

Llanfechain Memorial Hall

News Bulletin

Keeping you in touch

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Llanfechain Show 2013

Llanfechain Show schedules should soon be out in the locality packed with interesting competitions in cookery, crafts, art & photography, floral art and of course horticulture. There is something for all ages, all abilities and great fun on the day with good natured rivalry and prizes for the successful entrants. The open scarecrow competition can be entered from outside the parish as long as the scarecrows appear somewhere in Llanfechain by 9am on Thursday 22nd August.

Attractions on the day are many and varied with emphasis this year on learning new skills, which is being supported by grant funding from Awards for all Wales. The project "Learning Skills Old & New" is being supported by local Craftworkers, Airband, Coleg Powys and Llanfechain Memorial Hall. There will be workshops in crafts and computer skills on the day and follow-up sessions at Llanfechain Memorial Hall in the weeks following the Show. Computer classes with a tutor from Coleg Powys begin on Monday September 23rd at 9am and Wednesday 25th for an evening session and other dates will be advertised nearer the time.

Headlining the Show is returning band Whalebone whose funky lively music had everyone dancing last year, even in the rain. Jester Jack and his team will be there with art & circus workshops, storytelling, fire, fun and fabulous performances.

The Dog Show, which draws in a large and varied entry, begins at 12 midday so come early and get your entries in so as not to miss out.

This year's President, Trebor Jones, has supported the Show for many years and now has a family connection with Llanfechain with his son Iwan the electrician and his family living here. As well as his presidential role Trebor will also be judging the

Classic Cars.

With plenty of delicious food, entertainment, local gossip and somewhere to sit and meet old friends, Llanfechain Show is one of the highlights of the summer so be sure not to miss it, put the date in your diary.

**Llanfechain Show - Bank Holiday Monday August 26th
starting at 11am.**

For more information phone June on 01691 828077 or Elizabeth on 01691 828614 or go to llanfechain-show.co.uk.
For more information on computer classes phone Ron on 01691 828802 or email llanfechain@btinternet.com



A great day out for the whole family.....

ISLA RETURNS



Isla St Clair and partner film maker Patrick King are to return to Llanfechain with a new show on Saturday 28th September. **Good Folk – Bad Folk** reminds us of the 'screen baddies' we remember so well. Unique film clips from old Westerns, Gangster movies and even cartoons are interwoven with Patrick's personal and humorous insight into contemporary villainy. Isla takes you on a journey down memory lane with songs of good and bad folk of the past. Her nostalgic selection of characters from folk songs and the early days of television are full of surprises, wit and emotion.

So put the date in your diary and watch out for posters when tickets will be available from Llanfechain Community Shop and by ringing June on 01691 828077.

With adults at £5.50 and children £3.00 it really is a bargain night out.

Sponsored by Night Out and supported by Powys County Council.

Carboot & Tabletop Sale
at Llanfechain Memorial Hall
Saturday September 21st



Llanfechain Show are holding a Carboot and Tabletop Sale before winter sets in (hopefully). The sale is planned as an outside event on the recreation ground but the Hall will be available for tabletops if the weather is inclement.

To book a table or make enquiries call Gwyneth on 01691 828394 or Olwen on 01691 828354.

Calling all computer buffs and geeks.

Fancy passing on some of your tips and expertise to others during Llanfechain Show? Thanks to Awards for All Wales and Airband we will have a free wifi workshop on the show field and we need you. Contact Dick Row T: 828077 E: dicjun@wernoleu.co.uk for more details

Weekly computer classes starting in September—Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th.
To book a place contact Ron on 01691 828802 or ronald.north@btinternet.com

News from the Community Shop

The National Community Shops Fortnight has just come to a close. The Shop would like to thank its customers for their continual support. As our contribution during the fortnight a free raffle was available to those who spent £5. The winners were Rebecca Jones of Glanbrogan, Julie Evans from Maes Mechain and Gwenda Hardman of Mold. It just goes to show that our customers come from far and wide! In June our shop won £250 in a draw sponsored by Smiths News from whom we obtain our papers and magazines. We are always looking for more volunteers to help especially during holiday times. So if you have just 3 hours in the week to spare why not join us- you will be much appreciated by the other volunteers and of course our customers.

“Born out of Wenlock, the London 2012 Olympic Connection.”



