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Editors' Column

As we go to press we have heard of the sad news of the death of John Matthews after a sudden illness. John was a native son of this area and we will include a longer appreciation of him in the next Newsletter. Many of you will have known him as you knew Hazel Gwilt, whose obituary appears in this edition. The days when people lived out their lives in one small corner of the country is fast passing, and it will, we fear, be hard to fill a Church for those of us who have "butterflied" from one part of the country to another during the course of our lives. Our thoughts and sympathies are with both families at this difficult time.

The major event of the summer, is of course, the Llanfair Wakes, which will take place on the 11th August this year. There is information about the Wakes in this issue, including the schedule for the Craft event. Do come and enjoy yourselves on the day, and if you can help out and haven't yet been asked, the numbers you need to ring are opposite!

Margaret (Maggie) Lloyd has responded to our Scottish correspondent, and we have passed her letter on to him directly as it is too long to reproduce in this issue, although we hope to be able to quote from it in future issues.

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Send a Cow concert up-date



The excellent sum of £828 was raised which was divided between the County Air Ambulance and the *Send a Cow to Africa* scheme.

Everyone who attended had a great time, and many thanks to Ann Matthews for organising the event.

LLANFAIR WAKES

This year the Wakes will be on Saturday 11th August 2007, commencing at 3.00pm, on the Vedw Field (on the corner by the road to Black Hall for those new to the village).

Everyone is hoping, or possible praying, for a fine day, and the programme below gives some idea of what will be on offer. Do come along and enjoy a real community event.

Provisional programme

Photos, flowers and music in the Church from 3.00 to 6.00pm

Children's Fancy Dress competition judging - 3pm on the field

Craft show - 3.30pm in Everest Hall

Dog Show - 4.00pm on the field

Raffle draw - 5.00pm

BBQ and bar, with entertainment on the field from 5.30pm onwards.

Also going on throughout the afternoon will be children's races, duck race, sheep exhibition, skittles, games, competitions, sideshows and stalls in the marquee. Refreshments will also be available.

Admission: Adults - £1. Children FREE

For any enquiries or to offer help on the day please ring Ruth on 528592 or Mary on 528429.

The views expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editors.

Llanfair Wakes Flower and Handicraft Show

Everest Hall Saturday 11th August 2007

Exhibits to be staged between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, at own risk. Please write your name on a piece of paper and place in an envelope attached to your exhibit.

There will be a prize card for all winners, and a small prize for the adult with the highest points total. There will also be a children's prize (1st £1; 2nd 75p; 3rd 50p). Prize money will be presented on the field after the judging has finished, at approximately 3.30pm.

All exhibits to be collected after 5.30pm please.

Adult Classes

Class 1 Flowers and vegetables

1. Small flower arrangement incorporating a candle
2. 3 different flowers from your garden, displayed in a jam jar
3. 3 vegetables from your garden
4. Unusual shaped vegetable with caption
5. Longest runner bean

Class 2 Cookery

1. Jar of jam
2. Jar of lemon curd
3. Jar of marmalade
4. Victoria sandwich
5. 5 Welsh cakes
6. Fruit sponge flan

Class 3 Craft

1. An item of crochet
2. Hand-made Christmas tree decoration
3. Hand-made bookmark
4. Decorated egg
5. Photograph of children at play
6. One idea for next year's Wakes

Children's classes

Class 1 7 years and under

1. Decorated paper plate
2. A pretty pattern – crayon or felt tip
3. 4 chocolate crispy cakes
4. Prettiest feather

Class 2 11 years and under

1. Decorated wooden spoon
2. Handwriting (6 lines)
3. 5 flapjacks
4. Flowers in a mug

Class 3 –15 years and under

1. Small flower arrangement
2. A painted tile
3. 5 jam tarts

The Bishop's visit to St Mary's Church

A full Church supported our local candidates from Llanfair and Bucknell who were joining the local Ministry Team. The Bishop of Hereford commissioned the Team. A joint choir from Llanfair and Bucknell led the hymns and sang *Teach me oh Lord, God be in my Head* and *O Taste and See*.

