



VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

I started out last edition's *View over the Fieldgate* by bragging about how wonderful my office was. It appears that was summer! I've returned indoors and back into jeans and t-shirt (even a jumper today, I will play the sympathy card if it works!). I have redesigned the magazine, I hope you all approve. Not too much of a change, just the headings. I've been itching for a few months to do something different and bowed to pressure on this one.

Since the last magazine we've had Easter. Have all the eggs been consumed or are fed up of chocolate...until Christmas. On Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter) quite a few of us attended the Passover Supper at Crawley Hall. I think the name Passover Supper should be loosely termed, the amount of wine being drunk made it not so much Passover but pass out!!! After this and the Vicar's Christmas Cake recipe, I was a little concerned when I heard she had broken her toes, but I was relieved to be told by a very good authority who was there at the time that the accident was...um...soberly accidental! As one of the youngest at the Supper, I left when everyone else went to the Watch as it was long past by bed-time as there was a possibility I could turn into a pumpkin at mid-night!

Continuing our social events, there are a few things coming up over the summer. Most notably two events to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: the Big Lunch of the 3rd of June in Crawley Hall or the Jubilee Beacon at Coed y Bwnydd. The Beacon is free to attend, with sales of refreshments going to charity, and commences at 7pm, with a beacon being lit at 10pm when Her Majesty lights the one in Windsor. Please contact either the Secretary of Crawley Hall for the Big Lunch or Tim Clements, Vicar of Bettws Newydd for the Beacon for more information. The Here in Bryngwyn from 29th until 1st July will be the village's equivalent of the Chelsea Flower Show – the Feast of St Peter Flower Festival – this event really does need the help and support of the village to take place.

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It does not seem two months ago since I was writing the last news for the magazine. Lots of things have happened and even more events to come.

Many attended the Maundy Thursday Supper and Watch and large numbers attended Church on Easter Day. Rogation Sunday was held on 13th May and was celebrated with a pilgrimage from Llandenny via Raglan finishing at Bryngwyn. We were blessed with glorious weather, the walkers plus two dogs enjoyed every step. Thanks to those who provided the delicious Welsh Cakes and tea and coffee in Raglan and Bryngwyn.

The appeal for help during the Flower Festival printed in the last magazine has had a very disappointing response, with only one offer received. The Ladies of the Entertainment Committee have been working hard so please please do support them, your help is needed.

Mrs Margaret Ann Evans (Nancy) has sadly passed away. Her funeral was held on Friday 4th May at Gwent Crematorium. Nancy played the old Harmonium in St Peter's for many years. After she moved to Newport she still travelled up to play at Services. Nancy celebrated her 100th birthday on 5th July 2011. As a special tribute, on Sunday 9th May, Mr David Parry played the pedal harmonium and the last hymn was "Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer" to the tune "Cwm Rhondda", which was her special favourite. The service was followed by refreshments which included Welsh Cakes which she used to make by the dozen.

Result of the Voting at the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 22nd April immediately followed the Communion Service and two new Wardens were elected: Mrs Kay Spencer and Mr Sam Inglefield. Mrs Helen Hayward agreed to continue as Hon. Treasurer and Mrs Jill Fletcher will remain Hon. Secretary.

We must all support them and wish them every success during their term in Office.

Finally, there is a Spring Clean of the Church from 10am on Tuesday 12th June, all hands welcome.

Olwen Smith



The Feast of St Peter Flower Festival from 29th June to 1st July and there will be a Preview at 6.00pm on Thursday 28th June, followed by a Supper in Crawley Hall a 7pm. This Preview and Supper is a ticket only event.

How time has flown! June already and only approximately one month to the Flower Festival. Still a lot of loose ends to tie up although things are progressing well. If you are available to help with stewarding in the Church...or supplying cakes...or helping with the teas...or selling raffle tickets...or in anyway, we can always find a task for a volunteer! Sponsorship for flower displays or donations will be gratefully accepted.

Tickets for the Preview and Supper, a cold buffet, are available at £10 each and includes the Programme (£3) for entry to the Church are now available from the usual sellers.

Linda Badham, the designer and co-ordinator (and her team) has recently won the 'gold award' at the Malvern Spring Show for their display so there will be some spectacular floral exhibits at our Festival. We are very lucky to have Linda at the helm and you will not be disappointed.

