

# LLANWDDYN NEWSLETTER

Hydref/October 2008

Newyddion a Digwyddiadau \_\_\_\_\_ Covering the News and Events  
pentref Llanwddyn of Llanwddyn

## SERVICES at St. Wddyn's

There will be a service of Holy Eucharist or  
Morning Prayer each Sunday at 11.15 a.m.

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Welcome to all.

Croeso I bawb.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

### October

5th Frances Ellis  
12th Thearl Evans  
19th Eirwen Lloyd  
26th Diane Thomas

## OEDFEUON CAPEL SARDIS

### Hydref

5th Mr Powell, Llansantffraid (pryn)  
12th Oedfa Diolch Y Plant (pryn)  
19th Y Gweinidog ( bore)  
26th Mr Glyn Williams (pryn)

## Autumn Fayre

Friday 17th October 2008

7pm

Everyone Welcome

## Fund Raising

The folks up at Fronheulog Caravan Park have been at it  
again. Fund raising that is.

£500

This will be divided between:-



McMillan Nurses



Hope House



Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone  
for your support

## FROM THE VICAR

I recently came across a book entitled 'Writing your life story'. Jotting down memories of past events, people and places is a thing I have done from time to time in my life and it amazes me that, on the few occasions that I've shown these to other people, they tell me that they found reading them very interesting! You may well feel relieved that I am not going to attempt such an exercise here, although one day, having studied the above book in more detail, I may try then.

A certain lady in one of our parishes has indeed written such a life history and has had it published. It is selling very well indeed. I can let you have more details if you are interested. Going back, though, to the book I mentioned above it says on the back 'Your life story is unique, write it down and don't lose it'.

If others are interested in the details of our life that means that we are as Christian people sure to believe that God our Maker is also most interested in those same details. We are still in the season of Harvest and details of our Harvest services will be found in this issue of the Newsletter. But the harvest of the earth, grateful to God though we must be and are for it, is not where the idea of Harvest really ends.

There is another Harvest as well, and that is the spiritual harvest of our own lives lived well and offered to the the glory of God. Such living is in fact the whole purpose of our lives. In St John's Gospel we are told by Christ Our Lord that if we remain united to the love of Him, then we will bring forth much fruit. And perhaps we may also conclude that some of what we admire as we read the stories of others we do so because we recognise that good spiritual fruit has been borne in the lives of others.

It should be our prayer this Harvestide that we ourselves will remain - or abide - in Christ and also bring forth much spiritual fruit - a good Harvest in the sight of God and in the light of Eternity.

Wrth adlewyrchu dros amser Diolchgarwch unwaith eto gawn ni feddwl am rhyw amser ar storïau pobl eraill a darllenwyd gennym weithiau. Efallai yr ydym ni'n feddwl am y rhai sy wedi ymddangos inni i wedi byw eu bywydau mewn modd sy'n ddiddorol a sy wedi gwneud da i bobl eraill a hefyd i Dduw. Diolchgarwch ysbrydol yw hyn a rwy'n awgrymu bod ni'n cofio y fath amser y Diolchgarwch sy'n nesau yn fuan.

With good wishes.

Edward Yendall.

### Thanks

I am very glad to be home again, and would like to thank everyone who sent cards or gifts or visited me when I was in Hospital. I would also like to thank those who have helped me since I came home, the ones who have dropped in for a chat and the kind neighbours who have done a bit of shopping ect. for me.

Many ,many thanks  
Audrey

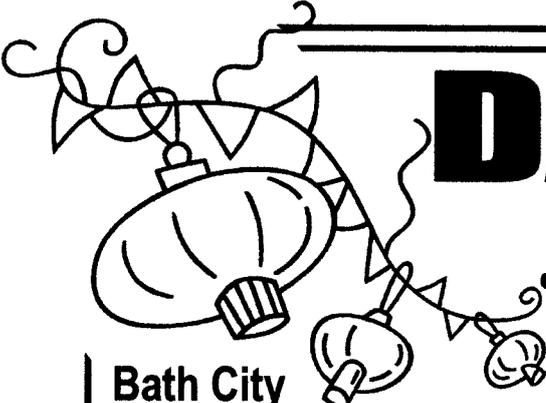
### Thank You/Diolch

Wyn, Pam and family would like to thank everyone for the gifts, cards and money received on the birth of their son, Thomos.