Delicious refreshments followed the Service, giving all present a chance to congratulate the candidates and chat with friends and neighbours and Bishop Anthony.

HAZEL GWILT

Hazel Gwilt, who died last month at the age of 81, had lived almost all her life in Llanfair Waterdine. She was born just the other side of the valley at Ty'n-y-Coed, just below the Forest Farm. She was the oldest, and after moving to New House, her family was steadily increased with the arrival of her six brothers. From there they moved in 1948 to Cwm Collo and that has remained their home ever since.



For farming people, especially those with large families of young children, life was not easy. Throughout those years following the so-called Great War, farming was in a state of grave depression. Only with the outbreak of the Second World War did the politicians wake up to the need for home-produced food. Then, in spite of the "War Ag", country people became better off for food than those in towns – there were always rabbits or a few eggs – but then clothing young children was a nightmare. Mrs. Gwilt, mother of Hazel and her brothers, excelled at making do. She made sure they all had what they really needed – and that included good behaviour.

Hazel was absolutely honest. And did anyone, I wonder, ever hear her say anything bad about other people? She did not like to be idle. She liked to have plenty of work to do – to be kept busy (especially if the work was cooking).

Most of her adult life was spent at the Graig, working in and around the house for two generations of Mrs. Beavans – though when she first left school at fourteen, she went to work for some time at Llanfair Hall. But when Mrs. Gwilt became older and less able, Hazel took on the care of Cwm Collo, to look after her three brothers who were still at home, and their old mother. She also took on part time work for the Hodnett family at Willey Farm.

All her life Hazel suffered from asthma. She learned to live with it rather than complain but it must have been a severe handicap and latterly it meant that she had to have constant access to extra oxygen and she was away to hospital all too frequently for her liking. She remained a staunch member of the Church in Llanfair throughout her life, taking part in all its doings and also most other village functions. Not least among her activities was her membership of the Young Farmers when Llanfair had its own Club and she took part in a number of the plays which were such crazy fun in the post-war years. Later, of course, there was the WI of which she was also a member. For those who knew her only in her later years it may come as something of a surprise to learn that earlier on she had been the proud possessor of a motorbike – the sedate dark purple Ford Escort seemed rather more in keeping.

We might have thought that Hazel was just a little known part of the immediate locality; but the gathering of friends and relations who came and filled the Church to bid her a fond farewell was testimony enough to her goodness and popularity.

Jim Cummins.

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on May 15th in the Everest Hall. A few members of the public attended.

Representatives of Parish Organisations gave reports on their activities over the past year.

Local elections took place on May 3rd. The following were elected to our Parish Council.

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| Anne Singleton (Hon Clerk) | Lower Brynbedw | 01547 510625. |
| Jim Williams | Monaughty Poeth | 01547 528348 |
| Llewellyn Morgan (Chairman) | Selly Hall | 01547 528429 |
| Raymond Matthews | Riverdale, Lloyney | 01547 528690 |
| Robert Davies | Teme Cottage | 01547 528592 |
| Barry Swancott (Vice Chairman) | Lower Tregodfa | 01547 510666 |
| Iorwerth Waters | Brynheulog | 01547 528155 |
| Wyn George | Runnis | 01547 510393 |

EXCITEMENT AND SADNESS

In spite of the previously mentioned active refurbishing of their last year's nest, the Lloyney Red Kites finally opted to depart for pastures new. By luck I witnessed the sudden appearance of another pair of Kites and the subsequent prolonged close-quarter cavorting of the four overhead; very odd. Then they all climbed together in a thermal and set off in formation to the South. A marriage break-up; or change of partners maybe? Whatever the explanation, it sadly signalled the end of the nest rebuild.

Further sadness: for unknown reasons the Pied Flycatchers, after an uninterrupted four years, failed to return to their favourite nest box in my garden. But it at least avoided the anticipated fisticuffs with the Nuthatches who had taken over that particular box. Or maybe they did return unseen, found the Nuthatches in residence, and, like the Red Kites, popped off elsewhere? Global warming "experts" will likely suggest that they extended their migration from West Africa, passed through Lloyney, and now are nesting in Iceland!



