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Editor's Column

Well, we have a new name and our fingers no longer ache quite so much. Thanks to Rob Taylor for the acronym - Lloyney and Llanfair Information, News and Knowledge! The interest shown in the two competitions in our last issue is heartening, as is the steady stream of potential contributions to the Newsletter; it certainly makes the job of the Editors easier and hopefully makes for more interesting reading for you. We have had some informal feed-back that the Newsletter is a good source of information for the community, and we are pleased that it is proving useful to so many people. This issue sees the first *Wants, Needs, For Sale* column, which we think might also meet a small need in Llanfair and Lloyney. Please don't forget to drop off any contributions for future columns to Marilyn or David (addresses below) and enclose the necessary sum if a charge is relevant, as this helps us having to chase you for the very small sums involved. You will see the copy deadlines for future issues below and we hope that this will help you plan your contributions and ideas.

Please keep sending information, original writing, poems or stories and photographs. We may not be able to publish everything you send, but we hope to cover most things of interest as the months go by.

The copy dates for future issues are:

May issue: deadline 14th April 2007
August issue: deadline 14th July 2007
December issue: deadline 17th November 2007
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**LLOYNEY BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
TWO WEEKS FROM FEBRUARY 12TH FOR
MASONRY REPAIRS
BETWEEN 9.00am AND 4.30pm FOR
VEHICULAR ACCESS.
THE BRIDGE WILL STILL BE OPEN FOR
PEDESTRIANS.
THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS OVER
MONAUGHTY POETH BRIDGE.**

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has decided on a precept of £900 in 2007/2008, the same as last year.

Following the instruction of the Annual Parish meeting a donation of £500 is made, from the precept, each year towards the running costs of the Everest Hall.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Everest Hall.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be announced after the Parish Council elections in May.

CHRISTMAS AUCTION AND SUPPER

This was a wonderful evening, complete with a delicious supper provided by the ladies of the parish (and younger members doing a sterling job clearing away and washing up).

The auction was very professionally led by David Morgan and his helpers. More than 180 lots were sold and over £1800 raised for Church funds. Thanks to all those who donated items for the auction and who turned up and bid so enthusiastically.

LUNCHEON CLUB

Several new members joined us for the Christmas Lunch, when thirty people enjoyed sherry and nibbles, followed by soup and rolls, mince pies, Christmas Cake, coffee and chocolates. We have **room for more members**, so why not make 2007 the year you come along and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, at 12.30pm in the Everest Hall

COMMUNITY CARBON FOOTPRINTING

Knighton and Presteigne are both conducting community carbon footprints. This means trying to work out how much carbon is produced by the community as a whole. When we use energy derived from fossil fuels, carbon dioxide is emitted which in turn contributes to climate change. Since I don't live in Knighton but Llanfair, we (see below) thought it could be useful to try to work out our carbon footprint here.

In order to do this I've been pestering people to take part in household energy surveys. This is a painless process (honest) and involves working out how many units of electricity, litres of oil, tons of coal are used, annual mileage etc fairly easily (?) from bills. This doesn't pretend to be an exact science by any means, (eg what exactly is a load of wood??!) but obviously the more households that take part, the more accurate the figures will be. Some people have understandably been concerned where the information they give will go. The data collected is for two purposes only:

1. to work out the energy use and therefore carbon footprint of the whole community by aggregating all the figures. Any personal information will be left out.

2. To allow us to provide a household energy report.

For those people who have been kind enough to take part, they should receive a household energy report which, hopefully, should point them towards ways to save money, also they receive a free low energy lightbulb and a device called a "hippo" which is basically a posh brick you put in the loo cistern to save water. Once we have some figures for the community it should be easier to calculate the best way to reduce the carbon dioxide we all emit, save money, energy and help the environment...surely not a bad thing!

To date thirteen households have taken part so thank you **ever** so much to all of them for their time, tea and biscuits!

If anyone else would like to take part please contact me, Janet at Cwm Cole (520357).

I am a member of the Teme Valley Environment Group, a voluntary organisation based in Knighton which works to promote sustainable lifestyles. Initially the group flew under the flag of convenience of the Wasteless Society (www.wasteless.co.uk) who carried out a carbon footprint survey in Bishops Castle in 2004. They have now been able to set up a garage selling biofuels (by the police station) and a centre at the top of the town where you can get unbiased information on energy saving/grants/insulation etc.

