

# CAEREINION CHRONICLE

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## **Llanfair Caereinion Town Council Defibrillator locations**

- 1) Mount Field (clubhouse wall)
- 2) High Street (telephone box)
- 3) Watergate Street by Maesglas (telephone box)
- 4) Market Square (Black Lion pub)
- 5) Leisure Centre (outside wall)
- 6) Doctors Surgery (inside)
- 7) Institute (back of building)

## **Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Lleoliadau'r diffibrilwyr**

- 1) Cae Mownt (wal adeilad y clwb)
- 2) Stryd Fawr (blwch ffôn)
- 3) Stryd y Dŵr gan Maesglas (blwch ffôn)
- 4) Sgwâr y Farchnad (tafarn y Llew Du)
- 5) Canolfan Hamdden (wal allanol)
- 6) Y Feddygfa (y tu mewn)
- 7) Yr Athrofa (yng nghefn yr adeilad)

# Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

## Bus stops for Llanfair Caereinion

Buses travel from Llanfair Caereinion to Welshpool, Oswestry and Newtown from different bus stops around the town. To help people to easily access the buses, new bus stops have been installed with timetables at each one. The following buses operate to and from Llanfair Caereinion from the bus stop by the Watergate Street car park:

<b>Welshpool</b>	<b>09:42, 14:12 &amp; 15:12</b> <b>(Monday to Saturday) bus 87</b> Returning at 12:52 and 14:42 from Welshpool bus station
<b>Oswestry</b>	<b>09:00 (Wednesday and Friday) bus 73</b> Returning from Oswestry bus station at 14:02
<b>Newtown</b>	<b>09:00 (Tuesday and Thursday) bus 84</b> Returning from Newtown bus station at 13:55

Please hail the bus as it approaches if not at a bus station. Full details can be found on the website at <https://bustimes.org/localities/llanfair-caereinion>

## Youth Club

The town council has employed Matt Evans as Youth Leader. Matt now leads the youth club in the Institute on Monday evenings from 4pm to 6.30pm for those aged 10 to 14 and 6:30pm to 8pm for those aged 14 to 18. The council received a grant from Awards for all Wales to kick start the project. There is already great attendance with many young people benefiting from the club.

## **Annual Report**

The Llanfair Caereinion Town Council annual report can be found at [www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk) under documents. The report sets out what the council has achieved in the past 12 months and what it hopes to achieve in the next 12 months.

## **Town Wi-fi**

The new Town Wi-Fi has been installed and is now working, you can access the Wi-Fi through the network '*WiFi Tref Am Ddim Free Town WiFi*'. When you are in range from the railway to the high street, you will be able to access information relating to tourism and the town. The system will also be able to give the town council an idea of how many visitors we have and what services they use to aid future planning for the town.

## **Llanfair Town Partnership**

In the past, a town partnership group was created so that local groups could meet and be offered the chance to complete consultations on matters affecting the town. The town council is now bringing back the partnership with its first meeting being held in early September.

## **Leisure provision in Llanfair**

Powys county council is carrying a review of leisure facilities across the county including Llanfair Caereinion. The town council hosted a public meeting at the leisure centre which was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August where many attended to express their views on what is needed. Many will have also completed the survey forms and returned them to the county council. We now await the outcome of the review which we all hope is positive. The notes from the public meeting can be found on the town council website at [www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk)

## 20mph speed limits

As many of you will be aware there are to be mandatory 20mph speed limits put in place in all communities where currently the limits are 30mph. The new speed limits are due to be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. The Town Council is also seeking to extend the speed limit in the High Street so that it starts before the Deri Woods car park as you enter Llanfair.

## Report From Gareth Jones, County Councillor For Llanfair Caereinion and Llanerfyl



### LEISURE REVIEW

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the meeting in the leisure centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Currently Powys is conducting a leisure review of all its leisure facilities throughout Powys. Can I urge every user, individual, organisation and group to complete the survey, it is vital that we as a community demonstrate the need and demand for first class leisure facilities within our community. The link is below, if you can't go online,

please contact myself or the town clerk who would happily provide a paper copy.

<https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-leisure-review-2023>

The closing date for responses is **Monday 28 August 2023.**

## **NEW HEALTH CENTRE**

Powys Teaching Health Board, Caereinion Medical Practice and the development partner Assura remain committed to this project with a view to improving facilities in the town. Jayne Lawrence is Assistant Director of Primary Care Services with Powys Teaching Health Board. She explained: *"This project has been delayed due to industry-wide rising construction costs, but we remain committed to providing a fantastic new building for patients in the Llanfair Caereinion area... We realise that the current GP practice building has limitations, and we are working hard to build a replacement on Watergate Street as soon as possible. The new Primary Care Centre will be built to the latest environmental BREEAM standards, will provide more patient and staff parking on the 1.7-acre site, will improve patient confidentiality as well as provide better facilities for patients and staff."* Having again spoken to the developer I was told, *"updated information due mid-August should put us in a position of being able to proceed"*.

