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**WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

Dear All

Welcome to this festive issue of the Chronicle.

After my comment in the last issue hoping that the weather would improve our prayers have been answered! We've probably had the longest period of dry weather since sometime in 2023.

We had remembrance Sunday on the 10th of November and had a very good turn out on a lovely Sunday morning and it was made even better as the church clock did its thing and its chimes on the hour were a welcome addition. We must thank all the folk who put so much effort into making this event a success and raising funds for the Royal British legion.

On December the 6th Llanfair will be having its annual Christmas lights switch on event. There will be a procession and hopefully a small number of illuminated tractors in attendance. There will be stalls and activities in the Institute. If anyone can assist with help and assistance and any ideas which can help this to become a bigger event would be much appreciated.

I look forward to meeting many of you around the town.

Cllr Rob Astley



Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Defibrillator locations

- 1) Mount Field (clubhouse wall)
- 2) High Street (telephone box)
- 3) Watergate Street by Maesglas (telephone box)
- 4) Market Square (Black Lion pub)
- 5) Leisure Centre (outside wall)
- 6) Doctors Surgery (inside)
- 7) Institute (back of building)
- 8) Rhiweniath village hall

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Lleoliadau'r diffibrilwyr

- 1) Cae Mownt (wal adeilad y clwb)
- 2) Stryd Fawr (blwch ffôn)
- 3) Stryd y Dŵr gan Maesglas (blwch ffôn)
- 4) Sgwâr y Farchnad (tafarn y Llew Du)
- 5) Canolfan Hamdden (wal allanol)
- 6) Y Feddygfa (y tu mewn)
- 7) Yr Athrofa (yng nghefn yr adeilad)
- 8) Rhiweniath village hall

New children's fitness trail for the playground



With grant aid from Awards for All Wales in conjunction with the Deri Woods Trust the Town Council has added a children's fitness course to the playground by the Medical Centre. All materials are recycled with a 25 year minimum lifespan. A terrific addition to the recently refurbished play area which sits nicely alongside the new bear litter bins.



LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2024

6.00pm Meeting at the Market Square

6.00pm Castle Belles Choir

6.30pm Procession with Father Christmas and tractors decorated in lights

6.40pm Mickey and Minnie switch on the lights with our competition winner!

Best children's Christmas jumper competition
(Prize is to switch on the lights!)

6.50pm Mini Fayre at the Institute which will include:

- Children's Entertainment
- Santa in his Wonderland
(Santa has a small gift for children who visit him)
- Stalls & Raffle
- Refreshments

Any charity or local organisation who would like one of the limited stalls at the Christmas Fayre should contact the Town Clerk to book a space.



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Gwasanaethau Nadolig yn Llanfair

Christmas Services in Llanfair

St Mary's Church

Dec 7th Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall

Dec 11th (6pm) Ysgol Bro Caereinion (Cynradd/ Primary)
Christingle Service

Dec 15th - 21st Community Christmas Tree Festival

Dec 17th (3 - 6pm) Church open after school with refreshments

Dec 19th (6-9pm) Church open after work with refreshments

Dec 21st Sponsored Carol Service

Dec 24th (4pm) Crib Service

(11.30pm) Midnight Mass

Dec 29th Mission Area Joint Service - Meifod

Capel Moreia

Rhagfyr 1af (4yp) Plygain yr Ifanc

Rhagfyr 22ain (10.30yb) Gwasanaeth Nadolig yr Ysgol Sul
Ionawr 3ydd Plygain Moreia (Apêl Cancr)

New Life Church

Dec 11th (3.30pm) JAM Christmas Party

Dec 15th (2.30pm) - Joint Carol Service at Cwm
Golau Chapel

(4pm) 3rd Sunday Social - Christmas Crafts -
Institute

Dec 18th (3.30pm) Junior JAM Christmas Party

Dec 24th (6-6.30pm) Light of the world Service -
Institute

Dec 25th (9.30pm) Christmas Morning
Celebration

Canys bachgen a aned i ni....

For unto us a child is born ...





**REPORT FROM
GARETH JONES
COUNTY COUNCILLOR
FOR
LLANFAIR CAEREINION AND LLANERFYL**

HIGHWAYS

All residents on High Street have been notified that the planned work to resurface the road from the War Memorial towards Deri Woods is scheduled to take place the week commencing 18th November 2024, the road will be closed for the duration of the works with diversions in place.

There are several other capital works being completed in the coming months within the area.

Can I encourage you to report all issues relating to Highways with myself and by using the online portal.

PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL PARK

NRW are currently holding a consultation on proposals to establish a new National Park in the Northeast of Powys. I am yet to meet someone who supports the proposal.

It is suggested that it will cost the people of Wales an estimated additional £6 million pounds per annum.

It will have an impact on planning including the new Local Development Plan currently being drawn up by Powys. If approved areas of Powys including Tanat Valley, Llanfyllin, Lake Vyrnwy, Meifod and part of the Llanfair Caereinion and Llanerfyl ward would be included in the fourth National Park in Wales.

The consultation closes on 10th December.

LEISURE REVIEW

The cabinet recently published their Leisure Review. Although with no recommendations 3 of the 4 options will have an impact on Caereinion Lesure Centre. I have been in constant conversations with Officers and Cabinet member stressing the importance of our Leisure facilities not just to local people but also the wider community and Ysgol Bro Caereinion.

Below is what Cabinet Member for a Safer Powys, Councillor Richard Church said

“Leisure and recreation services in Powys need a rethink over the coming years to safeguard provision for future generations,”

“We want to lay the foundations for a sustainable service for future generations to help support an active and healthy population in the county. “Our review has shown that the existing facilities are not fit for purpose and cannot deliver our aspirations for a healthy and active county, without significant investment.

Continued...

“The council has identified different options that could form the blueprint for the way services are managed in the future. “We propose taking four options out for public consultation, setting out the costs and seeking the views of service users and communities on a preferred way forward.”

BUNGALOWS

There are several bungalows within Llanfair which will be available in the coming weeks. If you know of anyone please encourage them to apply via the following link www.homesinpowys.org.uk. Alternatively, I would be happy to have a conversation and help.

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (STV)

As previously reported a vote took place at the Full Council meeting held on the 17th of October. The vote was 21 for, 5 abstain and 33 against adopting the STV system for the 2027 Council elections.

What is STV

- STV is a multi-winner electoral system in which each voter casts a single vote in the form of a ranked based ballot.
- A move from 52 single member wards and 8 multi member wards to all multi member wards.
- There would remain 68 Councillors within Powys
- Voters can rank as many or as few candidates as they wish or can vote for only one candidate.

I voted against the proposal for a number of reasons.

It had not been costed, with the ever-increasing budget pressures facing Powys residents, I was not prepared to agree to something that would add significant further costs to the Electoral Services department.

Multi member wards spanning large areas of rural Powys would not in my opinion benefit Powys residents.

On balance residents that I spoke to were cautious about the proposal in its current form.

The Principal of STV has many good points and with additional work may be presented as a creditable alternative voting system in the future

DAI GWALCHMAI

I would like to congratulate and thank Dai Gwalchmai who is retiring from Llanfair Fire Service.

Dai has been a retained fire fighter in Llanfair for 44 years, to mark his retirement the Chief Fire officer Roger Thomas and Cllr Gwynfor Thomas Chair of Mid and West Wales fire and rescue service attended an event held in Llanfair fire station. Thank your Dai for your service to our community.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas is fast approaching, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful prosperous new year.

If you have anything I can help with contact me on 07713988017 or cllr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk



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Powys yn ymweld â**

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Caereinion** ar y
pedwerydd dydd
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10yb i 1yp

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dim ond galw heibio**

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chymorth diduedd, annibynnol, mewn
cyfrinachedd ac am ddim i bawb.

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- Cyflogaeth

a mwy



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Prizes per draw consist of – £40, £30, £20

The Christmas draw pays double prize money

You can buy more than one number to increase your chances. If the membership increases to greater than 200 there will be an extra bonus draw.

If interested you can email :

200 Club Administrator: gwyneth@hvbowen.co.uk

Secretary: clivehopwood@btinternet.com

paulinebennett98@btinternet.com or

Treasurer: rooinkster@hotmail.com

THE LLANFAIR CAEREINION HOMELY CLUB



At the beginning of September the Homely Club Llanfair Caereinion had a bit of a change with Shirley, Chris and Gill taking over the club from Maddie Hadley and Eleanor Humphries after 4 years.

They were thanked with beautiful flowers made by Gill .

Next meeting will be a Xmas bingo on Tuesday December 12th at 12.30pm at the Red Lion for the annual Christmas dinner.

Shirley Jones

QUIZ OF THE MONTH

Name the musical instruments



1-



2-



3-



4-



5-



6-



7-



8-



9-



10-



We are open

Tuesdays 10-1, Thursdays 3-6, Fridays 2-5 and Saturday 10-1.

We are located in the Institute.

We offer Powys County Council's standard book loan service so we hold a large stock of books for loan in English and Welsh. We also have an extensive range of books for children of all ages, again in Welsh or English. We have a local history collection.

