



LLANWDDYN NEWSLETTER

Rhagfyr/December 2011

Newyddion a Digwyddiadau _____ Covering the News and Events
of Llanwddyn
pentref Llanwddyn



DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 4th December, Advent 2: Family Service, 9.30am.

Sunday 11th December, Advent 3: Holy Communion, 11am.

Sunday 18th December, Advent 4: Carol Service and distribution of the Christingles, 4pm,
followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Saturday 24th, December, Christmas Eve: Midnight Communion, 11.30pm.

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day: Family Service, 9.30am.

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Happy Christmas
to all our readers

CHURCH FLOWERS

December

Audrey and Annette



Oedfaon Sardis 2011

Rhagfyr

4– Y gweinidog-bore

11– Eurwyn Pierce Jones-pryn

18– Oedfa nadolig y Plant-pryn



December, 2011.

From the Parish Priest:

Dear All,

As we come to the end of another year we have a great deal for which to thank God, not least an excellent harvest and the peace and freedom to enjoy it. It was a great encouragement to see so many turn out on Remembrance Sunday and for once, we had marvellous weather for the wreath-laying at the War Memorial.

This month we come to the great seasons of Advent and Christmas, when we remember that Jesus came to earth the first time as a baby, but will one day come back again as King and Judge of us all. There will be a full programme of services this year, beginning with the Christingle and Carol Service at 4pm on the 18th, which will take place by candlelight and then the Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve, followed by the Family Service at 9.30 on Christmas morning.

This leads me on to explaining to you that in future the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month will start at 9.30am. With so many of our children and young people playing in sports teams or involved in part-time work, the church must be ready to change its habits to suit their needs. I am doing my best to make sure that these services are enjoyable and everyone can join in, so please give them a try and see what you think.

Our own situation here in Llanwddyn with regard to the sale of the Estate seems to have become a little clearer as a result of the noble efforts of the Action Group, but we still remain in the dark on many vitally important matters and there seems to be equal uncertainty about what will happen to the old school building. Of two things we must be sure – that the economic life of the village is strengthened and that our amazing natural assets are exploited to the full.

The economic situation of Britain remains dire and as we see the nations in turmoil around us, it becomes even more important that we should ask God to come into the equation. He alone can bring peace and stability to our own individual lives and ultimately only His laws can bring order to a confused and struggling world.

May God give you all a happy and peaceful Christmas,

Mike Keulemans



News from Llanwddyn F.C.



After entering a team in the Llanfechain knockout competition and reaching the final (we were beaten 4-2 by Llangedwyn), I have been asked by members of the local community about the possibility of restarting the team up for next season. If anyone is interested in playing or helping in anyway can they please get in touch with me on (01691) 870692 or attend a meeting at the Tavern, Lake Vyrnwy Hotel, on Tuesday 6th December at 8.00pm.

Llanwddyn needs a football team for all the young people in the local community. So if you can play, join a committee or help in any other way please come along to the meeting.

Thanking you,

Simon Williams

Congratulations Jamie
Happy 21st birthday
on 1st December
Love from Simon, Julie, Ben,
Rachel & Steph x x x x

Happy Birthday Jamie
Congratulations on your 21st
Love from Nain and Taid
and Andrew x x x x

Lake Vyrnwy Half-Marathon 2012

With the 2011 race already a distant memory the Local Organising Committee has already turned its attention to the 2012 race which will be held on **Sunday 9th September**.

Once again many runners have written on websites or sent personal messages to say how much they appreciated the personal, friendly and “home-grown” nature of our 2011 race and it is a tribute to the whole village that participants respond this way each year. In order to stage the event, however, a huge amount of work has to be done each year and preparations for 2012 have already begun. During the winter months much of that work is administrative and is undertaken by our Race Director, Jan Roberts, but, in order to maintain our high standards, we require the continued help and support of the whole community. If you think you can help in any way please contact me or simply come to our next Committee meeting at **7.30 on Tuesday 8th May** in the Social Room of the Community Centre.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will see a list of grants awarded by the Budget Committee. As you can see all organisations benefitting from the race are local to Llanwddyn or neighbouring villages [indicative of the support we have from other communities] or are charities which benefit us all in Montgomeryshire. A grant has also been made to the Oswestry Olympians Athletics Club who provide a large number of stewards on the day and who, through Margaret Morris and family, provide support and advice throughout the year. The money available for grants this year was increased by the very generous donation towards prize money of £5000 by Mr Rhys Jones, Y Bala, for which we are extremely grateful.

