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# CHURCH SERVICES February & March 2020



<b>Date FEBRUARY 2020</b>	<b>Leighton</b>	<b>Trelystan</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>Candlemas</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</b>	_____	<b>3.00pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> <b>Next before Lent</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> Family Service	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>Date MARCH 2020</b>	<b>Leighton</b>	<b>Trelystan</b>
<b>Sunday 1st March</b> <b>Lent 1</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 2</b>	_____	<b>3.00pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 3</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 4</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> Family Service	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 5</b> <b>Passion Sunday</b>	<b>Group Service</b> <b>At the Marsh</b> <b>10.30am</b>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Lent 6</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> Holy Communion	

**Leighton Church Rotas – February 2020**

**Sidesmen**  
**Elisabeth & David Griffiths**

**Altar Flowers & Brasses**  
**Christine Walton**

**Leighton Church Rotas – March 2020**

**Sidesmen**  
**Roma & Rachel Tibbott**

**Note it is Lent and there are no flowers only Brasses**  
**Elisabeth Griffiths**



Welcoming church door



Castle Belles performing

Thanks to everyone who supported me in hosting **The Winter Wonderland Concert**, in Holy Trinity Church, Leighton on December 6th 2019.

Special thanks to those who helped decorate the Church, made Mince pies, sold Draw Tickets, served Mulled Wine and donated Draw Prizes and a special thank you to Father Christmas for the loan of his Reindeers.

A Grand Total of £1020 was made and this will be divided between Leighton Village Hall and Holy Trinity Church, Leighton.

The Church was packed to capacity and looked like a real Winter Wonderland Special thanks to:

- The Guilsfield School Wind band under the guidance of Mrs Sara Walton.
- Seren Walton (Soloist) Granddaughter of Terry & Chris Walton.
- Mari Van-Hulzen (Saxophonist/Flautist)
- The Castle Belles

A BIG THANK YOU to to Victoria and Leighton Estates for the donation of the 2 splendid Christmas trees. Thanks also to Will for the delivery of them and to Dan for his help stabilising and decorating them and to all our guests for a wonderful evening. My special thanks to John & Ann Markwick, and Jane Walton for all your support.

*Chris Walton*



Sparkling decorations



The Porch



Decorated exterior of church



Your editors voted leave in the 1975 referendum. So Friday 13th of December will be remembered by us as a day of unmitigated joy for years to come. For all you disappointed remainers—*Don't Panic*—the sky hasn't fallen in yet neither will it. By the end of this parliament you'll wonder what all the fuss was about and be enjoying living in a newly liberated country. The eurocrats were always praying 'anybody but Boris'—guess why! Also they are incredulous that a man opening the Olympic Games could be photographed stuck on a zip wire, trousers at half-mast and with wrinkled socks. And how is it possible he could be elected as Prime Minister just a few years later. Well, they never really understood the British—and they are still in a state of shock about the 2016 referendum result.

On a more mundane level, this will be the last year we will be editing the Leighton News. By the November/December 2020 we will have produced 44 issues—time to hand over to another team. Please think hard if you could make even a partial contribution. It would be a great pity if the newsletter did not continue especially as the software tools to create such publications have become so inexpensive and much easier to use than those available 30 odd years ago.

We hope some alternative options will be explored. Consider expanding the team so the job is shared by a larger group. The Leighton News has quite a few fixed pages. Separate jobs could include the front cover picture, the church timetables (just a Word table), maybe 2 pages of Grapevine, a couple of ready made posters and updates for the 3 pages of the Trade Directory. So, these alone would be sufficient for a 12 page issue. Surely we could find just

five volunteers to take charge of these separate sections? If pages could be delivered in a ready to print design, assembly before printing can be very quick indeed. Any possibility you may be able to contribute in some capacity? Please do email us if you may be interested—or volunteer a friend.

*Steve*      *Patricia*      *David*  
Steve      Patricia      David

P.S. Anyone game to take on the mailing list program? A few minutes each time—just paste in the message and click once to send to all the lucky subscribers

## The Arts Society Mid Wales & Borders

The February 2020 meeting of the Arts Society Mid Wales and Borders takes place on Thursday the 27th. The speaker is Dr David Bostwick, whose talk is titled **Misericords - The Medieval World Turned**



**Upside Down.** The venue is the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, the talk begins at 2.30pm. For more details contact Dennis J Duggan [djduggan@supanet.com](mailto:djduggan@supanet.com) Tel 01938 555574