We now have our own Teme Valley Energy Centre in Bradford's showroom which we hope will be an information exchange. Here you can obtain unbiased information about, for example, different types of roof insulation, where you can buy spotlight or candle low energy lightbulbs and more. At the moment it is only open on Thursdays and Saturdays as it is run on a voluntary basis.

On February 12th and 15th the Group are promoting "Affordable Warmth" days at the Offa's Dyke Centre in Knighton. This will be an opportunity to find out about various grants for items like insulation. Not all grants are means tested, there are lump sums available to anyone over the age of 60.

For further information please contact me as above or Alice Goldstone in Knighton (520374) who knows loads more than I do! Janet Lewis

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

THE QUEEN

The next stick flick, on Saturday 24th February, is one of the must-see, can't miss variety, and you can't say that about many movies. It's *The Queen* and stars the incredible Helen Mirren as the eponymous Betty Windsor, Michael Sheen, playing Tony Blair better than Tony Blair plays Tony Blair and James Cromwell, once seen as Farmer Hoggard in *Babe* and as a crooked cop in *LA Confidential*, as Prince Philip, and a fine fist he makes of the role too. The film is set around the days and weeks after the death of Princess Di and has so acute a script that you would think the writer had been eavesdropping on the entire cast of characters. So good is it that you almost feel sorry for the dysfunctional bunch of Battenburgs at Buck House.

Almost.

STARTER FOR TEN

And *The Queen* is followed by another Britflick on Saturday 31st March. This one is called *Starter for Ten* and has as its premise a team of students at Bristol University who are to appear on the TV programme *University Challenge* in the 1980s. From this, perhaps unlikely, starting point has come a delightful and fresh rom-com that one critic described as "an affable comedy with stand-out performances from James McAvoy and Catherine Tate amongst many others". (You may have seen McAvoy in the first series of *Shameless* on C4, or even prancing around on four legs in the Narnia epic last year). Anyway, he has the normal complement of two - legs that is - in this flick and, by the way, you may even feel like joining in with some of the music, as there's a splendidly nostalgic selection of 80s pop on the soundtrack to help the whole thing rock along with energy and verve. Fun, as they say, for all the family. ML

EVEREST HALL

If you would like to book the Everest Hall for a function please contact Andrew Gibbs (529054). Fees start from £2.50. The maximum number of people that the Hall can take is 150.

THE QUIZ - ANSWERS

The Winners!

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the quiz are Fred and Mig Beavan. Congratulations, and the prize, to them, and maybe we shouldn't be surprised given their long-standing connections with and knowledge of the community.

Q1 (Meaning of the Welsh word Llan) A Llan was originally a Celtic Christian settlement with a small church and houses usually surrounded by a circular wall. The second part of a Llan place name is the name of a Celtic saint. In Llanfair "fair" is a mutation of Mair which is Welsh for Mary.

Q2 (Mary's Well Township) Ffynonfair. The well is at GR SO787216 or approximately 250m ENE of Coed-yr-Hendre.

Q3 (Scots Pines) That the farm has accommodation for drovers and their herds. They were visible from the drove roads which crossed these hills from Wales into England.

Q4 (Original name of Lloyney Inn) The Builder's Arms.

Q5 (Ancient structure and King Arthur) Knucklas Castle. Guinevere.

Q6 (Border between England and Wales) The course of the river has changed since 1536.

Q7 (Jack Mytton and his way) Jack Mytton was a Shropshire squire famous for his horse riding exploits. The Jack Mytton Way starts on the road bridge over the Teme.

Q8 (Teacher at school in 1901) Theojopolis Matkin.

Q9 (Farmer at Llanfair Hall in 1841) Thomas Tudge who had 10 children (and a wife!).

Q10 (Structure from old church incorporated into new) The altar rail in the church is part of the rood screen of the medieval church. The carving is unique because it has representations of humans and animals.

Teme Valley Gardeners' Club

The next meetings of the club, which meets in Knucklas Community Centre at 7.30 pm, are listed in the *What's On* column elsewhere in the Newsletter. New members are always welcome to join our 60+ members and listen to interesting speakers on a wide variety of horticultural subjects, everything from propagation to garden design and individual flower species. At least two trips to gardens of particular interest are organised each year, including gardens which are not usually open to the public.

If you would like to know more please contact Avril on 529244. Lift sharing from Llanfair and Lloyney may be an option so please let Avril know if this would be useful to you.

