

# Llanfechain Memorial Hall

## News Bulletin

Keeping you in touch

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The next edition of the newsletter will be out at the beginning of March so please send articles, photos etc by The end of February

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## Otters come to Llanfechain



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These photographs have been kindly provided by Jake Stephen. The photograph above shows when the otters were going upstream and the photograph below a few days later when they were coming back downstream



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The Cain and Tanat River Group are pleased to say that otters have returned to the river in Llanfechain as can be seen on a video taken recently by Jake. Go to [www.llanfechain.org.uk/](http://www.llanfechain.org.uk/) and follow the link or [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTImDETyEK4&feature=youtu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTImDETyEK4&feature=youtu)

## THANK YOU

In November Llanfechain Memorial Hall committee received a donation of £1,500 from Llanfechain Community shop.

This money was very gratefully received and will go towards maintaining the hall.

It is thanks to all of the hard work and dedication from the volunteers managing and working in the shop that makes all of this possible, our sincere and grateful thanks.

Thank you to Robert Jones-Perrott who kindly provided us, once again, with a magnificent Christmas tree.

The tree was proudly displayed in the foyer of the hall and decorated by our resident fairies!

Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle of wine / spirits to the Whist drive, this is a monthly event which again supports the hall. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event and the mince pies went down a treat. (A little bird told me that Robert Jones-Perrott was a dab hand at buttering the bread and was ably assisted by Doug Holmes, Alan Duff, Audrey Moul, Ruth North, Gwynne Owen and Gwyneth Watkins).

And finally a huge thank you to Steve and Chris Roberts who have supported the village hall by hosting the village hall quiz at the Plas yn Dinna's.

The quiz has become a very popular monthly event and provides a valuable source of funding for the hall. At the last quiz, Doug Holmes, quiz master, presented Steve with a card and wished him and Chris good luck for the future.

**The quiz moves to the village hall, every third Friday in the month, starting 17 January, 7.30 for 8pm start. Table of 5 £5. Please bring your own drinks / refreshments.**

## New Plaque in the Memorial Hall

You may not have noticed but the Memorial plaque that was above the Hall door only had the names of those who had fallen in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. It was Ken Price who brought this to the attention of the Management Committee and the Llanfechain War Memorial Trust. The Trust has now put things right and kindly donated a second plaque, in similar style, that lists the names of those of this community who gave their lives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.



## LLANFECHAIN MEMORIAL HALL QUESTIONNAIRE

Llanfechain Memorial Hall committee want to ensure that the Hall is used to its full potential and we need to seek your views on how this can be best achieved.

Currently the hall is used by local groups (WI, bowling club, gardening club, Friendly Club, Council etc) some of these groups require the hall on a monthly basis; others are seasonal and only require the use of the hall during the winter months and so on.

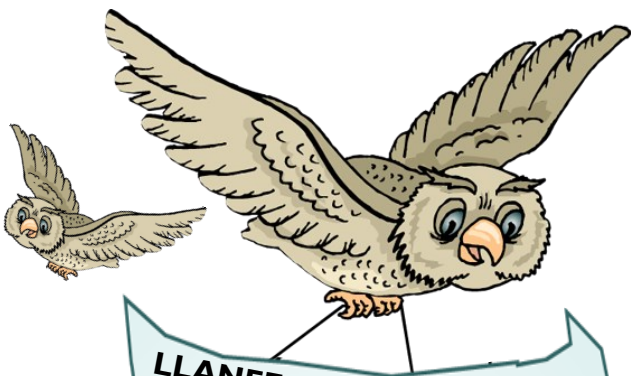
Recently we have booked the hall and meeting room to organisations providing training and this is proving to be popular, ie a martial arts trainer uses the hall and provides classes for various age groups along with a keep fit class offering Pilates.

The questionnaire (attached to this newsletter) aims to seek your views on what you feel would benefit you and your family and friends, please take a few minutes to complete it. Please put completed

questionnaire in an envelope, Marked with 'Hall Questionnaire' and deliver it to Llanfechain Community shop by 3 February 2014.

