

‘Dragonfest’ 08 Saturday 13th September

The sun shone on Dragonfest 2008.

Nearly £3,000, after costs, raised for Air Ambulance and the Old School Hall.

After heavy rain the night before, Dragonfest turned out to be one of the finest days of the year, in every way. Estimates of well over 1,300 people turned out to enjoy the Dragons and the fun and delights of Llandyssil. For the first time the event was centred on the Old School Field which turned out to be a tremendous success. Dragonfest field was full of people from the official opening at 1pm until the last note of ‘Feel The Needs’ encore at 7.15. Nearly £3,000 was raised after costs, with £270 of this going to the Air Ambulance. The event would not have been such a success without the support of everyone who lives in ‘Llandyssil – Home of Dragonfest’.

Three colourful processional Chinese dragons made and ‘operated’ by primary schools in Abermule, Forden and Montgomery – Montgomery won first prize - were the focus of the opening procession, which was led by Sue Blower, Town Crier of Montgomery in full regalia and with bell, and Stan Davies on the big drum. Leaving the Upper House pub at 12.45, the procession stretched throughout the village, watched by many sleeping and often scary village dragons, and then toured the Dragonfest field. At 1pm, Dragonfest was officially opened with a mighty Dragon’s Roar by Martin Hamer. The local band, the Dyssil Boys, then provided a rousing start to the day’s events followed by Tai Chi and Line Dancing displays on the grass field; all seemed to find favour with the large audience.

‘The Oscars’ duck races sold out – and the brook was full enough to provide a fearsome contest.

‘Stories in the Teepee’, outside the Hall, were well attended with additional stories having to be laid on.

Renderings of Puff the Magic Dragon were heard as Dragonfesters sought out the Singing Dragons

The adventurous braved the Pillory or had their photographs taken with ‘Dyss the other magic dragon’

A stream of people tried out their skill on the Archery Field, with several joining up with Hafren Archery club.

The Hall provided non stop teas and biscuits to very satisfied customers and St. Tysills ’Church was peopled by those looking at Parish records from 1689, smiling at the Dragon’s Lair, buying bric a brac, having certificates made, or just enjoying the wonderful building.

The Dragonfest field had been laid out during the week, and tents and stalls and stage had started being erected the night before, with great activity on the morning of the day itself.

Prior to the official Dragonfest opening there was a Boot Sale on the adjacent field with bootsellers arriving in the early morning sun from 6am. A dedicated team was on hand to handle cars and parking. Di and Wynne Jones plus Jane Vaughn Jones supplied bacon butties, which also provided much needed sustenance to those ‘setting up’ in the next door field.

When the Dragon’s Roar was heard the field was crowded. To the sound of the Dyssil Boys, everyone then headed for the stalls selling cakes, bottles, local produce, all manner of jewellery, framing, art, wooden items for the garden, haberdashery and Dragonfest products – bags, tea towels, badges, Dragon hats and Dragonfest mugs. Even though the weather was fine, there was a good trade in Dragon umbrellas. Indoor games were played and refreshments and smoothies at ‘Oscars Café’ enjoyed. The Dairy Dreams ice cream cart did record business.

Prizes and certificates - Best village Dragon – Sharon and Nigel Hughes; Runners Up Best Village -Charlie Vaughn Jones, and Jo and Paul Osborne. Most Innovative Dragon – Rosie and Brian Cooper; Runners Up Mick and Pam Brewer and Rachel (Ray) Parkes. Best Dressed Dragon went to the ‘tandem’ and Best Dressed Dragon under 5 Charlotte Newbold (Oak House) – were announced by Glyn Davies, Conservative candidate at the next election.. Allan Jones won Guess the Cake. Baby Face was jointly won, but separately, by brothers, Adrian and Nigel Hughes! Some prizes/certificates still need to be collected from Malt House.

The Oscar’s winner was baby Ciaran Murray. Tina won Name that Field (prize donated by Cllr Wynne Jones) , with the most popular vote for ‘Dragon Field’, followed by ‘The Bronx’ and ‘The Land That Time Forgot’. The Treasure Map Champagne went to Arthur Owen. The Catapult prize to Gerald Jones and Name that Doll to Abbi Spalding who guessed the name ‘Rosa’. There were seventeen winning raffle tickets.