Two grants have been made on condition of their recipients establishing a new activity on the village. One is the **resurrection of the football team** and anyone interested in playing for or in any other way helping the football team should **contact Simon Williams asap** on 870265, email SJW1965@yahoo.co.uk or call in at no. 11 Abertridwr. The other is for the inaugural **Gŵyl [Festival] Llanwddyn**. For £500 it should be possible to attract a headline act to the Community Centre which could generate enough income to make subsequent events more or less self-financing. If this event were located on e.g. Saturday 23rd June it could benefit from joint publicity with and would bridge the gap between Gŵyl Maldwyn {Cann Offis}, Tân Tanat [Penybontfawr] and Cân a'r Dân [Dinas Mawddwy]. Saturday 23rd June would also be the closest Saturday to 24th June which, as **St John's Day**, was the traditional annual festival day in the original Llanwddyn. While this Gŵyl is my idea I have to admit that I will not be in a position to organise it as it comes at my busiest time of year for GCSE examining so if anyone has contacts with the Welsh Music Industry and is willing to organise a new event in the village please **contact me asap**.

Once again a huge thanks to everyone who contributed **in any way** to the success of the 2011 race.

David Thomas
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The following grants were awarded by the 2011 Lake Vyrnwy Half-Marathon

British Legion Women	£200
British Legion Men	£100
Sheep Dog Trials	£150
Merched y Wawr	£200
Indoor Bowls Club	£200
Newsletter	£300
Seniors	£500
Eglwys Sant Wddyn	£4,500
Community Centre	£4,500
Capel Seilo Llwydiarth	£100
Eglwys Y Santes Fair Llwydiarth	£100
Capel Sardis	£1000
CFFI Dyffryn Tanat	£600
Hope House	£200
Oswestry Olympians	£2000
Llanwddyn Football Club	£500*
Gwyl Llanwddyn Festival	£500**
Ysgol Pennant	£800
Llanrhaeadr Football Club	£600
RSPB	£500***
Welshpool Dialysis Unit	£200
Wales Air Ambulance	£200

* Grant available if the club re-starts next season. Please contact Simon Williams if you can help out or play.

** Grant available if an event is organised in 2012. Please see separate notice in Newsletter for further details.

*** Grant available to support children's activities and the purchase of educational equipment.

Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa



Unable to get together at Christmas.....

Enjoy a pre-Christmas treat with friends and family at Lake Vyrnwy Hotel with an evening of fine dining in our award-winning Tower restaurant overlooking the lake.

Includes:

Champagne cocktail and canapés on arrival

Christmas crackers

Gourmet 6 course dinner

Coffee and petit fours

£45.00 per person

Christmas opening times in the Tavern

Bookings are subject to availability
Please telephone reception on 01691 870692
to book Quoting "Newsletter offer"



Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa
TAVERN BAR & LOUNGE
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES
2011/12

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Tavern bar open 12.00midday - 12.00midnight - Food served 12.00 until 3.00pm

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day -

Tavern bar open 11am - 1pm then 7 - 11.30pm - No Food

Monday 26th December - Boxing Day

Tavern bar open 12.00midday - 11.30pm - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm only

Tuesday 27th December

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Wednesday 28th December

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Thursday 29th December

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Friday 30th December

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Saturday 31st December

Tavern bar open 12.00midday - 1.00am - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm only

Sunday 1st January 2011

Tavern bar open 12.00midday - 11.30pm midnight - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm only

