

# BERRIEW NEWSLETTER Fundraiser



Saturday April 23rd  
From 10am to 12 noon

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At the COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The Parish of Berriew

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**Services in St Beuno's, Berriew**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00am All-age Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. April Third Sunday of Easter**

10.00am Sung Eucharist (followed by brief PCC)  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. April Fourth Sunday of Easter**

10.00am All-age Communion, incorporating our Annual Parish Meeting)  
**This is the only service in the parish today - a warm welcome to all!**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>. April Fifth Sunday of Easter**

12.00 noon Baptism  
3.00pm Eucharist and Confirmation for our Mission Area  
We welcome Bishop Gregory and all our guests for this afternoon's service.  
**This is the only service in the parish today - a warm welcome to all!**

**St. John's Mission Church - Fron**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. April 9.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. April 3.00pm Eucharist and Confirmation in St Beuno's

**Pantyffridd Mission Church**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April 3.00pm Holy Communion  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. April 10.00am All-age Communion and Annual Parish Meeting in St Beuno's

**Wednesdays at 10.30am** We continue to offer 10.30am Morning Prayer in **the Old School**. On the third Wednesday of each month we celebrate the Eucharist together in St Beuno's. *All welcome!*

**Choir Practices:** Wednesdays at 6.00pm - in the Old School

**Bellringers Practices: Wednesdays at 7.30pm - in St Beuno's**

New ringers in particular are warmly welcome!

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

'The Hills are Alive' Concert on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>. May at 6.30pm in St Beuno's Church, with retiring collection.

If anyone would like to join those already participating, please contact Iris Tombs on  
**01686 640400**

Please see the poster commending this event elsewhere in this Newsletter.

*Thank you for continuing to donate to our Food Bank box, the contents of which are regularly taken to the Welshpool Food Bank.*

**Berriew Parsh Church Side Person Rota for April**

10am. service: Mrs. Betty Parker and Mrs. Sue Creaven  
6.30pm. evening service: Mr. Colin Jacques

**Berriew Parish Church Cleaning Rota for April**

Mrs. Freda James and Mrs. Margaret Emberton.

**Refail Presbyterian Chapel**

Minister Rev. Dr. D. Stirling

Services every Sunday at 10am. unless otherwise stated.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Communion Montgomery Chapel 10.30am.  
10<sup>th</sup> Minister  
17<sup>th</sup> TBA  
24<sup>th</sup> Miss. J. Turner  
May 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Communion Abermule 10.30am.

Coffee is served in the assembly room after the service the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month.

Bridge Club every Friday at 7.30pm.

Knitting Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact Jennie 01686 941813.

The assembly rooms are available for hire. Contact Hans 01686 640648.

**Pentre Llifior Wesleyan Methodist Chapel**

Minister: Rev. Sue Lawler, WELSHPOOL (01938 552794)  
Services: 2.30pm Sundays

April 3<sup>rd</sup> All-Age Cell Group  
10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Sue Lawler – HOLY COMMUNION Service  
17<sup>th</sup> All-Age Cell Group  
24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Nigel Evans, Felindre

This historic Methodist Heritage Site is also OPEN on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (2 – 4.30pm April – September inclusive) for individuals and visiting groups and at other times on request. Please contact Andrew Mathieson (01938 555376) for talks and visits outside the advertised times – ALL ARE WELCOME.

Our monthly 'Bacon Buddies' day for April is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> (10.30am – 12noon).

Andrew Mathieson

### **ST JOHN'S MISSION CHURCH, FRON**

We wish everyone a Happy and Joyous Easter and we thank Mrs Betty Watkin once again for her generosity in providing Easter Eggs for all the children who attend our Church. Betty has provided Easter Eggs for the young people for many years and we all appreciate her support and generosity. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and join us at our services and those of you who travel by car will be pleased to know that the lower Car Park has been cleared and extended with room for more cars to park.

The main entrance is also being improved for pedestrians and although not yet completed it is already much safer with handrails on each side of the widened path.

