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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear All

Welcome to this spring edition of the Llanfair chronicle.

We've been enjoying some very warm and dry weather recently. but most farmers will be hoping for some much-needed rain to get the grass growing.

On Thursday we celebrated VE day Llanfair. Wreaths were laid. at the memorial by Cllr Gareth Jones representing Powys CC, Cllr Melvin Jones representing Llanfair Town Council,

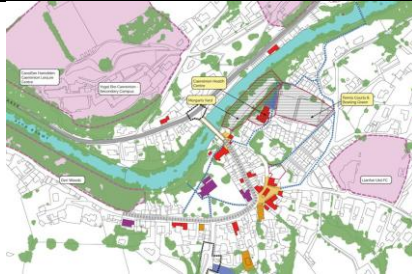
Steve Witherden MP laid one on behalf of the Westminster Government. and Alan Webster on behalf of Llanfair Caereinion branch of the Royal British legion.

The beacon was lit once again and it was great to have the church clock chiming on the hour once again. There was a good turnout of people to celebrate the occasion but also remember the sacrifice and hardship that was made to end the war in Europe.

The next big event in Llanfair will be the carnival which is on the 21st June so please let's hope for good weather and a good turnout to support this great event.

Cllr Rob Astley

FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL



PLACE MAKING PLAN LLANFAIR CAEREINION

Thank you to all who responded to the consultation on the Place Making Plan for Llanfair Caereinion.

The final plan is being considered by the Town Council at its meeting later in May.

The plan can be seen on the council website at www.llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk



DERI WOODS

You will recall storm Darragh last November when many trees were damaged in the woods.

The works to the trees is now completed and with the sale of the timber

has not cost as much as first thought it might be.

The riverside path is more complicated and will take a while, please bear with us.



SPEED CAMERA

The town council is wishing to place some electronic speed reminder signs around the town.

To do this evidence of traffic speed is required. To this end a community speed camera will be purchased and used for this purpose. It will record speed but you will not be fined or get any points. It is for information only.



NEW ADDRESS

The town council has moved its email & website address.

The new contact information is:

Email

townclerk@llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk

Website

www.llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk



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

HIGHWAYS

Like in the February edition it is frustrating that the planned resurfacing of works for High Street is yet to be completed, I have chased for a reply and have been told the work has been placed with an external contractor, we are chasing them for a completion date.

Several roads within the ward have recently been surface dressed (tar and chippings)

BUNGALOWS

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.

WATERGATE CAR PARK

I am pleased to report that the disabled parking bays have now been clearly marked.

Can I urge people not to permanently park old vehicles/caravans, as we are only to aware parking is at a premium within Llanfair and every space is precious.

The Town Council are exploring possibilities of how we can best utilise this facility and I would welcome any suggestions.

Cllr James Gibson Watt

The leader of Powys County Council Cllr James Gibson Watt has decided to step down, an election for the new leader will take place on Thursday 15th May.

I have always found Cllr Gibson Watt to be conscientious and approachable, he has helped me on several occasions, and I wish him and the new leader well.

It is so important that we can all work collectively together without national party politics getting in the way of what is best for the residents of Powys

Anti-Poverty Locality Fund 2025/26

Introduction

I am looking for suggestions of possible projects within our community of Llanfair Caereinion and Llanerfyl, they can be new projects or new ones, nominations are to be received in June, successful projects will be asked to submit an online claim form from August to October 2025.

As always, I will involve the two councils within the ward with decision making.

Each County Councillor has been allocated £5,000 to support anti-poverty projects within their locality. Councillors may allocate the full £5,000 to a single organisation or divide it between up to three organisations. Alternatively, councillors may pool their allocations to award a larger sum to one organisation.