Powys have an extensive book stock which can be reserved and then collected from the library – all free of charge and usually in a week or so.

We have three public use PC's which offer access to the internet. The library has fast wifi. The PC's also provide free access to Ancestry for anyone wanting to do research.

We can print your documents in colour or monochrome either from our PC's, from a memory stick or via wifi. And we can scan or laminate documents. Small charge for these services.

Finally we have a second hand book sale at 50p or £1 a copy – please come and have a browse.

NEW : Welsh Conversational Group – for learners and fluent speakers alike – Thursday evenings 6pm – 7pm.

Lego Club – Friday after school.

Book group meets on the first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. The book for January is *RAMBLING* by Billy Connolly. Do come and join us on 7th January.

To contact us please drop in or you can call us during opening hours on 01938 811028



Ydych chi'n siaradwr Cymraeg?

Mae'r llyfrgell yn cynnal grŵp sgwrsio Cymraeg bob nos lau rhwng 6:00 a 7:00 lle mae dysgwyr yn cyfarfod i ymarfer defnyddio'r iaith.

Byddem wrth ein bodd yn cael mwy o siaradwyr brodorol i helpu'r dysgwyr, nid yw'r sesiynau yn wersi fel y cyfryw dim ond cyfle i ddysgwyr ddechrau defnyddio eu sgiliau newydd.

Os ydych chi'n gallu helpu dewch draw i'r llyfrgell nos lau am 6:00.

This is a request for Welsh speakers to help out at the conversational Welsh meetings in the library on Thursday evening.

Llanfair Knit & Natter



We took all the premature cardigans that we knitted for the last 3 months to the Neonatal Unit at Telford Hospital .

They were very grateful.

Our next project is knitted items for our Xmas stall at St Mary's Church, Llanfair on the Saturday 7th December at 10am.

All the funds raised will go to a charity that we have not decided on yet.



Rhiwhiriaeth Community fireworks display

Rhiwhiriaeth would like to thank all who came to the Bonfire Night on Saturday 2nd November, we had a fantastic turn out. Thank you to all who organised, building the bonfire, making and serving refreshments and organising the firework display. Some upcoming events are the Christmas Whist which is on Friday 13th December and Bingo is the following Monday on 16th December.

Jemma Bridgen



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THINGS HAPPENING IN LLANFAIR CAEREINION

Community Café – in the Institute Friday afternoons (12noon to 3pm) Hot meals first Friday of the month.	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council Last Monday of the month in the Institute 7pm
Library – in the Institute Tuesday (10-1), Thursday (3-6), Friday (2-5) & Saturday (10-1)	Homely Club – in the Institute 2 nd Tuesday 2-3pm
Historical Society – in the Institute Every second Wednesday at 7.30pm	Coffee and cake morning 1 st Wednesday St Mary's Church Hall 10am to 12 noon
Youth Club – in the Institute Mondays (4.30-6.30 and 6.30-8)	Knit & Natter – in the Institute 3 rd Wednesday 10am to 12pm
JAM – in the Institute Wednesdays 3.30 – 5pm	Women's Institute – in the Institute 2 nd Thursday 6.30 – 9pM
New Life Church – in the Institute Sundays 4-5pm	Indoor bowling – in the Institute Mondays 2 – 3.30pm
St Mary's Church - monthly 1 st & 3 rd Sundays Holy Communion 11am 2 nd & 4 th Sundays – Morning Prayer 11am 1 st Wednesday – Holy Communion 9.30am 5 th Sunday – see notice board	Yoga Tuesdays 6.30pm

If you have a regular monthly or weekly meeting let us know and we can include you in the list.

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Town Councillors/ Y Cynghorwyr Tref

Cllr Rob Astley (Chair) Independent 01938 810393	Cllr Melvin Jones (Vice Chair) Independent 07773 591895
Cllr Hazel Davies Independent 01938 810152	Cllr Ian Davies Independent 01938 810602
Cllr Cadvan Evans Independent 07813 194862	Cllr Gareth Jones Independent 07713 988017
Cllr Mark Owen Independent 07767 267830	Cllr Geraint Peate Independent 01938 810657
Cllr Stephen Purser Independent (co-opted) 07853 823846	Cllr Sam Webster Independent 07711 293196
Cllr Paul Wixey Welsh Labour 07962 214404	Seat for election

Your County Councillor is Cllr Gareth Jones (details above)

TOWN CLERK

Robert A Robinson

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Email Llanfairownclerk@mail.com

Website: llanfairowncouncil.co.uk

Council Office: The Institute, Bridge Street Open most Friday afternoons 2pm to 5pm or by appointment at any other time.

