

# Shirenewton

## Parish Magazine

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*Sketch by Barbara Davies*

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## FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear People of the Parish (or whatever you call it these days),

Please excuse the levity of the above statement but it is in response to the advancing change in restructuring the pattern of what was formerly the parish system.

I have droned on, both verbally and in print, about this issue over past months – if not years. What we have come to accept as the ‘parish structure’ is, for a variety of reasons (not least the continuing fall in church attendance and the declining number of clergy available) largely a thing of the past.

There is nothing to be gained by placing our heads in the sand and pretending that the issue will go away or that we can continue as though nothing has happened. It has. To keep you abreast of the situation, I quote from two publications recently received at the Vicarage.

The first is from a document produced by the Church in Wales entitled *2020 Vision*. It states: *“...it was apparent from the mood of the Governing Body...and from the desire of Church members...that there was now an appetite for change within the Church in Wales. What is becoming increasingly evident is that positive change is now happening across the Church in Wales. In particular, there has been a growing engagement with and development of the concept of Ministry Areas and Ministry Area Teams. In recent months in particular, clear evidence has emerged that significant steps towards the creation of Ministry Areas and Ministry Area Teams are being taken in every diocese.”* In other words, as I see it, the concept of individual parishes ‘fighting their own corner’ is giving way to larger church areas to be thought of in ‘Ministry Area’ terms. A copy of *2020 Vision* is available in all our churches.

Dr Paul Glover (part of the *2020 Vision* team) is quoted in the most recent edition of the *Monmouth Diocesan Newsletter* as follows: *“Exiting changes are underway in the Diocese of Monmouth. We’re taking a fresh look at our structure and ministry...As parishioners adapt to new patterns of leadership, it’s important that we look at how the team at the diocesan office can best provide the support that they need.”* A copy of the *Monmouth Diocesan Newsletter* is available in all our churches.

I do not fully understand how such changes, the projected arrival of the ‘Ministry Team’ concept, will impact on our group of parishes. Presently we are served by Nansi Davies, myself and three Lay Ministers (two of whom live outside this area). In addition, there is a loose affiliation of clergy (some retired) who, from time to time, generously step forward and conduct services for us. When I say that I do not fully understand the situation, I suppose I mean that we must ‘suck-it-and-see’.

We await the arrival of the Ministry Team model with interest. Will this mean an alteration in staffing levels? Will the present range of services on offer be altered or curtailed? As we, it would appear, stand to move away from the traditional parish system, what will replace it? What presumed benefits will it bring? I shall, of course, bring you news of any developments as and when they arrive.

In the same edition of the *Monmouth Diocesan Newsletter* the retirement of Canon Lyndon Harrison was announced. Over past years Lyndon has served as Team Rector in the Caldicot Group. I wish to pay tribute to his ministry as he has been no stranger to us in this group. His unassuming intellect and his wonderful sense of humour have profoundly enriched many in the Caldicot parish and further afield. During his time as incumbent, Lyndon has moved in new and challenging directions and he has won the love and respect of many in doing so. It is a great comfort to know, as I understand the situation, that Lyndon will continue to live in the local community and offer his services in the immediate area. Fulsome appreciation should also be extended to his wife Cynthia, who, as well as putting up with Lyndon (no small undertaking!) has exercised a valued ministry in her own right. Every good wish and blessing to them on the occasion of their retirement from full time obligations.

May you find yourselves always in the presence of God,

## **SHIRENEWTON CHURCH 200 CLUB**

Winners for June are:

- 1st prize Diane Reid
- 2nd prize Joanne Tomlins
- 3rd prize John Burrows
- 4th prize Jan Morris

## **FIREWORKS IN EARLSWOOD**

There will be fireworks at West End Earlswood on 9th August at 10.00.

They will last approximately 5 minutes.

Thank you very much

Pip Penney

***No prizes for spotting any mistakes this month, as the eagle eyed proof reader is on holiday***  
***Editor***

## SHIRENEWTON CHARITY COMMITTEE

- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> July – Call my bluff wine tasting – no skill or knowledge needed but a good evening in prospect as you work out which of the three bluffers is actually describing the wine you are sampling – but by the six and final one you probably won't care!
- ◆ Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> – Shirenewton Church golf classic at St Pierre - we would love to have more local teams so please contact me if you would like to enter a team or just play!
- ◆

We continue to support the Chepstow food bank with weekly collections in church.  
Kevin Bounds, Shirenewton Charity Committee

## FROM THE REGISTERS

The marriage of

Caryl Eleri Wilson and Bharat Nagrani  
at St Thomas aBecket Church Shirenewton  
on Saturday 24th May 2014



# SAMFAL

Shirenewton and Mynyddbach Fields Association

The SAMFAL AGM will be held on Tuesday July 8th

In the Church Room at 7.30 pm

## SHIRENEWTON FETE

Saturday 14th June dawned fair and dry with the promise of sunshine - which came as a great relief to the many involved with the planning and delivery of Shirenewton Church Fete.

The Fete is one of the highlights of the village year which brings together the whole community; a large scale traditional event which starts with a parade and Carnival through the centre of the village up to the lovely village Recreation Ground.

