

# LLANWDDYN NEWSLETTER

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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

Audrey Jones  
and  
Annette Griffiths

## OEDFEUON CAPEL SARDIS

Ionawr

4th Cyfarfod Gweddi (Pryn)  
11th Oedfa ar dap (Pryn)  
18th Mr David Thomas (Pryn)  
25th Miss Rhoswen Charles (Pryn)

## Winner

The luxury Christmas Hamper which was raffled in aid of Macmillan nurses was won by John Davey Hughes.

The raffle raised £110.

This brings the total raised for Macmillans in Llanwddyn this year to £330.63.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Happy  
New  
Year  
2009

## FROM THE VICAR

We are once again on the threshold of another New Year. After the events of the last few months, particularly as regards the news concerning the economy, many people will look at the New Year with considerable apprehension. But we can take comfort from the Christian Gospel that there are resources available for us to go forward with confidence.

It is interesting that the three wise men, who sought the child Jesus, and whose visit we remember on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, were given a star to direct them on their journey. 'We have seen His star in the east, and we have come to worship him' they say, according to the account in the Gospel.

This implies that Christian people also are given guidance by God about the way they should approach their lives, and the direction in which they should travel. We need, as we approach a New Year - perhaps rather apprehensively - to offer a prayer to God that each of us in our turn may receive the guidance of God.

The wise men also brought the valuable offerings of gold (a present for a King in the ancient world), Frankincense (the sign of a priest) and myrrh (a sign of one who was to die on the Cross). These gifts of the wise men were very valuable. In the same way Christians offer to God the most valuable thing of all - the gift of their whole lives and this is something that we remember as we start another New Year.

There is also an excerpt from King George VI's Broadcast at Christmas 1939 which should help us. I have put it in this letter before but here it is again because I think it so helpful:

'I said to the Man who stood at the gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'.

Wrth nesau at y flwyddyn newydd cofiwch y bydd Crist ein gwardwr - wedi ei eni ym Methlehem dref - yn ein bywydau fel yr ydym ni'n teithio ymlaen ar ddechrau un blwyddyn arall beth bynnag sy'n digwydd yn y misoedd sydd i ddod.

I wish you a very happy New Year. Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi i gyd.



### Line Dancers Celebrate Christmas

The community hall was packed on Monday 15 December as the local line dancing group celebrated with their Christmas party. Everyone turned up in their finest cowboy outfits and Heather and Margaret put on a great spread of food (and drink!!). Our dancing teacher Skid, thanked Margaret and Heather for getting the club going and said he hoped to see even more new members in 2009. The group has been meeting every other week since the summer and the evening showed just how far they had come in a short space of time.

If you would like to join in the fun in the new year, the class meets again on Wednesday 7 January at 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All ages and abilities welcome. A raffle and refreshments are available. £3.00 for adults. Under 16's £1.50.

Dates for the first few months are:

Wednesday 7 January  
Wednesday 21 January  
Wednesday 4 February  
Wednesday 18 February  
Wednesday 4 March  
Wednesday 18 March

**TOWER TAVERN WINTER OPENING HOURS**  
**EFFECTIVE FROM**  
**1ST DECEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**

		FOOD SERVED
MONDAY	12noon-11.30pm	12noon-3.00pm
TUESDAY	12noon-11.30pm	12noon-3.00pm
WEDNESDAY	12noon-11.30pm	12noon-3.00pm
THURSDAY	12 noon-11.30pm	12noon-3.00pm
FRIDAY	12noon- 12.00midnight	12noon-3.00pm 7.00pm-9.00pm
SATURDAY	12noon-12.00midnight	12noon-3.00pm 7.00pm-9.00pm
SUNDAY	12noon-11.30pm	12noon-4.00pm

**Update on discussions regarding Ysgol Efyrrwy**

After many months of very frustrating silence we managed to obtain at least a verbal comment from Powys County Council regarding the future of Ysgol Efyrrwy. Mr Phil Robson, Director of People and Well Being for Powys, told a meeting of staff, governors, parents and prospective parents on 24<sup>th</sup> November that he saw no future for the school beyond the short term. The meeting decided to set up a working party to meet with Powys officers in December and January in order to discuss the best way of ensuring the continued provision of high quality education for the children of Llanwddyn. The governors will receive a report on these negotiations on 27<sup>th</sup> January and there will a full meeting of interested parties at 7 p.m. 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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

