

For the villages of Bryngwyn, Great Oak, Croes Bychan and Wern y Cwrt



## VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

It's quite surprising how quickly spring has sprung itself upon us. No sooner were we unwrapping presents at Christmas that we find ourselves cleaning the patio in faint hope of a good spring, summer and autumn. Spring brings us to one of Fieldgate and Fieldgate's family hobbies – walking. Quite often you will find us yomping across the green and verdant fields of England (and Wales! Scotland is a bit far for a day trip!). At the start of the spring we popped to Painswick in Gloucestershire to have a look at the snowdrops in the Rocco Gardens (dog friendly as well). Once in a while, armed with my modern day equivalent of the box brownie, I manage to find a picture which is quite breath-taking (*as above*). This snowdrop was the only one amongst millions that had its head up in this way. I really was in the right place at the right time.

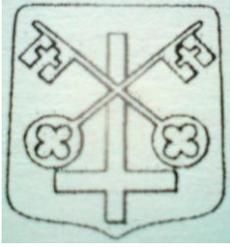


The village of Painswick is also famous for a few other traditions – one is called *clipping* – where the local children all join hands around the Parish Church. Another is that there can only be 99 yew trees in the Churchyard as the Devil always pulls out the 100<sup>th</sup> (could he held with the weeds at Fieldgate Towers if he's such a keen gardener?). The final little oddity in Painswick is their *Puppy Dog Pie*, something which Fieldgate's hound finds less than amusing! None of us stopped to ask the ingredients!

*(Those of you who have the newsletter e-mailed will have the advantage of quality pictures and not black and white)*



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# ST PETER'S CHURCH

Once again, a chance to bring you all up to date with Church news.

It has been a very busy few months, apart from our usual Services, we have had PCC meetings, Group meetings, an Away Weekend led by Bishop Dominic, Women's World Day of Prayer in Raglan Baptist Chapel, Communion and Ashing at Bryngwyn, an Extra-Ordinary Deanery Conference at Glan-yr-Afon, Bishop Dominic's Lent Talks held every Monday throughout Lent in St Cadoc's, Raglan, at 7.30pm (so far the Church has been packed and are open to everyone).

A **Mother's Day** service will be held at Bryngwyn at 3pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and we hope all children will bring their mothers to celebrate when a small plant will be presented to every mum.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, between 10am and 1pm a **Coffee Morning** will be held in St Peters to raise funds towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. We have had the yew trees lopped and with the mowing it costs a lot. So your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Holy Week** Unfortunately, Crawley Hall will not be ready in time for St Peters to host the Maundy Thursday Service; this will now be held at either Raglan or Llandenny. Easter Sunday will again seen dawn on the Bloreng, followed by a Service at St Peters.

Please look at the dates on the back page and I hope to see you at some of these events.

A very successful **Church Spring Clean** took place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to ensure our little Church is kept ship-shape and Bristol fashion.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Shelia Vaughan back after her long illness. God Bless.

*Olwen Smith*

If anyone wonders where the term "Ship-Shape and Bristol Fashion" comes from: it was due to ships in Bristol harbour tilting over on their keels at low tide and all their masts and rigging becoming entangled, and their cargo rolling around inside. Ships had to be moored correctly, of sturdy construction and their cargo stowed properly to prevent this.

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm there will be a “Friday Night is Music Night” evening at Plas Hendy, Bryngwyn. Mrs and Mrs John Crawley have very kindly allowed us the use of their drawing room, plus two Grand Pianos.

A varied programme including a piano duet, an Andy Williams tribute, plus other entertainment. Light refreshments will be served ‘al fresco’ – weather permitting – so an enjoyable evening is in store.

Tickets are £5.00 each and will be available towards the end of April from the usual sellers or from Olwen (01291 690836) or Helen (01291 690607), but as numbers will be limited they will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Looking forward to seeing you

*Helen Hayward*

## WEATHER FORECAST

If early April is foggy,

Rain in June will make lanes boggy.

A wet May makes a big load of hay.