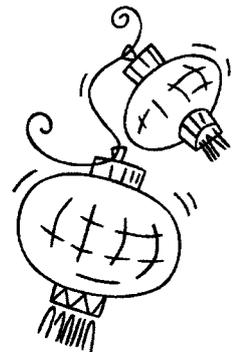


# DAY TRIPS

*... to enjoy this Autumn*



|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Bath City                           | 18 Oct |
| Manchester Shopper/Victoria Baths   | 25 Oct |
| Blackpool Illuminations             | 01 Nov |
| Trafford Centre                     | 08 Nov |
| Knitting & Stitching Show/Harrogate | 21 Nov |
| Llandudno Celtic Winter Fayre       | 22 Nov |
| Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre     | 29 Nov |



**Tanat Valley Coaches**  
**01691 780212**

**Cyngor Cymuned Llanwddyn Community Council**  
**Adroddiad/Report**

The Community Council met on 23<sup>rd</sup> June chaired by Cllr. Frances Ellis. Letters of thanks were received from Severn Hospice and Wales Air Ambulance for the donations they received from the Community Council. It was noted that Hendre Bridge has a 7.5 tonnes weight restrictions. A letter was received from Powys County Council on limiting Street Lighting in areas to save energy. The community Council adopted a New Members Code of Conduct and this will be made public in the local press. The Community Health Council referred to a consultation event at Newtown on 13<sup>th</sup> June. It was reported that there were potential to develop the Television System and would be able to convert the system into receiving Digital TV signals upon the arrival of digital. The Engineer advised that with some modifications to the booster aerial the picture would be comparable to other providers. In order for the system to be sustainable there was a need for more subscribers. Other matters raised and discussed were the path leading from Fronheulog to the Cemetery, maintenance to the playgrounds and the increase of vermin on the Abertridwr Estate. Reference was also made to current consultations on the River Severn Catchment Flood Management Plan. Councillor Baynes informed the Community Council that He was dealing with a number of issues relating to the Community including the future of the School, The Biomass Boiler, the possible cessation of the Bus Service to Llanwddyn, the Ambulance Service at Llanfyllin, the River Severn Flood Management Plan and the Local development Plan.

The Community Council then met on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 chaired by Councillor Frances who welcomed two new members to serve on the Council. Mr Tudor Evans, Bryncowny and Mr Richard Herbert, Llechwedd who had been co-opted. The Annual Returns for the District Auditor had been agreed and prepared. Various correspondence were received from the Assembly Government regarding a Shared Community, Montgomery Community Council regarding proposals to change the structure of the NHS in Wales, One Voice Wales regarding membership. Planning Application P2008 1095 Regarding erection of a dwelling and vehicular access at site near Lake Vyrnwy was supported but with the proviso that proper access is guaranteed to the monument/obelisk and that the right of way is protected and maintained. Other issues raised was the excess use of oil in the Woodfuel heating system, overgrown Hedges on the Cowny road and on Boncyn Celyn, the inconvenience of a card only Telephone facility sited at the Top Village. Financial help was made towards goal nets for the Llanwddyn Football Club. It Was reported that there is a need for some maintenance on the sites and equipment on the two Playgrounds. It was agreed that some fundraising activity will be required to help with the cost of replenishing the woodchip. It was also resolved to invite interest from a member of the Community to help with the painting of the playground equipment and for anyone interested please contact the clerk on –01938 820266. Councillor Baynes reported on issues that he is pursuing at present including the future retention of Ysgol Efyrynwy, the review of the contractual agreement relating to the Bio system, extension of the speed limit to Nantllachar, the future of the bus service, the council was pleased that the Post Office Service is retained at Llanwddyn . The next meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 at the community Centre 7.00pm . J Gwyndaf Richards, Clerk

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## PROPOSED LLANWDDYN ARCHIVE

At the meeting of the Llanwddyn Community Association held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 it was decided that we should start to keep an archive of papers relating to Llanwddyn.

As a start we will try to establish a complete set of the Llanwddyn Newsletters. I have most of them and will donate them to the Archive. The missing issues are as follows. If anybody has any of them we would be grateful if they would let us copy them to complete the series.

1995. Jan (the first issue), Aug, Sept, Dec  
1996 Jan, Aug, Oct.  
1997 Aug  
1998 Feb, Apr.  
2000 Aug  
2001 Mar  
2003 Oct  
2006 July.

It is possible that we did not have an August issue in the first years.

In future, we will give a copy of each issue to the archive.

You will remember that, in the July issue, I suggested that all the longstanding residents of the community should try to recall all the place names formerly in use so that they could be recorded before all memory of them is lost. I have booked the social room for a meeting at 7pm on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November to start to gather this information together. If we could all think about these names and make notes to bring with them to the meeting that would be a good start.

Anybody who has any old pictures, documents etc. which would be of interest to the archive we would be grateful if they could bring them along. We could then arrange to have them photocopied or scanned in so that we have a copy for the archive.

If there is interest we might start a local history society and we will discuss that at this meeting

I look forward to seeing you all there.

David Rowlands

### AN ARITHMETICAL CURIOSITY

$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$   
 $12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$   
 $123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$   
 $1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$   
 $12345 \times 8 + 5 = 98765$   
 $123456 \times 8 + 6 = 987654$   
 $1234567 \times 8 + 7 = 9876543.$

The same applies to 8 and 9

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Autumn Fayre

2008

October 17th

7pm

At

Llanwddyn Community Centre

Stalls

Coconut Shy

Raffle

Games

Refreshments

To be opened by

Councillor Simon & Maggie

Everyone Welcome



# LINE DANCING

Venue:

Llanwddyn Community Centre

Wednesday 1st October

Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 29th October

Start time 7-30pm

Prices:

£3.00 for adults

£1.50 for under 16's

Refreshments and Raffle

Hope to see you all there!