#### **Fron 120 Club**

#### **MARCH 2016 Winners are:-**

First Prize	£10.00	No 115	Jackie Powell	Grange Close, Condover
Second Prize	£10.00	No 84	Henry Cookson	Rockdene, Berriew
Third Prize	£5.00	No 37	Julie Morris	Barnfields, Newtown

### **THE BERRIEW CHARITY (Charity Number 216265)**

**Are you starting a new venture in your life? Started university? The Berriew Charity is here to help support you with the cost of books or equipment you may require for your degree/course. Applications are open to all age groups who live within the parish of Berriew. For more information please contact Mrs Lynda Evans, Fir Grove, Berriew, SY21 8AQ (Correspondent) or one of the following: Mrs P J Hausman, Mrs S E O'Brien, Mr P R M Wilson, Mr M Creaven or Mrs S Rees. All applications should be sent to Mrs L Evans for the consideration of the Trustees.**

### **First World War Ring**

I will be ringing on 26<sup>th</sup> April in memory of **Private Ellis William Jones (1041) of Pool Road who died in Egypt on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1916.**

Please take a few moments to remember this man who died a hundred years ago. As usual, if anyone wishes to come up to the Bell Tower at 6 o'clock on the 26<sup>th</sup>, they will be welcome. (Please ring me first to confirm the time as I sometimes have to change the time of the ring).

Thank you. Gordon Tel: 01686 640611.

### **A Blast from the Past** - if interested

John Pritchard of Wernybeddau, Garthmyl, who died on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1875 and is buried in Berriew Churchyard, was the building contractor for the Refail Chapel, Berriew in 1850 at the cost of £500. He was the great grandfather of Mr. Henry Cookson and my great great grandfather. John's son Edward Pritchard of Llivior Mill and Pied House, my great grandfather and Henry's grandfather was brother in law to Mr. Richard Clayton of Wernybeddau, Garthmyl and he was the building contractor for the Assembly Room at the cost of £250 in 1893.

On my mother's side of the family my great great grandfather David Davies (1823-1913) and his son David Rees Davies (1858-1926) of Halfway Smithy, Fron, were hired to transport the building materials up to the Fron Church in 1872-73 by request of Miss. Mary Buckley-Williams of Glanhafren who built the church in memory of her parents. Before the church school was built at the Fron, the only education my great grandfather received was at the Dame School in the Bridge Cottage near Severn Villa. The lecture theatre was the stairs on which he was taught mathematics and bible stories.

Peter Watkin

**☐ COFFEE MORNING**  
**AT**  
**THE OLD SCHOOL, BERRIEW**  
**ON**  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2016**

**FROM 10am – 12pm**



***ALL WELCOME***

***\*\*PROCEEDS TO LOCAL MS SOCIETY\*\****

## Berriew Mothers' Union.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February we had our meeting at the Old School. We were led in worship by Iris, the branch leader, who then introduced the speaker who was a fellow member, Revd Esther Yates. Esther had conducted a work study 'Quiet Day' the previous day and we continued with that theme. While she read some stories and poems we doodled and created. Everyone was delighted with the pictures, Crosses and Easter calendars which they made. Esther was thanked by Joyce for organising such a creative and joyful afternoon.

Next month, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, is the Lady Day Service held in Church at 10.30a.m. to be followed by coffee in the Old School. There is NO meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> we return to our usual meeting time 2.p.m. in the Old School when we welcome Revd Bethan Scotford as the speaker. Iris reminded everyone that the Pool Deanery Festival is on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at Pool Quay Church. Do come along - everyone welcome.

Members of Mothers' Union have been asked to help with the PRODUCE and PLANT STALL for the Newsletter Fundraising event held in the Community Centre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10a.m. Please give any contributions to Iris if you cannot attend!

We all remembered former members, Brenda Leach and Edna Roberts, who died recently and expressed our condolences to their families. Brenda was a very active member of Mothers' Union for many years.

*Ann Dixon*

## Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for cards and telephone calls on my recent stay in hospital. I am home now and feeling better.

Beth Brick.