All eyes were on the ‘Tyssil Arena’ as the Llandyssil Olympics got underway. Catapulting, sheep cratch races and egg lobbing all provided hilarious moments for both crowd and participants but it was the raw leek eating competition which brought tears to everyone’s eyes – especially the six good men and true who had volunteered to take part. Chunky Phil Jones out ate Big John, Rooz (Gareth), young Rhys, Dafto and Martin to take the coveted title.

Before the eagerly anticipated Tug of War, ‘Organised Chaos’ entertained the crowd with an excellent set of contemporary music as a number of races for youngsters took place.

The Fathers and Sons Tug of War caused many thrills and spills – with the sons winning, all was not fair in love and war! And then came the needle match as Llandyssil met Abermule in the final. Llandyssil won the first pull, then Abermule the next. It looked as though the team nearest the Hall – pulling slightly up hill - had the short straw and Llandyssil had that position in the clincher. However, with the support of a very biased commentator, and after one

or two nail biting moments, Llandyssil gained the upper hand and pulled Abermule across the mark to a roar of adulation almost worthy of Anfield.

As the Dragonroast was efficiently served to a queue that snaked almost out of the gate, Feel the Need's professional performance of classic soul, funk and rock and roll filled the air and had feet tapping and others boogieing on the grass. As the clock chimed seven and the red sun sank behind the hill, cries of more, more instigated a final encore of 'Mustang Sally' as a perfect day drew to a close. Puff and the Llandyssil dragons slipped into their caves for another year. Dragonfest day was done '*and a splendid time was had by all*'.

Dragonfest would not have been so successful without the help and support of many people. Particular thanks go to Dave Hamer for the use of his equipment which functioned perfectly throughout the day, to Allan and Gwyneth Jones for the use of the fields, to the Bakery, to the Church, and to everyone who made Dragons, baked cakes, built the stage, took part in processions, danced, cut hedges, cleaned the Brook, lent and erected tents and helped clear up, manned stalls, directed traffic, provided power, supplied salads, carved the Dragon (tastes like pork) and served food - and to all the villagers, parishioners and sponsors who took part and provided their help and support. There are far too many names to thank everyone individually- but we can all pat ourselves on the back for a fantastic day.

Photographs by Joyce Jones (01686 610564 – joycejonesphotography.co.uk – if you want copies - and by Lee Waite – thank you.

In 2009, Dragonfest will be on Saturday 12th September.

Visit of Bishop John

Bishop John of St Asaph, Archdeacon John Thelwell of Berriew and Alex Glanville, Head of Property Services at the Church in Wales attended a Harvest Festival in St. Tyssil's Church, Llandyssil at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 24th September. The service included a formal exchange of the new 25 year lease on the Old School Hall. In his sermon Bishop John said how pleased he was to be in Llandyssil and that now was a time of 'hope and reconciliation'. The harvest anthems had been chosen by the groups that use the Hall and the Church resounded to the lusty singing of nine uplifting and rousing hymns. Around 100 people attended the event and the excellent harvest supper in the Hall afterwards. The Archdeacon thanked the Churchwardens and all those who had worked so hard to make the evening such a success. It was a splendid occasion.

Llandyssil Old School Hall

Work on roof to start on Monday 6th October

Work will start on the main roof, part of Phase 1 of the Hall renovation project, during the week starting Monday 6th October. Phase 1 includes re-slating and other work on the main Hall roof, the opening up of the raftered Hall ceiling and associated works, and the replacement of the flat kitchen roof.

The external work on the main roof will be undertaken first and is expected to take between three and four weeks to complete. Hall users, especially those in the week day daytime, have been advised they may need to move in view of noise and ongoing works. The Church has kindly offered its facilities to groups that use the Hall during this period. The Hall toilets will still be available to those that use the Church. As the false ceiling is not being taken down at this stage or the flat roof replaced, evening or weekend users should not be affected – if they are willing to brave the scaffolding.