**Llanfechain Memorial Hall is a great community asset, let's use it!**

**PS I know the questionnaire seems long (3 sides) but most of it is tick boxes so please don't let this put you off!**



## News from the Gardening club

The gardening club had a very successful year in 2013 .with approx. 18 members. The club's Xmas dinner(29 of us) was held in the Lion hotel Llansantffraid and we were entertained by a quiz on birds devised by Maggie and Doug which was mind blowing but workable !!! The next meeting is on January 16th in the hall 7 for 7.30pm and there is a talk by Brian Swane on Bees and sweet peas .Next years programme is very varied and includes visits to the Dower house garden in Bridgnorth and Cwm Weeg garden near Dolfor ---both on Saturday afternoons. So why not join us for the year at a sub of only £10

Issidy Hafner (sec) telephone 01691829232.

### LLANFECHAIN SHOW AGM Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pm

Despite starting with a very depleted budget last year I think everyone will agree that Show day was a success. The sunshine certainly helped but it was also down to the hard work of a committed few who organised fundraisers and motivated the community. We are in a much better financial situation this year but still not in a secure one so we will be keeping up the momentum on the fundraising and also hoping for new faces on the committee. So come along to the AGM if you feel you can help, it's all very informal and hopefully good fun.

The first planned event for 2014 is a book sale on World Book Day which this year falls on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 4pm. So donate your books and come along and buy and take the opportunity to have a coffee, a chat and a home made cake.

To advertise an item or event in this newsletter please contact the editor on nita.duff@btinternet.com

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

On a sunny day the village came together and raised £300.55 for the Wales Air Ambulance.

Thanks to all who helped on the day and all who attended.

## LLANFECHAIN MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE AGM

**7.30PM Monday—17 March 2014  
At Llanfechain Memorial Hall**

## Llanfechain WI - Concert for Charity a Great Success!

On 12<sup>th</sup> December Llanfechain W.I. members welcomed the Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir to their meeting. Members and many visitors enjoyed a concert of Christmas music, with an opportunity to join in with some well-loved carols. Mulled wine and nibbles were served and the evening was enjoyed by the audience and choir alike. £500.00 was raised for the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital Bone Cancer Appeal.

Llanfechain W.I. meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, new members are always welcome. Forthcoming topics include Martial Arts, Bee Keeping, Kurling and Belly Dancing.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the concert in any way.

Christine Kingsley-Row, President.

## TINSEL TALES

One of the best rural touring groups in Wales, Likely Story Theatre, arrived in a white van containing the set, costumes, lighting, the cast and technician. Within 2 1/2 hours they were giving a wonderful performance.

Tinsel Tales was classic pantomime with familiar characters, inventive costumes, audience participation and subtle adult content. What a treat!!

This performance in our small village was made possible by the support of the Nightout scheme sponsored by the Art Council of Wales and Powys County Council.

Richard said "I think that was the best yet. Keep doing them while you can".

Thanks to June Row for organising the event and everyone who volunteered to make the event the success it was.

## Diary

### • EVERY Monday MD Warriors, Martial Arts at the village hall

5.30pm—6.00pm session for under 5 year olds

6.00pm-7.00pm session for 6 to 14 year olds

7.00pm-8.00pm session for adults

T:Ron on 01691 828802

### • First Tuesday in each month from Oct Friendly Club in the Village Hall. 2pm—4pm

### • Every Wednesday 9.00am—10.00am at the Village Hall, just turn up. For more details see Village Hall notice board.

### • Wednesdays (October until the end of March)

Indoor Bowls at Llanfechain Hall every Wednesday from 7.30pm.

### • Second Thursday in every month

Llanfechain WI Village Hall T: Sarah on 07970 625405.

### • Last Thursday of each month at the school during term time

'Community Lunch' £3 to book call 01691 828537

### • First Friday in every month

Whist Drive, Village Hall. 7.30pm. T: 01691 829081. All proceeds go to support the village hall.

### • First Saturday in every month

St Garmons Church Coffee mornings at the village hall, 10am-noon

### • Tuesday 14 January

Llanfechain Show AGM. 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

### • Thursday 16 January Llanfechain Gardening Club AGM. 7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

talk by Brian Swane on Bees and sweet peas T: Issidy 01691829232 .

### • Friday 17 January –NEW VENUE!

Quiz Night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. £5 per table of 5. All proceeds go to support the village hall.

### • Tuesday 4 February

Llanfechain Community Council in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. T: 828542.

### • Monday 17 March

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