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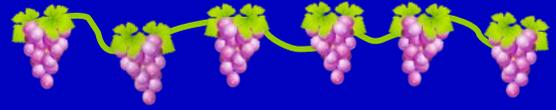
# BIG SCREEN MOVIES

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## Marion Village Hall & Welshpool Town Hall

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b>MARTON</b></p> <p>Tickets are £4.00. Under 16s £2.00.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>at 7:30 pm</b></p> <p>Bar and refreshments. All welcome</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE ZOO KEEPER'S WIFE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOWNTON ABBEY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>	<p><b>WELSHPOOL</b></p> <p>Tickets £3.50</p> <p>Doors open at <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p>at the Assembly Room</p> <p>Refreshments Available</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST MAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b></p>

# VILLAGE GRAPEVINE



There are many new faces in the village and we extend a warm welcome to one and all. To keep in touch with village announcements you can add your email address and any other contact details you wish to our newsletter subscribers list. See the details on the next page.



Bon Voyage to the wonderful **Teresa Jenkins** formerly of Pear Tree Cottage in the Pentre. Teresa has tirelessly spent the last two decades being a vital part of our village and we can't possibly manage without her so we look forward to seeing Teresa back at events throughout 2020 and beyond. We all hope that Teresa will be very happy in her new home on the top of Red Bank, Welshpool.



Welcome to Leighton village to **Andy** and **Beccy Staple** who are now resident in Pear Tree Cottage

Also welcome to **Ian** and **Gaynor Crossan** who have moved into Pentre Mill. Ian is a corporate pilot and Gaynor an air hostess and they are already regulars on the dog walking circuit through the woods.



*Celebrating*



Bon Voyage to **Eithol** and **Phyllis Bayliss** formerly of Nant-y-coed who have recently moved to Shrewsbury to be close to their daughter and family. Eithol has spent his whole life here man and boy as part of the large Bayliss clan. He was part of the original committee that helped raise funds to build the Village Hall with his renowned barbecues. Eithol & Phyllis celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 8th December and we send our congratulations to them both and wish them every happiness in their new home. Nant-y-coed will soon be the base for the Welshpool vets.



Recently moved in next door to Nant-y-coed at Brynhafren we extend a welcome to local couple **Kathryn** and **Graham Evans** and little **Ffion**.



Also moved into Lower Leighton farmhouse after refurbishment we welcome **Claire** and **Fraser** along with little **Harper** and her big sister **Maisie**.

Congratulations to **Sarah** and **Miles Reeder** on the birth of little **Ronnie**, who along with his big sister **Rudy** live at Pentre Mill. Many years ago Ronnie's late granddad **Dave Reeder**, a renowned carpenter, was commissioned to restore the then derelict Poultry House into the wonderful building we all enjoy today.



Welcome also to **Libby** and **Astor** who moved into Rowan (next to Leighton Church) recently.



Welcome to No 3 Poplar Drive to **Denis** and **Linda Rogers** who have moved here from the far off shores of Whittington.

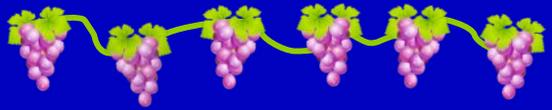


It was with sadness that we heard the news of the death of **Phil Howells** who was such a popular postman over many years here in Leighton. We send our best wishes to his wife **Joyce**.

Thank you to everyone who supported the village Carol Singing troupe enabling them to raise £124 donated to the **Macmillan Cancer Support** and **Air Ambulance**. Special thanks to **Bethan** and **David Hawes** of Redwood Close for hosting the pre-singing festivities and to **Catherine Williams** for rounding up the singers.



# VILLAGE GRAPEVINE



Happy Birthday to **Bethan Thomas** who is celebrating her 30th birthday at the beginning of March!



Happy 95th Birthday to **Marjorie Cadwallader** on 23rd January.



Congratulations to someone who we watched grow up here before the family emigrated to New Zealand. Yes its **Neve Clapton** who just before Christmas got engaged to her High School sweetheart **Jeff**. They have been together for 6 years and as they say in New Zealand they are 'two tradies together' as Neve is a painter and decorator and Jeff is a plumber. We also wish **Jo, Paul & Ava** (who has just left home for Uni) a very happy 2020.

Lastly but by no means least (carried over from last year) on 26th October a team of 4 veterans over 55 including **Haydn** from Leighton and **Richard Jones** from Newtown -and two other team mates **Graham Jones** and **Martin Hargreaves** from Shrewsbury Athletics Club , ran in the British Masters Cross Country Relays in Nottingham, they all ran a 3k leg each, As you can imagine the waterlogged course turned into a mudbath, but they overcame the conditions and finished 5th in the country.