Fund Objectives

The fund aims to: -

Combat poverty at a local level –

Promote sustainability and resilience within communities –

Support local economic growth, skill development, and community engagement –

Deliver better outcomes for socio-economically disadvantaged groups

Eligible Activities

Examples of eligible projects include: -

Advice surgeries (in conjunction with Citizens Advice or other organisations) –

Community support for the elderly –

School uniform swap shops –

Meal provision initiatives –

Support for mother and baby groups –

After-school clubs and community activities –

Awareness campaigns –

Volunteer recruitment and development –

Community gardens and local food supply projects

Eligible Organisations

Funding may be awarded to the following types of organisations: -

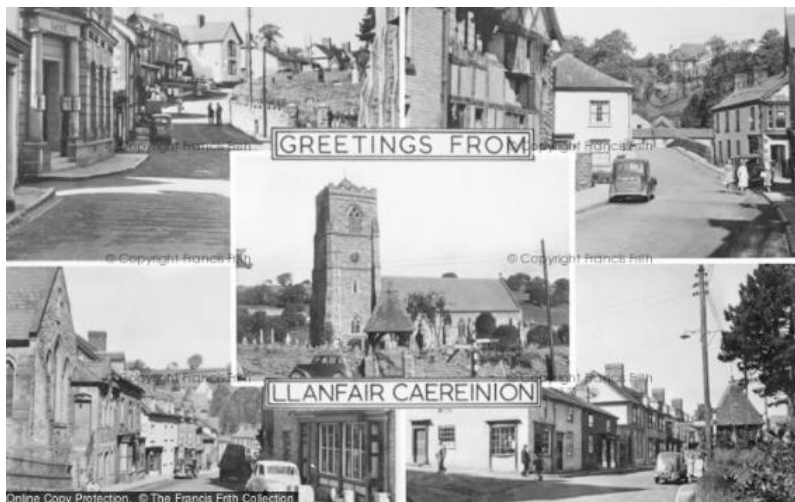
Local Authority - Private sector - Voluntary sector - Social enterprise -

Government department - University - FE College

Please contact me with suggestions as to how this money can be utilised within our communities.

If I can help in any way, please contact me on
07713988017/cllr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk

LLANFAIR CAEREINION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



What do we do?

We host visiting speakers to our meetings and arrange trips to various locations all with a historical theme.

How much does it cost?

Currently £12 pa

Where do we meet?

The Institute youth room Llanfair Caereinion.

When do we meet?

The second Wednesday of the month
at 7.30pm (hot drinks and biscuits form 7pm)

Contact – Robert Robinson 07767 267830

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting for additional

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CHAPEL OF REST LLANFAIR CAEREINION

‘Not many people know that’.



The town council has a Chapel of Rest in Watergate Street
next to the fire station entrance.

It maybe something you did not know existed in Llanfair.

It maybe that now you know about it maybe it
could be the final resting place closer to home.
More details can be found on the council website

at

www.llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk

Friends of Deri Woods

On its March workday, the Friends of Deri Woods renewed the leaky dam on the Nant Ty Lissa, which flows through Deri Woods into the river Banwy.

FODW was helped by two staff from the Severn Rivers Trust who designed the original dam and obtained the necessary permission.

Although in need of repair, the leaky dam had been doing its job - creating new river habitat and holding back water at times of peak flow.

The dam is made entirely from timber gathered from Deri Woods and is designed to let all the water in the brook through when it is a trickle and only slow water down after a lot of rain, when levels in the river Banwy are high.

You can see the leaky dam if you take the small path on the right from the car park gate, as this follows the Nant Ty Lissa.



More work by the Friends of Deri Woods completed recently.



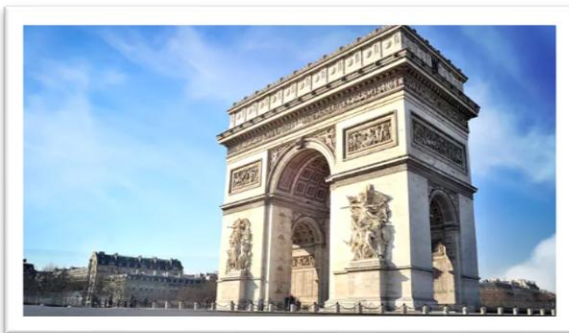
Get Ready for Llanfair **Carnival 2025!**

21st June 2025

This June, Llanfair will come alive with the sights and sounds of our annual Carnival! With an exciting theme of *Landmarks*, this year promises to be a spectacular celebration of creativity, community, and culture. Whether you're a long-time attendee or new to the Carnival, it's an event you won't want to miss.



What to Expect



Llanfair Carnival is known for bringing people together to celebrate the best of our

community. The day will be packed with activities, entertainment, and opportunities for everyone to get involved. Here's what's happening:



Fancy Dress Competition

Kick off the festivities at the **Institute at 11:45am**, where the Fancy Dress Competition will be in full swing. This year's *Landmarks* theme invites participants to channel their creativity and dress up as iconic

landmarks from around the globe. Whether you're the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, the Statue of Liberty, or something completely original, we can't wait to see your costume. Prizes will be awarded to the most imaginative and well-executed outfits, so don't hold back!



Grand Parade

The Carnival Parade is the heart of the day and will set off at **12:30pm**. The streets of Llanfair will be transformed into



a moving celebration of landmarks, with colourful floats, performers, and participants bringing the theme to life. From towering replicas of famous buildings to creative interpretations of local landmarks, the parade will be a feast for the eyes. Make sure to grab your spot along the route early to enjoy the spectacle!