The internal works, the removal of the false ceiling in the Hall and replacement of the kitchen roof will take place in January/February. The Hall will therefore be out of use in February – all Hall users will be kept fully advised when dates are finalised. All works have to be completed by end February.

Prior to giving the instruction for work to commence, a bat survey was undertaken; although there are many pipistrelles in the vicinity none were found to be living in the Hall. The swifts have gone.

The objective is to complete the next stage - Phase 2 - hopefully in 2009. Estimates for the work are now being prepared. This will include a new floor, the installation of an environmentally sound under floor heating system, and, if budgets allow, renovation of the windows, to provide better insulation, and the repair and reinstatement of the first line of panelling. Phase 3 – the remaining works connected with toilets, kitchen and storage areas will be undertaken as funds allow.

Although the lease requires the work to be completed by September 2018, the Hall Trustees hope to complete the programme of renovation and improvement within five years.

All documentation regarding the 25 year lease has now been completed and signed.

Thank you

Thanks go to Margaret and Simon at The Upper House and to Alan Jefferies and the T'ai Chi class and to Dave Hamer and the Llandyssil Stompers for their generous contributions to the Hall restoration fund.

St. Tyssil's Church News

Archdeacon John Thelwell of Berriew will soon be advertising for a new vicar for the parishes of Montgomery, Forden and Llandyssil. It is hoped that interviews can be arranged fairly soon if there are suitable applications.

Following a recent Parochial Church Council Meeting it was agreed to arrange a meeting between the PCC and the architect as a follow up for a faculty application for a disabled toilet and a refreshment bar in the Church.

The Church has its annual **Coffee Morning** booked in the Town Hall, Montgomery on Saturday 22nd November. Any donations or produce will be gratefully received.

A carol concert is to be held in the Church on Saturday 6th December with a **Christmas Tree Festival**. Several people will be approached to take part in the

concert and it is hoped that organisations that use the Old school will support the Church by supplying and decorating a tree.

Community News

Report from your County Councillor.

Most constituents will have noted that I have been hitting the headlines in recent weeks regarding issues over the proposed Wind Farm development programme for Powys. This is a huge issue and it is vitally important I feel, that the public are fully informed. Current information would suggest that highway network in the Severn Valley could be affected every weekday for a period of 6 –10 years, as we try and accommodate over 6,000 abnormal loads, many 4.3m wide and up to 54m in length. In addition there would be many thousands more journeys by other construction traffic. This could damage our road network, affect the workings of the natural economy and could have a great affect of the communities of the area. If the main trunk road is closed, traffic will have to take alternative routes and that will be to use any other road that is available, mostly lesser roads through communities like ours.

There is a further problem and that is getting the power out of the area, should the proposed developments succeed. The current grid connections are poor and currently have no spare capacity, and the 1989 Electricity Act encourages a ‘piecemeal’ approach, which could result in several separate power lines being constructed.

I have been responsible for a letter going to Welsh Assembly Government requesting a meeting to discuss the foregoing problems and the relevant Ministers have agreed to meet and that meeting will take place in Cardiff on 14th October. Hopefully that meeting will allow us to make Ministers aware of the potential problems that this huge development programme may cause for us in Powys and hopefully they will assist us in a positive way.

The other item much in the news is the switching off of the street lights. It has been decided to switch off 2 out of every 3 street lights (where possible) in Powys in order to save money and reduce the carbon footprint. The potential savings this financial year is £225,000 and in a full year twice that. With the news that WAG will not be giving any increase in the funding for next year (in spite of inflation being 4.7per cent and energy costs have soared) it means the Council will be at least £5 million short for the next financial year. With constituents also feeling the ‘pinch’ having to endure the same increased energy and fuel costs, higher food prices and higher mortgages, an above inflation increase in the level of Community Charge is therefore not affordable, leaving the Council with no option but to look for other ways of balancing the budget. The switch off, of streetlights will make savings equivalent to 1per cent on your Community Charge.

Wynne Jones

Elected Member Powys County Council-Dolforwyn Ward.