Posters giving details of times, etc, are displayed around the villages and if you have any queries, please contact Olwen on 01291 690836.

If you can help in anyway, please fill in the form on page five of the magazine and return it to either Helen Hayward or Olwen Smith.

Looking forward to seeing all our faithful supporters and friends at the Festival. Please do come and support us...and bring your friends and family.

Helen Hayward

COFFEE BREAK



FLORAL JOKES

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower? I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it!

What gloves can be held but not worn? Fox gloves.

What flower grows on your face? Tulips.

What sort of children does a florist have? Either budding geniuses or blooming idiots!

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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.....



The President, Mrs. Diane Watkins welcomed 25 members to the April meeting and congratulated Sally Stevens on the birth of her first grandchild, Oliver Lloyd, and to Tina Oram on winning first prize with one of her dogs at Crufts. Margery Evans has had a cataract operation and was on the way to recovery. Helen Hayward, Betty Davies and Lin Bonar were thanked for representing us at the Quiz and were presented with a suitable token.

Helen Rees gave us an informative talk on gardening tips followed by a quiz which was won by Betty, Gail and Olwen. Helen also put together a Jubilee arrangement of plants in a pot which she kindly donated as a raffle prize which was won by Betty. The evening ended with the usual delicious supper.

May was the Annual Meeting with the President again welcoming 25 members.

Members were asked to contribute cakes for the Usk Open Gardens to raise funds also to plant the small garden on entrance to the Church for the Flower Festival. Marilyn Anderson kindly agreed to donate plants.

Voting took place for the Committee and Diane was re-elected President. Carole Tranter to continue as Secretary and Carolyn Hendy was proposed as Treasurer.

After a busy meeting members sat down to supper of sandwiches, cakes etc and a welcome cup of tea also a chance to have a chat,

Members look forward to a busy time with the Olympic torch passing through Bryngwyn, the Jubilee Lunch at the Hall and the Church flower Festival - no time to get bored!!!!!!

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The picture which featured in the last magazine were of the following children – Mavis Jones, Doreen Jones, Enid Williams and David Watkins (l-r on the back row). Mike Spencer, Robin Davies and Derek Thomas (l-r on the front row).

There is a dispute over the one child – Is it David Watkins? Or is it his brother John Watkins? No point asking David Watkins, as he doesn't really know either! Some people think it's far too good looking for him! Some of us think he should a board with numbers on in front of him.

We have now come on a few years to 1941. When I was given some of the names, it is interesting to see some pop up from previous pictures.

We recognise the teachers, but does anyone recognise the pupils? We have names of some, but there are quite a few that are nameless.

We find a wonderful character on the front row, far right! Does anyone know anything of him? One has mentioned that he may have been an evacuee. The Shirley Temple curls and wellingtons was obviously the look that year.



DATES OF NOTE

2012

June 3rd – Crawley Hall
 Big Lunch
 June 12th – St Peter's
 Church Spring Clean
 June 29th/30th July 1st – St Peter's
 Flower Festival
 August 5th – St Peter's
 Songs of Praise
 October 7th – St Peter's
 Animal Blessing
 November 4th – St Peter's
 All Souls
 November 11th – St Peter's
 Armistice Service
 December 7th – Plas Hendy
 Coffee and Carols
 December 23rd – St Peter's
 Candlelit Carol Service
 December 25th – St Peter's
 Christmas Day Service

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CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

| | Date | Time | Readers | Flowers & Cleaning |
|------|------------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| June | 3 rd | 8.30am | H Hayward; K Spencer | |
| | 10 th | 8.30am | J Fletcher; N Saunders | Spring Clean |
| | 17 th | 8.30am | S Inglefield; D Inglefield | 12 th June |
| | 24 th | 8.30am | O Smith; O Saunders | All hands welcome |
| July | 1 st | 6pm | S Vaughan; N Saunders | |
| | 8 th | 8.30am | H Hayward; K Spencer | |
| | 15 th | 8.30am | C Davies; J Fletcher | Carolyn & Pat Hendy |
| | 22 nd | 8.30am | B Fletcher; H Saunders | |
| | 29 th | 8.30am | Sian; D Inglefield | |