Mount Field Extravaganza

After the parade, head over to Mount Field at **1:30pm** for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Expect a range of activities for all ages, including games,

live performances, food stalls, and more. It's the perfect place to relax, mingle, and enjoy the Carnival atmosphere.



Why You Should Join Us



Llanfair Carnival is more than just a day of fun—it's a celebration of our community spirit. It's a chance to catch up with friends, meet new people, and enjoy a shared sense of pride in what makes Llanfair special. The *Landmarks* theme encourages

us to think globally while celebrating locally, making this year's event a truly unique experience.



Get Involved

Whether you're entering the Fancy Dress Competition, joining a parade float, or simply coming along to soak up the atmosphere, there's a role for everyone at Llanfair Carnival. Don't forget to bring your family and friends—it's a day for all ages

Mark your calendar and get ready for a day filled with excitement, creativity, and community

We'll see you there—don't forget your landmark-inspired fancy dress!

Volunteers are always welcome to help set up and draw down, please contact Sam 07711293196 to offers your services, thank you.

Rhiwhiriaeth celebrates 150 years

Rhiwhiriaeth School opened on 29th March 1875, but closed on 21st October 1966. The following year the school re-opened as the Community Centre, and so the former school and current Centre have jointly served the Rhiwhiriaeth area for 150 years.

To celebrate this milestone a range of activities is being planned at the Community Centre for the last weekend in June. The events begin on Friday 27th with an evening of lively gypsy-style music provided by Billy Thompson and his band from Bala.

The music will start at 7.30pm, and tickets are £20, including a BBQ supper - £10 for primary school children.

Then on Saturday morning 28th June there will be a 4x4 Drive around the area, leaving the Centre at 11am. A Grand Concert will be held on Saturday evening, starting at 7pm, and featuring the famous Pendyrus Male Choir from South Wales, with Guest Conductor Alwyn Humphreys and soprano soloist Jessica Robinson.

The President of Llanfair Show this year is Arwel Rees, who is also the current Chairman of Rhiwhiriaeth Community Centre.

To highlight this connection, Arwel has decided to host the President's Lunch at the centre on Sunday 29th June.

All the major events will take place in a large marquee alongside the Centre, but throughout the weekend there will be an exhibition in the main building to illustrate the history of the school and Centre. Contact Olive on 01938 810271 or Arwel on 0789 071 0153 or committee members for further details and tickets.

New Recycling Booking System needs Scrapping View from Russell George MS



Many will have heard about Powys County Council's controversial new recycling policy changes. I remain deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts these plans could have on residents, waste management, and the environment in our county.

The new changes, which came into effect on April 1 2025, now include the introduction of a pre-booking system for recycling centre slots, limiting visits to just 10 minutes per drop-off. Additionally, charges will be introduced for DIY waste disposal. I believe they will do much harm, and the Council could have addressed concerns that they had without bringing in requirements for having to book a time slot.

I raised my concerns with Powys County Council as soon as I heard about the proposed changes.

First and foremost, the introduction of a time limited appointment only system will create significant barriers for residents who wish to responsibly dispose of their waste.

It is not only inconvenient, but it could also be a deterrent for many people, especially those who are unfamiliar or

uncomfortable with the booking system. Most concerning is the potential for an increase in fly-tipping, a real risk when people can no longer access recycling centres in a straightforward and timely manner.

What makes this even more worrying is the fact that we are not alone in facing this issue. Just across the border in Shropshire a similar booking system for recycling centres was rolled out, but after receiving backlash from residents and businesses they decided to backtrack. This shows that such measures can and do have unintended consequences in practice.

Recently I raised these concerns with the Deputy First Minister, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, asking if he agreed that local authorities should be making it as easy as possible for people to recycle. The Deputy First Minister agreed and I hope his comments will encourage Powys County Council to reconsider their plans.

Wales is already a leader in recycling. However, the new measures in Powys risk undermining these efforts. Instead of creating obstacles, we should be removing any barriers that exist. Welsh Conservatives Powys County Councillors have also opposed the changes and attempted to submit motions to the Council calling for the booking system to be halted.

They share my concerns about increased fly-tipping and garden fires. They have also stressed that a one size fits all approach is unsuitable for a county as large as Powys. Despite the motion being rejected for debate, I'm going to continue working with Powys Conservatives County Councillors plus other Councillors who are also opposing the changes.

I remain hopeful that, with continued pressure, Powys County Council will reconsider its plans and work towards a solution that makes recycling easier for everyone.