RED KITES OVER LLOYNEY



Prior to my arrival in the local area thirteen years ago, I spent some forty odd years, and in excess of 1,500 hours, flying sailplanes as a leisure pursuit when the demands of married life, offspring, a small business and a full time job permitted. Having dispatched three offspring into the wide world clutching their degrees, I finally solved the latter problem by taking early retirement aged 57 when work increasingly impinged on my soaring aspirations. Thereafter improving on previous achievements, with a flight of 7hr 33min, a climb to 15,000ft, and a maximum distance of 507km, to prove the point!

In effect I was doing what the red kite is so skilled at, peacefully soaring the thermals and looking down on the ever-burgeoning rat race, the ever-expanding urban sprawl and motorway snarl-ups. I still almost daily reflect on those serene hours spent up under the cumulus clouds and, prompted by observing the buzzards and more recently the red kites enjoying themselves in our local airspace, now regret my possibly premature, age related, decision to discontinue pursuing my long held passion. More so since the previous occasional sighting of red kites overhead culminated in last year's arrival of a nesting pair in a hillside tree behind my house, and hence observing their superbly skilful use of the rising air currents at close quarters and at almost hourly intervals. Maybe they feel safe in this location having sensed the proximity and affinity with an ageing fellow aviator?

During a recent visit to the Bwlch Nant yr Arian feeding centre no less than fifty red kites spiralled down to share the proffered titbits, an exciting and inspiring experience, particularly when one reflects on the near extinction of this magnificent bird during the 1800s. The 1871 census indicated that there were then some 17,000 gamekeepers, (rising to around 23,000 by 1911, my erstwhile maternal grandfather amongst them) most hell-bent on eliminating any creature considered a threat to the Victorian game shooting fraternity. Typical of the slaughter involved is shown by the records of just one estate, Glengary in Scotland, between 1837 and 1840, when 275 red kites were exterminated out of a total bag of 4,807 so-called predators, including 15 golden eagles!

I recall seeing my first red kite back in 1960, one of the, by then, UK's surviving thirty pairs at remote locations in Wales. By the early 1990s there were just on 100 breeding pairs, and following the more recent RSPB and English Nature initiative of importing birds from Sweden and Spain for release in the Chilterns, Yorkshire and Scotland, the total is now estimated to exceed 500 pairs. To put this into perspective however, it is estimated that the sparrowhawk population is now around 70,000 birds, so we are indeed privileged to have a pair of red kites nesting in Lloyney. Long may it continue. Peter Taylor

ALL THAT GLISTERS IS NOT GOLD

"What sort of birds do you find using your bird table?" the lady guest inquired as I carried her bags through the sunroom which overlooks the bird table. After running through the various types of tits, finches, bigamy birds, nut hatches, hedge sparrows, and all, I replied that my greatest disappointment was that we never get the goldfinch, although several pairs can often be seen like erratic sudden beams of sunlight glittering through the trees, they never visit the bird table. "Oh," she said gaily, "we get them all the time, you need to put out Niger seeds for them."

Isn't it amazing how coincidences mingle to make a fool of you; it was the very next morning whilst serving breakfast to the same lady, that I casually remarked on a bird pecking merrily away at the peanuts. "I have not seen one of those before; do you know what it is?" "Oh yes", she said airily, "it's a goldfinch!" Honestly, in the six years we have been here I have never known the goldfinch to use the bird table, but since that morning we get them all the time now and you do not need Niger seeds, peanuts will do, but just in case I am off to the pet shop tomorrow to get in a small store of the goldfinches' favourite. Ken Adams at *The Waterdine*



LLANFAIR WATERDINE W.I

Christmas may now be a distant memory but it was a busy and enjoyable time for the WI. At the December meeting Betty James gave a very hands on demonstration of Sugarcraft. The Christmas Concert, with the fun panto, *The Queen of Pastryland*, was, as always, very popular and with festive refreshments and mulled wine. The evening was a great success raising

£250 to be shared between Hope House Children's Hospice and WI funds.

The generosity of the Llanfair and Lloyney people again came to the fore when £250 was raised for Cancer Research with the annual Carol Singing evening.

The New Year began with the special 75th Anniversary Party in the Everest Hall with scrumptious food made and served by members. A special presentation was made to Joan Hobby who has now stepped down from the committee after many years of valuable service.

There are many interesting speakers lined up for 2007, starting on 2nd of February when Catherine O'Rourke and friends will entertain us with Hand Bell Ringing. Catherine is a very accomplished musician and we eagerly look forward to this return visit.

