

# BERRIEW NEWSLETTER Fundraiser



Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>  
From 10am

Books..Cakes..Plants  
Bric-a-brac

At the COMMUNITY CENTRE

Refreshments



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YOUR FRIENDS



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## The Parish of Berriew

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April Lent 5 - Passion Sunday

10.00am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April Lent 6 - Palm Sunday

10.00am Sung Eucharist  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day

10.00am Family Communion  
NO EVENING SERVICE

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Easter 2

10.00am Sung Eucharist and Annual Meeting  
NO Evening service - please try to come to morning service.

In preparation for our Easter Festival there is opportunity for you to join for the following services:

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>/Tues 15<sup>th</sup>/Wed 15<sup>th</sup> - Short Evening Lent service at 7.30pm in St Beuno's  
Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion and Stripping of the altar - 7.30pm  
Frid. 17<sup>th</sup> Good Friday: Children's Club - 9.45-12.00: Easter antics

Joint service - **Refail**

[meet to walk from St Beuno's at 1.15pm for 1.30 depart  
for service in **Refail** at 2.00pm]

### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Easter Eve -7.30pm - in St Beuno's

Kindling of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Vigil until midnight. This Service of Light finishes at about 8.15pm, but please come and go from the subsequent Vigil as you wish.

### St. John's Mission Church - Fron

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am Holy Communion

### Pantyffridd Church

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm Holy Communion  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm Holy Communion

## Parish News

### A SINCERE THANK YOU

Peter would like to thank everyone who has prayed for him, and sent gifts, cards and messages either to the Vicarage or to Hospital, over the last few weeks. Peter was admitted to Shrewsbury Hospital with pneumonia on the night of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>./Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. March, and stayed there for ten days. He is now convalescing at home.

Peter, Deborah and family have been very touched by the concern and care shown by you all. Thank you.

God-willing, Peter will gradually return to his work as Archdeacon and Vicar, but this will take time!

**Electoral Role:** At this time of year we invite anyone who would like to be added to the electoral role to speak with the wardens.

**Wednesdays at 10.30am** We continue to hold our 10.30am Morning Prayers in the Old School. There will be coffee/tea and biscuits after the service on the first Wednesday of each month - which is also a Holy Communion Service. The 10.30 service is an opportunity to share in quiet thought and prayer week by week and enjoy fellowship together. All are welcome.

**Choir Practices: Wednesdays at 6.00pm** - in the Old School

for folks aged from 11 to.....!!! **All welcome to join us.**

We are looking for more voices to join us - no need to be able to sight read - just come and enjoy!!

**And - Young People News!**

**"Little saints"**

**NB - a change from the published date! No meeting on 5th April - we shall have met instead on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March - and learned more of Mothering Sunday.**

**Our older youth Group** - met on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - our topic was '**Who are we?**' We enjoyed fellowship and fun - and tried our hand at painting glass. We are still nameless - will be chosen at next meeting! Next meeting will be **27<sup>th</sup> April** when we hope the weather will allow us outdoors. **Meet at Old School at 4.45pm** - we will finish at 6.30pm

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - in the Old School - 9.45-12.00: 'Easter Capers'**

A morning for our young people- and Oldies too! - to look at the Easter message - and enjoy some activities - some craft - and - wait for it - an Easter Egg Hunt! Please come along

If you would like to know more about our young peoples' activities - please chat to Rev Peter or Esther in church - Or - **Contact: Rev Esther** - on **625559** for more details

### **The Church Yard and Cemetery**

Please see the copy of information received from the Province of Wales and relayed from our Diocesan offices in St. Asaph. This applies to churchyards throughout Wales and we have been asked to comply. We hope and trust that you will help us to ensure our churchyard is a peaceful resting place for our loved ones. There is a copy of this information at the back of church

**Funeral and Wedding Fees for this year:** are also to be found at the back of church.

**Finally - we wish all our community - a very happy and blessed Easter.**

### **Thank You**

I have been completely overwhelmed by the number of cards, flowers, support and kind words I received following the sad death of Lee. This kindness was even extended to my visiting relatives.

I was also very moved by the number of people who attended his funeral and the generosity received in donations which totalled £825.

