. In a society which is always rushing onto the next thing it is a reminder we would all benefit from. The old idea of the Sabbath rest had something of that to it. A time to pause, take stock of the 6 days just past and to prepare for the 6 to come. Whether in a church building, our own home or in our beautiful outdoors it is good to pause, meditate, give thanks and commit our day by day experiences to God.

Village News

Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir. There will be a concert in St Tyssil's Church on Saturday 24th April 2010. More details in next newsletter.

Green Lane Burial Field now has a **Rainbow Route**, that is a "sort of" orienteering course that lasts about 1 hour. Challengers explore woodland, using a map to find the 20 coloured numbers. Already been tested on Brownies, family & round tablers this course is suitable for any semi organized group. Contact Ifor or Eira Humphreys for details on 01686630331

Girl Guiding Cymru. Amy Owen was proud to be selected as a representative for Wales at an international guiding event in Switzerland.

'I want to say a big thank you to everyone that supported me in my fundraising to enable me to represent Girl Guiding Cymru, Montgomeryshire and Llandyssil on my international trip to 'Our Chalet', Switzerland. I had an amazing time. It was an absolutely brilliant opportunity and an awesome experience, with many new life time friends made. **Thank you. Diolch yn fawr.**' *Amy*

Holistic Therapies and Nail Treatments. Maz Ralph's new business 'TOP TO TOE' opens in Montgomery with effect from 5th October 2009. There will be two open evenings - **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October from 4 - 7pm** - for anyone who wants to come and have a look at her lovely salon or discuss treatments on offer. The address - 3 Princes Square, Montgomery.

Dragon Field. In future, a notice is to be put on the Brooklyn notice board by the event organisers to advise local residents if any special events ie football matches, barbeques - as opposed to regular youth club activities or normal community use - are to be held on Dragon Field.

Dog fouling. Once again complaints have been received about dog fouling. Please pick up you dog's mess and use the bins provided. It is hazard particularly for kids..

Dates for diary

Thursday 8th October – Gardening Club at 7.30 in Hall. Ancient trees including local trees – National Woodland Trust.

Thursday 12th November – Gardening Club at 7.30 in Hall. Willow making with practical demonstrations – Helen Porter.

Saturday 21st November – Quiz night in Hall at 7.30
Wednesday 2nd December – Hall Meeting at 7.30
Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fair at 10.15 in Hall
Thursday 10th December - Gardening Club at 7.30 in Hall. The Pleasures of the Late Season – Mr Vere Cattermole.
Sunday 13th December – 10.00 am Carol Service, St Tyssil's with Bishop Gregory
2010
(Hall closed January until early Feb)
Saturday 24th April – Shrewsbury Police Male Voice Choir Concert in St Tyssil's
Saturday 19th June – Newtown Male Voice Choir Concert in St Tyssil's (provisional)
Saturday 11th September – Dragonfest 2010

Village announcements

Congratulations

To Alan and Pam Jefferies who got married on September 13th
To Simon and Maggie on their forthcoming wedding on October 24th.
To Gerald and daughter Clare who marries David Hawkins on 5th December
To Margaret Bayliss who was 80 on the 13th of September
To Sarah Hughes who will be celebrating her 40th in December
To Sue Smith who will be 50 on New Year's Eve.
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 tel : 668303). All are welcome. On Friday 25th September at Argae Hall, with award winning artist Donna Wylde, over £270 was raised 'on the door' for Hope House. Future dates at Argae Hall – 30th October – Johnny Holland and 27th November 'Back To Back'.

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).

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!

Youth club began again on Friday 19th September 2009. Youth Club activities planned include craft nights, 'Crockpots' and trips to Bryntalch, Green Lane orienteering on 2nd October- and to Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury to see 'Peter Pan' in December.

Coffee Morning – Meets usually on last Saturday of each month at 10.15 (not end December) – **Note : No November meeting – Saturday 5th December for Christmas Fair**

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) - £6 per single/£10 per couple a year or £2 on the door (Vivien Hunter – Tel : 668 603)

October 8th: Ancient trees including local trees – National Woodland Trust.

November 12th: Willow making with practical demonstrations – Helen Porter.

December 10th: The Pleasures of the Late Season – Mr Vere Cattermole.

There is no meeting in January and the new programme will start in February. Details will be available at the December meeting – at which a glass of wine and mince pies will also be provided.

Sports news - Llandyssil

Hockey — the Montgomery Ladies - the first Shropshire Hatcher Ladies Hockey League – season going well – still in race for the cup.

Mid and North Powys Junior Football League –

Montgomery under 11s won an under 12s football competition at Berriew on August Bank Holiday Monday beating Bishops Castle in the final .

Montgomery Under 12's, 11's and 9's have begun the season with some wins already

Cricket – The Cricket season came to a close on Saturday 12th September 2009. 1sts finished 5th in division one, 2nds topped division five. U11, 13's & 15's all had successful seasons in the Shropshire League. Youth section raised £1350 in a bowlathon. Ground re-development begins in early October, the £65000 required, having been raised by club members (and their supporting families) and grants made available through the hard work of the development committee. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Cricket dinner 10th October 2009 – tickets available from Stan Davies 01686 668247.

If there is other sports news which should be included, please contact the editor by 31st December 2009.

The Upper House (668465)

The Upper House supports a number of village teams:

Darts – The Upper House darts team is just starting up. All best wishes for the new season.