County Council News

Power lines

Public consultation meetings were held in August in both Abermule and Montgomery at which displays of the proposed power line route corridor to transport power from the enlarged wind farm at Llandinum to Welshpool was shown on charts and maps. One proposed route passes to the south and west of Llandyssil before going towards Forden. Following the meetings, Manweb is now investigating a number of possible route amendments. Once this work is finalised Manweb intends to hold further exhibitions in late November to present what it regards as the final preferred route corridor.

The project is bound up with wind farm development and associated issues related to transport and abnormal loads requiring road closures over a long period – see County Councillor's report above.

Flood Plain

Details of changes to the Flood Plain are expected to be announced shortly.

Street Lighting

Under the new policy two out of every three street lights will not be turned on throughout Powys. Implementation has started in Radnor and will come to Montgomeryshire within the next few months.

Water main

A new water main is to be laid between Newtown and Green Lane. Work will start in the Autumn.

Road works

Work to widen the main A483 at the north end junction to Abermule/Llandyssil will start in early October and will last around six weeks. The purpose of the work is to make the right turn off the A483 from Newtown safer and to encourage those travelling from Llandyssil, Forden and Montgomery not to travel through Abermule. A traffic light system will be in operation while the work is carried out. .

Community Council

The minutes of meetings of the Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council/Cyngor Cymuned Abermule Gyda Llandysul are displayed on the Bakery notice board in Llandysill and in Abermule village Shop and at <http://www.abermulewithllandyssilcommunitycouncil.org.uk> Do check out the Community Council website as it contains a great deal of interesting information.

The next meetings, both in Abermule Community Centre, are on Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 19th November. There is no meeting in December. Meetings start at 7pm

Members (all 01686 numbers unless stated otherwise)

Chair, Cllr Gwyneth Jones, Lane House, Llandyssil - Tel: 668216

Vice Chair, Cllr Brian Williams, Maesgwaelod, Green Lane - Tel : 07970 427514

Cllr Alan Backhouse, Perelandra. Llandyssil – Tel :669963
Cllr Gwen Cooper, School House, Llandyssil – Tel : 668104
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Cllr Tim Halford, Malt House, Llandyssil – Tel : 668180
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Update on road improvements

Discussions still continue with Church in Wales concerning the construction of a passing place on the main entrance road into the village.

Play Area.

A new path to the gate to the play area on the Brooklyn Green, connecting to the roadway, has now been completed.

Green

The more regular mowing service for the Village Green has generated many positive comments.

Medical issues

A number of concerns have been raised with Community Council members about a) the length of time it takes to see a doctor - two weeks or longer is not acceptable, b) the role of triage nurses and c) occasional difficulty in getting through to Shropdoc. If you have a concern you should write to the Community Health Council, Ladywell House, Newtown (01686 627632) who have an obligation to follow up all complaints.

Village News

Village Website

A village website is being built – www.llandyssil-powys.co.uk – which will include details of events, sports, notices etc. It is hoped to be in place before Christmas. www.dragonfest-llandyssil.co.uk has also been registered.

Llandyssil Walking Group

Following a meeting organised by Cllr Wynne Jones last Spring to try to find ways to have Llandyssil and Abermule made priority areas for Council attention, the Llandyssil Walking Group has been actively working to open up a number of circular walks and Public Rights of Way in the Parish. Four led walks have now been held and reports sent in to Powys County Council and the Ramblers Association.

In early September, Victoria Tombs, the new Council Rights of Way area officer for South Montgomeryshire confirmed that “Llandyssil will be the next priority area.

However, works are still currently ongoing in and around Churchstoke and therefore, we will not be able to commence works in Llandyssil until some time in the spring.” As a first step Powys County Council have asked a consultant to prepare draft orders for four locations in Llandyssil - Pinion, Henfron, Cwm Badarn and Lower Bryntalch – it is understood to try to move paths away from working farmyards This is really good news and a tribute to everyone who has supported the programme and made representation to Powys County Council

With the grant from Sports Council Wales, a walks notice board has been positioned on the Llandyssil bus shelter and as the routes of walks from the village are agreed they will be placed on a large scale map and detailed in an accompanying leaflet. A number of finger posts have also been financed from the grant and will be put in place shortly.

An extension to the Public Right of Way has been agreed to enable the footpath which starts at the gate between the Church and Old School Hall and connects to the Abermule - Montgomery road to connect to the village road at the War Memorial.