## Berriew W.I. March Meeting.

For our March meeting we all gathered at the Lychgate Deli for an Easter cookery demonstration by Sarah Cullen-Jones. As we watched she prepared various items, savoury and sweet, which we could include in our Easter entertaining. We all marvelled at her skill and swiftness! Then came the best part of the evening when we sat down to drinks and large samples of the delights she'd cooked - especially the cup cakes so beautifully decorated and were quite delicious! Sue thanked Sarah for her time and effort in providing such an enjoyable evening.

Next month, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, we return to the Community Centre for a Flower Craft Demonstration by Yvonne Hart. The meeting begins at 7.15p.m. with the speaker at 8p.m. On, Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, there is a trip to Bettws Hall followed by a meal at the Bull and Heifer. Partners are invited for that evening.

We were very sad to hear of the death of two former members of Berriew W.I. and our thoughts and condolences went to their families'. Brenda Leach was a member for many years. Edna Roberts was a member of Berriew W.I. and then she left to help found the Brooks W.I. as she lived in Brooks at the time. There she served as President, County Chairwoman and executive committee member. When Brooks W.I. closed she returned to Berriew W.I.

Members were reminded that they are asked to provide items for the Produce and Plant Stall at the Newsletter Fund raising event on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come along and support this event to help keep this Newsletter.

*Ann Dixon*

**Easter Greetings**  
**From**  
**Little saints and Teen Seekers**

Belated greetings from us all – we hope you were able to join us for some of our Easter activities. Easter is the central festival of our faith and one which is often lost to many in the excitement of chocolate and flowers. Yet these are reminders of new life and hope – nourishment and wealth - which we can enjoy in the gift of God’s son for us all. So.....what have we been up to?! .....And what is to come?

**Easter Capers:** By the time you read this we shall have had our annual time of renewal in the gift of eternal life through our Lord’s death and resurrection – we celebrated with crafts and worship on Good Friday – and of course – and Easter egg hunt! It’s good to have some new little ones with us – and hope that more will feel they too can join us.

**Little saints** – for our Primary aged young folks - should always meet on the Saturday before the last week of each half-term. Unfortunately from time to time – this becomes impossible due to booking in the Old School. **SO**.....

**PLEASE NOTE** that our next meeting will take place

**on the Saturday at the end of half-term –**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00am – 12.15pm in the Old School**

With Easter being early this year and the summer term being longer - it seems a long time away – but we hope the young folks will come along to our **Family All Age services** on the third Sunday of each month. There will be a reminder of the date in next month’s newsletter

**Teen Seekers:** - for those in school year 6 and above.

**Many thanks to all** who have filled the plastic Easter eggs with loose change and returned them to us on Easter day; the total raised will be given in next month’s newsletter. The programme for the rest of the year is taking shape and we shall announce all dates to come in next month’s newsletter. Meanwhile we continue to meet on the last Sunday in each month at 4.45pm - **Except that**..... on the last Sunday of this month a number of our Teen Seekers will be confirmed by the Bishop of St Asaph in St Beuno’s at 3.00pm – may we invite you to come along and support them on this important day in their lives.

***Our next Club meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> May at 4.45 in the Old School***



## **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN BERRIEW BOWLING CLUB AS A PLAYER OR SOCIAL MEMBER YOU ARE WELCOME, ALL AGES, ANY GENDER. PLEASE CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY JANET THOMAS ON 01686 640680 OR [janet-thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:janet-thomas@hotmail.com) who will be pleased to provide you with further details and an application form.**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2016 VERY OVERDUE**

**A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO RENEW FOR 2016 SEASON, YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW OVERDUE, SO THE COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU PAY PROMPTLY. IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE YET PLEASE CONTACT JANET THOMAS ON 01686 640680 OR [janet-thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:janet-thomas@hotmail.com)**

## **OPENING OF THE GREEN 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 5.00PM**

**A NEW SEASON OF BOWLING IS UPON US AND TO CELEBRATE OUR PRESIDENT, PAT WEIGHALL INVITES MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO THE "OPENING OF THE GREEN" ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL. THE PRESIDENT WILL ROLL THE FIRST WOOD OF THE SEASON, THE BAR WILL BE OPEN, FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN ACTIVITIES, OUTSIDE IF WEATHER PERMITS. PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

