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Keeping you in touch

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LLANFECHAIN COMMUNITY SHOP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It felt like quite an achievement so Llanfechain Community Shop celebrated the 5th anniversary of its opening at the beginning of June with tea, cake, music and sunshine. The community enterprise which is run entirely by volunteers, is open every day of the year except Christmas day, supplies everyday provisions and more, is the social focal point of the village and over the five years has also donated £8,000 towards the running costs of the village hall to which it's attached.

Congratulations to all those who won a £5 shopping voucher in the raffle.

We could always do with more volunteers so if you have a little spare time then do come along and join our happy team, it really is great fun. For more information call the Shop on 01691 828466 or email us at communityshop@llanfechainhall.plus.com

Playground Project Questionnaire: What is needed to improve Llanfechain playground?

The Playground Project Committee would really appreciate your time in completing a short questionnaire to understand your views regarding the current playground facilities and future improvements.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to the Community Shop or sent by email to llanfechainplay-groundproject@gmail.com and are politely requested by Friday 31st July 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Renwick (Chair of the Playground Project Committee) on 07805 328 107

PS Why not have a go at our word search overleaf!

Knit and Natter

Do you enjoy knitting or crochet? Would you like to learn? Come along to the 'Knit and Natter' group in the village hall. We meet from 1.00pm-3.00pm on the third Friday of the month.

We have been knitting little hats to put on the top of Innocent drinks bottles, for every hat 25p goes to 'Help the Aged' charity. The hats vary from cute bobble hats to blue-birds and robins. Last month one of the ladies taught us how to make bobble's using a fork. How amazing is that! Another creative lady designed an owl to go on the bottles.

We have also been knitting squares to be made into blankets for *Llwyn Teg* Residential Home. It is lovely to sit for a few hours with a bunch of people (yes we have had one man) creating something to help others. Its worth coming even if its just for tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information contact Gwyneth on 01691 828394 or Nita on nita.duff@btinternet.com

Carboot & Tabletop Sale on Llanfechain Recreation Field

(weather permitting)

Saturday July 11th 9 - 12am

Llanfechain Show are holding a Car Boot and Tabletop Sale to raise funds for this year's Show. Setting up from 8am and refreshments will be available early. So come along and hopefully soak up the sun, have breakfast and find a few bargains. To book a table at £5 or make enquiries call June on 01691 828077 or Elizabeth on 01691 828614.

CHEESE & WINE

The evening of song with Mike Donkin & Friends was a great success with wonderful singing from the group of St. Oswald's Church choristers, Scholars & Gentlemen.

Mike conducted and provided an informative commentary, along with also joining in the singing on occasion. The soloist Samantha brought the whole audience to the brink of tears with her beautiful performance.

Everyone enjoyed the food, wine and conversation afterwards and this enjoyable event raised £350 towards Show funds.

Thanks to Mike and his team and all who provided food and raffle prizes and helped on the night.

Sewing Group

A number of people have expressed an interest in starting a sewing group. In order to carry this forward we need to know if this would be popular to a wider audience. The suggestions that have come forward include a group for beginners to intermediate concentrating on smaller projects such as bag making, cushions, patchwork, applique and so on. One suggestion has been that we look at projects by Debbie Shore (www. https://www.youtube.com/user/thimblelane) . If you are interested or would like to make suggestions please contact me on: nita.duff@btinternet.com or 01691 829081

PRESIDENT'S EVENING

Sat 29th Aug—7 for 7-30pm

This year's President, Brian Ellis, is to host an evening with entertainment and a hot roast (beef) served with salads and followed by desserts in the marquee on the recreation field.

Tickets at £15 for adults and £8 for under 16's available from

Llanfechain Community Shop or by ringing Aled on 828139.

All proceeds in aid of Llanfechain Show.

To advertise an item or event in this newsletter please contact the editor at nita.duff@btinternet.com Adverts cost just £5. This newsletter is provided by Llanfechain Memorial Hall Committee. Any revenue raised from the adverts goes towards the cost of printing the newsletter

LLANFECHAIN SHOW 2015

Mon 31st August

It's that time of the year again so we hope your potatoes are growing well in their buckets, that your crafts are progressing and designs for your scarecrows are on the drawing board.

This year's President is Brian Ellis, local farmer and Community Councillor. Brian was born at Penllys, as was his father before him, and has lived and worked there all his life. He is very pleased to be this year's President for the Show and also welcomes everyone to the President's Evening on the Saturday, details of which are overleaf.

This year's Show entertainments include Simon Airey the animal man kicking off at 11am whose eclectic collection of creatures creepy or cute and his funny and informative chat is definitely one not to miss, so make sure of an early start. Music this year is jazz, led by Pete Beresford on keyboard and featuring renowned local trumpeter Jamie Brownfield who won the Rising Star, British Jazz Awards 2012.

Jack Jester will be there along with his team, and is sure to surprise us with his ever changing performances with fire, fun and wonder.

Close Encounters of the Bird Kind provide more animal wonders and the Dog Show at 12 midday and Pet Show to follow provide opportunities to show off your animal friends.

Oswestry Model Engineering Society are building a model railway on site and providing rides.

Oswestry Archery Club are also going to be there on the day sharing their expertise.

There will be bungee trampolines, bouncy castle, classic cars & bikes, sideshows and stalls. Competition marquee with local crafts and workshops in another marquee.

A fancy dress competition, hog roast and other food stalls and plenty of places to sit and chat.

The schedule should be out any day so good luck to all competitors and let's hope for a sunny day this time round.