This amount has now been split equally between the three nominated charities of my choice, each one of which played an equally important part in Lee's care during the last two years of his life. They are The Severn Hospice, Ward 21(RSH) and The Renal Unit (RSH) who each received a cheque for the amount of £275.

My apologies for the lateness of this Thank You.

Gratefully yours

Jo Dawson xxx

### **Berriew Parish Church Side Person Rota for April**

10am. Service:	Mrs. Betty Parker and Mrs. Sue Creaven
6.30pm. Evening Service:	Mr. Colin Jacques

### **Berriew Parish Church Cleaning Rota for April**

Mrs. Freda James and Mrs. Margaret Emberton.

## **ST JOHN'S MISSION CHURCH FRON**

Cleaning and Flower Rota for April

Helen Bennett

Mothering Sunday at the Fron was held a week before the official Mothering Sunday since there was no service at the Fron on that day 30<sup>th</sup> March!

The service was led by Iris Tombs, Worship Leader. The reading was given by Eleri Phillips, a poem was read by Millie-Grace Williams and both Eleri and Millie-Grace led the prayers. We prayed especially for Ven Peter that he soon may be restored to good health!

During the service Iris gave posies of flowers to the young people to give to their mothers and also all the other ladies present and some were sent to those who could not attend our service that day!

The posies were made by Sandra Morris. After the service everyone enjoyed a piece of simnel cake made by Julie Morris and other light refreshments.

Our April Services are:

2nd Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday - 9.00.am.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day - 9.00.am.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - No Service

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone to join us at our services and we would especially welcome all our new neighbours on the Fron.

Once again this year the Fron is having a Raffle at the Berriew Newsletter Fundraiser on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. We would be pleased to receive any raffle prizes and any help on the day would be much appreciated!

### **March 2014 Winners are:-**

First Prize	£10.00	No 120	William O'Farrell	Ty Coch, Fron
Second Prize	£10.00	No 7	James Kelly	Barnfields, Newtown
Third Prize	£5.00	No 55	David Wilson	Boundary Terr, Llandrindod Wells

**Helen Bennett**

## **Refail Presbyterian Chapel**

Minister Rev. Dr. D. Stirling

Services every Sunday 10am. unless otherwise stated

April 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Communion Service at Abermule 10.30am

13<sup>th</sup> Minister

20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Rev. M. Turnock

27<sup>th</sup> Miss. J. Turner

May 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Communion Service at Bettws Chapel 10.30am

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Walk of Witness from St. Beuno's Church Berriew to Refail Chapel, for service at 2pm.

Date for your diary – Chapel AGM Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm in assembly room

Coffee is served in the assembly room after the service the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month

Bridge Club every Friday in Assembly room 7.30pm

Knitting Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month 6pm-8pm. Contact Jennie 01686 941813

Yoga at the Refail is suspended during April for other venues. Contact Marie 01686 669868

The assembly rooms are available for hire. Contact Hans 01686 640648

Mrs. P. Hall

## **Pentre Llifior Wesleyan Methodist Chapel**

Minister: Rev. Sue Lawler, Welshpool 01938 552794  
Services: 2.30pm. (alternating each Sunday with All-Age Cell Group Worship)  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Terry Jobling, Welshpool  
April 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Sue Lawler HOLY COMMUNION Service

All are welcome to attend services, events and to visit this historic 18thCent. Wesleyan Methodist Heritage Site. Also why not drop-in for bacon butties fortnightly on Saturday mornings (10-11.30am.) at the Preacher's stable opposite the chapel – April dates are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April.  
The chapel is also OPEN on Wednesdays and Thursdays (April-September) from 2-4.30pm. for visiting groups and individuals and at other times by prior arrangement. Contact Andrew on 01938 555376

Andrew Mathieson

## **Mothers' Union**

**The largest association of Christian women in the world. 4.1 million members in 81 countries.**

## **Berriew Branch**

We welcomed Rev. Jayne James as our speaker in February. Jayne introduced us to one of her hobbies “Celtic Art”. We had an enjoyable afternoon trying our hand at this.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March we met as a Deanery for a morning of fellowship and activity, led by Rev. Esther. We ended the meeting with a bring and share lunch. Lady Day was celebrated with a service of the Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee in the Old School, thanks to Mrs. Ruth Jones for taking charge of serving coffee.