A new councillor for the Town Council



The council welcomes Paul Wixey who was elected unopposed on Thursday 7th November 2024. Paul is well known in the community for his volunteering at the steam railway and with the carnival to name just two.

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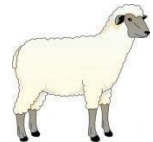
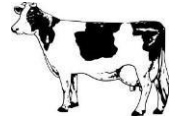
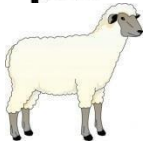
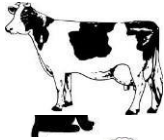
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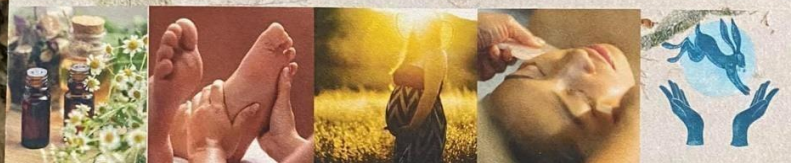
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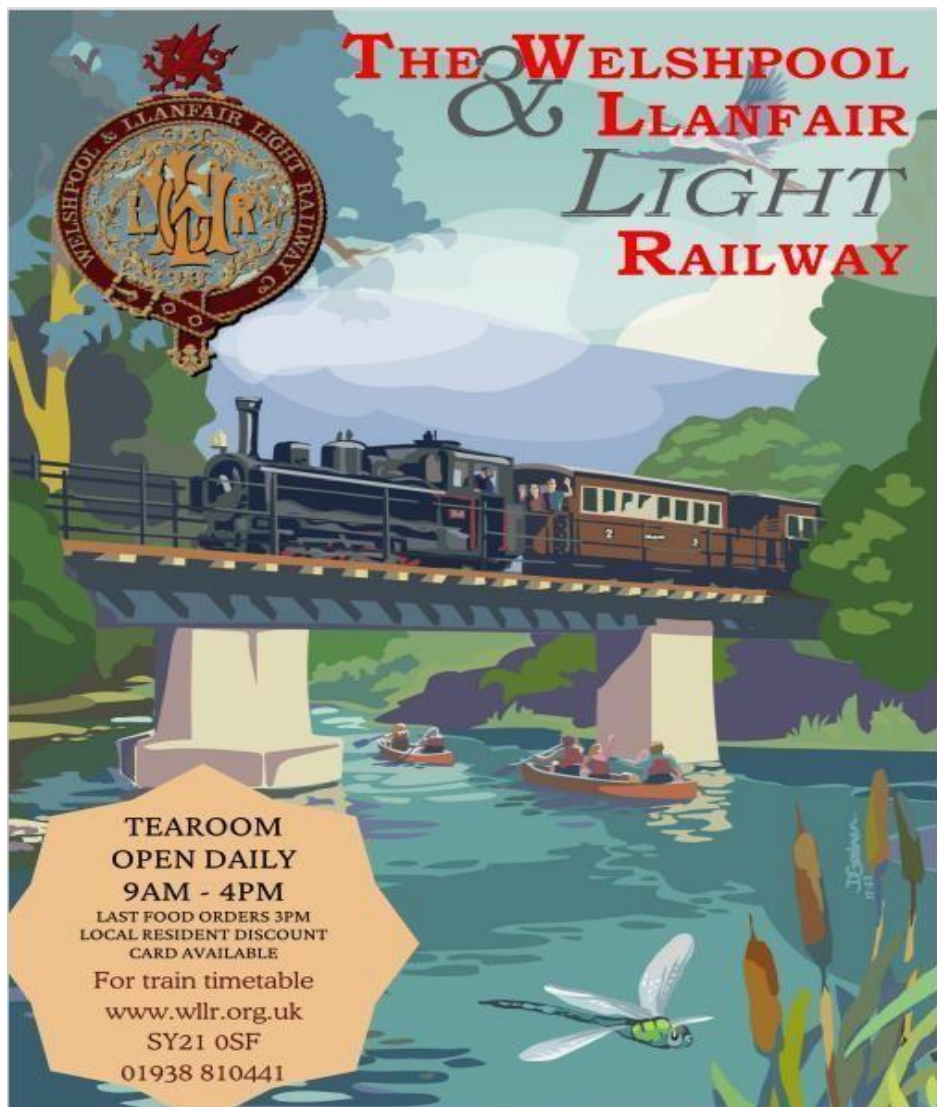
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