



VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

I think one of our Churchwarden's (yes, you, don't play the innocent with me!) likes to pose me a challenge...can I get their report onto one sheet? Normally, yes but this time noooo! At least with the new proposed magazine coming out quarterly I will be hoping to make a bigger magazine so may get my own back on our Churchwarden...just like Oliver it could be "more please!"

There have been one or two beautiful mornings recently. I don't know if you noticed the hoare frost and the fog morning. It was quite atmospheric, just a little too atmospheric to take a photograph good enough to print...it was grey fading into grey.

I was lucky to ride out on Fieldgate's Fiery Steed on Christmas Day in shirt sleeves and a bodywarmer



so the recent snow has been quite welcome. After all it is winter! I did manage to get this beautiful picture of St Peter's between

Christmas and the New Year.

Riding out the last weekend of January was quite nice as I could smell the hedgerows start to burst into life for spring. It's such a lovely sweet aroma. And of course it is always a welcome sight to see the snowdrops .

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OK so my Christmas saga of when the Nativity scene is set and likewise the Advent Ring continues! I now know that the Nativity scene comes out to start the story soon after the Advent Ring is in place but the Advent Ring is then put away after Christmas and before the Kings arrive with everything being cleared around the end of January...or I think that is what happens!! To sum up the Christmas season this year in one sentence would be entirely difficult, so many things occurred and so much enjoyment was had by all.

The Coffee and Carols evening at Plas Hendy this last year took on a slightly different format with the Bryngwyn Merrymakers reading and singing a number of poems and songs from World War 1 as well as our usual carols. Thanks must go to Sheila Vaughan and John Crawley for their piano playing, especially their very moving duet. As ever we give grateful thanks to the Crawley family for their hospitality and for helping to arrange the programme.

Our Carol Service reverted to 3 pm. this year and was well attended with a truly warm atmosphere. Many thanks to all the readers who "volunteered"! We were also able to thank our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, organists and clergy for all they have done for us in the past year. Our celebrations continued on Christmas Morning with Holy Communion led by Rev Canon Tim Clement who at the end of the service led us all in singing "We wish you a merry Christmas!"

And so on to 2015! At a Parochial Church Council meeting this week, we made arrangements to remove the choir stalls, lay the remaining carpet and build the chairs. Hopefully these will all be in place for the morning service on February 8th. We have had several offers from people to buy chairs in memory of family members (or for their own futures) and now have only a few chairs without such support. If you would like to sponsor one of these new chairs then please let Helen Hayward or myself know as soon as possible. Once all are in place we hope to have a service of dedication.

Other things discussed were:

- The possibility of fashioning the two pews at the back of the church into cupboards which would be more likely to be acceptable to the Diocesan Council.
- Updating the rectors board with Rev Canon Tim Clement's name
- Cutting back some of the trees at the side of the church yard and mowing the grass
- Considering officers who would be due for re-election at the Easter Vestry – it looks as though there will be vacancies for one church warden and treasurer so please come forward if you feel you could do one of these posts.
- Entertainment and fund raising – we will have lunch for St Peter's Day on June 28th, a Harvest lunch (date to be arranged) and Coffee and Carols on December 12th – please put these dates in your diary!
- Magazine – as there is a quarterly magazine for the Ministry area it was thought to bring our news in line and put some of the information into our magazine as well. SO for a year we will try ours quarterly rather than bi-monthly.
- Teas after 3 p.m. services. Due to the lack of facilities in the church we decided not to do tea unless it was a feast day or joint service.

If anyone is unhappy about any of the things we discussed then please let us know and we can reconsider. We also discussed a new ministry area council which Rev Canon Tim is setting up to look after the worship matters of the area; leading worship, intercessions, prayer meetings etc. Each of the seven parishes is asked to put forward one person who they think would be suitable for this council. If you are willing or know of

someone who you think would be good at relaying the thoughts of the parish then please let us know. We need to put the name forward by the end of February.

During Lent we will again be doing Lenten Lunches in Raglan church so will need volunteers for making soup and cakes and serving them in the church. Please let me know if you can help. These will be on Tuesdays throughout Lent starting from 24th February.

Kay Spencer – Churchwarden

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The annual Coffee and Carols evening was held at Plas Hendy and Mr and Mrs John Crawley welcomed everyone with usual delicious hot punch which, together with the roaring fire in the wood burner in the Hall, created a nostalgic atmosphere. Entertainment by the newly formed “St Peter’s Merrymakers” was very enjoyable and appreciated by all (Bookings can be made through their agent!!!). During half-time, the seasonal refreshments were enjoyed. The gift stall, raffle and Buttons In A Jar all did a brisk trade and after thank you’s were expressed we all departed feeling happy and looking forward to celebrating Christmastime. Thank you to everyone who gave donations, food, prizes, etc and helped in any way for making this a very successful evening, and especially to Mr and Mrs John Crawley. Thank you to our friends for your continued support.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Arrangements are in hand for fund raising events in 2015 and will be reported in the next Magazine. We look forward to seeing you all as usual!