This year the fete was again well attended and visitors enjoyed stalls ranging from the traditional (Coconut Shy, Cake Stall, Tombolas, Raffles, White Elephant, Bouncy Castle, Skittles, Plant Stall) through to more novel offerings such as the Welsh Open Welly Wanging competition, Dog Show, Alpacas, Butterfly Readings and Guess the Weight of the Salmon. As well as these entertainments visitors enjoyed a cooling Pimms or beer, ice-cream, candy floss and hotdogs and burgers. In the Hall, the WI served luscious teas and cakes and the U3A had a super display of art. In the main ring, the Kestrels put on a fantastic gymnastic display, the jazz band played toe-tapping numbers with gusto, adding to the air of jollity and the Dog Show was a very much appreciated addition to the entertainment.

So many people put in huge effort which resulted in a wonderful community event. Thank you to you all and for everyone who came along and supported the event. Once again we are most grateful to Terry Hicks of Hicks Logistics for sponsorship again this year.

The fete raised a little over £4,000, and this is so important to the Church which has to find £15,000 a year to pay its parish share. As well as that, the Church fabric has to be maintained, and a major structural review is due in the next twelve months which will highlight areas that will need to be addressed. There has been a serious ingress of water damaging the west wall which needs urgent attention before the wet weather returns and the structural review may well raise other maintenance requirements.

Special mention and thanks must also be given to Seirion Edwards, our Fete Co-ordinator, who worked tirelessly in the run up to, and on the day, in spite of her first baby being due on the day of the Fete!

Bill Clark

## **BEATING THE BOUNDS ON ROGATION SUNDAY**

A small but select group of parishioners met at the Church of St Thomas á Becket, Shirenewton on Sunday 25th May 2014 to continue the tradition of beating the bounds on Rogation Sunday. The weather was threatening, but not too bad as the intrepid group set off on a four mile walk down past the Huntsman, through a very boggy Pant Faen alongside the woods to Pant-y-Cosyn, across to Marls Farm, down to Batwell, and across the fields back to the village and to the Church room. Phil Brabon led the way and Dorothy Brabon ensured there were no stragglers as the group kept together through the woods, the long wet grass and through the muddy bits.

Back at the Church room Dorothy had provided cakes for the rather warm returning walkers. Sally Saysell and Ruth Savagar served the tea and everyone was glad to sit down and enjoy it all. Many thanks to the Brabons for their planning and execution of an excellent walk and for organising the tea and to all those who took part.

## **Earlswood Hall 'Afternoon Tea After an Afternoon Walk'**



A big thank you to everyone who joined us on a wonderful walk up to the top of Gray Hill It was a super hot afternoon but we walked through cool leafy green glades and along wide grassy paths through the forest and it was lovely. And we have some great cake bakers in the locality! We now have enough dosh for our tablecloths which you will probably be able to see at the Old Time Music Hall Evening in September.

### **Fete Left Overs!!**

#### **The Raffle**

**A Bottle of Sherry for Mr Mace**

**And a Patio Rose for Katie**

**The telephone numbers on the raffle tickets don't seem to be ringing home. Please get in touch with Glynis 641 818 or email**

**[glynis.macdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:glynis.macdonald@btinternet.com).**

**Also a pair of glasses was lost. Anyone found a pair of specs?**

**Shirenewton And Mynyddbach Fields Association**  
**FIELD GANG APPEAL**

*Do you have a bit of time to spare now and again?*

*Do you like the idea of keeping fit?*

*Do you like spending time out in our beautiful Monmouthshire countryside?*

I would like to set up a SAMFAL "**Field Gang**" – a group of volunteers willing to lend a hand with some manual jobs on the fields. There is plenty to do at the moment, and much as we love doing it, there just aren't enough of us.

The idea is that we have a large gang of volunteers that I can contact when a job needs doing, and that as many people who are free and willing at the appointed time turn up and we get the job done. *No* pressure. *No* being asked to do heavy work that doesn't suit you. *No* having to turn out every session. *No* having to stay for the whole session. If you join up and are only able to turn out for one hour once a year for a bit of light balsam pulling – that's ok, we'd still love to have you in The Gang!

The sorts of jobs that we'll be tackling will include: bracken trampling; Himalayan balsam pulling, scrub clearing, fence-line clearing, bramble clearing, thatch raking. Most jobs can be done by hand, but if anyone has got and can use brush cutters and trimmers etc it would be very useful indeed.

In order to suit as many people as possible the session timings will be varied; sometimes on the weekend; sometimes during week days and possibly, in the summer, during the evenings.

Would you like to join the Field Gang? I do hope so.

Email me at: **dolly.shirenewton@gmail.com**

The two most urgent jobs at the moment are bracken trampling and balsam pulling so we've earmarked the following days throughout July:

Tuesday mornings	10:00 am to Midday
Wednesday evenings	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (NOT 2 <sup>nd</sup> July)
Sunday mornings	10:00 am to Midday

We won't meet if the weather is too grim, so if you can make any or part of any session please email me so that I can keep you informed. Many thanks, Jane Smith-Haddon

## SHIRENEWTON CHURCH WEBSITE

Well, a successful fete is over and summer is upon us! I've posted the photos Kha Koon & I took of the fete on the Church website. If anyone has any other photos I'd love to get them and post them.