Pool - There are four pool teams this year - with two competing in the Welshpool League and two in the Newtown League. It is hoped they can repeat the success of last season.

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 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 – 2.45 pm and Upper House at 2.55 – 3.10 pm - on FRIDAYS fortnightly. (October 9/23; November 6/20; December 4/18) Further details at www.library.powys.co.uk

Llandyssil and Abermule Walking Groups

The start of the county survey and marking of local footpaths in the area is still delayed as a result of financial constraints. However, initial approaches to local landowners have taken place 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.

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

Dolforwyn Woods

The Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust has taken a lease on the 65 acre Dolforwyn Woods and is to turn the woods into a new nature reserve for community use. There will be no restrictions on current usage and the bridleways and public footpaths will be retained and improved. The woods are an excellent example of mixed woodland. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, ring 01938 55565 or email info@montwt.co.uk

Newtown bypass - consultation

Proposals for the A483/A489 Newtown Study (Bypass) can be viewed at Newtown Park Lane Library until 24th November during normal business hours.

Power lines

Public consultation meetings were held in August 2008 at which displays of the proposed power line route corridor to transport power from the enlarged wind farm at Llandinum to Welshpool was shown on charts and maps. Following representation the proposed route that would pass to the south and west of Llandyssil before going towards Forden has been adjusted to be less visible from the village. No decisions have yet been taken regarding which of the routes will be chosen or formal planning application made. The project is bound up with wind farm development.

Report from your County Councillor.

It was with some delight that I had the pleasure of making a presentation at the Dragonfest , to the Llandyssil Community Trust, of the final instalment of grant funding to complete the refurbishment of the Village Hall. This was made up of £15,000 from the Powys Community Enablement Fund and £3,000 from the Welsh Church Act Fund which is also administered by Powys County Council. In total I have assisted with the delivery of over £60,000 of grant funding in total for the refurbishment. Whilst I share the excitement of the Community, I must admit that it is somewhat of a relief to me, as I did make some bold promises way back in this respect, so it is somewhat a relief to have been able to deliver against the promises

that I made. It is also a relief to get the funding completed, for as far as public funds are concerned, the storm clouds are gathering and there are very difficult times ahead. After the next year I can see that such grants will be very restricted if available at all.

The reason for the above statement is that there is going to be a huge cut in public spending over the next five years in order to repay the huge debt that this country has incurred bailing out the banks etc. Recently the Board of the Council has been doing some work on this problem and the best predictions are that the Council will need to make £33million savings over the next five years. A vigorous cost cutting exercise was undertaken last year and the Council identified £13million savings over the next three years. The current predictions are that we shall need to go far beyond that and find a further £20million. In addition it is likely that the Welsh Assembly Government will also cut the Capital Budget by about 50 per cent over the same period. This will have a huge impact on the Council's Schools Modernisation Programme, which is a central plank for delivering a large part of the revenue savings, whilst at the same time building a schools network of the kind of quality that our children deserve.

For further and regular information log onto to my web-site: cllrwynnejones.co.uk

Wynne Jones

Elected Member for 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 Abermule Community Centre are on Wednesday 20th October and Wednesday 11th November.

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

Cllr Arthur Mountford, Cwm Mule, Llanmerewig – Tel : 630271

Cllr Tom Ralph, Garreg, Llandyssil – Tel : 668364

Clerk – Gwilym John Rippon – Tel : 07799888324 e-mail :

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Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council Report

Dragon Field

Prior to the Dragonfest commencing Mr. Mick Bates AM officially opened the Dragon Field on behalf of the Abermule (with) Llandyssil Community Council. This was a culmination of a number of improvements to the land at the rear of Brooklyn estate and which was named as Dragon Field in a competition. This is a valuable asset for the residents of Llandyssil and we hope that it can be utilised to its full potential.

Dolforwyn Woods

Prior to the Council meeting on 16th September 2009 Mr. Iestyn Thomas from Montgomery Wildlife Trust gave a presentation in relation to the acquisition of Dolforwyn Woods. Abermule (with) Llandyssil Community Council look forward to working alongside Montgomery Wildlife Trust in promoting wildlife conservation and providing access to the woodland at Dolforwyn Woods for the benefit of visitors and residents alike.

Phone boxes

Abermule (with) Llandyssil Community Council are looking at the possibility of adopting the four telephone kiosks within the Council area. The Council has been in touch with BT to make preliminary enquires.

Flood plain

Maps for Abermule and Llandyssil are on Abermule (with) Llandyssil Community Council web site (visit <http://www.abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk>, go to 'documents', go to 'Flood Plain' for map). There is also a link to check individual post codes.

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 for more details.

Abermule and Llanmerewig News

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 14th July.
Abermule CP School - year 5 & 6 enjoyed a trip to Ty Gwyn in September , taking part in canoeing, orienteering & rock climbing

Montgomery

NSPCC Frock Swap Evening – Montgomery Town Hall on Friday 30th October. £10 inc glass of wine. Bring 'clean frock to swap'

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

Digital TV – The Long Mountain transmitter will be switched to 'digital' between 4th November and 3rd 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 January/February/March 2010 issue or comments on this issue of the newsletter are greatly welcomed by December 30th. Please contact Tim – editor - on 668180 or at pineapplenews@aol.com

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