The Nuthatches, and the Blue and Great Tits in my other five boxes, all successfully raised their new broods and the nut feeders now require recharging on a daily basis to satisfy their appetites. Although, in truth, the family of Great Spotted Woodpeckers, parents plus two young, have been the major nut consumers. But sadness again; two days ago a Sparrow Hawk snatched one of the youngsters from the ground just outside of my backdoor. (See photograph of male feeding that particular junior just days before its demise).

The Sparrow Hawks stimulate regular drama at Eagles Nest. A while ago my then favourite and very tame Robin, was snatched a few feet from me whilst I was chatting to him (her?), as one does. Not forgetting the dozens of Blue

and Great Tits I've witnessed being grabbed from my bird feeders over the years; by coincidence, the latest this very morning. I sometimes wonder about my role in the food chain scenario?

Not all sadness, however. With the Teme in recent muddy spate a Heron, unable to locate his (her?) breakfast of trout, visited my garden to attempt a surreptitious goldfish snatch from my pond. But his intentions were thwarted by my security net, without which sadness may again have resulted. But it "frit" the fish, as they say in the Midlands, for they went into hiding at the bottom of the pond for a full twenty four hours! The Heron presumably concluded, after inspecting the net for some minutes, that he was wasting his time; he hasn't returned.



However, in the event I secured a dozen or so good Heron photographs, something I have failed to achieve during my frequent walks along the river bank, where I find them very wary and virtually impossible to get close enough to. On a few occasions a Kingfisher has visited my pond, but unfortunately departed before I could grab the camera; although, in spite of their equal wariness, I do have some Kingfisher shots taken along the Teme.

Peter Taylor – July 2007.

BOOK CLUB

Toast, the autobiography of the food columnist and cookbook-writer, Nigel Slater's early years, was the book for our May meeting. Whilst we could not wholly agree with Lynne Trusse that it was "exquisitely written" – some writing was unforgivably sloppy and, towards the end, the language was explicit to a fault – we all agreed about Slater's ability to evoke vivid memories of food long gone by. Members relived with him the peculiar joys of Arctic Roll ("frozen carpet"), Angel Delight ("magic in that it managed to taste both of sugar and soap") and all the other culinary tastes, textures, sights and smells which had pervaded his childhood. Sometimes, we felt the book fairly skips along from one comic reminiscence to another; but Slater does not spare the reader accounts of his darker moments, which included losing his mother to terminal illness and inheriting an unsympathetic replacement, unpleasant sexual overtures from an uncle and the insensitivity of an over-bearing father. To some of the *enfant-terrible* sized episodes and the seedy behind-the-scenes snapshots of life in the hotel/restaurant trade there seemed to several of us little point other than to shock and appal; but behind it, of course, all of us glimpsed a very lonely small boy and, by the end of the book, for all the distance travelled and despite the sexual bravado, a still lonely, if somewhat bigger boy. At times, we felt for him as for one of life's casualties – though one or two of us less so than others, perhaps.

(Thank you, Judith, for a truly memorable tea of Arctic Roll, Angel Delight and those squishy, squashy chocolate-covered tea-cakes!)

In June, we met to discuss Justin Hill's ambitious *The Drink and Dream Tea-House*, which was responsible for a wonderfully lively and healthy division of opinion, some of us alternately losing patience with the interminably slow pace and the more irritating daily rituals of rural Old China ("all those characters hanging around waiting to die!") and feeling revulsion at the vulgarity and conspicuous wealth displayed by New China. One measure of the book's effectiveness might be the extent to which the reader feels a non-Chinese author is able to penetrate the Chinese psyche and at least one of us was dubious about that one. Nevertheless, some of us had enjoyed the book simply as a rough travel guide to the history, geography, social customs, hopes and fears and superstitions of a China in transition; and yet others had been moved by the characters' suffering as the result of a national and political past which continues to define their present lives. We also spotted a few well-worn Orwellian themes along the way: abuse of power, the individual versus the State and the corrupting influence of a creeping materialism. We even picked up the odd borrowing such as "double-speak"! However, what really united us, I must say, were the intriguing references to Chinese Cuisine. Forget the Sweet and Sour Chicken from now on – that's for us pampered occidentals! The next chance you get, ask for the snake's gall, fried scorpions or Ants Climb the Bamboo!