There is a lot of interest within the village. Do contact Lynn Davies (668247) or John Billington (668619) if you would like to be involved in this project. Everyone is welcome.

Next led walks –

Llandyssil – Saturday 25th October and Saturday 29th November. Meet at 2pm at bus shelter. Everyone is welcome.

Abermule Walking Group – see Abermule Newsletter or call Diane Jones on 630655 for details

Home Watch

A Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meeting was held at Abermule Community Centre at 7.30 on Thursday 17th July to enable the police to provide information on current initiatives and hear the views of local residents. **The next meeting will be in Abermule on Thursday 20th November between 7 and 9pm.**

Heating oil – there are increases in theft of oil from commercial vehicles and oil storage tanks. Please ensure tanks are locked or tanks are hidden or hard to reach.

Bobby Van scheme – this is a **free** home security system for the over 60s and vulnerable and disabled people in the area. Bobby Van carries out a free survey and fits window and door locks, spy holes, door chains etc. **Call 01267 226468** or e-mail anna.lewis@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

Mail Preference Service – to remove your name from 95 per cent of direct mail lists – **Call 0845 7034 599**

TPS – the **telephone preference service** is the central opt out register on which you can record your preference not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing telephone calls on your home or mobile numbers – **Call 0845 0700 707**

Silentcall-gard – to stop it when you pick up the phone and there is no-one at the other end or a computer is calling – *Call 0870 444 3969*

The police would also like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer **Neighbourhood Watch** coordinators for Llandyssil. If anyone is interested please contact the neighbourhood policing team on newtownruralnpt@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or call 0845 330 2000 ext 51608 and ask for the neighbourhood policing team at Newtown

Village announcements

The celebrations to mark the marriage of Paula and Martin lasted nearly a month with a reputedly alcohol free week of parties in Cyprus and culminating in an excellent evening of bacchanalian revelry in Abermule Community Centre in early September.

And congratulations to Andrew Lloyd on reaching 40

It was with great sadness that the village heard of the death of David Hamer in August. A very well attended wake was held in Abermule Community Centre, following his funeral.

And our thoughts go to the family and friends of Brian Harris of Church Pitch who died in the summer after a long illness

Please phone or e-mail the editor with any village announcements which should be considered for inclusion.

Bus service

The bus service is now being operated by Veolia/Tanat Valley Travel (01792 851569) – see times below. To check either call above number, see transport section of Powys County Council website – www.powys.gov.uk or call Welsh transport information centre on 0871 200 2233 giving your post code.

Tuesday/Thursday – departs from the Upper House pub

Leave Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1037

Arrive at Newtown Bus Station at 1054

Leave Newtown Bus Station at 1255

Arrive at Llandyssil Green/Upper House at 1312

Mobile Library

The mobile library comes to Llandyssil village - Brooklyn at 2.30 pm and Upper House at 2.45 pm - on FRIDAYS fortnightly. – 10/24 October, 7/21 November, 5/19 December

Other useful numbers

Dial a ride – 622566

Doctors' Surgery Montgomery - 668217

Newtown Police Station - 08453 302000

Reports on village activities

Hall Management Committee Meetings – EVERYONE IS WELCOME – all meetings start at 7.30 – Wednesday October 21st – Please note date change. Tuesday November 18^{th*} and Tuesday 16th December (*may be held in the Church)

For Hall bookings – contact Lee Waite on 01686 668180 or Maz Ralph on 01686 668927.

Regular meetings

In view of the Hall renovation programme, please check where meetings will be held. Several meetings – Brownies, Tai chi, Upholstery, Management Committee, Youth Club - may transfer to the Church while the Hall roof is being renewed. As the Church has no toilet facilities access to the Hall toilets will be maintained.

Brownies – craft, badges, fun and games for 7- 10 year olds - meets from 4 pm to 5.30 every Thursday until October 23rd, when sadly Tina retires. If anyone is willing to replace her please let her know. (Tina Warburton tel : 668003).

Line Dancing – every Monday at 7.30 (Dave Hamer djhhamer@hotmail.com tel : 668303). A recent demonstration for the cubs at Abermule went well and the line dancers wowed the crowds at Dragonfest. There is a fancy dress party at Argae Hall on Halloween night – come along.