Left to Right Martin, Richard Graham and Haydn



### LEIGHTON POST OFFICE VAN

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### HAVE YOU JOINED?



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EXTRA EVENTS NOT IN THE PRINTED COPIES



**LEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL**

The brand new **LVH MULTI-USE SPORTS PITCH** is nearing completion at a cost of over £162,000.00 which has been made possible with funds from the Entrust Fund supported by Potters Group for which we are very grateful.

===== **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** =====



SPORTS PITCH OPENING  
EASTER COFFEE MORNING  
**Saturday 4th April**

JUMBLE SALE  
**Saturday 16th May**



BINGO  
**Wednesday 10th June**

DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND EVENING  
**Saturday 12th Sept**



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SUNDAY LUNCH & PROMISE AUCTION  
**Sunday 1st November**

QUIZ NIGHT  
– To be confirmed.



## New School Slogan

We have held a competition at school to update our old school slogan – we combined two of the entries to create one slogan; **I am me. You are you. We matter. Be kind, with a thoughtful mind.**

This shows that at Leighton we are individuals, all as important as the next person – and we should always try to think, and help those around us.

## Leighton Village Hall & School Christmas Coffee Morning

A busy morning for all concerned during a very well attended joint fundraising event. A great atmosphere and lots of interesting stalls. Our school Christmas tree, kindly donated by Leighton estate and decorated in a Victorian theme won third prize in Welshpool's Christmas Tree



## Leighton School Mad Hatter Day

We held a Mad Hatter Day in order to fundraise for **Children in Need!**



## Our new school eco slogan competition winner!



Take a  
Ride on  
the Green  
Side!

## Harvest Foodbank collection

donations poured to help local foodbanks as part of our Harvest celebrations.



**Years 5 and 6 visited Gwyn's Barn** last month to learn about dairy farming from Andrew Thomas. The pupils then held lively debates about whether or not dairy farming is ethical.

They also had the opportunity to visit the Polling Station in LVH to ask questions about the General Election and voting.

As part of our topic last term on Victorians, the children dressed up in Victorian clothing and wrote and performed their own plays based on Victorian Education.



Victorian Dress-up



The Polling Station in LVH



The Dairy Farm

## Long Mountain Women's Institute (LMWI)



Since the inaugural meeting in May 2019, the LMWI has gone from strength to strength, now with 22 members signed up for 2020, and even its own friendly WhatsApp group!

Aiming to do things a little different with the tagline 'we are not all about jam and Jerusalem' it has a varied programme of events and speakers and lots to look forward to in 2020.

The Christmas social 'bring a plate' didn't mean spending the whole day baking in order to impress, supermarket-bought was just as appreciated with the focus on getting to know each other in this welcoming and inclusive group.

In order to reduce the carbon footprint of the group, minutes are sent by email and not printed. The WI is a campaigning group with its members voting this month on which campaigns to support. The campaigns bring WI members together to take action and achieve real change in policy and practice on the issues that we all care about. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Leighton Village hall and prospective members are welcome to come along, meet the friendly group and give it a go before deciding if this is for you. The next meeting is 19th February 2020. The club's officers are: Deb Evans, president, & Jane Tibbott, treasurer.

Elaine Newson, secretary Tel: 01938 570 838 Email: [elaine.newson1@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.newson1@btinternet.com)

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or **Carol Alexander (01938580395)** or **Bill Jones (01938580477)**.

Details can also be found on the Village Noticeboards and website.

# New Village Service available Mobile Library Van



You can join on the van or use your existing library card.

**Easy to order books online (under Powys Mobile North) or with Janet, who will bring them on the van for you the next month.**

School gates will remain **unlocked** during this time for pedestrian access through the playground to the van in the car park.

**Every 3rd Wednesday**  
**Leighton Village Hall Car Park 11:00-11:20 am**  
19th Feb, 19th March, 15th April, 21st May,  
17th June, 15th July, Oct, 18th Nov, 16th Dec



