



VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

I would like to allay the fears of our readers over recent national events – I can assure all our readers that this magazine is 100% horsemeat free. The recent horsemeat scandal brought back funny memories of a meal we had a few years ago in Brecon. On the menu was a Shetland chop...we presumed, at the time, that this was a large lamb chop but laughed and joked that the restaurant would need a large plate to service up a Shetland Pony chop...now we are not too sure what they were serving! Please see a previous edition relating to Puppy Dog Pie!



During the winter, on one of our perambulations, we came across a rare and unusual creature, pictured left. You may think that Dr Dolittle was a fictional book and film, but we found the Pushmi-Pullyu now living in retirement in the

Gloucestershire countryside. We are keeping an eye out for a large slime trail which would indicate the Giant Snail has not succumbed to the French!

I am happy to report that I have not heard of any horsemeat and giant snail flans being prepared by the Entertainments Committee for the Tea Party in June, but I know the ladies (both male and female) would be happy to accommodate any persons who would like some made. Pork sausage rolls and cheese sandwiches for me, please.

I hope you all have a good Easter, try and not eat too many chocolate eggs...you know what happened at Christmas!

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



ST PETER'S

When I agreed to take the post of Churchwarden at the Easter Vestry meeting last April I didn't realise the number of things that were involved & what I was letting myself in for – one of those being the article for the newsletter! We are now well into the Sabbatical period when our Vicar, the Rev Joan Wakeling, has vanished from our sight & thanks to a great deal of co-operation & the support of many people from within the church I am pleased to say that there has only been one Sunday in the past three months without a service at Bryngwyn, apart from the joint service at Raglan at the end of January. We have been delighted to welcome Rev Kevin Hasler back to Bryngwyn & he has taken at least one Communion service each month. Sadly this has also meant that we have not seen much of Rev Sheila Toms as she has been busy with Raglan & Llandenny, however, she does keep an eye on us & we know that we have her support. We are also indebted to Clare Bradly from Raglan who has taken several services of Morning Prayer for us, again once in the month. The 17th February saw a joint service in Bryngwyn for Lent Carols where the readings were all done by a selection of people from the three parishes & the choir as usual sang beautifully. We attempted to make this a candlelit service but the dangers of too many candles & the short sightedness of some of our congregation (no offence to anyone here!) meant that we compromised with low lighting & night lights all around the church. Despite no flowers in Lent the church did look beautiful. It is good to see that the three parishes in our group are now doing more together & a good example of this has been the Lent lunches which are held in Raglan Church each Wednesday during Lent. St Peter's ladies have done us proud on two of the six occasions, with Raglan & Llandenny also doing two each, & we have provided delicious soups, bread & cakes. The money collected for the lunches for each day is put towards the Bishops Lent appeal & St Peters is credited with the two lunches which we have provided. The appeal this year is going to Raven House & its work among the poor & vulnerable in the diocese, also a school for orphans in Bethany which some parishioners visited during the Holy L& pilgrimage last May. Our grateful thanks to those who have made soup, baked cakes, donated bread or helped with the serving of these lunches. The most recent service under the auspices of Clare, was Mothering Sunday where each lady present was given a primula plant, kindly donated by Raglan Garden Centre. Many thanks go to the Garden Centre for the excellent quality of the plants. This churchwarden was asked to write & say the Intercessions – as with anything new to me I was somewhat daunted but managed to get through it & hopefully everyone enjoyed the sentiments I expressed. & so on to Easter & the return of the prodigal in the name of Rev Joan! Although the services until Easter were all agreed before the start of the Sabbatical we are now unsure as to the plan & arrangements for the services from here on in. Please keep your eyes & ears open for any service arrangements after the Easter services. We do know that the Easter Vestry will be held on April 7th following Holy Communion at 3 p.m. We also have Rogation Sunday "Walk & Worship" this year starting at Bryngwyn at 9am, walking to Raglan for 10.30 a.m., & finally to Llandenny by 12 noon. A reverse of last years' walk. As the end of my first year will come at the Vestry meeting may I take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me through the year. For their patience & understanding when I got things wrong & for their guidance over all things church of which I was in blissful ignorance! Especial thanks to the Senior Churchwarden Sam Inglefield for his continued interest & support for the church & for looking after me as his Junior!