I will keep you updated on any developments.

## **PHOSPHATES MOTION**

At the last full council meeting I successfully amended a motion on river pollution relating specifically to phosphates within our watercourses.

1. We call on the Welsh Government to set a clear monitoring framework for river pollution.
2. We call on National Governments to accelerate funding for our monitoring bodies like NRW to allow them to monitor and enforce safe levels within our rivers.
3. Call on Welsh Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy to accelerate its investment in the sewage system and their upgrade programme.

4. Call on Welsh Water and Hafren Dyfrdwy to accelerate its investment in replacing the current supply pipe network to eliminate the use of orthophosphate.

### **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Another application window has been launched as part of an exciting funding programme which could help Powys communities build pride in place, increase life chances for residents and drive good economic growth. The third call for applications for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) has been announced by the Powys Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership. The partnership decides how over £23m of UK Government funding is spent across four priority areas. The latest call will be for projects that fall within the People and Skills priority.

Cllr David Selby, Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys and Chair of the Powys Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership, said: *"The main objective of the Shared Prosperity Fund is to build people's pride in their communities and to increase opportunities for residents and businesses."*

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns that you wish to raise on 01938810296/07713988017 or [cllr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk)

## From St Mary's Church

This is my last piece for the Chronicle before I retire in September. Having lived in the area for almost forty years it will be quite a wrench, but as we leave, we begin a new chapter in our lives and take with us all that has been precious during our time here. Central to life here has been St Mary's Church where I was welcomed and nurtured by so many people for such a long time. It was here that I discovered what it was to be a Christian and how Jesus could guide me and use me so that my life was enriched. It was the influence and encouragement of the people there that made me follow the challenging path to ordination and the priesthood. An amazing journey.



Since being asked to become Vicar for Llanfair, alongside Meifod and the other churches I have had the privilege of sharing in the most significant events in people's lives and in the local community.

Constantly, people tell me that St Mary's is the heart of the community as it has been over

so many generations. I think this was very much demonstrated in the Flower Festival, that brought everyone together, an amazing team effort to raise funds to get the clock working again.



Despite many ongoing challenges, St Mary's continues reach out to people sharing God's love and welcoming everyone into their family. We have the regular Coffee, Cake and Company once a month on the first Wednesday of the month where people can drop in and meet together and share the jigsaw! There is a service every Sunday at 11am followed by tea and coffee so people can get to know each other and the door is open every day as a space for quiet reflection and prayer. Our hope is that the church here will continue to thrive and grow and that the atmosphere of prayer that has been there for centuries will draw people into experiencing God's love for them in whatever way they need it.



My prayer is that St Mary's will continue to be a beacon of hope in the midst of the challenges of life, reminding at the heart of the community. I leave St Mary's at a time of challenge, but also confident that it is in good hands in the care of the worship team and small and faithful congregation that work so tirelessly to keep things going. I am so grateful to them for all they do to ensure the church is there for everyone. The church is very much part of the community and I pray that it will be supported and cherished into the future.

I leave you with my blessings and best wishes for the future,  
Rev Jane.

## Llanfair Show

Show President Liz Harding would like to welcome you all to Llysun on 2nd September to what will be another competitive and entertaining show for all the family, as we celebrate 50 years since the show was revived back in 1973. We have a full day of entertainment waiting for you, from the sheep, horses and dog classes to the main marquee full of cookery, flowers and craft. We will have Paul Hannam and his quad bike as the main entertainment in the ring, as well as lots of other things to keep you busy. To add to this excitement, we will this year be joined by a film company from S4C who will be filming the programme Cefn Gwlad to be televised at a later date.

Please come along and enjoy your day!

## Llanfair Bowls Club

A successful open triples tournament was held at the bowls club on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, thank you to all those that attended and showed support.



Winners Dave Bloom, Crissy Bloom and Simon Perry pictured with sponsors Richard Edwards and David Edwards, club president Mal Evans and chairman Arwel Rees, holding the Roger Edwards Cup.



Runners up Rob Isaac, Daniel Isaac and Aled Humphreys.

## Knit and Natter



Recently, the club have been to Llwyn teg with knitted blankets and twiddle muffs made by the Knit and Natter group.

The club has also given a £50 donation to the Mick Bates memorial fund.