July's book was Jonathan Coe's *The Rotters' Club* and the battle lines were really drawn for this one! Two of us were passionate in its defence. We acknowledged its 'imperfections': a rather confusing introduction, a cast of thousands (or so it seemed to start with!) and a slightly silly non-corporeal affair between an art teacher and a parent in which realism has been sacrificed for comic effects. Nothing, however, stopped us chuckling our way through the funny episodes and being moved by the deadly serious ones, which include an act of war-time cruelty and vindictiveness which brings suffering to a Jewish family that spills over into the next generation, and the post-war bombing of a Birmingham pub which permanently scars those caught up in it who survived. The method of narration proved contentious and some members could not help feeling that they were being led well and truly up the garden path - perhaps we should say round and round the Bull Ring .

(Essentially, this was another book about school and growing up. Do any of our readers have a memorable, curious or amusing tale to tell about their school-days? Please send any contributions to the Editors.)

The book for August will be *Spies* by Michael Frayn. We will meet to discuss this on 8th August at Alan and Marilyn Tippet's home at Lloyney Mill. If you would like to join us or would like further information please ring Helen Henchoz on 520055. Mary Comer.

h.Art 2007: 6th - 16th September

Herefordshire Art Week is an annual open studio event, which extends into Knighton and further into Wales. It offers a new perspective on the creative arts and a chance to meet the myriad creative people who make it, often in their own workplace or studio.

The website is currently being updated with details of h.Art 2007. Please visit <http://h-art.org.uk/> for more information; the printed h.Art Guide was published on 23rd July.

LLANFAIR YOUTH CLUB

Many of you will remember the once-active youth club which ran on a weekly basis supported by volunteers until February 2004, when it had to close following a lack of helpers and a decline in the numbers of young people attending. A lot of equipment from the club is still stored in Everest Hall, and there is also a sum of money in the bank! If anyone feels that there may be a **new need** for a youth club in Llanfair as our younger children grow up, and is willing to be involved in getting it off the ground and helping run it on a regular basis, please contact either of the Editors.

FAMILY QUIZ THE ANSWERS

Question 1: There is a farm house in Llanfairwaterdine called The Vedw. Vedw is a corrupt version of a Welsh word for a particular variety of tree - what is it? **BIRCH (FEDW A MUTATION OF BEDWEN)**

Question 2: What is the difference between frog and toad spawn? **FROG SPAWN IN CLUMPS, TOAD SPAWN IN STRINGS**

Question 3: King Offa provided us with a well known dyke. When did he come to the throne of Mercia and how long did he reign? **AD757; 40 YEARS**

Question 4: A major pipeline carrying water passes through Knighton. Which city does it supply and where does the water come from? **BIRMINGHAM; FROM THE ELAN VALLEY**

Question 5: What is the name of the brook that flows into the River Teme at Mellin -y-Groque? **THE CROCHEN BROOK**

Question 6: The mother and family of a famous explorer lived at The Milebrook (now a hotel) between 1921 and 1941. Who was he? **SIR WILLIAM THESIGER**

Question 7: There are two mottes (castle mounds) in Knighton. Where are they? **NEAR THE FIRE STATION AND BEHIND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAYGROUND**

Question 8: Who owns Beacon Hill Common? **THE QUEEN (CROWN ESTATES)**

Question 9: Monaughty (as in Monaughty Poeth) is a corruption of the Welsh Mynach-dy - the monk's house (or place). Which medieval monastery would have owned this farm? **ABBEY CWM HIR (CISTERCIAN ABBEY NORTH OF LLANDRINDOD WELLS)**

Question 10: A battle was fought near the place where the Teme joins the Severn. What battle was it and when was it fought? **WORCESTER; 1651**

Congratulations to the winner - Mrs M Lloyd.

Any queries about these answers to the quiz setter - Rob Taylor, please! The Editors.