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to a musical afternoon with Christine and Tony Hoofe, 2pm. At the Old School. All welcome.

Iris Tombs

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## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Newsletter Fundraiser at Berriew Community Centre from 10am – 12 noon.

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## **Berriew Darby & Joan Club**

The first meeting of the new season is on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2.30pm. in the Old School.

New members welcome. Dates for the trips are May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.

Pat Hausmann and Mollie Evans

## **Berriew W.I. April Meeting.**

We all met at the village 'Deli', the Lych-Gate tea rooms, for our April meeting. President Sue Usmar conducted a short business meeting and reminded us of past and future events. We then had a short break enjoying coffee, iced cakes and welsh cakes.

Afterwards we all proceeded into the kitchen to watch a cookery demonstration by Sarah Cullen-Jones. She made savoury puff pastry rolls of various fillings including salmon and vegetable, and then a wonderful meringue raspberry roulade. Everything she made was a great example of food served in her Deli- all of it made on the premises. Diets went out of the window as we all eagerly sampled the evening's cooking- and how tasty it all was!!

Sarah was thanked for giving us such an enjoyable evening by Joan Axon. Next month, Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we return to the Community Centre when Clive Cooper J.P. will give us an insight into the work of a magistrate. Husbands, partners and friends are especially welcome to this meeting. In May we have a return visit from Alwyn Hughes, who will talk about "Nature on the doorstep". Both meetings commence at 7.15 pm. with the speaker at 8 o'clock.

Ann Dixon

The Church community are conscious of your loss, and offer you their support in this time of grief. You will be remembered in our prayers. Thank you for considering our churchyard to be a resting place for your loved one.

Our Churchyard is a very special place. To enable us to provide and maintain this communal and personal space the Church Council is responsible for applying the Churchyard rules which lay down what can and what cannot be introduced into the Churchyard.

Choosing to have a burial in our Churchyard, therefore, means choosing to accept the ambience and layout of our Churchyard. In applying for a burial here, you will be asked to sign an agreement consenting to the rules we apply.

Some frequently asked questions about the rules are answered below:

**Do the families own the grave?**

*Unlike council-owned cemeteries graves in Churchyards remain the property of the Church in Wales and the fee families pay for the opening of a grave allows them to bury their loved one in the churchyard. The graves, therefore, do not belong to the family who arranged the burial.*

**What headstones/memorials can be introduced into the Churchyard?**

*Monuments and headstones are subject to careful regulations and the stonemason whom you approach to make your gravestone will let you know what is acceptable. They can also help you fill out the appropriate forms applying for permission to erect a monument/gravestone.*

**To whom do the headstones/memorials belong?**

*The gravestone remains the property of the person(s) who paid for it. At their death the gravestone becomes the property of the family whose relative is buried in the grave. The owner of the gravestone is responsible for maintaining it in a safe condition. (Any headstones which are in danger of falling and injuring someone will be carefully laid flat by members of the Parochial Church Council).*

**Can we put artificial flowers on the grave?**

*Except for silk flowers and Remembrance Day poppies no artificial flowers or wreaths can be placed on the grave.*

**(continued...)**

**Can we plant anything on the grave?**

*No shrubs or trees may be planted on or near the grave. Spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils, snowdrops, bluebells and crocuses may be planted. Their flowering in the spring around Eastertide is a living reminder of the resurrection of Jesus and of the Christian hope of life eternal.*

**Can we put anything other than an approved headstone on the grave?**

*No permanent flower vases or containers can be placed on the grave other than those included in the design of the headstone. Ornaments, lights, chippings, gravel or paving stones are not allowed to be placed on the grave. Neither are kerbs around the grave permitted in the churchyard. The area of the grave will be grassed so that it can be maintained in a tidy and neat manner.*

**After the Burial**

*It is important to allow the earth to settle before installing a headstone. Therefore, during the period between the burial and a headstone being installed flowers and other moveable mementos may be placed on the grave.*

The Parochial Church Council strives to keep the Churchyard in a tidy and safe state.