A cold May is kindly and fills the barn finely

**NOTE** – Please check your Pew sheets for correct details regarding the Maundy Thursday Service and Supper

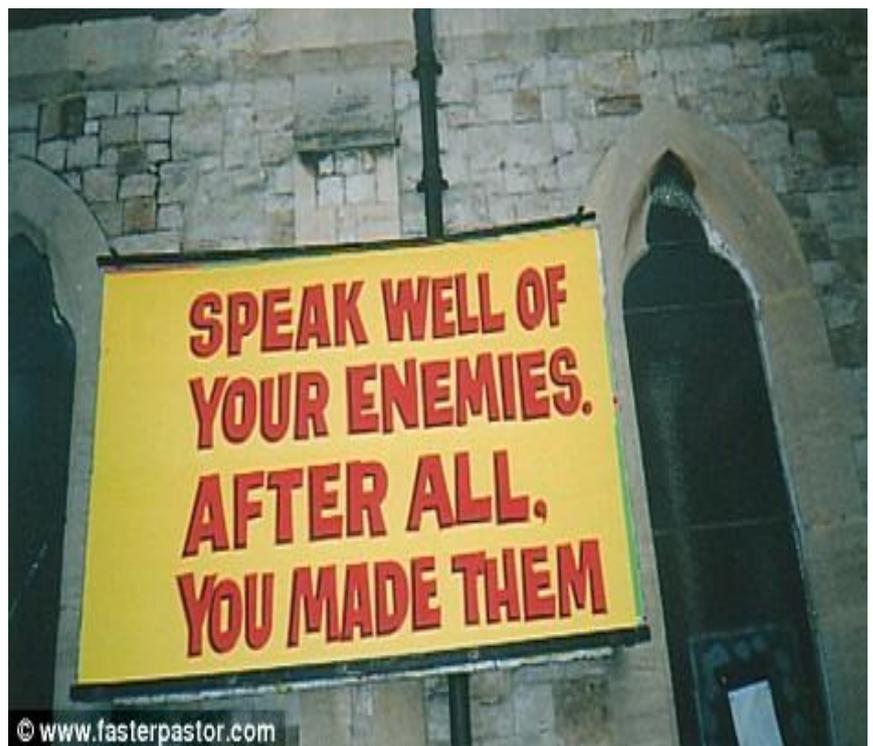


# COFFEE BREAK

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## Double Meanings of Words

- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- Acupuncture: a job well done.

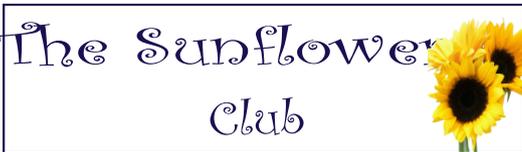




Is a new social club for ladies who just want to get together monthly to chat!!

Having started a new business as a Life / Business Coach I have come to realise that while networking for business purposes is great there are no social networking for women who just:

- *Like meeting new people*
- *Would like to make some new friends*
- *Are new to the area*
- *Have just come out of a relationship*
- *Have experiences to share*
- *Are at a turning point in their life / career*
- *Enjoy learning something new*
- *Like to share knowledge*
- *Would like somewhere to go to spend a couple of hours*
- *Like to laugh*



**With this in mind I have set up alongside my business, (Awaken Life Coaching),**

**We will meet once a month at the Fellowship Hall Raglan – 7.00pm – 9.00pm - at each meeting we will have a discussion topic, general chat and an opportunity to socialise with ladies of all ages.**

**Joining fee - £17.00 per year and £3.75 per meeting**

**There will be speaker events, pamper events, mince pies at Christmas and Hot Cross buns at Easter – we will laugh and motivate each other but most important we will just enjoy taking time out!!**

**If you are interested in joining and want further info (with no obligation) please Contact BEV - details below - Looking forward to meeting you – please pass the invite on to friends and family (or call 07502375714 – email [bev@awakenlifecoaching.co.uk](mailto:bev@awakenlifecoaching.co.uk))** 😊



# WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I write this report having just returned from a short break in the Highlands of Scotland although a long way to travel the views were spectacular with the mountains covered with deep snow rising into the sky which was a brilliant blue and the lochs weren't bad either!!!!

In February some members signed a petition to our AM and PM regarding the abolition of cheques. Mr David Harrison gave us a humorous talk and slides on graveyards and graves I have known.