AUTUMN QUIZ

John Peregrine has kindly agreed to be question master for our annual Autumn Quiz on Saturday October 13th at 7.30pm in the Everest Hall. The usual format, bring food and drink and friends for the usual light hearted entertainment. Proceeds for the Everest Hall funds.



Teme Valley Garden Club

The club welcomes members and visitors to its meetings on the second Monday in the month at Knucklas Community Centre, starting at 7.30.p.m.

Future speakers will include Jill and Peter Hales on *Tudor Gardens* in August, Jim Almond on *Bulbs* in September, Ken Maggs on *Flowerless Plants* in October and Gareth Thomas on *Digging Holes and Filling Them In* - wonder what that can be?!

Visitors are charged £2, but as the annual subscription is only £6, why not join us and enjoy the whole programme and additional social events?

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

The new Flicks season will begin on Sunday 28th October, the first dark evening of the autumn (the clocks having gone back to GMT that day!). Our first film will be, hopefully, *Miss Potter* (review below).

The second film will be on Sunday 25th November and the last film for 2007 on Saturday 29th December; films to be announced.

Renee Zellweger gets another chance to practice her English accent - after her exploits in the Bridget Jones epics - she's starring in *Miss Potter*, the life story of the woman who created Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddleduck, Mrs. Tiggywinkle and a whole host of others.

But this is no fey once upon a time story: instead, it reveals that Beatrix Potter was a kind of pioneer, fighting for success in the man's world of Edwardian England.

Ewan McGregor also stars in the film, as Beatrix's publisher and secret lover, while the Lake District nearly acts both of them off the screen when it's given the chance to shine. Given that the movie is directed by Chris Noonan, who gave us the unforgettable *Babe* a few years back, it's hardly surprising that this funny, sad, moving, evocative flick is a real pleasure and is suitable for all ages.

MIDSUMMER MAGIC



On the 23rd June, at 6.00pm, we took our chairs across to the garden of Allan and Helen Henchoz at Fair Field, for an evening of musical entertainment, wine and good food. The weather forecasters had promised us the west would escape the worst of the rain, thunder and lightning endured by the rest of the country and escape it we did - for that one special evening. A very professional opening trio of musicians were first up with some musical improvisations; our warm appreciation should certainly have confirmed to John and Joe Colvin and Christie Toal that we think they are an act to look out for in the future!

The Llanfair Singers then performed a medley of songs beautifully - the wind did *not* blow their voices away. It cannot have been a coincidence that one of the first songs was Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the Wind*, or can it? The programme contained some wonderful solos by Jean Gardner, Becky Whitton, and Margaret Davis and a duet from Margaret and Becky. Ann Siviter recited a Pam Ayres 'special.' What a good idea to have some poetry! Graham, Richard, and Judith and Michael Brennan also entertained us, as ever singing with relish and professionalism.

Wine flowed. The salmon - two lovely fat ones - were scoffed with great relish. The strawberries and cream melted in our mouths; and, really, what did it matter that the air was a little cool and the sun had gone into hiding. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a successful evening!

Mary Comer.

£621 was raised; £207 was donated to Barnados, the Llanfair Singers received the balance of £414 for their funds.

Richard Lewis adds:

The Singers have had an enjoyable year with performances both sacred and secular. Our first charity concert in the new season is at Bucknell in the Memorial Hall on the 27th October after which we will be working towards Christmas. New members are always welcome. Our AGM and opening rehearsal are on 31st August at 7.30pm in the Everest Hall.

Vintage Club Rally in Lloyney



Sunday April 30th saw the annual vintage club rally in one of Robert Davies's fields opposite the Lloyney Inn. Over 90 tractors and their drivers (and occasionally their partners and children and dogs too) took part in the rally which enjoyed a day of blue skies and uninterrupted sunshine. Even if you are not a tractor fanatic, the lovingly-maintained and renovated machines were fascinating to see, and brought back many happy memories of older days and ways.



HOW BIG IS YOUR FOOTPRINT?