Kay Spencer, Churchwarden



Although I am pleased to report that Chairman Olwen has shaken off her nasty cold and Treasurer Kay has now recovered from what ended up as pneumonia we have not arranged our meeting, however the following days have been arranged for events :

Saturday 1st June – Coffee Morning at Plas Hendy at 10.30am – the summer should have arrived so the Crawley family have kindly offered us the use of the garden as well as making us welcome at the house. Tickets will be available from our usual sellers as well as Olwen (01291 690836), Kay (01291 690324) or Helen (01291 690607) from early May. Further details will be in the Pews News.

Saturday 13th July – Afternoon Tea at Bryngwyn Manor – more details in the next Magazine.

Friday 13th September – Harvest Supper at Crawley Hall – this will take place after the Thanksgiving Service in St Peter’s Church.

Friday 6th December – Coffee and Carols Evening at Plas Hendy – it is the twentieth anniversary celebration of this even being held there.

Helen Hayward

From Helen Hayward - Thank you for your kind enquiries, visits, etc, which have made things easier along the way and I should have new hip replacement shortly.

From Fieldgate – I understand that the operation will be in April and by the next Magazine Helen will be able to give us a full update on everything.

Also from Fieldgate – another of our Parish, Carole Tranter, will be out of action for a number of weeks and we all wish her well.

Finally from Fieldgate – yet another of our Parish, Olwen Smith, is also having a short stay with NHS B&B and we also wish her well.

From Fieldgate: with so many of the Parish stalwarts out of action I hope no-one has ideas to over-throw the village!

COFFEE BREAK



EASTER JOKES

Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
He was having a bad hare day!

Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!

Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?
It has four rabbits' feet!

How do bunnies stay healthy?
Eggercise!

What type of jewellery do rabbits wear?
18 carrot gold!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
Bugs Bunny!

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Idiot!

It is customary to eat a Hot Cross Bun on Good Friday. Originally eaten by the Saxons to honour their goddess Eostre the buns are marked with a cross as it is believed the bun represented the moon and the cross the moon's quarters. To Christians, the cross symbolizes the crucifixion.

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 3 hours, 30 minutes Total Time: 3 hours, 45 minutes
Makes: 12 hot Cross Buns

Ingredients:

For the buns

1lb 2oz/500g strong, white bread flour

2 oz/55g muscovado sugar

1 tsp salt

2 tsp mixed spice

1 tsp ground cinnamon

2 oz cold butter cut into small pieces

3 ½ oz/100g mixed dried fruits

1 oz/ 25g candied mixed peel

¼ oz/7g dried yeast

½ pint/300 ml warm (not hot) milk

For the Crosses

2 ½ oz/75g all purpose plain flour

1 ½ oz cold butter, cut into small pieces

Glaze

1 ½ tbsp apricot jam, warmed

Preparation:

Mix together the flour with the sugar, salt and spices. Add the butter pieces and rub the butter into the flour until it resembles coarse sand. Add the dried fruits and mixed peel, stir. Sprinkle over the yeast and finally, pour in the warm milk and mix using a spatula until soft sticky dough is formed. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead for no less than 10 minutes or until a silky smooth dough is formed. Place in a large, lightly oiled bowl. Cover with a clean tea towel and leave to rise in a warm (not hot) place until doubled in size, this should take about 2 hours. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface, knock all the air from the dough and knead again for 2 mins. Divide the dough into 12 and roll each into a bun shape. Place the buns on a lightly oiled baking sheet. With a sharp knife cut a shallow cross into the top of the bun. Cover with a clean tea towel and leave to rise again for approx 45 mins or until well risen. Preheat the oven to 425°F/220°C/Gas 7. Make the crosses by rubbing the butter into the flour, add a little cold water (1/2 tbsp) and stir to make thick dough. If too dry add a little more water. Roll the dough into a ball, cut in half, then each half into 6. Place in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. The balls will go hard and be easier to roll. Roll each small dough ball into a long thin sausage, cut in half and firmly press each 'sausage' half into the cross of the buns without knocking the air out. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 - 20 minutes or until the buns are well risen and golden brown. Remove from the oven and brush the buns with the jam. Lift the buns onto a wire rack and leave to cool.



After the New Year's meal at the Cripple Creek members returned to Crawley Hall for their February meeting which welcomed 26 members and a prospective new member from Monmouth.

Tina Oram, Carolyn Hendy and Diane Watkins were to represent us at the Annual Council Meeting but we were unable to get a team together for the County quiz. The President carried out a fire risk assessment and members were reminded to pay their yearly subscription to Carolyn, Treasurer. The Meat Demonstration hosted by the Cripple Creek was well attended and the usual welcome was very much appreciated. It was hoped to arrange a visit to the Welsh Assembly and Sandra Gunter to confirm available dates at the April meeting.