## **HIRE OUR CLUBHOUSE**

**THE CLUBHOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, FUNERAL TEAS AND MEETINGS ETC... FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT SUE REES ON 01686 640418.**

**PETE JACKSON – PUBLICITY OFFICER – 01686 640436 – [pete@biggerboat.uk.com](mailto:pete@biggerboat.uk.com)**

## NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME LOCAL GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

The results are out! Here in North Powys we raised a massive £17,000 in 2015 an increase of £5,000 on the previous year – thank you all for your support. The National Gardens Scheme donated over £2.7 million to our charities including Marie Curie, Macmillan, Help the Hospices and Parkinsons UK. Our guest charity for 2016 is MS. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mary Berry as our new president. Do come and visit one of our beautiful gardens, you will have a wonderful afternoon with delicious tea and cakes and your admission ticket will have helped the cancer and caring charities. On 3 April Gregynog Hall is kindly donating the garden proceeds to our charity. We also have a number of gardens that open for private visits for groups of friends or societies so why not arrange a private visit. Discover more at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) or pick up our new 2016 Powys leaflet at the Spar, Lychgate or your local library.

Susan Paynton, County Organiser  
01686 650531

### Sunday 3 April 11-4pm

**Gregynog Hall and Garden**, Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3PW. Adm £3 chd £1 to NGS today  
Grade I listed garden set within 750 acres of Gregynog Estate which was designated a National Nature Reserve in 2013. Fountains, lily lake and water garden. A mass display of rhododendrons and yew hedge create a spectacular backdrop to the sunken lawns. Thousands of daffodils in Spring. Courtyard café serving morning coffee, light lunches and Welsh afternoon teas. Some gravel paths. Wheelchair access

### Sunday 10 April 2-5pm

**Maesfron Hall**, Trewern, Welshpool SY21 8EA. Adm £4 chd free 4m east Welshpool on A458  
Georgian house (partly open) built in Italian villa style set in 4 acres of S facing gardens on lower slopes of Moel-y-Golfa with panoramic views of The Long Mountain. Terraces, walled kitchen garden, tropical garden, restored Victorian conservatories, tower and shell grotto. Newly restored hanging gardens down rock face below tower. Woodland and parkland walks with a wide variety of trees. Some gravel, steps and slopes Dogs on short leads welcome. Wheelchair access Home made teas. Featured in Welsh Country Magazine

### Sunday 1 and Monday 2 May 2-5pm

**Oak Cottage**, 23 High Street, Welshpool SY21 7JP. Adm £3 Chd free *Entered from Bowling Green Lane which runs parallel to the High St in centre of Welshpool.* Revamped during the last 2yrs this is a plantsman's small and hidden garden providing an oasis of green in the town centre. Gravel paths and stepping stones meander through a wide variety of plants, incl unusual species. Alpines are a favourite (more enthusiasm than knowledge!). Gravel paths and steep slope at entrance. Refreshments and plants for sale. Wheelchair access. Featured in Welsh Country Magazine

The following gardens are open by arrangement- just give the owners a ring for a lovely afternoon out:

**1 Church Bank**, Welshpool SY21 7DR April-September

Mel & Heather Parkes: 01938 559112; [melandheather@live.co.uk](mailto:melandheather@live.co.uk)

**Cyfie Farm**, Llanfihangel, Llanfyllin SY22 5JE April-October

Grp Cpt Neil & Mrs Claire Bale: 01691 648451 [info@cyfiefarm.co.uk](mailto:info@cyfiefarm.co.uk)

**Fraithwen**, Tregynon, Newtown SY16 3EW March-October

Sydney Thomas: 01686 650307

**Holly Cottage**, Great Argoed, Mellington Nr Montgomery SY15 6TH

April-Aug Martin and Allison Walter: [allison.walter2@btinternet.com](mailto:allison.walter2@btinternet.com)

**Plas Dinam**, Llandinam SY17 5DQ March-November

Eldrydd Lamp: 07415 503554; [eldrydd@plasdinam.co.uk](mailto:eldrydd@plasdinam.co.uk)

**Tan-y-Llyn**, Meifod SY22 6YB March-November

*Callum Johnston & Brenda Moor: 01938 500370*

## **Berriew Knitting Club.**

We meet informally in the Refail assembly room every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm – 8pm, where we help each other with knitting and crochet projects. We also support various charities.

