

VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

Well isn't fate funny! Just the other day I was rummaging through the internet and thought of looking up my paternal grandfather's role in the Second World War. Quick search and I was waylaid! I found a genealogy site which mentioned my paternal grandmother's family tree. Not only am I a Monmouthshire girl, but also a Herefordshire girl! That probably accounts for the taste I have for cider. Looking at the records I was quite shocked to find my Great(x5)-Grandfather, and my Great (x6)-Grandfather were both born in Bryngwyn and my Great(x7)-Grandfather, John Gwatkin, was buried in Bryngwyn on 8th April 1780. They say you have to live in a village for thirty years to be classed as a local. What does two and a half centuries mean? My next task is to try and find his grave. I never did get to look for that War Record!

I gained a new skill at the end of November. Learnt how to make and link sausages, cure bacon, make faggots and bone pork! Sometimes life really is stranger than fiction!! And I must admit it was really good fun. I won't tell you which we laughed at the most but yes, it was difficult to keep a straight face! So difficult that we failed and even the teacher had to leave the room! The scariest thing was that I was allowed to have sharp objects with my history of accidents. All fingers and thumbs were counted for before and after the course.

I would like to make a personal thank you to the regular contributors to this magazine – Helen Hayward, Olwen Smith, Carole Tranter and David Spencer, plus those who have submitted articles in the past. Without you, this magazine would not succeed. All please keep up the good work and here's to 2012.

Fieldgate wishes all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH



It's the lull before the Christmas Storm!!! Apart from Back to Church Sunday and Remembrance Sunday, the special and important services have been held in either Llandenny or Raglan Churches during October and November. But all the Churches gearing up to Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Sadly, very few accepted the invitation to attend Back to Church Sunday.

Many, however, did attend the Remembrance Service to remember the fallen in wars and conflicts past and present. Thanks to Rev'd Joan for such a moving Service.

Our Samaritan Shoe Boxes have been dispatched. Thanks to everyone.

Mr David Watkins has managed to clear the moles. Thank you, David.

The woodworm was treated on Friday 28th October. Grateful thanks to Edwina and David Williams, Sian and Helen for undertaking this task.

Helen, Ted and Alistair erected a new curtain rail at the main door and special thanks to Kathryn for kindly donating the rail. Alas the gates still need attention. They require sanding down and a coat of preservative applied. Offers of help urgently required. A new heating box has been installed and we hope the roof tiles will be repaired soon.

Our Candlelit Carol Service is set for 18th December at 3pm and we look forward to seeing you all in Church. The Christmas Day Service will be held at 8.30am at St Peters. Let us all meet to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. We all spend vast amounts of money on presents, hours writing cards, shopping, cooking, etc, etc but so many forget what really matters.

Mrs Mary Williams is back home and recovering from her knee operation, and Mrs Debra Inglefield is improving from a broken ankle.

The three Churches are once again supporting the Shelter Box Appeal this year.

Congratulations to Evelyn Gwatkin on her 90th birthday. Thanks for that 'wonderful party' in Crawley Hall Evelyn.

A Very Happy Christmas to you all.

Olwen Smith

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



There will be a Coffee and Carols evening at Plas Hendy at 7.30pm on Friday 9th December 2011. Mr and Mrs John Crawley are very kindly hosting the evening again and Mr David Parry, our organist, will be entertaining us with his “Andy Williams” tribute, plus our favourite Carols and Christmas songs. Seasonal refreshments will be served, the Christmas Fayre Stall will be there, along with the Raffle. We are looking forward to a great evening to start of the Christmas Season. Tickets are now available - £5.50 each for adults and £3.00 each for children under fourteen – from the usual sources and Olwen (01291 690836) or Helen (01291 690607).

Thank you very much to everyone for the great response in donating shoeboxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Receiving a Shoebox not only makes a child feel special and valued but we are also extending God’s love.

I feel sure that you are all enjoying the Bryngwyn Magazine and will join me in saying a big thank you to Fieldgate for doing a splendid job as editor and producer. Please keep the presses rolling Fieldgate!

There will be a Flower Festival being held in St Peters Church, Bryngwyn on 29th/30th June and 1st July 2012. Further details in the next Magazine.

Finally, the Entertainment Committee wish all our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Thank you for helping us to raise funds for St Peters Church in 2011.

Helen Hayward

From Fieldgate –

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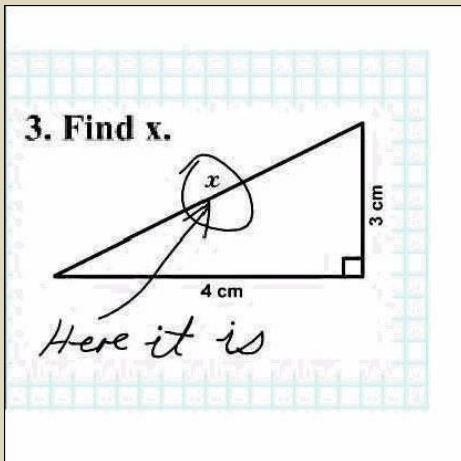
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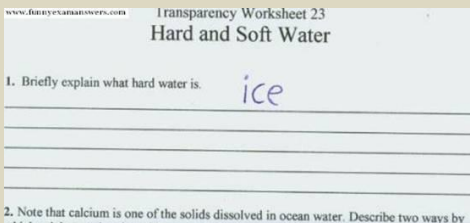
KIDS ARE QUICK

More examples of quick witted children, this time in their exams!



Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears
~~Three~~ Four seals



Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden

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Above is a copy of an old advert. Hasn't times changed!?

This edition we are lucky to delve into the recipe book of Rev'd Joan who has given us a sure fire recipe for the ideal Christmas cake -

"As you can see - I'm getting well prepared this year! You must sample this.

Ingredients

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup of water
- 1 tsp of baking soda
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 tsp of salt
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- Lemon juice
- 4 large eggs
- Nuts
- 2 bottles of wine
- 2 cups of dried fruit

Method: Sample the wine to check quality. Take a large bowl. Check the wine again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point it is best to make sure the wine is still okay. Try another cup...just in case! Turn off the mixerer thingy. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the frigging fruit up off the floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the wine to check for tonsisticity. Next, sift two cups of salt, or something. Check the wine. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, thrown the bowl through the window. Finish the wine and wipe the counter with the cat. Go to Tesco and buy a cake. Bingle Jells!"



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I thought I was indispensable but I realised I am not!!! Thank you Angela Partridge for acting as Secretary at the October Meeting. The President, Diane Watkins, welcomed Heather Saunders from Bryngwyn as a prospective new member. Marilyn Anderson announced that she would not be opening her garden in 2012 because she was helping at the Olympics in London so another fundraising event would have to be arranged. The President introduced Brian Churchward who gave an illustrated talk on Genealogy. His talk was very interesting and advised members how to go about researching their own family history as he had been doing for a number of years which is now ever more accessible via the internet.

In November we welcomed Audrey Powell from Great Oak who returned after many years of absence. A clock had been purchased for Crawley Hall and was given to Gail Wiltshire our representative on the Hall Committee. Four members attending "Light a Candle" Service for the elimination of violence against women.

Names were taken for the New Year's Dinner at the Cripple Creek and arrangements were made for the Christmas Party, in the Hall, at our December meeting. The proposed programme for 2012 was discussed and with five prospective new members it looks like an exciting time. The speaker was Enid Middleton who gave an excellent and light hearted talk on Victorian Christmases and, once again, sat down to an excellent supper as in October.

On behalf of Bryngwyn WI a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year to you all!

If you would like to come and join us you would be made most welcome. Meeting 1st Thursday in the month at 7.30 p.m. at Crawley Hall, Bryngwyn. Contact Carole Tranter, Hon Secretary Tel No 01291-69034 e-mail carole@illa2.plus.com

CRAWLEY HALL

Plea for cutlery!!!

The cutlery for the Hall has gone missing!!! Can anyone donate any unwanted knives, forks, spoons?



Contact: Simon Williams-Powell 07927 150363 www.crawleyhall.btck.co.uk

CATTLE MARKET, cont'd

The great Cattle Market Saga rumbles on and there remain considerable hurdles to be overcome before the proposed transfer of the Livestock market from Abergavenny to Bryngwyn can go ahead.

Firstly there is the question of the repeal of the Abergavenny Acts which were passed by Westminster in the 1850's and which stipulate that there must be a Livestock Market within a mile of the town centre. These Acts were introduced, not only to provide a market for farmers, but primarily for the general improvement of the town and to ensure the ongoing prosperity of local tradesmen. It can be argued that, with the threat of a centre of town superstore which most of the sole traders in Abergavenny feel will ruin their livelihoods, these Acts are now needed more now than ever before. To justify their repeal, the Council have to be able to show that they are spent, obsolete and unnecessary. This may be hard for the Council to justify when they themselves have made use of the legislation in the past twelve months. The potential appeal is now in the H&S of the Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant) at the Welsh Government. There is also some doubt as to whether the Welsh Government has the power legally to repeal or amend Westminster legislation. Unless these Acts are repealed, the Cattle Market cannot be moved and the Morrison development will not take place. If the Minister decides to repeal the Acts, a successful legal challenge seems inevitable with the inevitable delay that this will cause.

There are many other legal problems that will need to be overcome before the proposed development at Bryngwyn can take place including not least the Compulsory Purchase Order which will be required to buy out shooting rights on the site. There are so many other issues both legal and practical that will need to be sorted that the farming community and the auctioneers are concerned that the Council will not be able to deliver on its pledge that the new site will be ready for auctions to be moved before the Abergavenny Market is closed. The Leader of the Council has tried to calm the fears of the farmers by promising that the new market will be in operation in 2012. It is difficult to see how he can fulfil this promise in view of the hurdles mentioned above and in view of the fact that the Council itself is up for re-election in May and a new Council may well have different priorities. In the meantime alternative sites which will use private capital instead of public funds are being investigated and planning permission on one of these is rumoured to be submitted within the next month.

Sam Inglefield

DATES OF NOTE

December 9th
Coffee & Carols Evening
Plas Hendy

December 18th
Candlelit Carol Service
St Peter's

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June 29th/30th
July 1st
Flower Festival
St Peters'

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CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

| | Date | Time | Readers | Flowers & Cleaning |
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| December | 4 th | 3pm | D Parry; B Fletcher | |
| | 11 th | 8.30am | D Inglefield; H Hayward | Helen Hayward Tina Oram |
| | 18 th | 3pm | 9 Readers | (No flowers during Advent) |
| | 25 th | 8.30am | S Inglefield; O Smith | |
| January | 1 st | | Llandenny Group Service | |
| | 8 th | 8.30am | D Inglefield; J Fletcher | |
| | 15 th | 8.30am | S Inglefield; N Saunders | Watkins family |
| | 22 nd | 8.30am | B Fletcher; C Davies | |
| | 29 th | 8.30am | K Spencer; H Saunders | |