

LLANWDDYN NEWSLETTER

Ebrill/April 2009

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.

The Rev. Edward Yendall
The Vicarage
Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant
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Telephone: 01691780660

Welcome to all.

Croeso I bawb.

CHURCH FLOWERS

April

12th Daphne Duggleby
19th Audrey Jones
26th Mailys Evans

OEDFEUON CAPEL SARDIS

Ebrill

5th Dim Oedfa
12th Dim Oedfa
19th Mr Gwilym Jones
26th Deuleuaf yn Bethesta am 6-30

VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS



Vyrnwy Craft Centre

Unit 3

GALLERY & SHOP

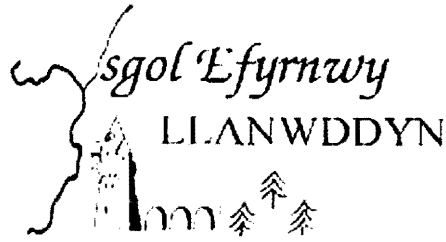
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LLANWDDYN SENIORS – Coffee Morning 2nd & 5th March

The Seniors would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning and Raffle during March. A special thank you to all who donated prizes and those who helped on the two days. £155 was raised for funds. A list of raffle winners can be seen at the Post office.



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Ysgol Efyrrwy/Llanwddyn C P School – the end of an era

On 26th February the governors of Ysgol Efyrrwy, Llanwddyn, took the extremely difficult and painful decision to seek to close the school on 31st August 2009. This decision was ratified by the Board of Powys County Council on 10th March and the school will therefore close at the end of this academic year.

The number of children in the school is currently 12 and this could go down to 9 in September 2009. The best prediction in the next few years is that the number of children attending could rise to 16 and the governors decided that the school would no longer be able to deliver the high quality of education for which it has been known over the years and of which it has been justly proud. Estyn and Powys County Council in their various inspections have found that Ysgol Efyrrwy has always provided the highest quality experience for its pupils and it was the realisation that this quality could sadly be compromised that led the governors to take this decision.

This is a very sad day for the school and for the community of Llanwddyn and it brings to an end over 130 years of primary education in the village. The fall in pupil numbers has been quite steep in the last two years and we have recognised that the opportunities for the children to socialise and to work collaboratively have become fewer and fewer. Very reluctantly we have come to the conclusion that, however dear our school is to us, the children of Llanwddyn would probably have a better educational and social experience were they to be educated at a larger school, albeit in a different village.

I should like to pay tribute to all who work in Ysgol Efyrrwy. Since March 2007 – a full two years – the school has been under threat of closure and it has been a very special team which has managed to carry on and provide the children with an education and an experience which they will treasure for the rest of their lives. All the staff, teaching and non-teaching, have put in a huge effort to ensure that the children's education has not been adversely affected by this very long period of uncertainty. I should also like to thank my fellow governors for the support they have given to the school, particularly during this trying time, and the parents who have been unstinting in their praise and encouragement. Our campaign, however, was never confined to

just the school. I am hugely grateful to the wider community of Llanwddyn for the interest the whole village showed in the consultation process and their attendance at public meetings. Some displayed posters and stickers, some hosted a Facebook site and others signed petitions. I should also like to acknowledge the support provided by our elected members in particular Cllrs Gwilym Tibbott and Simon Baynes who have spoken on our behalf in the Council chamber. We have received support from far and wide and for everybody's efforts I am truly grateful.

Recently a Working Party composed of representatives of parents, prospective parents, governors, staff and the community has been meeting with Powys County Council to consider the future of the school. I am extremely grateful to the members of this Working Party who have managed to obtain a number of assurances from Powys regarding the transport of the children to their new schools, Early Years Provision (Ti a Fi) and support for the Community Centre. Whilst I remain critical of the way in which Powys included us on their "hit list" in March 2007 and the insensitive manner in which they tried to implement their School Modernisation Plan I am grateful to the officers in the education department who have latterly tried to facilitate the process of closure and to make the transfer of the pupils to other schools as comfortable as possible.

During the campaign of the past two years we have had two genuine opportunities, which, if grasped, could have retained the provision of primary education in the area. The first was the proposal to close both Ysgol Efyrynwy and Ysgol Llanfihangel and to open a new Church school on the Llanwddyn site. The Church in Wales apparently showed no interest in this proposal whatsoever and must therefore, I believe, bear some responsibility for the closure of the school in Llanwddyn. The second proposal was for the construction of at least 20 units of housing which, if managed correctly, could have brought in families to an eco-friendly development and which could have gone some way to revitalising the village. Sadly, in spite of fine words, Severn Trent Water failed to make any positive move in this direction and this further contributed to the demise of the school.