Women's Institute – The WI meets in the Old School Hall at 7.30 pm on the third THURSDAY of each month apart from August. If you are interested do come along and join us – be sure of a warm welcome. (Maire Hewitt tel : 668490).

LADIES - Llandyssil W.I.needs you! Due to a gradual decline in numbers, your W.I.(established 1953,) may not be able to survive beyond 2009.

If you have a spare Thursday evening once a month, come and join us. Phone Christine 669963 or Lynne 668760 for more details. IT'S NOT ALL JAM & JERUSALEM!

Youth Club - every Friday from 6.30 - 8pm. (Sarah Hughes tel 668176 or Stan Davies tel: 668247). The Llandyssil Youth Club has up to 40 members – ages 7 – 12

Coffee Morning – Meets on last Saturday of each month at 10.15 (not December)

T'ai Chi classes in the Village Hall on Saturdays **1pm to 2pm**. Contact Alan Jefferies (Green Lane, Tel: 630778) for more information. Why not join?

Gardening Club (Gardening & Wildlife Society)

The Llandyssil Gardening & Wildlife Society meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month (except January and August) in the Old School Hall. New members are always welcome (single membership is £5 per year, £8 for a couple) but anyone who wishes to attend the occasional meeting is also welcome. £2 per meeting for non-members. If you would like to suggest any topics please let us know and we will do our best to include them. For further information please contact Vivien Hunter, Tel: 668603

There are alterations to the Llandyssil Gardening and Wildlife Society programme this year due to the start of the Hall renovation programme. We therefore look

forward to seeing you again in December when we should be able to give you the 2009 programme. Have a period of good gardening and enjoy it before the winter.

October 9 th	CANCELLED
November 13 th	CANCELLED
December 11th	Wine and Mince Pies (speaker to be confirmed)

Gardeners' Notebook

Another disappointing summer but let us not despair because the rain does have its pluses for gardeners – honestly! When was the last time our lawns turned brown, what a good crop of runner beans we have had, no endless evenings watering the garden – well at the time of writing those are the only pluses that I can think of but there must be more!

Now let us look at the other side of the coin; I don't know about you but my tomatoes have not done as well as they could have, the damp weather has brought out the slugs and snails but the bees and butterflies have been in decline and as for those weeds – the less said about those the better. However, my main whinge about this summer is that we have not been able to sit and enjoy the fruits of our labour.

Oh well, we had better start looking forward to the spring because this year is well and truly coming to an end. Before we do that let's enjoy the autumn colours before the leaves drop, a walk in the country can be very up-lifting in the autumn. The one job that I do like doing in the garden now is planting the spring bulbs. It encourages thoughts about the crocuses, bluebells, daffodils and tulips popping out from the ground in the spring – what a lovely thought.

The spring is a beautiful time and I believe that domestic gardens and public parks should have plenty of spring bulbs for all of us to enjoy. As I write this we have been promised a sunny week-end so I will be bulb planting. I always buy more bulbs than I can find room for but somehow I will make space for them all. Two more jobs for me to do over the next month is to bring the tender plants into the greenhouse before the frosts arrive and to dig over and compost the vegetable patch ready for next year.

Sports news

Hockey – the Montgomery Ladies - the first Shropshire Hatcher Ladies Hockey League – has just started the new season. All power to their elbows!

Mid and North Powys Junior Football League – the season has started well with all the Montgomery teams, especially those which have a good Llandyssil complement, doing well

'Abermule Age Concern' – is a football team for the over 40s with eight players from Llandyssil in a newly formed Veterans league called 'Westwood Grill Veterans League. **No action so far this season!** '.

Cricket - Montgomery Cricket Club had an excellent season – youths (9 -11- 13 -15) are all did very well with up to 50 kids turning up each Thursday. 1st XI and 2nd XI did well in their respective leagues.

If there is other sports news which should be included, please contact the editor.