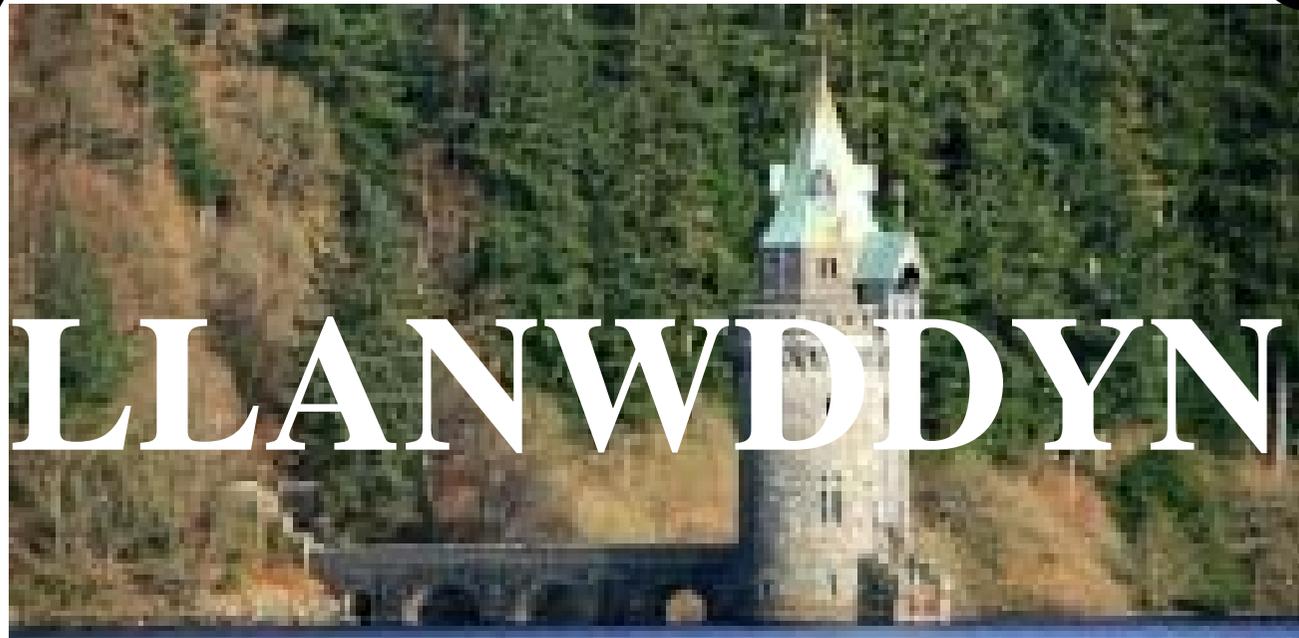
Monday 2nd January

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Tuesday 3rd January

Tavern bar open as normal - Food served 12.00 - 3.00pm / 6.00 - 9.00pm

Cor Cymunedo/



Community Choir

Noswyl Nadolig: Dafarn Newydd 6.30 Abertridwr 7.00 – 7.30 Gwesty 8.00 Hotel

XMAS EVE Please support our 2 charities: Welshpool Dialysis Unit and Montgomeryshire Macmillan



The tallest tree in Wales was a towering 209ft tall but after storm damage the Forestry Commission decided it was a danger to the public and would have to come down. They took it down to a height of 50ft and then invited artists to tender for the job of memorializing the tree. The bid was won by Simon O'Rouke from Wrecsam who took his inspiration from the area known as "The Giants of Vyrnwy" and decided to carve a giants hand reaching up to the sky. It looks very impressive but at the moment is still covered in scaffolding.

A warm welcome to **everyone** to join the annual
Carol Singing on Christmas Eve.

This year we will be raising funds for **the Welshpool Dialysis Unit** and for
Montgomeryshire Macmillan Nurses.

Come and sing at

6.30 Dafarn Newydd [shop] with Mulled Wine, Juice and Mince Pies

7.00 – 7.30 Abertridwr [weather permitting]

8.00 Hotel

Please bring torches and voices!

Please let Andy and Colleen know if you will sing at Dafarn so that they know how much wine and how many pies to make.

For further information contact David Thomas 870642



Do You Remember? On the old bridge in 1959.

Back row:- Joseph Morris, Maldwyn Lloyd, Evan Thom, Betty Thomas, Patty Barrett, Lucy Evans, Millie Barrett, John and Margaret Hughes, Katherine Hughes and Mrs Isaac.

Front row:- Judy Davies (Evans) Margaret and Mailys Davies and Bronwen Isaac.

County Councillor Simon Baynes is always available to help with enquiries, issues and problems that you might have.



Please contact him at:

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Email- baynes@bodfach.com

**Llanwddyn Seniors
Christmas Lunch**

**Tuesday 13th December
at**

**Lake Vyrnwy Hotel
12.30 for 1pm**

Please would each person
please bring a small prize for
the bumper raffle.

Thanks





Children in Need



The children at Ysgol Meithrin Llanwddyn had a "spotty" cookie sale to fit with the children in need spot theme. The children would like to thank Audrey for her help and the kind people who bought the cookies. The children raised £18.10. Diolch yn Fawr.



Happy
Christmas
To
Everyone

December 2011



In Touch With The Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy 21st Jamie 	2	3
4	5	6 Hairdresser	7 Line Dancing	8	9 Bowls 	10 Private Party
11	12	13 Seniors Christmas Lunch 12.30	14 Line Dancing 	15	16 Bowls	17
18	19	20	21 Line Dancing	22	23 Bowls	24 Carol Singing 6.30 
25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28 Line Dancing	29	30 Bowls	31

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