Please book your holidays through the shopping portal. There is a comprehensive travel section with airlines, travel portals (such as Expedia, Ebookers, Orpodo, Cheapflights, FlightNetwork, etc.), car hire and car parking all available. To remind you how the shopping portal works, you go to the portal, locate the shops) and click on the links. This means you have been referred by the shopping portal and it gets a commission on sales made. Last year these commissions added up to £1,365 which all goes to the maintenance of the Church. You can access the shopping portal via the links on the Church website or directly at [www.shirenewtonshop.com](http://www.shirenewtonshop.com)

Whenever I'm on holiday I usually spend an hour or so most days having a beer in a bar with wifi. It's a common sight seeing people browsing the web with their tablets and laptops. It's therefore as well to be aware of the security risks associated with wifi hotspots. Just make sure that you have up-to-date security protection turned on. For tablets it's worth install something like Lookout (the one I use) or the offerings from 360 Mobile Security, Avast!, ESET, Avira and many others. Simply google and review.

The key thing to remember is that there are two main vulnerabilities with such wifi hotspots.

The first is wifi hotspots which are masquerading as wifi hotspots but are actually set-up but cyber criminals to fool you into connecting and then they have access to your transmitted data. The advice is to check with the establishment what the name of their wifi hotspot is. Just because it has a brand name in the title (e.g. 'band name' free wifi) don't assume that it is connected with the establishment.

The second is to remember that most public wifi hotspots are not encrypted and, therefore, when you connect to a hotspot, your vulnerable. This CNet article '6 ways to use public Wi-Fi hot spots safely' (<http://tinyurl.com/nj9ludv>) although dated 2011 summarises the issues well.

If all you are doing is browsing the web and you are not logging onto secure accounts then the risk is minimal. However, think twice before using wifi hotspots to do anything such as banking, online shopping, etc.

Happy holidays & safe Browsing  
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# SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the May meeting two new councilors were co-opted on and welcomed to the Council - Cllr Mario Lenza of Waterstone Barn, Shirenewton representing Shirenewton ward and Cllr Louise Dyke of 'Montrose', Earlswood representing Newchurch West ward.

## Extracts from the minutes of the June meeting

### Planning applications considered

#### 1. DC/2014/00511 1 Oakview Cottages, Mynyddbach

Create a single storey garage which will be attached to the house including internal access via the current porch on a corner of the existing driveway.

Council noted that all materials are to match the existing; and that there was a letter of support and no objections on the website.

**Council recommended approval.**

#### 2. DC/2014/00108 'Oslo', Old School Lane, Mynyddbach

Erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and a bungalow with additional works. **Council recommended refusal** with the following observations:

- Council noted that there are several objections to this proposal on the website and PRoW issues.

- Many of the reasons for refusal of M10496 (March 2006) and applications made in 2009 and 2013 still apply.

- Dwellings on this side of the road are bungalows and the dwellings applied for would be out of character.

- The site has significant aesthetic impact on the village of Mynyddbach when approached from Chepstow along the Usk road.

- There does not appear to be sufficient parking/turning room for possibly up to 6 residents vehicles and the allocated bays are smaller than Mon CC's recommendation.

- The single property has access to an unadopted lane which is narrower than shown on the plans. It has a curve, slope and blind spot. Two entrances already currently converge on this new access.

- There is no provision for visitor parking, with visitors using this narrow private (unadopted) lane for parking.

- The boundary of the lane is an ancient stone wall which has the potential for subsidence from increased traffic/groundwork.

- The semi detached property would use the existing access where there is not enough room for a turning area and vehicles would have to reverse out of the entrance.

- The Council has concerns regarding the mature trees with TPO's - whether the foundations for the properties would affect them.

- Council felt that a structural engineers report should be obtained, also that the inappropriate over development of the site had not been addressed.

3. DC/2014/00501 'Longmeads', Red House Lane, Shirenewton  
Single storey conservatory and kitchen extension under a glass and solid roof. Council noted that all materials are in keeping with the existing; that the alterations will not be visible to other residents and that they do not affect the Public Right of Way. **Council recommended approval.**

### **Items of local concern -**

#### **Monthly police report**

Several minor incidents were noted, but only one criminal incident, which was the theft of a ride-on mower and a cement mixer from Penywaemawr.

Lengthy discussion took place on current issues at Brookacre as there had been 16 calls to the police in a five week period. There has been unacceptable behaviour from service users, some causing serious concern to the police and upset to neighbouring residents. The police are arranging an urgent meeting with the managers of the care home to discuss the future and a member of the Community Council was invited to attend the meeting. Wpc Thorpe to advise of date. Council to consider options after meeting outcomes are known. CC G Down to inform CSSIW and Key Education of concerns.