The Upper House (668465)

The Upper House supports a number of village teams:

***Darts* – the season is just starting so no reports to date**

***Pool* - The Dyssil Boys and The Dyssil Blues are both in Division 3. Promising start.**

***Dominoes* – The Upper House, Thursday night dominoes league is becoming a firm village fixture.**

St Tyssil's Church - October, November, December 2008

On **Saturday 6th December** at 3pm there will be a **Christmas Tree Festival** in the Church

The church has its annual **Coffee Morning** booked in the Town Hall, Montgomery on Saturday 22nd November. Any donations or produce will be gratefully received.

These services may be subject to change. Please check the Church notice board

Services will be held on Fridays at 10.30am and on :

Sunday 5 October at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 12 October at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 19 October at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 26 October at 9.30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 2 November at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 9 November Holy Eucharist (**Remembrance Day**) 10.45 at War Memorial

Sunday 16 November at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23 November at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 30 November at 3pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 6 December at 3pm Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 7 December at 3pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14 December at 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 21 December at 3pm Evening Prayer

Christmas – see Church notice board for details of services

Sunday 28 December at 9.30am Holy Eucharist

MEG

The Montgomery Energy Group is able to undertake Household Energy Surveys to measure the carbon footprint of the household. We can provide information and guidance on energy efficiency measures. Please ask for a free survey NOW

We currently have four trained surveyors in Montgomery and district we need at least four more - Interested??

Please contact Mike Beloe (01686) 668173, Roy Blower 668218, Jenny Heard 668168, Mike Membery 668643 or Email: mikemem@tiscali.co.uk for more details

Abermule

Sunday 7 September - **Abermule Old Stars 1 - Aston Villa Old Stars 6 .**

A good match. 'Aston Villa had a 39 year old who played as if he was 21. Apart from him we were pretty even!'

The Evergreen Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1.45 in the Abermule Community Centre. Many speakers and activities planned. Jean Jones 650336. All welcome.

Farmers Markets – Abermule C.P. School 9 Oct, 16 Dec

Computer Classes for adults – in the school every Tuesday at 4.30 – call 630240.

Abermule W.I. – Full 2008 programme – contact Eira Humphreys - 630331

Young Farmer's Club – Meets Monday nights in Abermule Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact Dyfrig Rees 630623.

Abermule Bowls Club needs new members. If you have played before come and join us, if not, and you would like to learn to play, come down on a Monday or Friday evening and learn how to play. All ages welcome, young and old. The Club has a supply of woods for you to use, Free of charge. Contact Margaret on 01686 668405

Montgomery

Bicycles for hire in Montgomery . The bicycle hire scheme is now up and running. If you want to hire a bike with crash helmet and tyre repair kit call 0797 5974153

Thursdays – **Keep Fit**, Town Hall. Sally Orme 01686 668630

Border Singles and Social Club – The Cottage, first Friday of every month at 7.30
Mondays, fortnightly - **Scrabble Club** in The Dragon – Hazel and Paul on 01686 668912

Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30 – Community Centre – **Montgomery Scouts** (Cubs). Ken Whitmore on 01686 630718

Library - opening times Tuesday 5.30 – 7.30, Thursday 11 – 1pm and 2 – 4pm, Friday 5.30 – 7.30 and Saturday 10 – 2pm

Montgomery Walking Group. Eric Gent 01686 668474

Montgomery book Club – 668619

Montgomery Computer Club – additional courses now offered – Kate Wesson, Coleg Powys 0845 4086210

Jazz Evening – every Wednesday at the Dragon

Bits and Pieces

Used stamps – Bunnors or Montgomery Post Office

The Fire Brigade are conducting **Free fire home safety checks**. Ring 0800 3899279.

Junk Mail - To remove your name from the Royal Mail list for unaddressed mail contact Opt Out, Room 130, Wheatstone House, Wheatstone Road, Dorcan, Swindon SN3 5JW or call 0845 7950950

Age Concern Montgomeryshire provide a **service for checking benefits** – such as pension credit, council tax and eligibility for attendance allowance - and will also give help in completing the necessary forms.

Severn Hospice is urgently seeking Patient Care Volunteers and Patient Transport Drivers for **Hafren Day Hospice, Newtown**. For further information contact Sister Lynda Williams (Mon to Wed) on 01686 617204

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