## BE NICE TO YOUR MICE

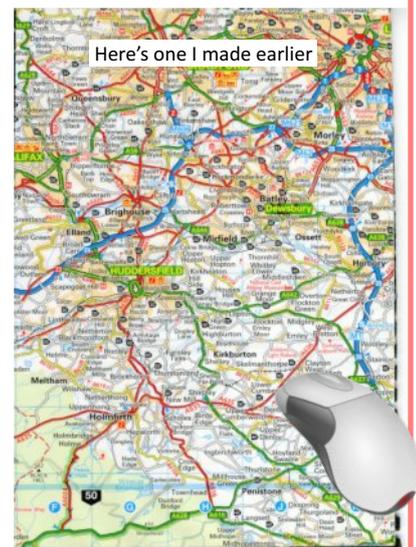


A few years ago, I bought a mouse mat from the Greenwich Observatory gift shop. It had a 3D illustration of the stages just after the Big Bang. Unfortunately, it was utterly useless. Today computer mice use a small light to reflect information about when and where the mouse is moved. This is still the most accurate way to interact with the screen and when optical mice were first introduced Microsoft said they were so versatile they could work on the leg of your pants.

That may be so, but some surfaces still create problems – 3D pictures being the being

the very worst example. These fake 3D images are overlaid with tiny triangular plastic strips (mini prisms) So from some angles you can see two images at once giving the 3D effect. Put a mouse on one of these and with the slightest movement the cursor just flies all over place. Selling such a useless product should have been a major embarrassment to the world's founding institution for optical science.

Using a mouse on a polished table can also cause erratic movements. A page from an old road atlas is the perfect solution. Choose a really congested area like Huddersfield. There are so many 100s of towns crammed in with tiny fonts, the mouse can detect its position with super fine accuracy – select single full stops with ease. Laminate and back it with non-slip material for a deluxe version.





Spirit of Welshpool" model railway layout

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### Application to join Leighton 100 Club 2019

Name : .....

Address : .....

Postcode : ..... Email address : .....

£12 payment enclosed cash  cheque  made payable to **LEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL**

Signature : .....

Please send form and payment to : Christine Walton, Oakacre, Leighton, Welshpool SY21 8HJ (Tel: 01938 552 833) by February 1st 2019 **at the latest**. A certificate will be issued for all numbers. If you would like more than one application then please list them and attach them to this form.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**JOIN NOW**

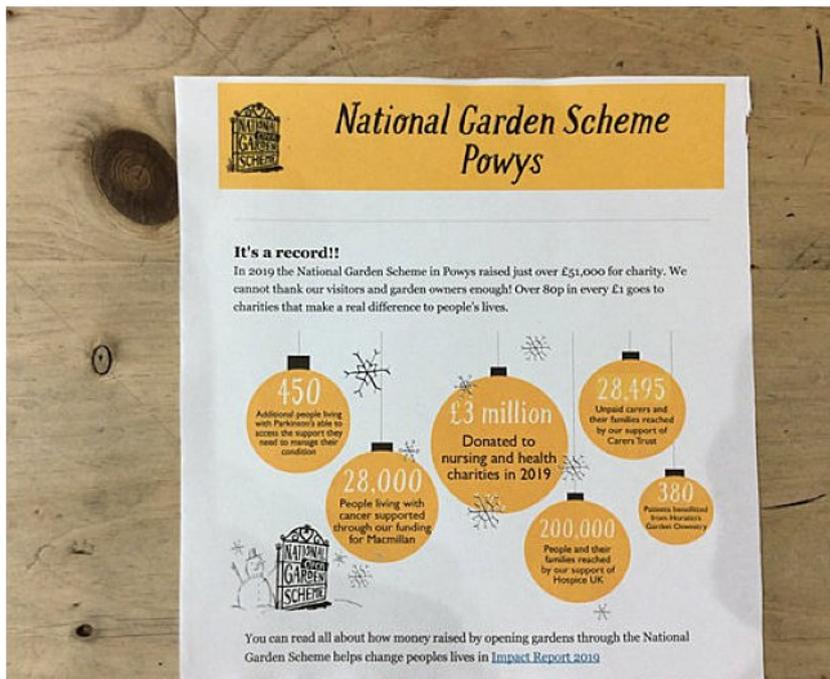




## NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME: POWYS GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY January & February 2020

Welcome to a new year of gardening and garden visits. The new Powys booklets will be available later in January in libraries, shops and cafes throughout the county and of course online too. The gardens begin to open in April when we hope we will have some lovely spring weather.

As you can see the National Garden Scheme was well supported during the year in our area with significant amounts of money being raised for so many worthy charities. Nationally the NGS donated £75,000 to Horatio's Garden and has committed to supporting future planned gardens at spinal injury units. Our local Horatio's Garden at Gobowen is now open for patients and their families. We do hope you will be able to visit some of the fabulous gardens open in our area during the year, details of which will be published in your local newsletters.



Sue McKillop, Assistant County Organiser  
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