

CAEREINION CHRONICLE



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The Council hope you enjoyed the first edition and will look forward in receiving this next edition of the Chronicle.

Since the first edition we have had the Remembrance Service and we would like to thank all individuals and organisations that attended the service. The sight of them all coming together for such an important national day does focus on the strong community we have in Llanfair and the surrounding rural areas.

The Christmas Lights will brighten up the town with the opening held on the evening of the 3rd December. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who help with the organisation and also for putting the wonderful displays up in the windows over the Christmas period. These lights brighten up our lives and as someone who lives in a rural area 4 miles away, I really enjoy coming into Town during the Christmas period seeing the wonderful displays.

The Town Council was conscious on how to engage with the public in giving them up to date information on events in our area and this is how the Chronicle was created. There is a limited supply of hard copies but the Chronicle is available on our Town Council Website www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk . Our Facebook page also gives information on events and happenings for people who use social media.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the Chronicle and long may you continue to give us information and items of interest to be published in the future.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i pawb.

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Cllr. Wyn Williams, Chairman



St Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church is on a site that appears early medieval, and it is claimed that a church has been in evidence there since the eleventh century at the latest. It first appears in the historical record in 1239.

Although St. Mary's was demolished and rebuilt by Edward Haycock in 1868, much of the original geometric plan was maintained, with a continuous nave and chancel incorporating the vestry, west tower, north aisle and south porch. In addition, a great deal of early material was incorporated into the rebuilt structure; the south porch can be dated to the early thirteenth century, and although the font has proven difficult to date, it appears to be from the same period. The timber roof structure is of the fifteenth century, with some original timber beams apparently carved. The stone effigy of a knight, Dafydd ap Gruffyd Vychan, dates to approximately 1400. To the northeast of the churchyard is St. Mary's Well, (NPRN 32455) which was believed to have been pre-Christian to have had curative powers.

The church is built primarily from grey quarried sandstone blocks, with pink and yellow sandstone dressings. Until 1884 the tower was a timber construction on a stonework base, but was replaced with a stone 3-stage tower by A.E. Lloyd Oswell in 1885.

Source: Cadw Listed Building Record

LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

TOWN REFURB



The town has seen its stage one refurbishment completed with the finger posts, benches and railings painted. More will be included in phase II which will take place early spring

CHURCH LIGHTING



The church lights have been replaced with LED which reduces cost and our carbon footprint. The first use of the colour mode was for Remembrance when St Marys Church was lit in red.

TOWN PLAN



The Town Plan has been adopted with an Action Plan attached. The Plan can be found on the Town Council Website at www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk
Or you can get a copy from the Library or the Town Council Office.
The plan will be monitored annually.

DEFIBRILLATORS



A Defibrillator Plan has been completed for the Town. There are to be four placed at Mount Field, Market Square and the Telephone Box in the High Street. The fourth one is installed and working in the telephone box at the top of Watergate Street.

YOUTH COUNCIL



The first Youth Council meeting has been held with the youngsters considering a Youth Plan for the Town. The members of the Youth Council will be consulting their colleagues in the school before finalising a plan for Town Council approval. This is a great step forward in ensuring a voice for the young in the Town.

PLAY IN LLANFAIR



The Council has approved £20,000 to upgrade the playground at Glanyafron with new equipment. To support this 50% of the cost is provided by grant aid from the Awards for All Wales. It is hoped the scheme will be completed by spring 2022.

COMMUNITY AWARDS



The Community Awards for 2021 will be presented at the Christmas Lights on Friday 3rd December at around 6.30pm in the Market Square.

The awards are for people who have been nominated for their good deeds in Llanfair Caereinion.

COUNCIL OFFICES



The Council Offices at the Institute will be open for visitors on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm during the 3rd & 17th December and all Fridays in January. Other times by appointment by calling 07767 267830 or email Llanfairownclerk@mail.com



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LLANFAIR CAEREINION CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Friday 3rd December at 6.30pmm

Market Square

Father Christmas

Carol singing

Lights switch on by the Town Crier

Grand draw

Community Award Presentation

Church to be in colour for Christmas

Catering

Everyone is welcome

FROM BYGONE YEARS - Llanfair Caereinion Primary School 1946



Left to right

Back Row – Miss Mills (Teacher), Graham Whiffen, Ron Williams, Maurice Jones, Sid Pryce, Glyn Chambers, Gron Bumford, Doug Price & Miss Jean Goodman (student Teacher)

Middle Row – Brian Davies, Henry Jones, Clive Barker, Glenys Davies, Anne Jones, Mona Jones, Brian Evans, John Parkes & Tony Richards

Front Row – Gwen Jones, Viola Evans, Gwyneth Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Myra Bebb, Eluned Thomas & Dilys Davies

Picture provided by Cllr Viola Evans

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Christmas Toy/Gift Appeal 2021

As Christmas fast approaches during these difficult times, vulnerable families need your support. Montgomery Family Crisis Centre help support men, women and children experiencing or affected by domestic abuse. Most families arrive with very little.