Raglan Young Farmer's Club invited us into the main Hall to watch their entertainments which was entered in the Wales Young Farmer's competition. Members thoroughly enjoyed the unexpected invitation and asked them to join us for hot soup and cakes

In March we welcomed two speakers who gave us an insight into the running of St John's Ambulance. Perhaps we should have had this in February followed by the graves and graveyards in March!!!!!!!

Carole, Betty and Helen had attended Raglan WI "90<sup>th</sup>" celebrations and had enjoyed an old-fashioned evening with sandwiches and cakes.

Betty, Helen and Lin had not let us down in the WI quiz with over 30 teams taking part

As it was the day of the Welsh Assembly vote some members dressed with a Welsh theme and the refreshments included cakes with iced dragons on the top. Bara brith and Welsh cakes were also provided.

Our meeting in April is a social evening which takes the form of skittles at the Rising Sun, Pandy. We would welcome anyone interested in joining this friendly group of ladies.

For further details contact Hon Secretary – Carole Tranter 01291-690341 or e-mail [carole@illa2.plus.com](mailto:carole@illa2.plus.com)

## CRAWLEY HALL



I had hoped to call the AGM in this magazine but cannot because of further delays. Briefly, I had better explain that we were waiting for a grant from BIFFA. The grant was given to us at the end of January so we made arrangements for the wood to be delivered, acclimatize and the floor laid. We are still waiting for BIFFA to give us the deposit we need for ATC to deliver the wood. Tom Crawley would loan us the deposit for but cannot as BIFFA insist on paying. Louis is dealing with BIFFA and, as he is often abroad and lives in London, while all his mail is going to Plas Hendy there are delays. Jon and I were dealing with BIFFA and had our application ready in March. Louis took it from us as he is entitled to do as he is paying £1800 for us. There have been delays ever since as the application did not go in until August. I am very sorry to say that this is the situation. The landscaping is in hand, Mr. Ted Smith has the notice board ready, the Hall looks good but we are waiting for the floor. I am still hoping that we can hold the Maundy Supper in the new Hall.

# TALES OF YE OLDE BRYNGWYN

This time it's not Tales of Ye Olde Bryngwyn, but Tales of Ye Current Bryngwyn! Our contributor this month is local dog breeder and judge, Tina Oram.

"David and for over many wins



A few days hair from

I have been showing Miniature Wire-haired Dachshunds thirty years. We bought our first puppy in 1977 and had at Open Shows, Championship Shows and Crufts.

before a Show, we tidy their coats, trimming any loose the face, body and feet. We also trim claws if too long.

At present we have four dogs, aged from ten years to four years.

David has been Secretary for nearly thirty years of the Dog Section of Monmouth Agricultural Society. The spring and summer is spent handing out schedules and collecting entries. The past few years we have had over a thousand entries on Show day."



If you would like to find out more about Miniature Wire-haired Dachshunds, their website is [www.miniwiredachshund.com](http://www.miniwiredachshund.com)

*(The pictures above are images of Miniature Wire-haired Dachshunds for reference purposes and not dogs owned by Tina and David Oram)*



*Good job Tina and David doesn't have one of these at home. Not sure of the breed, but at that size he can be any breed he wants to be!*

## DATES OF NOTE

April 5 <sup>th</sup>		
PCC Meeting		Bryngwyn Manor
April 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Coffee Morning, 10am-1pm		Bryngwyn
May 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Musical Evening		Plas Hendy
May 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Rogation Sunday		Bryngwyn
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
St Peter's Day Service & Tea		Bryngwyn
July 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Afternoon Tea		Bryngwyn Manor
August 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Songs of Praise		Bryngwyn
September 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Harvest Service & lunch		Bryngwyn
December 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Coffee & Carols Evening		Plas Hendy
December 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Candlelit Carol Service		Bryngwyn

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### CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

	Date	Time	Readers	Flowers & Cleaning
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3pm	D Parry, H Hayward	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	D Inglefield, H Saunders	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	G Fletcher, N Saunders	Olwyn Smith, Betty Davies & Debra Edwards
	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	S Inglefield, B Fletcher	
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	D Parry, O Smith	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	C Davies, K Spencer	Joy Bailey & Beryl Martin
	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	S Inglefield, O Saunders	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	G Fletcher, H Saunders	Kay Spencer
	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	B Fletcher, N Saunders	