Has it worked for you

A THANK YOU FROM Cllr Hazel Davies

Hazel wishes to say thank you to all the community concerns, good wishes, cards and gifts relating to her recent fall which was frustrating.

Thank you all very much.

Hazel

80 years since VE day



After the laying of wreaths in memory of those who gave their lives in WWII all went to the Town Beacon where the national proclamation was read and the beacon lit by Cllr Rob Astley Chair of the Town Council.

The Royal British Legion with the Town Council led the community in remembering 80 years since Victory in Europe Day.

Wreaths were laid by Steve Witherden MP, Cllr Gareth Jones County Councillor, Cllr Melvin Jones Llanfair Town Council and the Veterans at the War Memorial.



Cadvan hangs up his boots



After approx. 4 decades of public service to the community of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council Cadvan Evans has decided to hang up his boots and retire.

The Councillors and Town Clerk thank Cadvan for his sterling service which has been proactive during his whole time on the Council.

He will continue to support the town events and continue with his amazing work with the Rally world which brings so much to the community.



DERI WOODS & THE GOAT FIELD

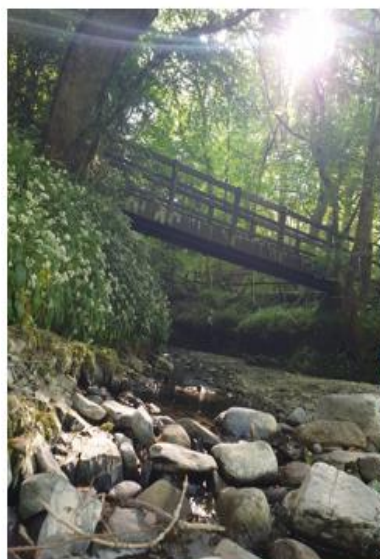
Llanfair Caereinion is blessed with a wonderful area of woodland with riverside walks, places to sit and for children to play.

A good place to take your dog for a walk or just enjoy the wildlife, trees and flowers.

The woods are in the High Street accessed by foot just along from the Old Police Station or via the car park slightly further down towards Melin Y Ddol.

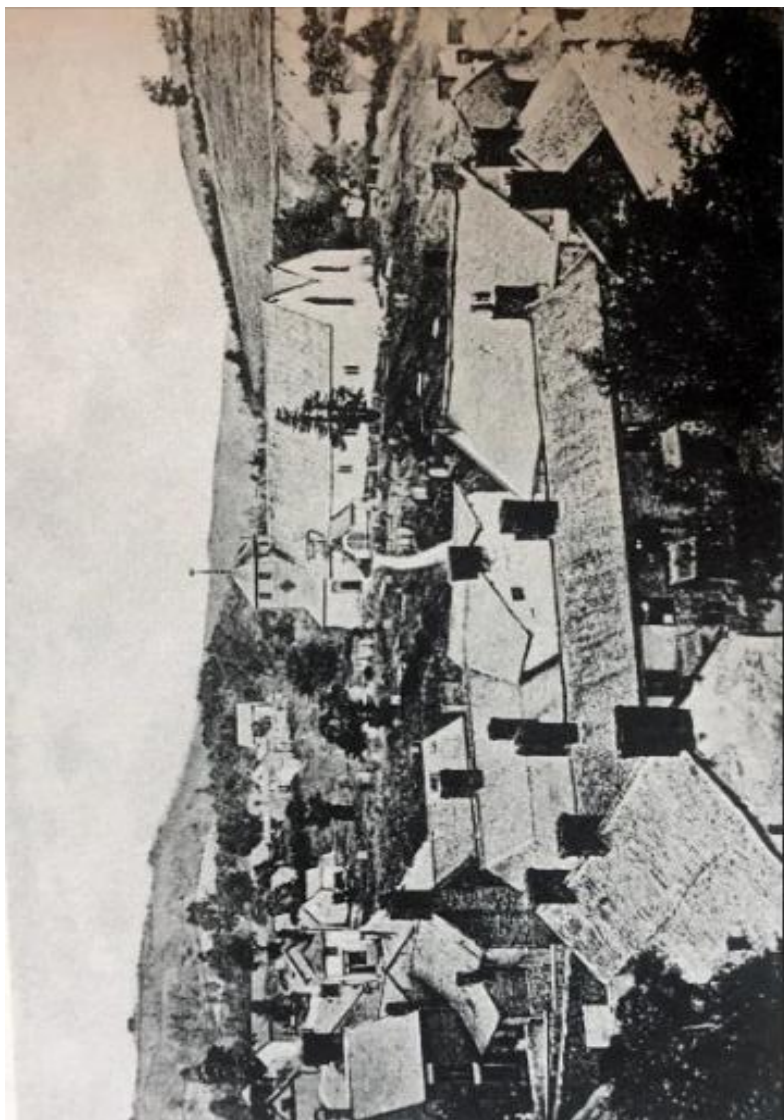
Here are some pictures of the woods taken recently.