In the past week residents who took part in the community carbon footprinting project last winter in Knighton, the Teme Valley and Presteigne have started to receive their reports. These reports detail how each household contributes to their own carbon footprint through their use of fossil fuels and electricity in their homes and how they travel. Individual and community carbon footprints are also affected by how waste is disposed of and how food is chosen. The report also gives some basic advice about how to reduce your carbon footprint.

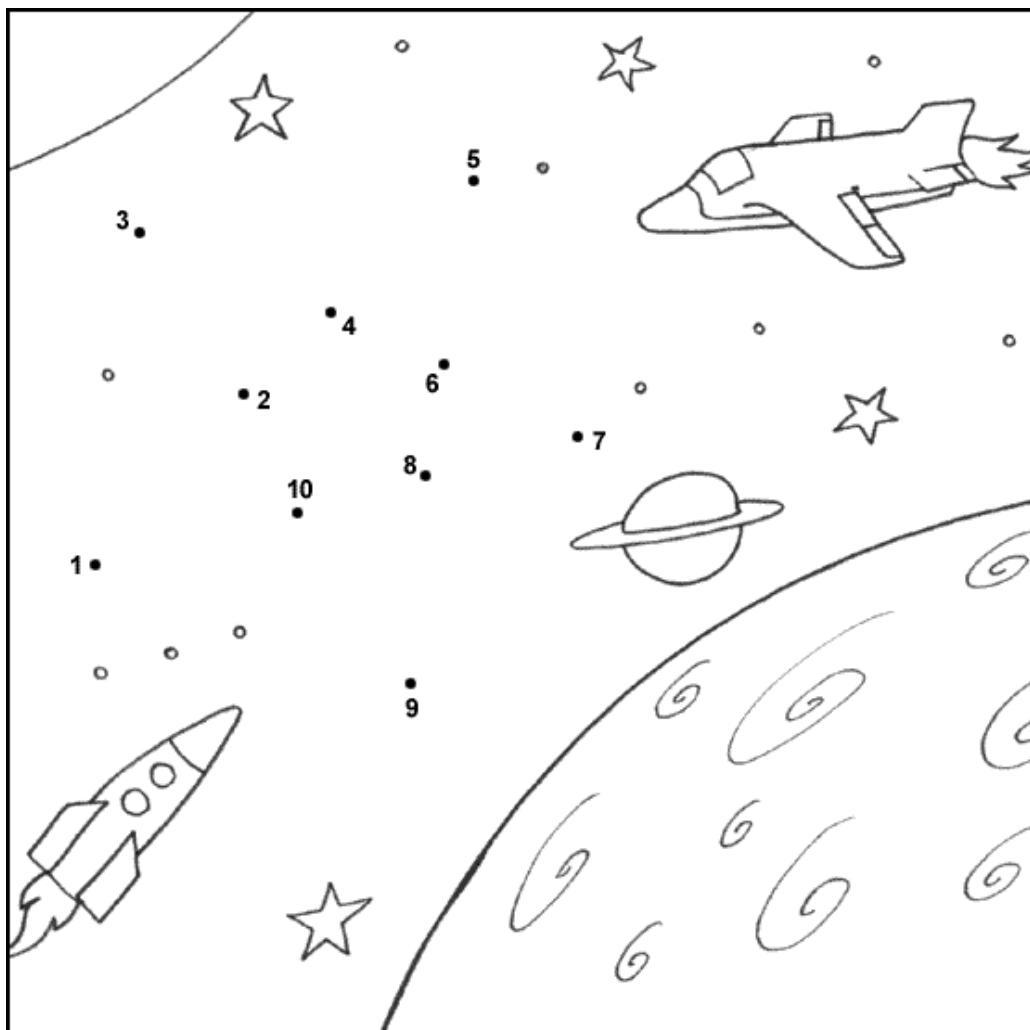
The average carbon footprint for the UK is 4.5 tonnes of carbon per person or 10.2 tonnes of carbon per household. In Knighton and the Teme Valley the average carbon footprint is 6.2 tonnes of carbon per person or 13.2 tonnes of carbon per household. In Presteigne the figures were 5.4 and 10.7 respectively. The reason why the figures are so much higher than the national average is mainly due to a combination of so many properties not being on mains gas and many properties are old and draughty.