We will expect you to respect the character of the whole churchyard and that means you will agree to be bound by the rules that apply. Sadly, it can sometimes be a cause of great upset if families wish to do their own thing with a particular grave – upsetting for those who have other memorials in the vicinity, and upsetting for the family themselves if particular features introduced to a grave have to be removed.

If you have anything you would like clarified please contact the Vicar.

**Please note: The rules governing Churchyards belonging to the Church in Wales are not decided by your Vicar. For more information please consult the Church in Wales Churchyard Guidelines which can be found on our website. <http://bit.ly/1cyAh9g>**

**This leaflet was produced by the Diocese of St. Asaph, 2014.**

### **Let's Knit Local** Berriew Knitting Club

Meets Refail Assembly room 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6pm-8pm

Next meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Theme: Fools!

If you have never knitted or purled a row before or never held a crochet hook and would like to learn, or if you are an experienced knitter and would like to join our other expert knitters to help others learn, come along one evening and join our friendly group for a cup of tea.

Contact Jennie tel: 01686 941813

Email the: oraclejennie@hotmail.com or oraclejennie@yahoo.co.uk

### **The Tom Cat Spot**

Hello everyone and welcome to April. It is the month in which gardening begins in earnest. We look forward to bumper vegetable crops. If you have never tasted new potatoes straight from the ground, now is the time to try and grow some for yourself. So did you remember the Green Bridge? It was the sewage pipe that crosses the river at the rear of the Talbot clubroom. It was encased by a metal frame and was painted bright green in the 1960's. As youngsters we would see who could hang off the framework the longest without falling in the river! Such was our fun in those days!! When out riding my bike I used to call on a friendly lady called "May". She always wore an overcoat, a woolly hat, and always had a barley sugar for you. Sadly May and her cottage are long gone, but their presence is now marked by lots of snowdrops. Can you remember where the cottage was?

Until next month

Keep smiling

Tom Cat.

**FOR SALE**

4 piece wicker patio set:- 2 chairs, settee, table. £50.00 o.n.o.

Set of 4 rink bowls with carrying bag with compartment for shoes etc. £45.00 o.n.o.

Tel: 01686 640700.

### **Knitters Spinners And Weavers**

The Berriew knitting club is organising a trip to **Wonderwool** at Builth Wells Show Ground on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Cost including travel fare and entrance to the show is £17.

To book a place contact Jennie: tel. 01686 941813.

Email the: oracle jennie @hotmail.com or oraclejennie @yahoo.co.uk

### **Note from the Treasurer**

The committee are grateful for all donations received, and hope to use them economically and efficiently to keep up the news service to Berriew.

We would like to thank Berriew Community Website for their contribution and Mrs. Griffiths for the stamps.

Mrs. P. Hall



## **OPENING OF THE GREEN 2014**

**TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL WHEN OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT PAT WEIGHALL WILL BOWL THE FIRST WOOD TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE GREEN FOR THE 2014 SEASON. THIS PROMISES TO BE A FUN NIGHT AND AS IT'S EASTER, REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BEST EASTER BONNET. THERE WILL BE A BBQ AND REFRESHMENTS, A PRIZE DRAW, AS WELL AS GAMES ON THE GREEN, WEATHER PERMITTING. FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALLCOMERS ARE WELCOME. MEMBERS PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5.00PM AS THERE WILL BE A QUICK EGM TO VOTE ON CHANGES TO THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS. THIS IS IMPORTANT SO PLEASE MAKE TIME.**

## **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN BERRIEW BOWLING CLUB AS A PLAYER OR SOCIAL MEMBER YOU ARE WELCOME, ALL AGES, ANY GENDER. PLEASE CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY JANET THOMAS ON 01686 640680 or [janet-thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:janet-thomas@hotmail.com) who will provide you with details and an application form.**

## **LADIES OPEN SINGLES COMPETITION & SOCIAL EVENING**

**THE SILVER SCENES TROPHY COMPETITION WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY. CASH PRIZE FUND PLUS MANY OTHER PRIZES. ENTRY IS £2.00 PER BOWLER. CONTACT CAROLINE TAYLOR ON 01686 640670 or 07917 830761 or [acwtaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:acwtaylor@btinternet.com) at least 7 days before the competition. FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL EVENT DURING THE EVENING WITH BBQ AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