In March we have a demonstration of various crafts given by Mylee Bunyan. Mylee is well known at shows in the area for her skills, maybe some members will become inspired by her prowess.

The meeting in April takes place on Thursday April 5th (NOT Friday, as this is Good Friday). This is an Open meeting and we hope to see many of you for an interesting talk by Francis Kilby (who is well known to most of us) and other members of the Welsh Air Ambulance who will talk about their exploits. We look forward to hearing from the team which is so vital to these rural parts.

We have Annette Glenn whose subject will be *Linking Lives in Lesotho*, in May and a special evening with Brightwells' Auctioneer in June.

Just a taste of an exciting and interesting year ahead for Llanfair Waterdine WI. We are very happy to welcome new members and if you wish to know more, speak to Mary Morgan (528429) or Judith Tollman (510672) or indeed any WI member. Barbara Carter

CIRCLE DANCING CLUB

Newcomers to the area may not be aware that Circle Dancing is held in the Everest Hall on the third Monday of each month with the possible exception of December. For those of you who have no knowledge of Circle Dancing it is a very gentle type of folk dancing performed in circles, very suitable for the not-so-active as well as the active! The dances are International but mainly from mid or eastern Europe and Israel. If you would like to find out more do come along on Monday 19th February and have a "free taster". The normal charge is £1, this covers the cost of heating, lighting and Hall rent.

We start at 7.00pm but if this is not a suitable time for future participants we could possibly renegotiate with present members at the February meeting. We look forward to seeing new faces.

Doreen Hart and Vera McKay

WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

daffodil, Easter, chick, egg,
Lent, lamb, Shrove, Good
Friday, tulip, pancake, mother,
Ash Wednesday, Spring,
blossom, bunny, snowdrop,
tadpole, Alleluia.

DON'T FORGET BEETLE DRIVE

SAT 3RD FEBRUARY 7PM

EVEREST HALL

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Tea, squash and home made cakes will be available to buy at the interval

£2.50 ADULTS

£1 CHILDREN



WHAT'S ON

Friday 2nd February	WI	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Saturday 3rd February	Beetle Drive	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 7th February	Grass Cutting Coffee Morning	Monaughty Poeth (Jocelyn Williams)	11.00am
Monday 12th February	Affordable Warmth Day Contact Janet Lewis for more details (520357)		
Monday 12th February	Gardening Club	Knucklas	7.30pm
Thursday 15th February	Affordable Warmth Day Contact Janet Lewis for more details (520357)		
Friday 16th February	Pub Quiz	Lloyney Inn	8.00pm
Monday 19th February	Circle Dancing	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 21st February	Luncheon Club	Everest Hall	12.30pm
Thursday 22nd February	Annual Parish Church Meeting	Everest Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 24th February	Flicks - <i>The Queen</i>	Everest Hall	7.30pm
Friday 2nd March	Women's World Day of Prayer	Church	2.00pm
Friday 2nd March	WI	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 7th March	Grass Cutting Coffee Morning	Selly Hall (Mary Morgan)	11.00am
Monday 12th March	Gardening Club	Knucklas	7.30pm
Tuesday 13th March	Parish Council Meeting	Everest Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 18th March	Mothering Sunday Service	Church	11.00am
Monday 19th March	Circle Dancing	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 21st March	Luncheon Club	Everest Hall	12.30pm
Saturday 31st March	Flicks - <i>Starter for 10</i>	Everest Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 4th April	Grass Cutting Coffee Morning	Teme Cottage (Ruth Davies)	11.00am
THURSDAY 5th April	WI	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Friday 6th April	Good Friday Service including part of the <i>Messiah</i> with the Llanfair Singers	Church	6.30pm
Sunday 7th April	Easter Communion Service with the Llanfair Singers	Church	11.00am
Monday 16th April	Circle Dancing	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 18th April	Luncheon Club	Everest Hall	12.30pm
Wednesday 2nd May	Grass Cutting Coffee Morning	TBA	11.00am
Monday 14th May	Gardening Club	Knucklas	7.30pm
Wednesday 16th May	Luncheon Club	Everest Hall	12.30am
Saturday 19th May	<i>Send a Cow</i> Concert	Everest Hall	TBA
Monday 21st May	Circle Dancing	Everest Hall	7.00pm
Monday 28th May	Grass Cutting Coffee Morning	TBA	11.00am
Saturday 23rd June	Midsummer Magic	Fairfield	
Saturday August 11th	A fund raising evening for the Llanfair Singers	More details next issue	
Saturday 8th December	Llanfair Wakes Christmas Auction	More details later More details later	
Every Friday	Yoga	Everest Hall	9.45am

Pheasant

All through our garden, across the lawn, most
Fastidiously picking your way
To volleys of stuttering, I saw you, Johnny,
Strutting your stuff at the break of day
Like some well-drilled, slow-marching soldier
Or general on high-stepping horse:
Handsome? Certainly! Well-fed? No question!
That swagger? Haughty, of course!