There is much that people can do to reduce their carbon footprint; from not using their car for short journeys to only boiling what is needed for a hot drink, using low energy lightbulbs and insulating their house.

If you would like more information about how you can reduce your carbon footprint, whether or not you took part in the footprinting last winter, please either visit the Teme Valley Environment Group stand at Knighton Farmers' Market or call your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012. For your opportunity to have a say on what energy supplies in the Teme Valley might look like in years to come please come to the final film of the Teme Valley FREE Film Festival called *What Are We Waiting For?* in the Knighton Hotel, Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm.

Note: Teme Valley Environmental Group (also known as Wasteless Knighton) is a group that has been set up in order to support environmental projects in the Teme Valley area. To date this has consisted of a Carbon Footprinting project and Affordable Warmth events. The group is entirely made up of environmentally conscious volunteers in the Teme Valley area. If you are interested in what this group does, contact Alice Goldstone on Alice@ogtraining.co.uk ring 520374 or visit the website www.ogtraining.co.uk.

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LLANFAIR WATERDINE WI NEWS



Welcome once again to WI news. In our last report members were working enthusiastically to get together an entry for the Powys Radnor Federation Show, which took place at Knighton Community Centre in May. Ten of our thirty members contributed items of cookery, photography, floral art, collage, computer graphics and knitting. Several individual members won acclaim for their entries and in the Rose Bowl competition our display received much praise, though sadly no prize – better luck next year! At the time of going to press we are preparing our entries for the Knighton Show at the end of August.

Geoffrey Crofts of Brightwells Auctioneers was the speaker at our June meeting. After listening to an informative history of Brightwells and his own experience of working in the antiques business locally we were very lucky to have our own *Antiques Roadshow*. Many of us were pleasantly surprised to have a cherished item identified and valued. He also invited members to go along to Leominster Auction rooms to see how the system works.

The disappointing summer has not deterred the WI and in August we are planning a picnic in the hills above Llanfair (but, if wet, in the Everest Hall!). We hope to put on a few games as well.

An old friend of Doreen's makes a return visit in September – Dorothy Lee will uncover some of the *Secrets of York*. For many years Dorothy was a Visitor Liaison Officer in York Minster and she has delighted us with her pictures and tales of this lovely building on several occasions. If you have an interest in the Minster or the City why not join us at 7.45pm on Friday, September 7th.

Advice on Energy Efficiency will be the theme for the speaker from West Wales Eco Centre at our meeting in October.

Llanfair Waterdine WI has also been very active at County and National levels. Several of us have taken up the WI Carbon Challenge and are trying to reduce our carbon footprint. County organised a lunch at which Baroness Walmsley spoke about the work of The House of Lords. Our Quiz Team managed to reach the Powys Final and despite swotting up on WI matters (which helped very little), acquitted themselves well. The Poetry and Prose evening in Walton was much enjoyed; one of our members read one of her own poems and members shared favourite poems, some serious and others humorous. Some of us have taken advantage of a Patchwork Course which is being held at the Laura Ashley family home at Rhydoldog near Rhayader and in the Autumn we are holding a six week Creative Stitching Course in the Everest Hall.

Our members are always happy to talk about WI so contact any of them for further details of what's on.

Or simply speak to Mary on 528429 or Judith on 510672.

Barbara Carter

New festival in 2008 for Knighton and the Teme Valley

The newly-formed Knighton and District Tourism Group (KDTG) has made a brave decision to organise a Knighton 'Serendipity' Festival in 2008. This will include nine days of events from 12th to 20th July 2008, **celebrating the people and area of the Borderlands around Knighton.**

We would welcome any society or club, in or around Knighton, willing to provide an activity, demonstration or stall, with different activities and events on each day.

Some activities so far suggested include: concerts – jazz, classical, pop; plays; flower festival (open to everyone from a pot plant to a large garden), open gardens festival; ghost walks; storytelling Yurts (A portable, felt covered, wood latticed-framed dwelling structure, used by Nomads in central Asia) and various art activities.