I'm collecting unwrapped
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Poetry Corner

My attempts at poetry started out with writing rude verses in my girlfriend's birthday and Christmas cards, although I had read poetry for many years before I was brave enough to try writing some myself.

Most of my work is inspired by the lovely landscape, that I miss daily, around mid-Wales., and the sad demise of the small family farms, that were once the backbone of our country.

Some friends suggested I put a collection together, which I did last year, entitled, Tales from A Dark Meadow. The RABS receive a donation from every sale.

The poem about my first car, The Mini Van, did not make the collection, however, it may make my second attempt at a collection which I hope to produce next year. If anybody had to swerve to avoid me, when rallying my way up to Cefn Coch, I humbly apologise.....

Neil.

THE MINI VAN.

In racing green, it shone like new,
Around the country lanes we flew,
Up to Borth on a summer day,
Or carrying a few odd bales of hay,
To Cefn Coch most Friday night's,
Passengers screaming with delight,
They laughed and cursed with racing hearts,
This van made from just essential parts,
That Mini van, my Cadillac,
Beer crates and cushions strewn in the back,
All the speeding and near misses,
Dances, parties, late night kisses,
Home at dawn in a sleepy haze,
Rear doors rattling on frosty days,
She'd get me home up that steep hill,
God, I wish I had her still,
All those memories packed inside,
I wonder where she finally died,
That Mini van, my favourite car,
PNM 286R.

By Neil Andrew

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Harvest Supper

On Friday 24th September, the Llanfair support group for the Severn Hospice organised a very successful Harvest Supper and entertainment in the Institute, Llanfair. All the food was prepared by the lady members of the committee, the bar was provided by COBRA and entertainment was by the Singing Farmer, John Hughes. A grand total of £2,500 was raised on the evening, much needed funds for the Hospice. The committee wish to thank everyone who supported the event, the raffle prizes and for the many very generous donations received



Charity Walk

In October, Cllr. Ursula Griffiths walked 100km in France and Belgium, over the battlefields of WW1, in memory of those who lost their lives. This is the second time this feat has been accomplished; the first in 2018, and in 2019 she completed a similar walk along the Normandy Beaches. She is self-funded and has raised £4743 for The Army Benevolent Fund. It is her intention to return in 2022 and if anyone would like to sponsor her, the link is:



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Men Walking and Talking is a non judgmental safe space for men to get together and end the stigma around mens mental health by supporting each other. If anyone is struggling in life then come discuss it Fridays in a safe non judgemental way.

REPORT FROM GARETH JONES COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR LLANFAIR CAEREINION

ALL AGE SCHOOL

Ysgol Bro Caereinion has been chosen as the new name for the all age dual stream school.

I'd like to thank all pupils from all the schools in the Caereinion catchment area who put forward ideas for the name. We will now be approaching schools again for ideas for the new logo. We are currently in the process of appointing a Head Teacher. The all age new school will open in September 2022.

TOWN ROADS

I am delighted that at long last the resurfacing works within the town have been completed, many thanks to everyone who cooperated with the moving of cars and the patience shown over the two weeks.

There are still roads that need attention, and I will be pushing hard to see this work carried out in the new financial year capital work programme.

MOUNT ROAD

Powys highways will monitor the repairs made to the drains over the coming months and will look to resurface once they are satisfied there are no further problems relating to surface water.

PLAYGROUNDS

Progress has been made regarding playgrounds within Llanfair, the Town Council are proposing to spend £20k refurbishing Glan yr Afon . Thanks to the Town Council it has been established that the play area in Parc yr Onen is owned by the developer, we have proposed a meeting with them and Powys to discuss options for new play equipment top end of Town.

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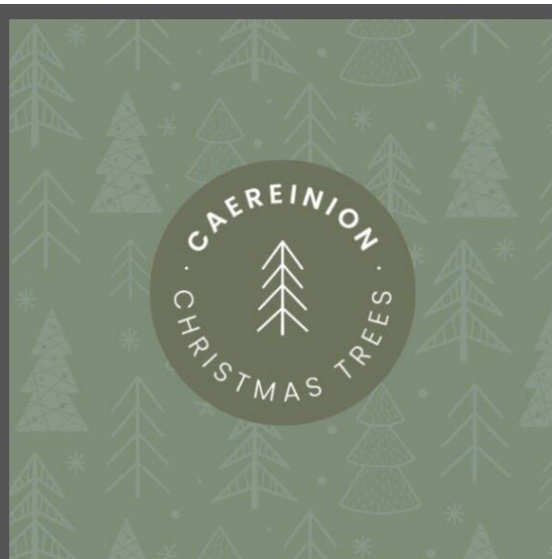
I have had a meeting with several residents who have raised a number of concerns, these concerns have been brought to the attention of Powys officers. I will do everything I can to make sure local people have priority when allocating homes.

HEALTH CENTRE

Planning permission is still to be submitted but the developer assures me they will be submitting a full application in the next few weeks.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year, let's hope in 2022 Covid is less disruptive.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns that you wish to raise on 01938810296 or cllr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk



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W.I.