If you have never knitted or purled a row before or held a crochet hook and would like to learn, or if you are an experienced knitter and would like to help others learn, or need help with a pattern or just want to knit and chat please come along one Tuesday evening and join our friendly group.

On-going projects include knitting mice for the Children's ward at Birmingham hospital, teddy bears for Berriew Church, and knitted or crocheted tulips for the Children with M.E. Society. All patterns available from the club.

The next meeting is on Tuesday April 12th when we will meet in the Lion, Berriew. Come and join us for coffee and cake.

Contact Jennie 01686 941813.

Email: jennifer\_campbell2016@hotmail.com.

Jennie Campbell

## **Welshpool Biking Belles**

Welshpool Biking Belles is a ladies, social cycling group riding for fun, fitness and challenge. During the lighter months we meet on Monday evenings at 6.30pm in various locations around Welshpool and enjoy a leisurely ride. We tend to build our fitness up during the months.

Sometimes we go out on a Saturday or organise local family rides as well as attending bike maintenance or road safety sessions with Powys County Council.

To cover the club's insurance we ask for £2/ride or a seasonal price of £20. If you have a bike and want to meet like-minded women and get fitter at the same time then look us up on Facebook 'Welshpool Biking Belles' or contact:

Emma on 07972 357769 to join us on a ride.

## **Note from the Treasurer**

The committee is always grateful for all donations and we hope to use them efficiently and economically to keep up the news service to Berriew.

Mrs. P. Hall

# **BERRIEW NEWSLETTER**

Chairman/Editor: Val Wallis

Items for publication may be left in the Newsletter post box, at the Spar, Berriew or e-mailed to the editor at:  
barrywallis246@btinternet.com.

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## **Recipe**

### **Mushroom and Feta Cheese Lasagne** - Serves 6

2 tbsp olive oil	4 tbsp each chopped fresh parsley and
450g chestnut mushrooms	basil
quartered	2x250g tubs mascarpone cheese
150ml red wine	200g feta cheese, crumbled
400g can chopped tomatoes	150g no-precook lasagne sheets
Seasoning	

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C, 400°F, Gas mark 6.
2. Heat the oil and fry the mushrooms for 5 minutes over a high heat.
3. Add the wine, bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes and simmer for 2 minutes. Add the fresh herbs and season.
4. Put the mascarpone cheese in a small saucepan and warm until pouring consistency. Season and set aside.
5. Pour half the mushroom sauce into a 2 litre dish. Scatter a third of the feta over and top with half the lasagne. Pour the rest of the mushroom sauce over, scatter over another third of the feta and cover with the remaining lasagne.
6. Pour over the melted mascarpone cheese and scatter with the remaining feta.
7. Bake for 40 minutes until the pasta is tender and the topping is bubbling and golden.

***Dawn McCallion.***

## **North Powys Branch of NADFAS**

There was another record attendance for the February meeting of the North Powys branch of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies).

Group Captain Michael Clegg's talk was entitled 'In The Realms Of Osiris – Spectacular Egyptian Art', and the vote of thanks was given by Avril Hart, Chairman.

The society meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Powis Suite of the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, at 2.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, though a donation of £5 toward costs is requested. Members receive several benefits, including lectures, visits to places of interest, study courses, regular glossy magazines and a NADFAS discount card. Lecture topics include art, architecture, furniture, music and gardens.

For further information contact: [roger.brown001@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.brown001@btinternet.com) or [avril@avrilhart.com](mailto:avril@avrilhart.com)

The April Lecture takes place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, when Fenella Bazin will talk about the Vikings Abroad – how Norse settlers lived in the Isle of Man.