All iridescence and attitude,
You were fire and ice as well;
But little did you know, Johnny Pheasant-o,
You were marching to your own death knell ...
At noon, past The Lloyney, I saw you,
Your blood-stained feathers askew;
Tom said, "It could be any of hundreds killed!"
But I knew in my heart it was you.

Mary Comer

NEW BOOK CLUB

An initial meeting to discuss forming a new book club has been held. We aim to be informal and fun, so if you wish to join in, the first meeting to discuss a book members will all have read during February (*The Drink and Dream Teahouse* by Justin Hill) will be held on the 14th March; please contact Helen on 520055 for more information.

PUB QUIZ

Come along to the Lloyney at 8pm on Friday February 16th for a fun evening in aid of First Responders. Come in a team of four, or come along and make up a four on the night. Prizes for the successful team.



THE LLANFAIR SINGERS

The Llanfair Singers are back in the Everest Hall on Fridays at 7.30pm rehearsing for their Spring events. If you feel that you would like to join us, especially men, please give Richard or Graham a ring on 510327.

On Good Friday, the Choir will perform some of the Easter music from 'Messiah' by Handel as part of the Evening Service in St Mary's Church. The theme will continue into Easter Sunday with Morning Communion finishing with the 'Hallelujah' Chorus.

Saturday May 19th is the date of the next charity concert organised by Ann Matthews in the Everest Hall. The Llanfair Singers will be performing light music arrangements and members of the Choir will be entertaining the audience with solos and duets together with other local performers.

Graham Trew

Wants, needs, for sale. The small ads column

Needed

Temporary storage for garage equipment. Minimum size is single garage. If you can help please call David on 520193

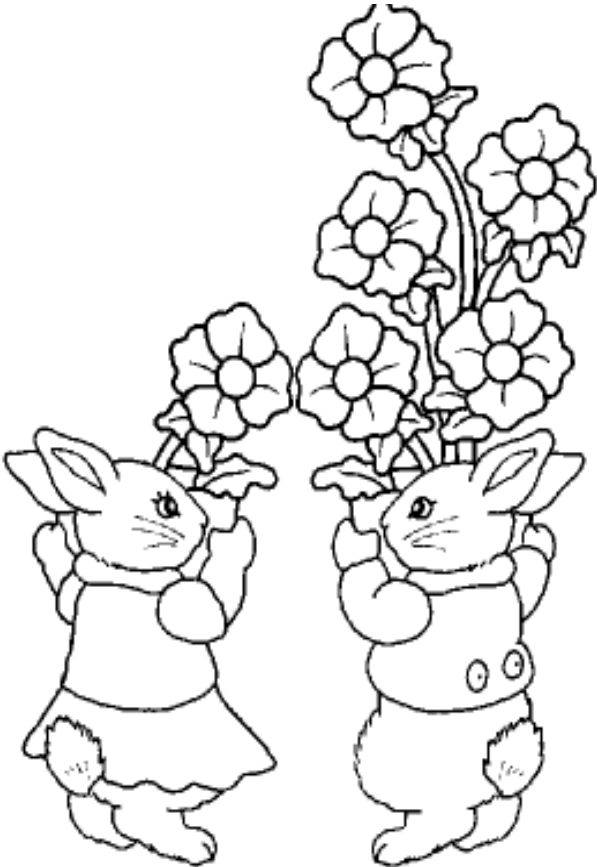
For Sale

4 traditional cane armchairs and table. £45 ono. Call Audrey on 520193

Floor standing embroidery frame, suitable for tapestry or cross stitch. £5. Call Alan on 528842

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

We would like to include material suitable for the younger members of our parishes. If you would like to contribute or suggest items please let the Editors know. As a starter here are two Spring and Easter items.



You might like to colour in the picture.

How many words can you find about Spring and Easter in the grid below? The words may be across, forwards or backwards, up or down, or diagonally. We have done one to start you off, there should be nineteen more to find.

(Answers on page 7)

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