Llanfair Caereinion WI met on the second Thursday in October and visited The Andrew Logan Museum of Modern Sculpture in Berriew.

After an informative talk we were able to view all the exhibits in the museum including his famous mirrored jewellery. Some of us even got to try on The Alternative Miss World crown designed by Andrew for a competition conceived and organised by him.

Our meeting in November was a ghost walk in Newtown followed by a meal. We will be enjoying our Christmas meal on the second Thursday in December.

New members always welcome. For details contact Carol 01938 810915.

Diolch i bawb sydd wedi cyfrannu at y Chronicle a hir y byddwch chi i gyd yn parhau i roi gwybodaeth ac eitemau o ddiddordeb inni sydd i'w cyhoeddi yn y dyfodol.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Chronicle and long may you all continue to give us information and items of interest to be published in the future.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you wish to submit an article in the bi-monthly newsletter please contact either

Cllr Ursula Griffiths on ursulagriffiths1953@gmail.com
or Robert Robinson Town Clerk at Llanfairtownclerk@mail.com

From St Mary's Church



Many of you will already know me as a former teacher in Caereinion High School leaving in 2013, after being ordained as a priest, to become Vicar of the Meifod Parishes. In 2016 I become Mission Area Leader overseeing all the local churches alongside a team of clergy. Since Fr Kushi's departure to take up a post in Stafford I have now become Vicar of Llanfair as well.

Like all churches St Mary's has suffered greatly because of the pandemic, but is now beginning to open its doors again and provide a place of quiet and sanctuary for the local community. Despite the pandemic it has still been possible to welcome

people at significant times in their lives, such as weddings and christenings and walk alongside people in times of sadness, such as bereavement. For many of you St Mary's has been a special place and we would love to welcome you again to be part of our church family. Jesus spent his time building up relationships, spending time with his friends, talking to people about God and his involvement with the world and teaching them about our relationship with the world and the people living in it. My vision for the church here is that it could be the place to come and meet people, to explore the Christian Faith and to find support and comfort during life's tough times.

Over the coming weeks I would love to invite people to drop in and share a cup of tea and a piece of cake with me and enjoy the peace of the church building, 2pm every Tuesday starting on 9th November. Come and talk to me about what church means to you and how we can best keep St Mary's alive and her for generations to come.

We are also planning several events and activities to celebrate Christmas, such as a Nativity Festival and times remembering those who will not be with us this Christmas.

St Mary's is YOUR church and we would love you to be part of our family here.

I look forward to seeing you over a cup of tea soon.





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Excerpts from newsletter of Russell George

Powys continues to have the highest first and second dose vaccination rates of all health boards in Wales. 91.1% of people aged 18+ have had their first dose and 88.9% have received their second dose.

I have had concerns raised about letters going out in a timely way to update residents on their booster appointments, and have taken this up with the health board and health minister.

I have been a long-time advocate for a community banking model supported by Government and have been vocal in my support for Banc Cambria who want to introduce physical banks into local communities that supply everyday retail banking services.

Whilst banks have pointed out the increased use of online banking, there remains a strong need for the presence of high street banks.

I recently pressed the Welsh Government on what it has been doing to support community banking because I am keen to keep campaigning to see face-to-face banking services on our high streets once again.

Bank branch closures have had such a detrimental impact for communities and customers, especially those who are elderly and disabled, but there are also wider implications for local businesses.

It will require Government intervention and support for a community banking model that would see physical banks opening once again on our High Streets.

Protecting our natural environment, climate change and biodiversity loss will be the defining issue of our time and I am pleased to have been invited as a delegate to the COP26 Conference in Glasgow in my capacity as Chair of the Senedd's Health Committee.

This Saturday, I will also be attending an event to receive petitions from Climate Action Newtown, who are holding an event in the town centre to mark the mid-point of the COP26 conference. Between 10.30am and 11.30am, there will be information tables in Bear Lanes (near High Street entrance) which will explain the purpose of Climate Action Newtown and will also have information about e-bikes, Newtown's



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Friday 3rd December 7 to 9pm at the Leisure Centre

Tues 7th December 7 to 9pm at the Leisure Centre

Thur 9th December 7pm to 9pm at the Leisure Centre

Fri 10th December 7pm to 9pm at the Leisure Centre

Sat 11th December 10 to 12 noon at the Institute

Sat 11th December 1pm to 3pm at the Institute

Tel 017981 824405 - £10 secures booking

Christmas Centre Piece Workshops

Friday 17th December 7-9pm at the Institute

Sat 18th December 10-12noon at the Institute

Knit and Natter

15th December, 20th January and 17th February. The Institute from 10am to 12noon. Contact Shirley 07866 350554.

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Cllr Ceri Stephens – 01938 810625

Robert Robinson Town Clerk – 07767 267830

Council Meetings:

Mondays 13th December 2021 and 24th January 2022

All meetings are held in the Youth Room of the Institute Bridge Street Llanfair Caereinion

Agenda and Minutes on the Website at

Website www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk or call in the Office open most Friday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm.

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