#### **Best Kept Village Competition 2014**

All will now be in place and Councillors wished to thank all the residents that have responded enthusiastically, worked hard and contributed to making Shirenewton look so beautiful this year. Please continue with the good work throughout June, when the judging takes place. Particular thanks go to Councillor Tony Hughes for co-ordinating the tidy up for the first time this year. We hope the judges appreciate the efforts made and Shirenewton scores well - we should know the results of the competition in September.

#### **Update on traffic calming proposals**

CC G Down confirmed that Highways has accepted the Working Party revisions and are re-designing the traffic calming proposals - there is no time-scale at present, until this work is complete. He further confirmed that speed of traffic and safety concerns at Mynyddbach will be taken into account, although the Mynyddbach road will not be resurfaced within the next couple of months.

**Telephone kiosk refurbishment** - Clerk is contacting Mr P Baynton of BSSB Sandblasting re refurbishment of kiosk. Clerk has drawn up a draft lease which is being verified by Mon CC. The Big Lottery Conditional Grant offer is £1213, supporting paperwork has been submitted, now awaiting final decision. Refurbishment should take place during June if all paperwork is in place.

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### **Community Council Website**

Cllrs Lensa and Dyke will take on the construction of the website which should be available soon.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 7 July at 7.30 pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall.

### **Mobile Police Station visits during July:**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 10 - 11 am, Tredegar Arms Car Park

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 - 11 am, Great Barnets Wood Car Park

**Find full information in the draft copy of the minutes on the Community Council notice boards. Previous minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's page of the church website.**

**Contact the Clerk to the Community Council -**

**Mrs Hilary Counsell**

**Tel: 01291 421307**

**E-mail: [Shirenewtoncc@gmail.com](mailto:Shirenewtoncc@gmail.com)**

## **STARGAZING IN JULY 2014**

Once dark the Summer Triangle can be seen overhead. This is a prominent triangle formed by the bright stars Altair, to the South of the triangle, Vega, closest to the Western horizon, and Deneb, to the East. Deneb is a supergiant star which is very bright indeed and far further away than the other stars in the triangle.



Astronomers have used telescopes carried on satellites to observe a disk of gas and dust around Vega, which possibly means planets are forming in its vicinity. About 1800 exoplanets (extra-solar planets) orbiting distant stars have been found to date. The discovery of exoplanets has intensified interest in the possibility of extra-terrestrial life.

The ringed planet Saturn is to the south-west in the evening sky. Whilst Saturn is slightly yellow in colour, the planet Mars is to its right and has a more orange tinge. As the month progresses, Mars moves past the bright star Spica and is just above the star on the 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Moon is at First Quarter and close to Mars whilst 2 days later the Moon is just to the right of Saturn.

James Bradley was vicar of the parish of Bridstow, near Ross-on-Wye in Monmouthshire until 1721, when he changed vocation and became a full-time astronomer. Isaac Newton considered him to be the "best astronomer in Europe" and he was eventually made Astronomer Royal. Bradley carried out measurements that proved the Earth orbits the Sun, and that led to the first estimates of the distances of stars.

## **Dog Fouling: The Risks, the Law** **And how you can help.**

### **The Risks**

Dog fouling is a major concern to many people, not just because of the mess it causes but because it is a health risk.

Contact with dog faeces can cause salmonella and E.Coli and other stomach upsets, but the greatest risk to public health is Toxocara.

Toxocara is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs can be found in dog faeces. Anyone can run the risk of picking these eggs up especially young children when they are playing in parks and fields etc. The eggs become infectious after about 2 weeks and can remain so for several years, so it's not only very important to pick up the mess but do it as soon as possible. Toxocara can cause stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness.

### **The Law**

Allowing your dog to foul on designated land and not picking up is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

Designated land includes parks, open spaces, pavements and footpaths.

Monmouthshire County Council has a dog fouling enforcement policy which includes, writing to and visiting irresponsible dog owners and issuing verbal / written warnings and where an offence is witnessed issuing an on the spot fine. The fine is currently set at £75.00. Non payment of the fine will result in prosecution, anything up to £1000.

Unfortunately this department doesn't have the resources for Officers to spend long periods patrolling so we rely on members of the public to report offenders to us, giving a description of the person and dog and a time of day the offence took place and if possible an address. We will then follow this information up.

## **Dog Fouling: The Risks, the law and how you can help**

### **The Law**

An offence is committed when a dog fouls on designated land and the person in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces forthwith.

Private land is not designated land.

It is not a defence to say you are going to go back and collect it later and being unaware is also not an excuse.

There are some exemptions: if a person is registered blind or has a disability that prevents them from picking up.

### **How you can help**

Monmouthshire County Council does not provide dog bins mainly due to budget constraints, but some town and community councils do have a budget for them. The best thing to do is bag it and then take it home with you. This can be disposed of in the grey bags.

If you bag it and then throw it in the hedge it will take much longer to degrade than if you left it on the ground, so please be responsible and take it home with you and don't run the risk of being fined for littering.

Free poop scoop bags are available in Monmouth, Chepstow and Caldicot One Stop shops, or alternatively use carrier bags or nappy sacks.