BYGONE DAYS

Llanfair Caereinion 80 years ago



CAN YOU SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PICTURES



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Cllr Ian Davies Independent 01938 810602	Vacant
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

Your County Councillor is Cllr Gareth Jones (details above)

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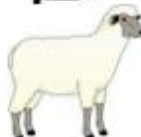
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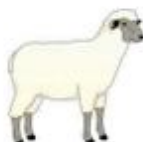
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Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

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- 1) Mount Field (clubhouse wall)
- 2) High Street (telephone box)
- 3) Watgate 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) Rhiwhiriaeth village halln (outside)

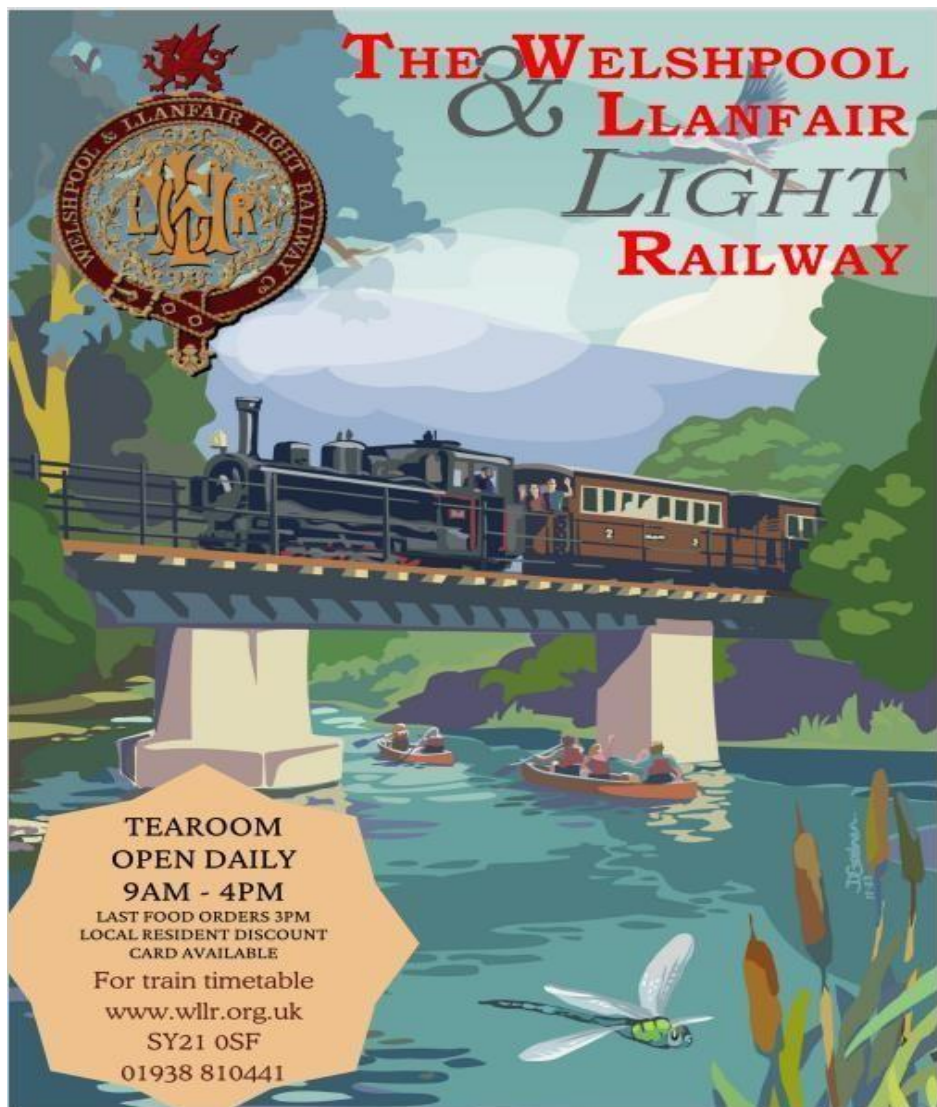
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- 4) Sgwâr y Farchnad (tafarn y Llew Du)
- 5) Canolfan Hamdden (wal allanol)
- 6) Y Feddygfa (y tu mewn)
- 7) Yr Athrofa (yng nghefn yr adeilad)
- 8) Canolfan Rhiwhiriaeth (yu allan)

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
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