## Llanfair United Football Club Updates



In May, the football club held a very successful charity day in memory of Andy McVeagh. The event was brilliantly attended by the community and the club are grateful for everyone's support. As a result, we managed to raise £2000 for the British Heart Foundation.



At the end of last season, the club thanked Eilir Ellis who ended his time as junior coach as his team reached under 16 level after 10 years with the team.

The club held their end of season awards at the Black Lion. The club also held their AGM recently and appointed a committee for the 2023/24 season. We've been really pleased that a number of new people have stepped forward recently to help and we're always

looking for more.

The club provides football for over 200 people in the Llanfair area, from the age of 5 to over 75! Our junior section is booming, our senior teams are ready for the new season and our walking football training is open to anyone who'd like to enjoy the game at a slower pace!

Please get in touch via Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for more info about joining the club or email [llanfairunited@gmail.com](mailto:llanfairunited@gmail.com). Walking Football, all ages welcome, Fridays at the Leisure Centre, 6pm.

## Dates for your Diary

### September

2<sup>nd</sup>- Llanfair Show at Llysun

14<sup>th</sup>- W.I. 7pm in The Institute

### October

4<sup>th</sup>- The Fron Male Voice Choir at The Hafren Newtown at 7:30pm.

Tickets available at [www.thehafren.co.uk](http://www.thehafren.co.uk)

12<sup>th</sup>- W.I. 7pm in The Institute

## Friends of Deri Woods



The volunteers at Friends of Deri Woods work with the town council to look after Der Woods and Goat Field. A project completed recently was 'a leaky dam.' Leaky dams are a flooding prevention measure, moderating the flow of water downstream. Barriers are added to a stream or river to prevent soil and silt escaping, allowing water to escape at a slower rate. You can see the new dam from the lower path as you leave the car park by the small tributary.

## The Royal British Legion



The Llanfair Caereinion Branch of the Royal British Legion plays a great part in doing its bit to support the Poppy Appeal. We have put over £3500 towards this fund-raising effort. From such a small community it is amazing. The fact that we raise these funds, showing our support to help society, be it older veterans that we care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or

those who are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis. The Royal British Legion can only continue to provide these services with your help.

If you would like to sponsor a large poppy attached to St Mary's Church wall, then please get in touch. The suggested donation is £10, your sponsored poppy will be displayed for approximately 4 weeks from the 23rd of October.

Call/Message: Sam: 07711 293196, email: alsamkelsie@aol.com

Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

## Llanfair Carnival

After a scaled down version of the carnival last year in the wake of Covid 19 pandemic, the 2023 Llanfair carnival was a great success. We had lots of excellent floats and fantastic fancy dress entrants.



Ffion Phillips, our beautiful carnival queen officially opened the carnival with a bilingual speech. On field entertainment was a mix of traditional fairground attractions, stalls, modern assault courses and other

activities. We had a few challenges this year, which came in the form of trying to find something that would keep people occupied in lieu of a big funfair, which costs a lot. We think we managed to do this.

The bottom line is that costs for organising an event like this have risen sharply, even the cost of travelling to us has to be considered. The carnival committee think it is important for community events like

the carnival, to keep costs down because they want it open to everyone to give the entire community a chance to experience the atmosphere. Despite the struggles we managed to deliver a fantastic event, which we think was reflected by how many people stuck around for the whole day, with people still on the field as late as 8pm.

The carnival presented a number of trophies to groups who had built floats, entered the fancy dress. We also introduced a new category this year in memory of a much-loved local, who gave a lot to the community and helped a great deal with the carnival and other events. The Mick Bates Memorial Trophy, named after former Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, is a trophy presented to the winners of the Young Farmers group category.

We hope that we will have more floats and fancy-dress competitors for next year's carnival on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. We may also be re-introducing a "theme" for next year, keep your eye on our Facebook page for more info!!! If you would like to be part of the group, it would be greatly appreciated.

To volunteer and for more info phone Sam: 07711 293196 or email [alsamkelsie@aol.com](mailto:alsamkelsie@aol.com)

Photos thanks to Micheal Wilkinson



### **Best Adult Float**

**1st – The Black Lion -  
Women's World Cup**



### Best Child

1st - Llanfair Youth Football –  
Off to the Olympics



### Most Comical

1st - Red Lion - Rugby World  
Cup



### Best Young Farmers

1st - Llanfair YFC - By the Sea



### Best Overall Float

Llanfair Youth Football - Off to  
the Olympics



## Llanfair Caereinion W.I.

We have had a busy few months with our own meetings and invitations to other W.I.s.