If you would like to report a dog fouling offence please contact: Kate Arnold, 01291 635711 or email:

[katearnold@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:katearnold@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

## SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

May has been a very busy month for the society. We visited Treowen House, outside Monmouth, this visit was postponed from April. We were very warmly welcomed by the owner of the house John Wheelock who gave us an extensive account of the history of the house, built and owned by the Jones family in the 1600's and subsequently bought by John's parents in the 1950's. It is a vast Jacobean building in very good condition considering its age, it has not been altered or 'modernised' in anyway so for the purist it remains a truly Jacobean house. Used as a film location, Dr Who's Christmas episode, I believe was filmed there and many other costume dramas. You can also rent the whole house as a holiday let (12 bedrooms)! A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all our members.

Once again our annual Parish Beating the Bounds walk took place on Rogation Sunday, we met at the church dressed for the ravages of our climate, fortunately none of our wet weather gear was needed as we enjoyed the whole of the walk in pleasant sunshine. This year we took the north east section of the parish running along the Mounton Brook as far as Pantacosin and then cut up to Earlswood and then straight down the fields to Shirenewton with far views over the estuary, arriving back at the Church Room for tea and cakes to revive us.

Our second visit of the month was to Cornwall House, actually in Monnow Street in Monmouth there we were welcomed by the owner Jayne Harvey who showed half of us around the house while the other half visited the beautiful garden with a most glorious rose arbour at the end of the formal garden. The house has been her family home for a number of generations and was originally built for the steward of the Duke of Beaufort in the 1700's.

We are in the process of organising the installation of a Blue Plaque to commemorate Edward Joseph Lowe of Shirenewton Hall. This has been ongoing since we had a talk in November 2013 on the life of E.J. Lowe, and it was put forward to start this process. Permission was established from Mr & Mrs P Bailey, funding was found to help with the cost of the plaque and eventually planning consent for listed building was granted. We have invited Ms Madeline Cox, Fellow of the Royal Society of Astronomy, and presently the Chair of the Society of the History of Astronomy.

I have included below a little information on E.J.Lowe, I can assure there is plenty more, as he was a remarkable man the last of the Victorian polymaths who was an authority on so many subjects, shells, ferns, genealogy, local history, astronomy and meteorology just to mention a few. He was also Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire.

If you want to know more about this gentleman or anything else regarding local history why not join us at one of our meetings, new members are always welcome.

## Dates for your Diary:

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July

Archive Meeting, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Recreational Hall

Unveiling of Blue Plaque 2.00 pm

Meeting at the Huntsman Hotel, 7.30 Talk entitled  
'Excavations at Llanfiangel-tor-y-Mynydd'  
given by Dr Ray Howell

## Edward Joseph Lowe, FRS (1825 – 1900)

Edward Lowe lived at Shirenewton Hall between 1880 and 1900.

A wealthy man, his forebears had been textile merchants in Nottingham They also married wealthy ladies.

A Gentleman-Scientist, he was able to pursue his interests using his own money.

From an early age he made daily detailed measurements of the weather. He telegraphed his data to The Times in which his measurements were published.

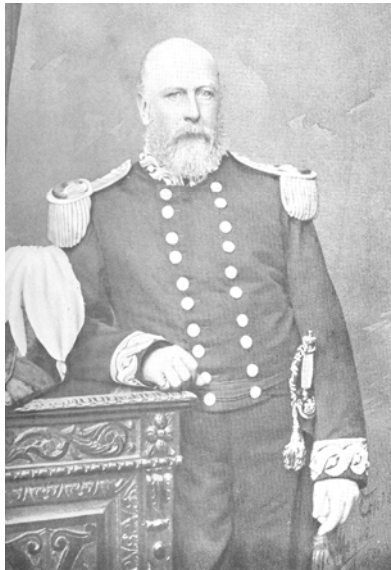
As a young man he was one of a small group who founded the Meteorological Society. He measured and reported the biggest snowflake ever seen in these islands, 3.5 inches in diameter.

In Astronomy, he collaborated with other scientists on such phenomena as the Northern Lights and Shooting Stars.

He was in a party of scientists led by the Astronomer Royal of the day who sailed to Northern Spain to witness a Total Eclipse of the Sun.

When he was living at the Hall, he continued a life-long interest in the cultivation of Ferns. He wrote a number of beautifully illustrated books on the subject. He was able to produce many fern hybrids which he exhibited at RHS shows and he won many prizes.

He was corresponding with many scientists of the time. He was a Fellow of many scientific societies. In particular he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society – a very prestigious honour.