## **MID-WALES WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**PRESIDENTS DAY WILL BE HELD AT BERRIEW BOWLING CLUB ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND THIS YEARS PRESIDENT IS OUR VERY OWN EILEEN WILLIAMS. 3 MEMBERS FROM EACH ASSOCIATION CLUB WILL ATTEND, PLAY BOWLS AND JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR TEA AT THE CLUB. ALL AT THE CLUB WISH EILEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE YEAR**

## **HIRE OUR CLUBHOUSE**

**THE CLUBHOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR WEDDINGS, CHRISTENINGS, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, FUNERAL TEAS AND MEETINGS ETC... FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT SUE REES ON 01686 640418.**

**PETE JACKSON – PUBLICITY OFFICER – 01686 640436 – [pete@biggerboat.uk.com](mailto:pete@biggerboat.uk.com)**



## **RECIPE**

### **Fish Pie with Swede and Potato Topping**

Serves 4. Gas 5/Fan Oven 180c.

1lb.2oz floury potatoes  
cut into chunks.

1 med. swede cut into chunks.

200g tub low fat cheese with  
garlic and herbs.

4oz cooked, peeled prawns.

1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley.

4tsp. cornflour blended with 2tbsp.of  
cold water.

1lb.7oz mixed skinless, boneless, cod,  
salmon and smoked haddock cut into  
large chunks.

A quarter pint (5fl. oz.) veg. Stock.

### **Method**

Cook the potato and swede until tender. Gently heat the stock and cream cheese in a large saucepan until blended and smooth. Add the blended cornflour and cook until thick. Stir in the fish, prawns and parsley and season with pepper. Tip into a baking dish. Mash the potato and swede with a little butter and milk and season. Spoon over the fish. Bake in the centre of the oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until the fish is cooked. Put under the grill for a few minutes if necessary to brown the top.

### **A Special Thank You**

I'm sure her many friends will join me in saying "thank you" to a lady who has given a great deal of time and energy helping many organisations around the village. Janet Steines and her husband came to Berriew in 1988. Most will agree that moving house can be traumatic but Janet coped with that, plus her daughter's wedding and the death of her husband within the following year. Instead of sitting down and feeling sorry for herself she decided to be a useful member of the community and took on jobs with the church, helping with the Mothers' Union, Christian Aid and countless other activities. Her typing skills were often needed and she also helped out at the school when children found reading difficult. She used her car to take friends to venues and her house was always available for Bible Study or committee meetings. Above all she became the main typist for the Newsletter. People came and went but Janet remained faithfully at her typewriter until two years ago when failing health and the need to be nearer her family made her give up.

Just in case you are wondering – no, she hasn't died – she has moved to live nearer her daughter in Essex, and isn't it great to be able to say "thank you" to someone who is still on this earth? - so often we leave our thanks unsaid.

So Janet, if you read this (and I'm sure you will have the Newsletter posted to you) we all wish you many happy years in your native land, good health in the company of your family and new friends, but, remember – we shall miss you and there will always be a "welcome in the hillsides".

Rena Blakemore

### **Diary of Events**

Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Knitting Club
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Darby & Joan Club
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Community Council meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Newsletter Fundraiser</b>
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Opening of the green 2014, Berriew Bowls Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Closing date for May Newsletter</b>
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Berriew Knitting Club Trip to Wonderwool
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> /Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup>	April	National Garden Scheme (see article)
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Mothers' Union at the Old School
Every Friday		Bridge Club at the Refail 7.30pm.
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly		Berriew F.C. Quiz at the Talbot Hotel

## **BERRIEW NEWSLETTER**

Chairman/Editor: Val Wallis

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**This is a favourite poem sent in by one of our readers.**

### **O What Is That Sound**

O what is that sound which so thrills the ear  
Down in the valley drumming, drumming?  
Only the scarlet soldiers, dear,  
The soldiers coming.

O what is that light I see flashing so clear  
Over the distance brightly, brightly?  
Only the sun on their weapons, dear,  
As they step lightly.

O what are they doing with all that gear,  
What are they doing this morning, morning?  
Only their usual manoeuvres, dear,  
Or perhaps a warning.

O why have they left the road down there,  
Why are they suddenly wheeling, wheeling?  
Perhaps a change in their orders, dear,  
Why are you kneeling?

