



VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

I wish you could see my office at the moment. I am sat in the patio looking out over Fieldgate Tower's parkland and soaking up the unusually good weather. How technology frees us from the shackles of indoors!

I have an admission – I am a Twitterer!! Although Fieldgate's family will say I'm a Twit that Witters on! Twitter being one of those social networking sites. The other day I was talking to someone from the Colonies who uses the name @MandyBlue13. Through chatting she said that she used to live in Hawaii (she now lives in Texas, bit of a difference) and gave the following interesting fact about life in Hawaii – *"They have an awesome emergency alert system in place now for many years. Tests are 1st Tues of each month at 11:55am and they go through all the different sirens that each mean a different type of disaster (tsunami, hurricane or any other emergency). They have the sirens posted all around the Hawaiian Islands especially Oahu the most populated & the one hit during Pearl Harbor. Thought we were under attack 1st time."* I was wondering what emergency alert system we would have in the village – probably a very loud audible gasp when the Entertainment Committee hits the emergency button to announce the sausage rolls have run out. The quiet sobbing from the kitchen at the Carol evening is your beloved editor realising how much washing up there is, this isn't any emergency alert! In the past, in this country, the Church bells would be rung in both warning and celebration, as we still do at weddings, funerals, and, of course, the bells will ring out across the realm to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Even now, in the 21st century, we are linked to the past.

Congratulations to David and Tina Oram for their win at Crufts

It was sad news received this week to hear that a great supporter of the Church, Mr Hilditch, had passed away. Our thoughts are with Mrs Hilditch.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH



The Church has a busy and exciting time ahead. This year's Passion Sunday service is on 25th March, with the Palm Sunday service being held in Llandenny at 10am, accompanied by the donkey. The enactment of the Last Supper on Thursday 5th April at 7.30pm will take place in the new village hall, before going to St Peter's for the Stripping of the Altar and the Watch. There is a Service in Raglan at 2pm on Good Friday (6th April) and the Easter Day morning Service will be at Bryngwyn at 8.30am. Please do support these events.

Many thanks to Mrs Helen Hayward for donating a touch light and a torch for the outside toilet at St Peter's, and to Ted Smith for fitting it.

FROM THE REGISTER –

A Thanksgiving Service was held on Wednesday 21st March prior to cremation to celebrate the long life of Mr Ken Hilditch who sadly passed away on 9th March, aged ninety-six years. Ken lived at Brynawelon with his wife, Olive, for more than thirty-six years. They opened their home and garden on many occasions for Church, Parish and charitable events. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Olive and family

Hope to see you at some of the events – with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to celebrate and the Olympic Torch passing through we have an exciting summer ahead.

Olwen Smith

- ❖ The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time
 - ❖ You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong
 - ❖ No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar
 - ❖ You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer
 - ❖ You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich
- ❖ You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves

Olwen Smith

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

There is no news this month from the Entertainment Committee, but please go to page five in this magazine and view the announcement regarding the Feast of St Peter Flower Festival and the plea for help.



Helen Hayward

Looking through the records of the Raglan Petty Sessions between 1912 and 1920, it is surprising how many Bryngwyn residents pop up! Poor James Amos was up before the beak on 3rd February 1917 for being “drunk and riotous”. But on 31st March 1917, there was a good handful from Bryngwyn appearing – William Harris for allowing his sheep to stray, Wilfred Farr for not keeping his dog under control, and Ivor Davies, Francis Jenkins and Arthur Davies all for riding their bikes without lights. I wonder if they were all out riding together? John Richards made a complaint against Ivor Thomas on 29th September 1917 for stealing his overcoat and assault, but I wonder if this is the same John Richards who was before the Court on 26th April 1919 for having a dog without a muzzle? Don’t think persons of standing in the community escaped, Rev Hy Lewis Davies did his turn in the defence box for no lights on his horse and trap.

From Fieldgate –

Still have “that look” as I know some of you have e-mail,

If you have forgotten the request to have the magazine e-mailed to you,

Here is a little reminder – **PLEASE HAVE THE MAGAZINE EMAILED TO YOU!!!**

Send an email titled “Magazine Request” to

bryngwynparish@hotmail.com



COFFEE BREAK

ERRORS

Did anyone notice last week's mistake in the Sudoku? Just keeping you all on your toes!

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes" — Oscar Wilde

"Any man whose errors take ten years to correct is quite a man." - J. Robert Oppenheimer

"The history of human opinion is scarcely anything more than the history of human errors." - Voltaire

"Sometimes we may learn more from a man's errors, than from his virtues." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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St Peter's Church, Bryngwyn

The Feast of St Peter

Flower Festival June 29th – July 1st, 2012

As many of you know the Entertainment Committee of St Peter's Church puts on several events during the year, not only to raise much needed funds for our beautiful church but also to bring the people of the community together for fun and friendship.

The main event this year is to be a Flower Festival. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Linda Badham from Raglan who has co-ordinated the floral displays and who, together with a group of her friends and colleagues will be doing all the arrangements in the church.

We all know that flowers are expensive and would like to try to get all the arrangements sponsored beforehand. There will also be a Grand Raffle and, as many hands make light work, we will be relying on friends and supporters of the church for help in any way they can.