## **NOTES ON SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2014**

*Glynis MacDonald*

### ***The Police Report***

*Way back in April there were reports of off road biking up at Cadera Beeches, an RTA where a lorry was forced into a hedge and a report of a deer being hit on the Crick Road. The condition of the deer was unknown. Also in April there was a neighborly dispute , more off road vehicles and finally a fight at the Young Farmers Party.*

*In May there was more off road biking, theft of some wire and and I think I've written... the theft of a ride-on cement mixer (or was that a mix-up). There was a bit of a bru-ha-ha about the number of calls to Brookacre and the councillors were rather concerned about the amount of time that the police were having to spend on this. There was the discussion – again, about the number of roaring motorbikes on the Usk Road and the utterly inappropriate machines for measuring the noise but it didn't go much further than that.*

*There were NO reports of anything else... Thank goodness.*

### ***Planning.***

*1. DC/2014/00511 1 Oakview Cottages, Mynyddbach*

*Create a single storey garage which will be attached to the house including internal access via the current porch on a corner of the existing driveway. No problems at all. Approval recommended unanimously*

*2. DC/2014/00108 'Oslo', Old School Lane, Mynyddbach*

*Erection of 1 pair of semi-detached dwellings and a bungalow with additional works. This planning application was once again rejected for the same reasons as before, namely that there would be too much development in such a small space, there would be insufficient turning room for the resulting number of vehicles and the damage that will be done to the lane. The new plans had not addressed these issues.*



Consequently SCC Recommended Refusal. Unanimously.

3. DC/2014/00501 'Longmeads', Red House Lane, Shirenewton  
Single storey conservatory and kitchen extension under a glass and solid roof. There were no problems with this application and once again the council members were unanimous! That's three in a row!

### **Traffic Calming Measures**

After last month's report whereby MCC had drawn up plans that didn't bear much correlation to what had been asked for by local people for local problems, Graham Down said that MCC were going back to the drawing board again. The question was asked why did MCC go to the bother of designing a plan that wasn't asked for?

But anyway, as soon as the new plans are ready, a local venue will be hired and the plans will go on display for people to see and comment on.

### **Earlswood Field.**

The Poor Field will now be known as Earlswood Field. And most definitely not the Poo Field. As to the registering of it, well guess what? No further news from the Solicitor. Meanwhile the council doesn't let the grass grow beneath it's feet and the Grass Crop went to a local bidder.

### **Best Kept Village.**

By the time you read this the Judges will have been and gone but I was asked to include a Thank You to all the people who swept, snipped, brushed and strimmed. And even if we don't win, the village looked smart.

### **SCC Web Site.**

I know you are on the edges of your seats for this web site to be up and ready – but you are going to have be patient as it's still in its embryonic stage . There are still one or two glitches to sort out. Like should it be in Welsh too. The cllrs want to engage with you. I think I heard that letters were currently being produced to ask what people would like to see on this web site.

### **Telephone Kiosk.**

The owner had telephoned one of the councilors – presumably not from the kiosk, to say that his base is uneven and will need to be leveled out. Meanwhile, as some of you of an observant nature will have spotted, the telephone box has gone. But not far – only to Portskewett to be sand blasted. When it returns to an even base, it will be painted, the glass restored, some shelving put up on the back wall and it will be used as an information box and be part of cultural heritage of the village – which I think is great.

### **War Memorial Steps**

Mr John Saysell kindly restored the War Memorial Steps free of charges for which many thanks.

### **Shirenewton Village Fete**

The councilors agreed to man and woman a village stall. It was thought that it was a good plan to meet with the villagers and hear what the local issues are. The cllrs also agreed to display their achievements throughout the year.

Such as giving grants to local organizations, (Brownies, chapels, halls) a grant to mend the Memorial Clock, the sponsoring of the Old Time Music Hall in September and the purchase of some poo bins, ( And yes I do mean Poo and not poor this time). I agreed to do some laminating of these notices because I just love laminating and I felt I ought to do something nice for the council as sometimes I think I may sound a bit mean to them. The stall would also feature a vast Combine harvester which was too big to laminate.

### **Items of Local Concern. Or Interest.**

The aerial on the roof of the ex Tan House is still hanging down like a rural sword of Damocles. The owner will be contacted asap. Graham Down will look into the 20 mph gadget which is by the school and which isn't working.

Glynis. Mext meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30

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## GARDENING CORNER

When I received a phone call asking to make an appointment for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June I did wonder whether this was a wise thing. The call had come from the local bee inspector and he wanted to come and look through the bee hives to ensure that everything was OK. Since I last wrote to you things have got a little out of hand! Even between the bee inspector ringing and arriving the numbers of hives had expanded from three to six! I had hoped that the two hives that came through the winter would expand in size with the nice weather and in case they decided to swarm whilst we were away for a few weeks I'd left an empty hive sitting ready as they sometimes take these over if they are available. Nothing happened whilst we were away but when it warmed up after we returned a swarm arrived from somewhere and it wasn't either of my hives that had swarmed! Rather than the swarm hang in a tree as usual, this flew straight in and took up residence. This was followed the following day by one of mine and again fortunately, I had an empty hive sitting at the ready. This one flew into a low apple tree, so it was a simple case of holding the hive underneath the swarm, followed by a quick shake of the branch they were sitting in, and hey presto, one swarm safely gathered in. They took to the hive immediately and settled in once I started to feed them. Two days later the same situation was repeated and we were up to five. Things settled down then for a week, but one hot day the biggest swarm I had ever handled was sitting in the same apple tree. Looking at the hives the one original that had come through winter was very quiet, so it was obvious which hive these had come from. Same trick was carried out but this was a little more interesting as there was no-where near enough room in the box for all the bees. It was therefore a case of leaving them to settle a bit and then move them straight into a full sized hive, just in case they decided to clear off to better accommodation. Fortunately they settled in and are now working well. As to the bee inspector, Edmund duly arrived and after going through all six hives, he gave them a clean bill of health. The two original hives didn't appear to have any queens in that were laying, so I need to keep an eye on them and take steps to ensure that they either secure a queen, or I may have to combine them with one of the swarms, so I may have a reduction in numbers yet before we head towards winter. I have managed to take some honey off as well so if the weather stays fine it might be a good year.