O haven't they stopped for the doctor's care,

Haven't they reined their horses, horses?  
Why, they are none of them wounded, dear,  
None of these forces.

O is it the parson they want, with white hair,  
Is it the parson, is it, is it?  
No, they are passing his gateway, dear,  
Without a visit.

O it must be the farmer that lives so near.  
It must be the farmer so cunning, so cunning?  
They have passed the farmyard already, dear,  
And now they are running.

O where are you going? Stay with me here!  
Were the vows you swore deceiving, deceiving?  
No, I promised to love you, dear,  
But I must be leaving.

O it's broken the lock and splintered the door,  
O it's the gate where they're turning, turning;  
Their boots are heavy on the floor  
And their eyes are burning.

WH Auden

[www.berriew.com](http://www.berriew.com)

## **we're going for an update!**

Believe it or not it's been 3 years since the current [www.berriew.com](http://www.berriew.com) website was first launched. During that time the website has continued to grow through new additions of Berriew's Clubs and Associations and new advertisers supporting and benefiting from being part of the website. We have also been forging our association with the Berriew Newsletter and maintaining regular updates to ensure that content is current.

Google Analytics tells us the [www.berriew.com](http://www.berriew.com) receives on average 400 hits every month, from both local users and people from away who are looking to visit Berriew, not bad for a little village website.

But we need to develop and grow, to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our growing number of supporters, our user base and also to attract new users. So we are reviewing the design and functionality aspects of the site to improve both content and user accessibility to the site.

This is where you come in because...**We want your feedback**, good or bad and tell us what you want see if the site isn't providing all that you need.

We would like to receive more photographs, together with information and memories of and about life in Berriew so that we can all share in the village's rich history.

Please feel free to contact any of us who serve on the website Committee, or use the feedback form on [www.berriew.com](http://www.berriew.com) we would like your feedback soon and preferably **by the end of April 2014.**

**It's your website, so make sure it works for you!**

The Berriew Community Website has been created with the assistance of grant funding from Powys Connections and is supported by the Berriew Community Council.

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Cheers, Pete Jackson, Chairman.



## NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME LOCAL GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

Spring is here and the 2014 National Gardens Scheme is underway

Our season starts on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April when you can visit elegant Glansevern Hall Gardens and intimate 1 Church Bank, Welshpool both open between 12-5pm. Start off in Welshpool turning right out of the main car park to find the old barrel makers cottage where Mel and Heather Parkes have transformed the old yard and workshop into a magical refuge where mirrors and water reflect Gothic arches and lush planting. Take a cosy seat in the old “privy” or enjoy tea in the new garden room. Then to Glansevern Hall Gardens where the 25 acre gardens are open once more. The landscaped grounds include a lakeside walk, wisteria pergola and fountain, a spring water garden with primulas and azaleas. A splendid display of tulips is promised by the new owners Caroline and Mark Owen as well as a candlelit grotto. The finishing touch is tea at the new Potting Shed Café.

You will have had a wonderful afternoon and your admission ticket will have boosted NGS funds which donated £2.1 million last year to Macmillan, Marie Curie, Help the Hospices and other charities. Discover more at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet at Berriew Stores or the Lychgate.

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### **Editor's Postscript**

Our cover and poster in the Newsletter this month remind us that the Annual Fundraiser is on 12<sup>th</sup> April. As most of you will know we are only able to continue producing the Newsletter due to the funds raised at this important event, the many generous donations received during the year, and the precious time given by all the volunteers each month. I hope you will all be baking, making or sorting anything that can be brought to us to be sold. So let's hope we have a fine morning and a large happy gathering where friends can meet up and have a cup of tea and a chat and purchase some bargains. The list of stallholders are shown on the poster printed in the Newsletter.

I would like to reiterate the good wishes from Rena Blakemore to Janet Steines and wish Janet all the best for the future.

Thank you to all the people who have helped in the production and distribution of this Newsletter.

The closing date for the **May Newsletter is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

**All articles and correspondence left in the Newsletter Post Box must include a name and address and/or telephone number. Anonymous items will not be published.**

And finally, I look forward to seeing you all on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre.

Val Wallis/Editor