A list is added below and we would be grateful if you could please select one or more of the items on the list and return it to or contact either Olwen (01291 690836), Kay (01291 690324) or Helen (01291 690607).

Many thanks

Bryngwyn Entertainment Committee

I will sponsor some flowers for £.....

I enclose a donation of £.....

I am happy to sell raffle tickets.....

I am happy to make cakes/scones etc for the teas.....

I am happy to steward at the Church or for the teas.....



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In February Mrs Diane Watkins, President, welcomed 24 members and Mrs Janice Waters, Clytha, a prospective new member. Note was made that a replacement clock had been purchased and was up and working.

Good luck was given to Helen Hayward, Betty Davies and Lin Bonar who will represent us at the quiz. Two changes of date for our meetings. Thursday 12 April at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 10 May 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. due to Maundy Thursday and elections.

There being No Other Business Diane welcomed "local celebrity" Kay Spencer who had been awarded a MBE and gave us an insight into her visit to Windsor Castle to receive the medal from Princess Anne. Members admired the MBE also a photograph of Kay with her daughter Vicky and son Mark who accompanied her. Olwen Smith, Gail Wiltshire and Rosemary Roberts provided hot soup and cake on a bitterly cold evening which was much appreciated although the Hall was lovely and warm.

As our meeting in March was held on St David's Day we had a Welsh celebration evening inviting other WIs. The Hall was decorated in a Welsh theme with dragons, daffodils and leeks in abundance also several members in Welsh costume. Mr David Harrison gave an interesting talk and slides on the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas who led a very illustrious life. He also read some of his work which can be humorous and sometimes very deep. As usual members came up trumps with bara brith, Welsh cakes, Glamorgan sausages and other Welsh themed food. A successful Bring and Buy and Raffle Why not join us – We are women of all ages, have a good time, are informed and have time for ourselves.

WI is at the forefront of campaigning and lobbying the government. The WI campaigns on matters relevant to their members, for example, children's health and fitness, the environment, women's health, social policy, agriculture, trafficking of women and children and much more.

The WI is the largest and most influential women's organisation in the county with over 7,000 groups in England and Wales including 60+ in Gwent. If you would like more information contact Carole Tranter, Hon Secretary, on 01291 690341 or e-mail carole@illa2.plus.com

CRAWLEY HALL

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Tales of Olde Bryngwyn

In the last edition of the magazine there was a picture of pupils of Bryngwyn School from 1933 and finally, with the help of Iris Richardson, Olwen Smith and Evelyn Gwatkin, I can now publish the names of the pupils (some names will sound familiar!). The photograph was taken in the schoolyard with the road and Churchyard behind.

The back row of five tall girls are L-R Phyllis Morris, Martha Howells, Dora Jenkins, Evelyn Williams, Beryl Powell.

The teacher on the left is Mrs Jones (the then Rector's wife) and the teacher on the right is Mrs Gains.

The two boys to the left of Mrs Jones are L-R Frank Harris, Ivor Hayes.

The five girls in the middle of the picture are L-R Brenda Jones, Dulcie Dewfield, Hilda Powell, Gwynfar Butcher, Mary Smith.

To the left of Mrs Gains are L-R Hazel Smith, Owen Morris

To the right of Mrs Gains is Fred Powell

The second row are L-R Irene Thomas, Mary Sutherland, Megan Morris, Gwynfar Morris, Frank Dewfield, Iris Watkins, Linda Morris, Betty Smith, Grace Thomas, Mary Gardner

The row of boys at the front of the picture L-R Bernard Thomas, Hubert Harris, Les Alford, Desmond Arnold, Gerald Harris, Bill Harris, Graham Thomas, Kenneth Howells, Fred Bryant, Bill Smith.

Luckily (or unluckily for some!), an old resident of Bryngwyn, Enid McDonald (nee Williams) has e-mailed me a photograph taken late 1940's/early 1950's of a few schoolfriends in the schoolyard. Recognise anyone? I'll give you a clue – we are looking for a certain editor's father, a locally respected farmer, the person who owns the photograph, the son of a roadmaker, amongst others!

Enid says in her e-mail that when she started in Bryngwyn School there was approximately thirty-six pupils aged from four to fifteen years but when it became a primary school some years later the number of pupils shrunk to sixteen. Enid left to attend Abergavenny High School before taking up a career in teaching and eventually retiring to Cambridgeshire.



DATES OF NOTE

2012 events have yet to be finalised,
but be assured it will be a full calendar

2012

June 29th/30th
July 1st
Flower Festival

St Peters'

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CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

	Date	Time	Readers	Flowers & Cleaning
April	1 st	10am	Group Service at Llandenny	
	8 th	8.30am	D Inglefield, Sian	
	15 th	8.30am	S Inglefield, N Saunders	O Smith B Davies
	22 nd	8.30am	C Davies, B Fletcher	
	29 th	8.30am	J Fletcher, H Saunders	
May	6 th	3pm	H Hayward, K Spencer	
	13 th	8.30am	D Inglefield, S Inglefield	J Bailey B Martin
	20 th	8.30am	C Davies, O Smith	
	27 th	8.30am	B Fletcher, Sian	