Talking of the weather, it has been an excellent gardening year so far, with no really late frosts, enough rainfall and also warm enough as well. If there could be anything not quite right it is the warm weather we had earlier on as this brought things on too quickly and many of the flowers and broad beans are toppling over where they have grown too lush. Since the last time I wrote things have been moving on at a pace, and all of the vegetable areas are now dug over and most of the planting and sowing has been completed. There are still some successes and failures as usual and no real explanation as to why. We have been picking lettuce for several weeks and also nice clean calabrese from the tunnel, other crops being

enjoyed have been asparagus, broad beans, baby carrots, new potatoes, sugar snap peas and courgettes. However the later broad beans have not set very well, with not many beans to pick, whilst the parsnip seed must be heading for Australia, because there is no sign of them in Wales that's for sure. I have been giving them the benefit of the doubt, but I'm afraid the few weeds that have germinated are going to be hoed off and the area planted with some nice young celeriac plants that are growing in the larger greenhouse. The last vacant plots in the vegetable patch will now be planted with the late Brussel sprouts, squash and pumpkins.

I've mentioned the calabrese in the tunnel. Once this is finished it will be replaced with sweet and hot peppers. These are also growing on in the large greenhouse and will be kept going until the ground becomes available. The strawberries have been fruiting well, but a lot of the nectarines have been falling off. I'm not too bothered with this 'June drop' as the fruit that is remaining will hopefully grow on into a nice size b/t the end of august. The tomatoes are in their final growing spots, although there are still some waiting in pots until the early potatoes have all been dug up. I planted the early Brussels and also some kale and this is really looking good. We have managed to keep the root fly off by planting with collars that prevent this pest laying its eggs alongside the stem. Here they hatch and the grubs then go to town eating through all the plants roots until there aren't enough for the plant to survive, resulting in it collapsing. The collars are an old fashioned option, but they sure do work. All I need to do now is keep a close eye out for the cabbage white butterfly and the resulting caterpillars.

The flower borders have been looking a picture with all the spring plants now coming to an end. There may be a gap now until the summer flowers start to take over, but currently this is being hidden by the herbaceous geraniums and astrantias. These fell out of favour a few years ago (but not in this garden) as they were considered 'old fashioned'. What goes around comes around and I noticed they were in favour again at Chelsea – so now everyone wants them! They remain one of the best doers in any garden and we have a fair selection here at Barn farm. I have discovered a small specialist nursery near Tewksbury, so we may well have to arrange to go and visit our friends, just so that we can have a wee look! Apparently they have over 240 varieties of geraniums, so there must be at least 200 that we don't have an example of! We are pretty sheltered here as well, even though we sit at some 700 feet above sea level. This means that two of my favourite all time flowers, agapanthus (often referred to in this house as 'Aggies panties') and alstroemaria, do particularly well, the latter are a prize for the flower arranger in the house. There is an armful heading this direction as I type so perhaps I had better make a forage down the garden just to make sure my pride and joy hasn't been decimated too much! Happy gardening until next month.

Steve and Felicity Hunt.



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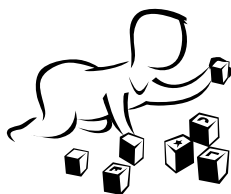
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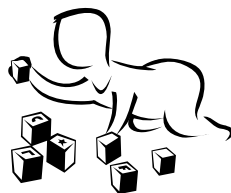
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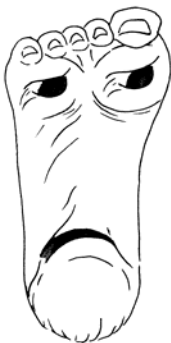
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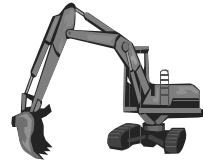
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Today we have adapted the recipe and use a variety of bread, cakes and scones. Unlike bread pudding from the past, we now moisten the bread in a rich mixture (really a custard) of cream, eggs, sugar, vanilla extract and spices. The varieties are endless. It’s no longer a poor man’s pudding. It’s now a rich, creamy, decadent dessert that has made its way onto the dessert menus of many fine restaurants.

### ***Bread And Butter Pudding***

**Serves 6**

#### **Ingredients**

750ml (1¼ pints) single cream  
6 large eggs  
75g (3oz) caster sugar  
2 tablespoons of rum (whiskey or brandy)  
50g (2oz) unsalted butter or margarine, (butter gives a better flavour)  
175g (6 oz.) sliced brioche, stollen, bread (crusts removed), cake or scone.  
40g (1½ oz.) raisins  
40 (1½ oz.) pecan nuts or almonds (optional)  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon.