The speaker for the evening was from Vintage Vision of Abergavenny who re-cycles vintage clothes and she brought along some for members to admire with some remembering wearing them in their younger days!!! Sue Womack gave the vote of thanks and if members wished to contribute vintage items they were situated in the old Howells Jewellery shop at the bottom end of Abergavenny on the left side opposite Nicholls. Delicious home-made soup made by Olwen Smith was served and Gail Wiltshire provided bread with Sue Hood and Pat Harris contributing cakes.

The evening concluded when Olwen Smith found a man in the toilet but that is another story!!!!!!!!!!!!

March meeting welcomed 25 members and Sue Russell, History Project and Jean Armstrong from the Bryn. Diane reported that she had enjoyed her WI walk from Monmouth Rowing Club to Symonds Yet and return. Members had thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime in Abergavenny and Betty Davies was thanked for arranging this. Bryngwyn Roots Project-Sue Russell from Llandenny gave a short resume but I understand a full report is appearing in this magazine.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Sheen who gave a talk on the Good Old Days. He kept us all enthralled with his reminiscences' and most members had their own memories of early childhood. The evening had a Welsh theme with many members wearing something relevant to Wales. Refreshments were served by Margery Evans, Tina Oram and Lin Bonar who wore a Welsh costume

If you would like to join our WI we meet on the first Thursday of each month arriving not before 7.30 p.m. at Crawley Hall, contact Carole Tranter - Secretary 01291-690341 or e-mail carole@illa2.plus.com *Carole Tranter*

As many of you have enjoyed over the past few years, the Bryngwyn Magazine has run a series of “Tales of ye Olde Bryngwyn”, publishing photographs, tales and history of the village and ye olde village folk.

The village has been lucky that Dr Cheryl Morgan has secured funds to further this and record the history of Bryngwyn.

Dr Morgan has asked that I include the following in this edition:

“The Bryngwyn WI is hosting a get together at Crawley Hall on Monday 15th April 2013 at 7:30pm for local residents to come and share their stories and memorabilia of life in our parish as part of the Raglan District Roots project.

This project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund is intended to capture the stories of local residents of celebrations, life during WWII and growing up in Bryngwyn.

So please come and share your stories. We are also keen to hear from people who can help to transcribe parish records or help in developing a map and data base of St Peter's Church.

Please contact, Dr. Cheryl Morgan, Project Manager at tel: 01291 691271 if you can help with this project.”

If anyone has any photographs that they do not wish to relinquish but would like to submit, it is possible to copy them which will not cause any damage to the photograph and can be returned immediately. This can be done via Fieldgate, please ring on 01291 690770 to arrange this.

Please remember that the history of Bryngwyn is held in your hands and it would be a shame that this is not passed on to the hands of future generations.

Tales of ye Olde Bryngwyn

DATES OF NOTE

2013

MARCH (Holy Week/Easter)

- 24th Palm Sunday – Bryngwyn
10.00am (Procession with donkey from Hall at 9.45)
- 25th Raglan 7 p.m.
- 26th Llandenny 7 p.m.
- 27th Bryngwyn 7 p.m.
- 28th Maundy Thursday Agape supper and communion – Raglan 7 p.m.
- 29th Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
Usk 12 noon also 2 pm Llandenny
- 31st Easter Sunday – Bloreng 6.30am
then Bryngwyn 8.30 a.m.
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- 7th April PCC Annual Vestry Meeting
- 1st June Coffee Morning
Plas Hendy
- 30th June St Peter's Day
- 13th July Garden Party
Bryngwyn Manor
- 13th September Harvest Service, St Peter's
Harvest Supper, Crawley Hall
- 6th December Concert
- 8th December Coffee and Carols Evening

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CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

	Date	Time	Readers	Flowers & Cleaning
April	7 th	3pm	D Parry; K Spencer	
	14 th	10am	O Smith; D Inglefield	J Fletcher
	21 st	8.30am	S Inglefield; N Saunders	D Inglefield
	28 th	10am	C Davies; B Fletcher	
May	5 th	3pm	J Fletcher; B Gilchrist	
	12 th	10am	K Spencer; O Smith	J Bailey B Martin
	19 th	8.30am	D Inglefield; S Inglefield	O Smith (flowers)
	26 th	10am	O Saunders; H Saunders	