Helen Hayward

From Fieldgate: It’s almost February and I think I may have dried out from the washing up. In BBC reporter Brian Hanrahan’s famous words during the Falklands Conflict – I counted them all out and I counted them all back – except in my case it was cutlery and crockery...and boy were there lots!



CHRISTMAS CRACKER CORKERS

Why can't the car play football?
Because it only has one boot.

Where do cows go on a Saturday?
The moo-vies.

What part of a clock is always old?
The second hand.

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can Ho Ho Ho.

Why is a horse like a cricket match?
Because they get stopped by the rein (rain!)

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Church Ladies With Typewriters

Thank goodness for Church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in Church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music and wind will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Christmas celebrations started early at Bryngwyn WI with the President, Sue Womack, welcoming 27 members to a Christmas wonderland of candles, tinsel and a Christmas tree with suitable music in the background. Sandra Gunter was welcomed back after her unexpected schedule in Hospital for a quadruple bypass and thanked members for their support also the gift and card. Betty was greeted with a round of applause as she made her entrance after many months of recovery following an operation, Angela Partridge was recovering after her knee operation and had sent a card of thanks for the chocolates and card. I have bought a bulk lot of get well cards!!!! Resolution voting slips were collected and Diane Watkins and Audrey Powell were thanked for completing the triangle which will be part of the centenary bunting and Diane agreed to compile the centenary scrapbook. Members were reminded to pay their subscriptions in February. After the business members enjoyed a sing-a-long, guess the content of the 12 prizes and a free raffle. A delicious buffet was provided by members along with a celebratory drink. The highlight of the evening has to be Diane Watkins dressed up as an elf and then distributing presents to everyone. The evening concluded with Silent Night.

January was our New Year's meal at the Cripple Creek where we had the usual welcome by Carolyn and her staff. Olwyn Parry and Jean Armstrong had both been unwell over Christmas and a note congratulation to Sandra on the birth of her new granddaughter, Beth.

The NFWI Wales Concert in Cardiff-Diane and Sue will be attending.

As Gwent is the host county for the Royal Welsh the WI are looking for volunteers to run the WI stand. Several members interested.

Programmes were distributed but February and April to be confirmed. It is getting more difficult to book speakers especially cookery items. There was a free raffle of a bottle of fizz left over from the Christmas party and Carolyn Clode kindly donated a bottle of wine. The President wished everyone a Happy New Year and most importantly a Healthy New Year

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at Crawley Hall, Bryngwyn, at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Help is always needed before time to put tables and chairs out

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Carole Tranter, Secretary

From Carole: Bryngwyn WI were sad to hear of the death of Olwyn Parry, Ton Farm, Raglan. A long serving member and our thoughts go to the family at this sad time.

Yet another break from the Jumble Sales Tales...

Last year one of the Parish's longest supporters passed away and here is a tribute to her:

Iris Richardson 1922-2014

Iris spent most of her life in Bryngwyn having started off in Bassaleg but settled with her family at an early age in the Bryngwyn area.

She attended school in Bryngwyn before leaving and spending her married life in Great Oak and Bryngwyn and then after many years she eventually moved to Raglan.



Iris in Bryngwyn School, 1933

Iris worshipped at St Peter's Church, Bryngwyn and attended many Church events, which continued after her move to Raglan. On many occasions she said that she would like to move back to Bryngwyn.



Her funeral was well attended by family and friends. The collection at the service raised £309.65 which was donated to St Peter's Church, Bryngwyn, which was as she wished

Iris as a young woman

DATES OF NOTE

2015

DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO NEXT NEWSLETTER BY 20TH MARCH 2015

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CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS				
	Date	Time	Readers	Flowers & Cleaning
February	1 st	3pm	J Fletcher; B Gilchrist	
	8 th	10am	S Inglefield; B Fletcher	K Spencer
	15 th	8.30am	H Hayward; D Inglefield	O Parry
	22 nd	10am	C Davies; K Spencer	
March	1 st	3pm	B Gilchrist; S Inglefield	
	8 th	10am	B Fletcher; H Hayward	
	15 th	8.30am	D Inglefield; K Spencer	O Smith
	22 nd	10am	C Davies; J Fletcher	B Davies
	29 th	<i>See Pew Sheet</i>		