#### **Method**

- 1 Preheat the oven to 190C, 375 F gas mark 5.
- 2 Pour the cream into a pan and simmer **gently**, do not allow the cream to boil or it will curdle.
- 3 Whisk the egg yolks with the sugar and rum until light and fluffy. Pour in the cream, a **little** at a time, whisking continuously.
- 4 Grease an ovenproof pie dish. Butter one side of the bread slices and halve diagonally. Place a layer of bread and butter side up, in the prepared dish and sprinkle with some of the raisins and nuts. Repeat, finishing with a layer of bread.
- 5 Pour the custard through a sieve over the pudding and leave to stand for 20 minutes, to allow the bread to soak up the moisture.
- 6 Dust the pudding with cinnamon and place in a large roasting tin. Fill the tin with hot water to come half way up the sides of the dish.
- 7 Bake in the oven for 40-50 minutes until the pudding is just set and golden brown.
- 8 Serve hot or cold with cream, custard or sweet white sauce flavoured with a little rum. **Enjoy!**

## **NERYS'S NATTY NOSH**



### ***Disaster in the Kitchen***

#### **What do you do when your vegetables are overcooked?**

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Drain the vegetables of all the liquid and mash with butter or blend in a food processor until smooth.

**Alternatively make delicious soup.** Just add a chicken stock into the liquid, season, add herbs if you like. Taste and serve as a starter or freeze for a later date. The liquor is full of nutrients so use it.

#### **What do you do when your food is too spicy or salty?**

You can alter dishes that are too spicy by adding either dairy or sweetness. Add plain yogurt, sour cream, buttermilk or double cream.

Sweeten the dish with chopped dried fruits, syrup, sugar, honey or jam. Serve with plain rice, pasta, or mashed potatoes.

#### **What do you do when your rice is too sticky?**

If the rice is only a little bit sticky it can be placed in a colander and rinsed under the cold water tap, using a fork to separate the grains. Place in the oven for a few minutes to warm through.

If the rice is totally overcooked use it as an alternative dish. Mix with egg cheese and herbs and make into patties. Or use as the base for stuffing peppers.

#### **What do you do if you've overcooked the pasta?**

Drain the pasta well. Heat up some olive oil in a hot frying pan add the pasta, tossing it to coat. Season and add grated cheese and fresh herbs or top with your favourite sauce.

#### **What do you do when your gravy is lumpy?**

Pour the gravy into a food processor or blender and puree until smooth. A little bit of stock may need to be added to the mixture. Or pass it through a fine mesh sieve to remove the lumps of flour.

#### **What do you do if your freshly baked cake has stuck to the bottom of the tin?**

If the cake is stuck in the pan, but it's still hot, let it cool a bit. It may shrink and will be easier to pull out. If the cake is already cold, pop it in the oven for a few minutes, then slide a knife all around the edges and tap the bottom hard.

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## DIARY DATES

July	Event	Location
2	Community Council Meeting	Recreation Hall
4	Call my bluff wine tasting	Church Rooms
7	Community Council Meeting	Recreation Hall
8	SAMFAL AGM	Church Rooms
11 to 14	Forest Valley Open Studios	"Pippins" Old School Hill Mynyddbach
14	Shirenewton Local History Society	Recreation Hall
15	Unveiling of Blue Plaque	Shirenewton Hall
17	Mobile Police Station	Tredegar Arms Car Park
18 to 21	Forest Valley Open Studios	"Pippins" Old School Hill Mynyddbach
19	Shirefest	Huntsman Hotel
20	Mobile Police Station	Great Barnets Wood Car Park
29	Shirenewton Local History Society	Huntsman Hotel
August	Event	Location
Sept.	Event	Location
6	Shirenewton Golf Classic	St. Pierre
12	The Good Old Days	Earlswood Hall
13	The Good Old Days	Earlswood Hall

	<b>Saint Thomas a Beckett Shirenewton</b>	<b>Sunday Services</b>	<b>Start 10.00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sides-persons</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Third Sunday after Trinity	Gillian Lambert Janet Horton	Gillian Lambert Janet Horton
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Bob Grattan Kevin Bounds	Bob Grattan Kevin Bounds
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Mark Broughton Wendy Baker	Mark Broughton Wendy Baker
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Jane Smith-Haddon Diane Marlow	Jane Smith-Haddon Diane Marlow
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Bob Grattan Bill Clark	Bob Grattan Bill Clark
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Gillian Lambert Wendy Baker	Gillian Lambert Wendy Baker
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Cynthia Smith James Leney	Claire Lewis Cynthia Smith
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Bartholomew the Apostle	Mark Broughton Margaret Lock	Mark Broughton Margaret Lock
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Group Service		
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Mark Broughton Wendy Baker	Mark Broughton Wendy Baker
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Cross Day	Joanne Tomlin Francis Grey	Joanne Tomlin Claire Lewis
21 <sup>st</sup> September	St Mathew	Bob Grattan Shan Henshall	Bob Grattan Shan Henshall
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Bill Clark Janet Horton	Bill Clark Janet Horton

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