An event to celebrate the history of Ysgol Efyrynwy will be held on Saturday 27th June and those interested in attending or who have items of interest which they may wish to loan for a temporary exhibition are asked to contact the school on 01691 870274, office@llanwddyn.powys.sch.uk or visit the school's website on www.llanwddyn.powys.sch.uk for further details.

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Cyngor Cymuned Llanwddyn Community Council Adroddiad/Report

The Community Council met on 23rd February 2009 chaired by Cllr. Frances Ellis. Thanks were expressed to the local Road Engineer for effecting a quick response to fill potholes on the various roads in the area. It was reported that there is need for some attention on the Tyllwyd Road and the Eunant Road. It was resolved to follow up request for Horse Signs in the area due to increasing use of the local road for equestrian purposes. Attention was also drawn to the need to update the website for the Community Council Cllr. Richard Herbert offered to look into the current facility. Cllr Simon Baynes advised the Community Council that he had arranged that officers from Powys County Council would meet interested organisations regarding enhancing recycling facilities in Llanwddyn and a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 4th March at 3pm outside the Community Centre. The question of gritting the main road from Llanfyllin to Llanwddyn had been pursued and it was found that the gritting lorry had ensured that the roads were gritted before the school bus times. The Llanwddyn Community Council decided to make donations to charities which provide assistance to the Community of Llanwddyn, such as Wales Air Ambulance, North Montgomeryshire Volunteer Bureau Community Car Scheme, Kidney Wales Foundation and the Severn Hospice. The Community Council also noted communications from a variety of organisations like One Voice Wales, National Training Advisory Group, details from the Welsh Assembly Government on Local Government Borrowing, Local Partnership schemes and advice on appropriate sums allowable for charities under the section 137(3) LGA 1972. The Majesty's Court Service gave details of the Courts open day on 10th March in Brecon. The Auditors Stoy Hayward LLP offered briefing notes on completing the annual return for the current year. It was also resolved to invite tenders for grass-cutting and playground duties. The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 23rd March 2009 at 7.00 in the Community Centre.

Cynhaliwyd Cyfarfod o'r Cyngor ar nos Lun 23ain o Chwefror yn y Ganolfan yn Llanwddyn. Cadeirwyd y cyfarfod gan y Cynghorydd Frances Ellis. Mynegwyd ddiolch i swyddogion y priffyrdd am wneud gwaith cynnal a chadw ar rai o ffyrdd yn y plwyf. Gofynwyd i edrych i mewn i gyflwr ffordd Tyllwyd ac hefyd ffordd Eunant. Gofynwyd i'r clerwr edrych i mewn i'r cais am arwyddion ceffylau ar rhai o'r ffyrdd yr ardal. Yr oedd y Cynghorydd Baynes wedi trefnu cyfarfod Swyddogion Powys i edrych i fewn i mwy o ddarpariaeth Ail-gylchu yn y fro ac roedd cyfarfod wedi ei drefnu ar Ddydd Mercher 4ydd o Fawrth am 3 o'r gloch. Cafwyd ar ddeall fod darpariaeth graeanu'r ffordd o Lanfyllin i Llanwddyn yn foddhaol ac wedi cael y driniaeth erbyn amser Bws yr Ysgol. Cytunwyd i anfon rhodd ariannol i'r Elusenau canlynol sef Sefydliad Arenau Cymru, Ceir Cymunedol Gogledd Maldwyn, Ambiwlans Awyr Cymru a Hosbis Hafren. Cafwyd nifer o lythyron a restrir yn yr adroddiad Saesneg uchod. Penderfynwyd gofyn am tendrau torri glaswellt ac hefyd gwaith cynnal y meysydd chwarae y plant. Fe gynhelir cyfarfod nesaf o'r cyngor ar Nos Lun 23ain o Fawrth 2009 am 7 o'r gloch yn y Ganolfan yn Llanwddyn.

Cyngor Cymuned Llanwddyn Community Council

Grass Cutting Contract 2009

**Tenders are invited for grass cutting for the Summer season
2009**

1. Two cuts around the edge of the Football field
2. Two cuts around the seat by the Church
3. Three cuts around the top village playground
4. Three cuts around the bus shelter
5. Two cuts around the Glanyrafon Memorial Footpath

Tenders to be submitted in writing and to be received by the clerk
by **4p.m. on Friday 17th April 2009**

Safety Checks & Maintenance of Playgrounds 2009

Tenders are invited for undertaking regular safety checks and maintenance duties on the playground at Abertridwr and the playground at Llanwddyn Village by the Dam

- 1. Fortnightly inspections of the two sites**
- 2. Regular tidying/clearing rubbish from the sites**
- 3. Produce regular report on inspection undertaken**
- 4. Report to the Community Council on any action required**
- 5. Duties to commence 1st May – 31 October 2009**

Tenders to be submitted in writing to the clerk by **4.p.m. Friday
17th April 2009** – The Community Clerk, Llanwddyn
Community Council,

Penyrallt, Llwydiarth, Welshpool, Powys SY21 0QG

News from Ysgol Efyrynwy - Newyddion Ysgol Efyrynwy

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Wearing Red to Celebrate Saint David's Day!