We joined Llandrinio W.I. for their open meeting where the speaker Natalie Cummings gave a fascinating talk on the violin that had been passed through generations, traveling through Russia when her family were escaping the pogrom, arriving in the UK and then ending up in the concentration camps in Nazi Germany. The violin was featured on one of the early Repair Shop programmes and has since been given to the Yehudi Menuhin music school. It was a very interesting, though sometimes harrowing, story. Many of us purchased Natalie's book.

Belan W.I. invited us to their fashion show run by 7ern Island from Newtown. It was a most enjoyable evening with refreshments afterwards. Quite a few of our members visited the shop afterwards.

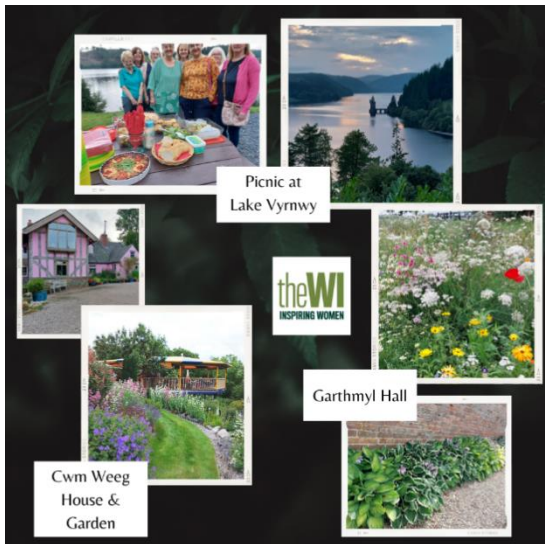
The Powys Montgomery Federation of W.I.s held their annual Garden Party at Garthmyl Hall. Luckily, we had good weather and were able to take our time wandering around the walled garden & wild flower meadow whilst their head gardener gave us the history of the garden and hall.

In July we visited Cwm Weeg at Dolfor for a tour of the garden and house followed by tea and cake. The garden was beautiful and the house was amazing, definitely influenced by their friend Andrew Logan.

For our August meeting, Ann produced a wonderful picnic for the eight of us able to attend and we went up to Lake Vyrnwy. Unfortunately, we were joined by a cloud of flying ants, but we did manage to finish our meal before taking shelter at The Tavern.

We are hoping to have Positive Flames attend our meeting in September, and then in October we shall be holding our own fashion show with Talisman in Welshpool, to be held at The Institute and we hope that members from other W.I.s will be joining us.

If you would like to come and see what we are about, do join us at one of our meetings held on the second Thursday in the month at 7pm at The Institute.



## A Blast from the Past



Photo of Ellis Humphreys, Robyn Edwards and Albert Rees putting the world to rights, 'yn rhoi'r byd yn ei le', at one of the first Llanfair shows hosted at Llysun.

Thanks to Elen Rees for the photo.

If anyone has any historical photographs with relevance to Llanfair, please send them to Sarah Astley or Ursula Griffiths- Contact numbers found at the back of the issue.

## **Excerpts from the newsletter of Russell George, SM**

### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

There is good news as new applications for UK Shared Prosperity Fund are now open. This fund is about the empowerment of local communities that I am confident will make a real difference on the ground. This is the third call for applications for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Powys Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership will decide how over £23m of UK Government funding is spent across four priority areas with this round focusing on People and Skills. There are great opportunities to upskill, retrain and develop employability skills across Powys.

### **NHS Wales News**

I meet officials at Powys Teaching Health Board on a regular basis and it was helpful in our last meeting to discuss initiatives to retain and attract staff in our area.

The Earn While You Learn scheme offers the opportunity for people to train as a nurse in three years with university qualifications thanks to a distance learning programme.

It is particularly welcome that there are no age limits or previous experience needed to take part. With a full salary and university costs covered, it really opens up access to this important career for everyone.

# Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

## Town Councillors/ Y Cynghorwyr Tref

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**Robert Robinson, Town Clerk/Clerc y Dref –**

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Council Meetings/Cyfarfodydd y Cyngor:

4th Monday of the month at 7pm/ 4ydd dydd Llun y mis am 7 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Youth Room of the Institute/ Cynhelir pob cyfarfod yn Ystafell Ieuenctid yr Institiwt Agenda and minutes on the website at/

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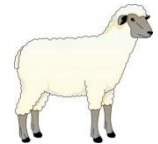
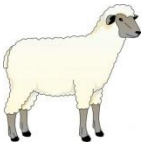
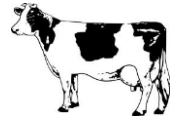
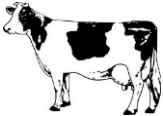
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