For more information phone June on 828077, Elizabeth on 828614 or go to www.llanfechain-show.co.uk

Visit the Community website and find out what's going on! http://www.llanfechain.org.uk/

LOCAL BUS SERVICES
Powys CC are doing a survey which could lead to the loss of the 74 bus route through the village. Survey on the website.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGES PROJECT
This recent report includes a section on Llanfechain. Available to read on the website

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Documents have been available for viewing from 8 June. Available on the website.

A NEW PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN?
How can we improve the play area for children on the recreation field? Invitation to provide opinion on the website.

A visit to Dunham Massey

A National Trust house in Cheshire, 29 September.
During the First World War, this Georgian house, set in a magnificent deer-park, was transformed into a military hospital, becoming a sanctuary from the trenches for almost 300 soldiers. Discover what life was like for the patients and how members of the Grey family helped injured soldiers to recuperate. Spend time in the ward, nurses' station, and operating theatre as you experience the Stamford Hospital as it once was. See: http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey/visitor-information/.

On 29 September The Llanfechain War Memorial Trust, as part of our tribute to those who served in the 1st WW, is laying on a 29 seat coach to visit Dunham Massey; the coach will be free. The plan is: depart 10am, arrive 11.30 for 12 midday tour (1hr 30 mins), lunch in the restaurant/café, visit/tour of garden (optional) depart 3.30pm for return by about 5pm. Entrance is £11 (free for National Trust members). If you would like to come, call Phil Williams 828931after 8th July (away until then!) – first come first seated!

GRANT SUCCESS

Once again Llanfechain Show has been successful in being awarded a grant to aid the annual event. This year Awards for All Wales, part of the Big Lottery, has recognised the importance of events such as ours that bring a range of entertainment and activities that would otherwise only be available at great cost and at a venue miles distant. Each time the Show Committee apply for funding they have to plan new elements and attractions. Three workshops are included this year amongst those new items. We expect that Family History, Paper Craft and Cord & Braid Making will be oversubscribed. Pre-booking is not available so register your interest early on the day of the Show to avoid disappointment.

Play area word search

M	O	N	K	E	Y	B	A	R	S
F	E	C	S	H	D	E	N	O	U
I	Z	L	T	A	E	S	F	U	P
W	L	I	D	E	A	S	P	N	E
A	J	M	P	E	S	L	I	D	R
S	K	B	D	W	A	E	R	A	E
E	T	I	I	Y	I	N	P	B	M
E	L	N	D	Z	F	R	B	O	A
S	G	G	T	S	U	M	E	U	R
R	E	A	L	E	N	N	U	T	F

IDEAS	SUPER	KIDS
FUN	PLAY	AREA
ROUNDABOUT	SWING	DEN
MONKEYBARS	SLIDE	TUNNEL
ZIPWIRE	ROPE	SEESAW
CLIMBINGFRAME	SEAT	

The Gardening Club

Firstly I am very happy to say we have 3 new members in the gardening club and a great welcome to them

We had an excellent plant sale in May--nearly sold out! and Kristen Booth spoke to us on the history of English gardens. In June on a very sunny evening we visited Sydney Thomas's garden, It was lovely . On July 16th we are visiting 3 gardens on the Mount belonging to members .Please walk there if you can as parking is limited . A very happy gardening Summer.)

From Haf 829232

The quiz has been really good these last two months. We had 10 (TEN) tables in May (thankyou!) and 8 in June (some lucky people were on the Isle of Man riding their bikes-- no not really). All the tables were laden with supper --our table could hold their own with the eatables even if we couldn't answer all the Questions .Doug was brilliant as usual asking the Questions and Ron was superb at devising them. A big thank you to both .So please come on the third Friday in the month in July (17th)You will all be Welcome ----it starts at 8 pm. See you there! From Haf

Diary

•EVERY Monday Pilates at Llanfechain Hall
9.00am-11.00am For more information—Rebecca T: 07791892821. E: sashas_mum@yahoo.co.uk

•EVERY Monday MD Warriors, Martial Arts at Llanfechain 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

•Every Tuesday Stretch and Relax with Yoga
7.00pm-8.30pm at Llanfechain Hall. T: Jane on 01938 820511

•First Tuesday in every month Llanfechain Friendly Club.
2.00pm at Llanfechain Hall. T: Elizabeth 828614

•Every Wednesday Pilates
9.00am-10.00am at Llanfechain Hall, class for Mixed Ability. For more information—Rebecca
T: 07791892821. E: sashas_mum@yahoo.co.uk

• Second Thursday in every month Llanfechain WI
7.30pm at Llanfechain Hall T: Sarah on 07970 625405.

• Third Thursday in every month Llanfechain Gardening Club
July and August there are no meetings at the hall because of outings. For further information contact Issidy 01691 829232 .

•Last Thursday in every month Community Lunch
Llanfechain School during term time, £4 to book call 01691 828537

•First Friday in every month Whist Drive
7.30pm at Llanfechain Hall. T: 01691 829081. All proceeds go to support Llanfechain Hall.

•Third Friday in every month Quiz Night
7.30pm for 8.00pm start at Llanfechain Hall. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. £5 per table of 5. Proceeds to Llanfechain Hall

•Third Friday in every month Knit and Natter
1.00pm –3.00pm Meeting room at Llanfechain Hall. Gwyneth on 01691 828394—next one15 May!

•First Saturday in every month St Garmons Church Coffee Mornings
10.00am—noon at Llanfechain Hall

•Saturday 11 July
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•Monday 20 July
Llanfechain Show meeting,7.30pm at Llanfechain Hall.

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•Monday 31 August
Llanfechain Show, starts 11.00am on the recreation ground.

•Tuesday 29 September
Outing to Dunham Massey, Cheshire. Depart 10.00am return around 5.00pm. To book your place contact Phil Williams on 01691 828931 after 8 July.

Don't forget to fill in your playground questionnaires!