***Dennis Duggan.***

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**DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ARTICLES, NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.** Information concerning current and historical events, tourist information including Berriew village and the surrounding area will all be welcome. If you want to contribute send your material to [pete@biggerboat.uk.com](mailto:pete@biggerboat.uk.com)

## **BERRIEW'S CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

If you represent one of Berriew's clubs, associations or organisations etc... that hasn't already come on board, please get in touch and we'll be happy to tell you all about it.

## **ADVERTISING**

We want to encourage more businesses to advertise on [www.berriew.com](http://www.berriew.com) and for only £25.00 for 12 months advertising, you can't go wrong. Please contact Pete Jackson on 01686 640436 or e-mail [pete@biggerboat.uk.com](mailto:pete@biggerboat.uk.com) to discuss your requirements.

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Cheers, Pete Jackson, Chairman.

## **Diary of Events.**

Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew W.I. at the Community Centre
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Knitting Club.
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Community Council Meeting 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Closing date for the May Newsletter</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Berriew Newsletter Fundraiser</b>
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Berriew Bowling Club Opening of the Green 5pm.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew M.U. At the Old School
Every Friday		Bridge Club at The Refail 7.30pm

## **The Tom Cat Spot**

Hello all and April arrives to find us all looking forward to the sun on our backs and the end of the monsoon season!

This month sees the Grand National on 9<sup>th</sup> April. I must admit I do like my horse racing and I think nearly everyone likes the National. So who will win.... try 'The Druids Nephew'.

At school, do you remember your trip when you were in the 'Top Class'. We went to London and two girls went missing on the tube. When Mr. Jones found out he went purple from the neck up and exclaimed "You..You... Dull Thumps!" I bet he wanted to say something else!!

Ooer... two sources of the river, well I never...no actually I did as I nearly bought a house where they met. My old grandad used to say that locally the source was always Llyn Mawr and if it's good enough for grandad it's good enough for me. I have the greatest admiration for anyone who goes to great lengths to present their case, but I don't get involved in splitting infinitives, hairs or even river sources(remember the monkey path,...pew).

I write the Tom Cat Spot each month in a jocular fashion and hope it is received in the same way.

So, earlier I mentioned the Grand National. It would be too easy to name the only horse to win it three times, but he also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> twice. Once was in 1976 to Rag Trade, but who was the 'other one' to beat him. There is a bottle of sparking stuff to the person who names him.

Until next month, keep smiling

Tom Cat.

## **Editor's Postscript**

Our cover and poster in the Newsletter this month remind us that our annual fundraiser takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am – 12 noon. (items being donated can be brought to us at the Community Centre from 9am. and we start selling at 10am).

As you know we are only able to continue producing the Newsletter due to the funds raised at this important event, the many generous donations received during the year and the precious time given by all the volunteers each month.( However, we are still in need

of more volunteers to help with the collating and stapling each month. Please let us know if you can help.)

I hope you will all be baking, making or sorting anything that can be brought to us to be sold on the various stalls. So let's hope for a fine morning and a large happy gathering where friends can meet up and have a cup of tea and a chat and purchase some bargains. The list of stalls are shown on the poster printed in the Newsletter.

Our condolences go to the families of Brenda Leach and Edna Roberts who both sadly passed away in recent weeks.

**The closing date for the May Newsletter is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Please note – all articles and correspondence left in the Newsletter Post Box must include a name and address and/or telephone number. Anonymous items will not be published.**

My thanks to everyone who has helped in the production and distribution of this Newsletter.

Val Wallis/Editor 01686 641875.

## **AESTHETICS & BEAUTY AT GLANSEVERN**

### **BEAUTY**

Dermalogica facials, Microdermabrasion, Eyelash/brow tinting, Waxing  
SPAritual manicure, SPAritual pedicure, Full body massage, Hot stones  
Lava shells, Hopi candles, Gel polish, Electrolysis, Spray tan, Body wrap  
Ear piercing plus much more...

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