KDTG has arisen from a genuine desire to encourage an increase in visitor numbers to Knighton and its environs. There are a great many visitor attractions within a short drive of the town. Those who love walking have the Offa's Dyke path and Glyndwr's Way as well as other less taxing walks. There are other fascinating activities: Golf on the nine hole course in Knighton; Go-Carting just outside Presteigne, The Presteigne Festival, Clay Pigeon shooting at Llangunllo and at Stanage Castle, and the Phil Price Rally School also at Llangunllo. The town is perfectly situated for use as a holiday base for those who want to explore the quite breathtaking landscape of Mid-Wales.

The town has suffered several unfortunate and detrimental business closures over a number of years and has left many others struggling for survival. This is not to suggest there are no worthwhile shops to welcome the visitor; there is a great variety to suit everyone.

If any groups, organisations or individuals would like to take part or help in anyway, or if anyone has any ideas (realistic ones only, please) contact Wendy Smith on 07977 676870 or email knightontourism@tiscali.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

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| Wednesday 1st August | Grass Cutting | Andrew MacLauchlan | |
| | Coffee Morning | The Old Farmhouse | 11.00am |
| Friday 3rd August | WI Picnic meet at | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 8th August | Book Club | Lloyney Mill | 2.30pm |
| Saturday 11th August | Llanfair Wakes | see page 1 for details | |
| Monday 13th August | Gardening Club | Knucklas | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 15th August | Luncheon Club | Everest Hall | 12.30pm |
| Saturday August 25th | Knighton Show and Carnival | | |
| Monday 27th August | Circle Dancing | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Friday 31st August | Llanfair Singers AGM | Everest Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 5th September | Grass Cutting | Mary and Tom Comer | |
| | Coffee Morning | Buckland | 11.00am |
| Thursday 6th September | Teme Valley Free Film | Knighton Hotel | 7.30pm |
| Friday 7th September | WI | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Monday 10th Septmber | Gardening Club | Knucklas | 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 11th September | Parish Council Meeting | Everest Hall | 8.00pm |
| Wednesday 12th September | Book Club | TBA | 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 19th September | Luncheon Club | Everest Hall | 12.30pm |
| Friday 21st September | Harvest Festival & Supper | Church | 7.00pm |
| Monday 24th September | Circle Dancing | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Saturday 29th September | Giant Vegetable Show | Everest Hall | 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 3rd October | Grass Cutting | Maggie Lloyd et al | |
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| Wednesday 10th October | Book Club | TBA | 2.30pm |
| Saturday 13th October | Autumn Quiz | Everest Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 17th October | Luncheon Club | Everest Hall | 12.30pm |
| Thursday 18th October | pudding and Punch Evening | Methodist Church Knighton | |
| | in aid of St Michael's Hospice | | 7.00pm |
| Monday 22nd October | Circle Dancing | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Saturday 27th October | Llanfair Singers in Concert | Bucknell Memorial Hall | TBA |
| Sunday October 28th | Flicks <i>Miss Potter</i> | Everest Hall | 7.30pm |
| Friday 2nd November | WI | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 7th November | Grass Cutting | Judith Tollman | 11.00am |
| | Coffee Morning | Melin - y -Grogue Cottage | |
| Monday 12th November | Gardening Club | Knucklas | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 14th November | Book Club | TBA | 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 21st November | Luncheon Club | Everest Hall | 12.30pm |
| Sunday 25th November | Flicks TBA | Everest Hall | 7.30pm |
| Monday 26th November | Circle Dancing | Everest Hall | 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 5th December | Grass Cutting | Broad Oak | |
| | Coffee Morning | Joan Hobby | 11.00am |
| Saturday 8th December | Christmas Auction | More details In next issue | |
| Saturday 29th December | Flicks TBA | Everest Hall | 7.30pm |
| Every Friday | Yoga | Everest Hall | 9.45am |

GRAND VEGETABLE COMPETITION

A giant thank you to all of you who bought plants. We have had lots of entries from both young and not so young. Not a good growing season so far, but we have plenty of time before the show which is on the 29th September in the Everest Hall.

Denise and Rob Taylor.