The Cheese & Wine evening organised by Llanfechain Show committee in mid-May is now a well established part of the calendar and over the years there have been many interesting speakers. None more so than this year's speaker, Chris Cannon, the archivist of the Wenlock Olympian Society. The first Olympian Games in Much Wenlock were held in 1850 started by Dr. William Penny Brookes. The Games were made up of physical activities and also artistic competitions so had parallels with our own Show which contains not only sports for the children but also horticulture and arts & craft competitions. These Games in the small Shropshire town of Much Wenlock were the catalyst for the founding of the Modern Olympic Games, the first being held in Athens in 1896. The unveiling of the mascot called Wenlock for the London 2012 Games ensured that the unique history and traditions of the Wenlock Olympic Games were recognised throughout the world. Chris spoke of the international media interest in Much Wenlock and the community's pride in their heritage. He also told of his many trips around the world giving presentations and taking out artefacts for exhibitions. He ended his presentation by passing around the Olympic Torch which had been carried through Much Wenlock twice and had then been donated to the Society. The evening was rounded off with a glass of wine and a wonderful supper provided by the committee.

YOUR HELP is needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Llanfechain Show, this is our annual event and has become a landmark occasion for visitors from near and afar. **Please, please help us.** We 'kick' off on Saturday 24th August with setting up the field this continues on Sunday in readiness for the show on Monday 26th August. We need helpers to set up equipment and generally help out for just a couple of hours (many hands make light work!) You will be made welcome and be part of a really friendly team. If you feel you can help us or would like more information please contact one of the people below.

• Tony 828980 / tonybirch1@btinternet.com,
• Gwyneth 828394

The Gardening club had an outing in June. Fourteen members and friends went to Whittington to see Barbara Molesworth's new garden and bungalow. We went on a Saturday afternoon and were able to spend a lot of time there, we bought plants to take home, saw all over the bungalow and had tea and biscuits (as tho no one had had lunch!!) and walked everywhere in the garden. It didn't rain! On August 3rd we are meeting outside the hall at 1.45 pm to go to Sydney Thomas's garden in Tregynon and on Sat 17th August we are going on a coach, leaving from Llanfechain Hall to Bodenham Arboretum near Kidderminster, leaving 10 am. Entry fee £6-50 and coach fare £9 return, if ALL bus seats sold, SO bring your friends! Please let Issidy KNOW you are coming- 9-829232 Web site for Bodenham www.Bodenham-arboretum.co.uk Happy Gardening from Issidy.

Llanfechain Primary School "Friends" held a very successful "Antiques in the Attic" evening on 6th June in the school garden where Halls Auctioneers came and valued all manner of antiques brought along by visitors from far and wide. It was a glorious summer's evening and "The Friends of the School" raised over £250 for the School children's benefit. Look out for the next Friends of Llanfechain school event!

Richard Murton, (Llanfechain School Governor)

Diary

• **EVERY Monday**
MD Warriors, Martial Arts For 6 - 14 year olds 6 till 7 village hall. T:Ron on 01691 828802

• **Monday & Wednesday evenings during term time (from September)**

Computer classes in the village hall. For information contact Ron T: 01691 828802 E: Ronald.north@btinternet.com

• **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.

• **Second Friday in every month**

Foolish Friday at the Plas.

• **Third Friday in every month**

Quiz Night at the Plas, 8pm. All proceeds go to support the village hall.

• **First Saturday in every month**

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

• **Third Sunday in every month**

Acoustic / Folk-ish Session, at the Plas, 8pm.

• **Tuesday 9 July**

Open meeting in church to discuss the future of the church

• **Tuesday 30 July**

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

• **Sat / Sun 3rd and 4th August**

St Garmon's celebrations Sat: Coffee morning & stalls. Sun. 11am service (instead of 9.30am) lunch, walk, activities in church and Songs of Praise.

Tuesday 6 August

Llanfechain Show meeting 7.30pm at the Village Hall T: Tony Birch on 828980

• **Monday 26 August**

Llanfechain show 2013. Starts 11am

• **Saturday 21 September**

Car boot and table top sale at the Village Hall, from 9am—noon. To book a table or make enquiries call Gwyneth on 01691 828394 or Olwen on 01691 828354.

• **Thursday 26 September**

Llanfechain Gardening Club. 7.30pm in the Village Hall T: Issidy 01691829232.

• **Saturday 28 September**

Good Folk – Bad Folk - Show in the village hall starring Isla St Clair and Patrick King, tickets available from Llanfechain Community Shop and by ringing June on 01691 828077.