The children of Yrs 5 and 6 along with children of other schools in the area took part in a Maths Cymru Roadshow at Llanfyllin High School on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Thank you to everyone who collected 'Yellow Pages' for us again this year. Even though the closing date for this area has passed, it will be July before we hear the result as that is when the competition will close in some areas of Powys.

Andy from Dragon Sports has been conducting Golf training sessions with the children at the School.



A bit of a change for our children who are much more comfortable with either a Rugby or Football ball!!!

On the 5th of March we celebrated World Book Day with a competition to Design a Bookmark.

Our competition winners were -
Siwan Roberts, Infant Class winner
and Xander Davies Junior Class winner.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i'r ddau!



We always like to support Comic Relief and this year the children and staff were sponsored to

'Wear Something Funny for Money!'



£75 was raised!
Thank you to everyone
who supported!!

Diolch yn fawr iawn
i bawb a gefnogodd!!



Myllin Area Urdd Eisteddfod

Saturday, March 14th

We wish to congratulate Siwan in the Solo and Cerdd Dant Solo competitions; Dale and Lucy's duet and the Cerdd Dant Party. Also to Siwan, Ruth, Ryan and Awel on their Craft items. They were all successful in the Eisteddfod and now go on to represent the Myllin area at the County Eisteddfod on March 28. Da iawn blant!

Coach Trips to remember ...

DAY TRIPS

York City/National Railway Museum

Sat 16 May Adult £19/Child £12 Museum Free

Snowdon Mountain Railway

Sat 30 May Adult £26.50/Child £17 inc

Ryton Organic Garden

Sat 13 June Adult £19.50/Child £10 inc Entrance & Guided Tour

Manchester United Museum & Tour

Sat 18 July Adult £22.50/Child £17 inc Museum & Tour

We Will Rock You - Birmingham Hippodrome

Sat 5 September Adult £46/Child £42 inc

Disney on Ice - Princess Wishes

Sat 17 October Adult £32/Child £28 inc

HOLIDAYS TOURS

A Taste of Tenby

Discover its narrow streets inside Medieval walls. Enjoy magnificent beaches or a short boat ride to Caldey Island. **2 July - 5 Days**

Orkney & Shetland Minicruise

Journey to the far north of Scotland via the spectacular Highlands, with opportunities for city sightseeing en route. Minicruise with guided tours to Orkney & Shetland. **20 July - 7 Days**

International Sheepdog Trials - Penrith

Lowther Park is the venue for the 2009 Trials. This trip offers a fantastic opportunity to visit the beautiful Lake District area or attend the trials.

9 September - 5 Days

Tanat Valley Coaches 01691 780212

Coffee Evening

at

**The Llanwddyn
Community Centre**

on **Tuesday 12th May 2009**

at 7.30pm

Admission £1.00

**Cake, Plant & Bottle Stalls
Raffle**

**Please come and support
this worthy cause**

**In aid of the
Lingen Davies**



Cancer Centre Appeal

Registered Charity No. 509649

Community Transport



T82

Lake Vyrnwy - Oswestry - Lake Vyrnwy

From 11th March 2009

T82

Wednesdays Only

LAKE VYRNWY, Dam	0820
Abertridwr, Garage	0825
Llanfihangel, Bus Shelter	0833
Llanfyllin, Cross Keys	0850 C
Bwlchyddar, Green	0856
Llangedwyn, Bus Shelter	0901
Pen-y-Bont LE, Village Stores	0905
Nantmawr, Opp Phone Box	0911
Treflach, Bus Stop	0914
Trefonen, The Cross	0916
OSWESTRY, Oswald Road	0925

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Trefonen, The Cross	1429
Treflach, Bus Stop	1431
Nantmawr, Phone Box	1434
Pen-y-Bont LE, Inn	1440
Llangedwyn, Bus Shelter	1444
Bwlchyddar, Green	1449
Llanfyllin, Square	1455
Llanfihangel, Bus Shelter	1512
Abertridwr, Garage	1520
LAKE VYRNWY, Dam	1525

No service on Bank Holidays

Fares: Max single £3.00, minimum single £1.00

Concessionary passes accepted

Codes C - Connects with D76 to Welshpool and 445 to Oswestry via Llansanffraid & Llynclys.

For further information call Qube Transport Enquiry Line

01691 671571

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In Touch With The Community

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 April Fools Day Line Dancing	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Line Dancing 7-30	9	10 Good Friday	11	12 Easter Sunday
13 Easter Monday	14	15 Line Dancing 7-30	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Line Dancing 7-30	23	24	25	26
27 Community Council Meeting	28	29 Line Dancing 7-30	30			

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