The Community Council met on 25<sup>th</sup> November chaired by Cllr. Frances Ellis. Representatives of the Rainbow Trails Project of the Dyfnant Forest presented their concern to members of the proposed windfarms in the Draft Strategic Area B which includes the Dyfnant Forest. It was resolved to invite Scottish Power representatives to the next meeting of the Community Council. Mr Tim Wright also updated the Community Council on various projects and matters relating to the Severn Trent Estate at Llanwddyn. Communications were received from Powys County Council regarding the new premises of the Highways Inspector, now based at Unit 39 The Vastre, Newtown and the telephone number is 01686 617030. The next meeting of the Planning Liaison meeting will be held at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00. The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority produced their Risk Reduction Plan for 2009 to 2010. The Council also noted the Annual report of the Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report. The National Assembly of Wales is to set up an Independent panel to review financial report on pay and allowances to assembly members. The Information Commissioners Office provided a new model publication on procedures and Dyfed Powys Police Authority gave notice of a consultation meeting on future policing to take place at Coleg Powys Conference room, Llanidloes Road, Newtown on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. Concern was expressed about Street Lighting at Llanwddyn and County Cllr Simon Baynes had arranged a meeting with the Lighting Engineer at Llandrindod and proposals would be presented on the restoration of some of the lighting in Abertridwr and reviewing some of the lights that were retained. The budget for 2009 and 2010 were considered and it was decided to make a precept request on the same level as last year. The Community Council had also circulated a consultation document on behalf of One Voice Wales on the subject of protocol on the principles involved for the delivery of Community benefits from Wind Energy Developments. Powys County Council stated that they were committed to maximising community benefit from renewable energy development and harnessing renewable energy resources and managing them in a sustainable way. The Community Council was wary that little real benefits from the proposed Windfarms would be envisaged and would have more drawbacks from the available information which is at hand at present. There are efforts in hand to try and obtain a new Bus-shelter by the Toilets and at the High School Bus pick-up point in Abertridwr. The Chair closed by wishing every one (Members and residents of Llanwddyn) a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The next meeting of the Community Council is Scheduled on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the Community Centre at 7.00 pm.

Subsequent to the above meeting a Special Meeting of the Community Council has been called for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Community Centre at 7.00 pm – please note.

J. Gwyndaf Richards, Clerk Llanwddyn Community Council

LLANWDDYN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP MEETING 7pm FRIDAY, 28.11.08

MINUTES

1. David Rowlands welcomed those present to the inaugural meeting. Those present were: Ann Davies, Sam Thomas, Steve & D Thomas, Jean Thomas, Penyparc, Audrey Jones, Annette Griffiths, Alwyn Hughes, Maldwyn Davies, Dewi & Jane Johnson, Merfyn Davies, Margaret Jandrell, Linda Roberts, Tec Hughes, David Rowlands
  2. Apologies: Alwena Ty'n Shettin, Iris Pugh, Mavis Evans of Pant, Bob Cooke, Simon Baynes, Richard Herbert, Crystal Evans, Gwyndaf Richards, Janet Roberts.
  3. David explained that his first thoughts had been to record place names in Llanwddyn not appearing on maps before memory of them was lost but several people had expressed interest in a wide range of information. He had therefore made enquiries from the County Archivist and other sources and had obtained information about software specially designed for local history, projects.
  4. He had also asked the Llanwddyn Community Association whether they would accept the group as a branch of the association in order to obtain the benefit of charity registration and this had been agreed. He asked if there was sufficient interest in the meeting to establish a group, and there was general support
- The following officers were elected. Chairman: David Rowlands, Vice-Chairman: Alwyn Hughes, Secretary: Annette Griffiths, Data Manager: Richard Herbert It was decided not to appoint a committee but have general meetings delegating to ad hoc committees as required.
5. Projects. It was agreed that recording interviews with people who had long memories of Llanwddyn should be the priority task and Alwyn volunteered to do this as he had previous experience of interviewing and appropriate equipment. Names suggested were: Joey Morris, Ronnie Carpenter, Sarah Williams, Millie Barrett, John Derek, Will Bach, Ella Lloyd, Harriet Pantyffynnon. Other projects were place names, house names and collecting pictures. For the latter it was suggested that we have an open meeting inviting people to bring them in so that they could be scanned without asking people to lend them.
  - 6 It was decided to have the next meeting in the New Year at a date to be fixed later.

The meeting closed at 7.45 but informal discussion continued until 9.15pm !!!

c/LVLHMin28N8

## January

**Gemstone:** Garnet

**Flower:** Carnation

The beginning of the new year and the time to make New Year resolutions.

January was established as the first the first month of the year by the Roman Calendar. It was named after the god Janus (Latin word for door). Janus has two faces which allowed him to look both backwards into the old year and forwards into the new one at the same time. He was the 'spirit of the opening'.

In the very earliest Roman calendars there were no months of January or February at all. The ancient Roman calendar had only ten months and the new year started the year on 1 March. To the Romans, ten was a very important number. Even when January (or Januarius as the Romans called it) was added, the New Year continued to start in March. It remained so in England and her colonies until about 200 years ago.

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### January happenings

1st - The BBC began broadcasting its first programmes in 1927.

1st - Traffic policemen were introduced in Great Britain in 1931.

9th - Income Tax was first introduced, at two shillings in the pound.

14th - Motorists were required by law to wear seat belts in 1986

# January 2009



In Touch With The Community

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Happy New Year	2	3	4
5 Special Meeting Community Council 7pm	6	7 Line Dancing 7.30	8 Youth Club	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Youth Club	16	17	18
19	20	21 Line Dancing 7.30	22 Youth Club	23	24	25
26 Community Council Meeting 7pm	27	28	29 Youth Club	30	31	

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