## LAKE VYRNWY HALF MARATHON 2009

The Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon Local Organising Committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> September to consider whether a race could be organised in 2009.

The Committee was very grateful to hear that Mrs Margaret Morris and Andy Walling (Margaret's son-in-law) were prepared to undertake most of the numerous duties previously discharged by Doug and that Andy had accepted the role of Race Director for 2009 with Wayne (Dafarn) and Richard Herbert serving as Deputy Race Directors.

The Committee is therefore *hopeful* that a race can be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009** though the date cannot yet be confirmed.

The next Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** in the Centre. If your organisation has **benefited in any way** from the races in recent years we should be very grateful if you would **send a representative** to that meeting. We do need more offers of help and more people to be definitely committed to helping to organise the race in 2009 before we can finally confirm that it will go ahead. In particular we require

- help on the day before from **1.30 to 3.30** in the afternoon to help set up the Finish area
- help on the day of the race from about **4.30 to 6.30** in the afternoon to help dismantle the Finish area replace equipment in the garage
- help **before July 2009** to sort out the garage
- help on a day in **July 2009** to place equipment which is coming from Oswestry into the garage
- **more sponsorship**

If you feel you can assist in any way please come to the next Committee meeting on **25<sup>th</sup> November** or contact me before that date.

I am sure that many of us saw athletes running round the lake on the second Sunday in September and, indeed, many others who were around the village during the preceding week. It appears that quite a few runners, who were fully aware that there was no race this year, nevertheless returned to Llanwddyn to make a run in memory of Doug which is very touching. We will also soon see a sculpted tree by the lakeside which has been donated by the Shropshire Shufflers in memory of Doug Morris, Race Organiser 1988 – 2007.

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## THE HOSPITIUM.

Most people in Llanwddyn will have heard of the Hospitium near to Pant-y-ffynnon but what was it?. Recent research by Bob Silvester of the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust has cleared up a lot of the mystery.

St Wddyn, who was probably sent from Llanrhaeadr, founded the Church in the valley in the early 7<sup>th</sup> century. About 1200AD the Knights Hospitallers of St John of Jerusalem gained control of the Manor of Llanwddyn and a good deal of land in the parish and built the first stone church dedicating it to St John. The Knights Hospitallers were a military order as opposed to a contemplative order and were originally formed to protect pilgrims. They had major establishments at Yspuddy Ifan and Halston in Shropshire to which their Llanwddyn holdings were attached. In addition to the Church they also built a structure, of which little now remains, in the hill between the upper Vyrnwy valley and the Cownwy valley to the south. This is the hospitium's and a spring nearby is known as Ffynnon y Munich (Monk's spring)

The fact that it was known as the Hospitium led people to think that it was a hospice for travellers and the idea has some credibility because the bridge over the Nant - Ddwy Wern, a stream to the south leading to Pan is'r cwm hill. is very well constructed and might have formed an element of a north-south track.

However, research showed that the area surrounding the Hospitium shows much evidence of field boundaries and ridge and furrow (remains of ancient cultivation) together with evidence of outbuildings all of which appear to be associated with the building rather than with anything else which indicates that it was in fact a farm. The name is, therefore more likely to derive from the fact that it was established by the hospitallers.

There is documentary evidence of this.

It appears that, to start with, they farmed it themselves but by the 14<sup>th</sup> Century it was leased for £5. In 1535 it was leased for £7 to Morice ap David Lloyd but in 1540 the Hospitallers order was suppressed by Henry VIII and the land confiscated. In 1559 the estate was sold and the documents indicate that the estate was quite extensive covering much of the land between the Vyrnwy and Cownwy valleys including a number of farms whose names can still be identified. In 1560 it was sold to Edward Herbert of Montgomery and thus passed to the Earls of Powis from whom Liverpool Corporation bought it.

At some stage the building fell into disrepair and was abandoned probably due to the deterioration in the climate which occurred in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and the land reverted to sheepwalk. Late in the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was recorded that the walls still stood 4 feet high but the stone was taken about 1875 to built a chapel..

# October 2008



In Touch With The Community

| Sun | Mon                      | Tue                                | Wed                          | Thu                 | Fri                                   | Sat |
|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                          |                                    | 1<br>Line<br>Dancing<br>7pm  | 2<br>Youth<br>Club  | 3                                     | 4   |
| 5   | 6                        | 7                                  | 8                            | 9<br>Youth<br>Club  | 10                                    | 11  |
| 12  | 13                       | 14                                 | 15<br>Line<br>Dancing<br>7pm | 16<br>Youth<br>Club | 17<br><b>Autumn<br/>Fayre<br/>7pm</b> | 18  |
| 19  | 20                       | 21<br>Newsletter<br>Meeting<br>7pm | 22                           | 23<br>Youth<br>Club | 24                                    | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br>Council<br>Meeting | 28                                 | 29<br>Line<br>Dancing<br>7pm | 30<br>Youth<br>Club | 31                                    |     |

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