

The Leighton News

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Tinty Griffith

We thank Tinty for her support of The Leighton News

Looking back.

Bert Jones has lived in the village for a number years and it is well known that he has kept records of many aspects of village life here in Leighton. I borrowed two folders from him, in which he has stored cuttings from newspapers, and one subject which was relevant to me was a series of cuttings about the villagers' protests about the housing development proposed for Leighton.

Yes, I live in one of those houses which caused the outcry!

The actual development was much smaller than that which was originally proposed but it was interesting to note that the planners thought that by building these houses they would bring industry and, therefore, jobs to the area. This explosion of industry did not happen but you can't turn back the clock. The houses are here!

Last month's Leighton News contained news and information about proposed power plans which will see wind turbines, substations and pylons in Montgomeryshire.

Having attended the meeting in the Livestock Market in April we were amazed by the magnitude of the plans and, more importantly, of the inefficiency of wind power. When we read that coaches were being arranged to take protesters to the Senedd at Cardiff David and I signed up to go.



Any one who knows me will appreciate the effort that went in to being up at 5.30 (in the morning!) in order to be ready for the coach. We went because, if the wind turbines are as inefficient as engineers and Sian Lloyd claim, it will be too late once all the infrastructure is in place to do anything about it. So, there we were.....**Looking forward** and hoping that we can do something to protect an area of which we are so fond.

Deadline for next edition
Thursday 30th June 2011

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Church Services at Leighton and Trelystan for April

Leighton	Date	Trelystan
9.00 Holy Communion	Sunday 5th June	3.00 Family Service
11.15 Family Service	Sunday 12th June	3.00 Evensong
3.00 Teddy Bears' Service and Picnic	Sunday 19th June	
9.00 Holy Communion	Sunday 26th June	
9.00 Holy Communion	Sunday 3rd July	3.00 Family Service

Benefice Services of interest to, but not at, Leighton

Ascension Day	Thursday 2nd June	7.30 at Chirbury	Holy Communion
Outdoor Service	Sunday 26th June	6.30 at Mitchell's Fold	Stone Circle, Middleton

Sidesmen:-	June:	T & J & A & E Walton
	July:	A Walton & J W Evans
	August:	R & R Tibbott
Flowers and Brass :-	June:	K Humphreys & I Beech
	July:	Jack & Meggy
	August:	R Tibbott & J Walton

My apologies to the Flower providers and the sidesmen for omitting this section from the April edition of The Leighton News! JS

All Saints Church Buttington

Serving the community of Buttington, Trewern and Hope

All Sunday Services at 10 am unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 2nd June Ascension Day **10am Holy Eucharist** at Guilsfield

Sunday 5th June **10am Holy Eucharist** **Holy Baptism**

Sunday 12th June **10am Family Service for Pentecost**

A word from our Sponsor



Tinty Griffith

As many of you will know I have, for many years, opened my garden to raise money for charity through The National Garden Scheme. This organisation has raised £26 million pounds for nursing, caring and gardening charities in the last ten years.

Sales of plants from my lane-side stall produce money for local charities. I would like to thank all those people of Leighton who support me in this.

Recently I have only opened the garden for groups, so that I have an indication of how many people are coming, and can cater for them efficiently!

Should you belong to a group, or want to see the garden yourself, do call me on 01938 552197.



I enjoy gardening (it is my passion!) and I also enjoy the thought that it benefits people, plants and wild creatures. The churchyard is a wonderful example of a habitat which although managed (and thanks go to Mike Kempster and his band of workers for this) has large areas of uncut grass at this time of year. This allows the wild flowers to grow, and hopefully seed, providing a viable habitat for insects and small mammals.

Over time more varieties of wild flowers can be seen, including cowslips, primroses, bluebells and orchids. You will have read about The Town Hall Clock in last month's news!

We want to maintain this habitat and seek to preserve it. There was a small incident recently when weedkiller blew into the garden and created a gap in my border but if the wind had been in the other direction it would have affected the Churchyard and this wonderful habitat.

FORDEN WITH LEIGHTON AND TRELYSTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY IN LEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL

AGM

Cllr T Davies was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr L Corfield, Vice Chairman

Monthly Meeting

Planning

P2011 0525 Erection of a single storey extension and installation of a flue/chimney at Plas Hafren, Leighton

Supported

P2011 0539 Listed building consent for a single storey extension and associated works at Front Lodge, Leighton

Supported

The salt bins requested for the Cilcewydd road will be sited in August/September

Matters raised by Councillors (Highways to be notified)

The state of the road between Leighton School and Lower Leighton Farm need attention
Soil is falling into the road on the Stubb near the Redwood Turn

The next meeting will be held in Forden on Thursday 23rd June at 7 p.m.

BEELINE

Joshua Mullen of Mobile, Alabama, just wanted to kill the bees swarming around his shed. Using gasoline soaked towels, he heard a "whoosh" and watched the utility shed erupt in flames that spread to his rented home and wound up causing some \$80,000 in damage. Fumes from the gasoline appear to have been ignited by the pilot light of a hot water heater in the shed.

"Looking at all this, there might have been a better way," Mullen said while a few surviving bees buzzed around the ashes of the shed.

"It was a mistake. I wish I hadn't done it, but I did."

Learning points:

.Always wear appropriate protective clothing - the bees will find any gaps if so inclined..

Use appropriate methods.

Develop a reasonable vocabulary, in case you ever need to give an interview!

Courtesy of west Cornwall BKA

R & M

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Leighton School Baby and Toddler Group will be holding a Teddy Bears Picnic on Tuesday July 19 11am-2pm at Leighton Village Hall, to raise funds for playgroup. Everyone welcome to come along, £2.50 for parent and one child and plus an extra 50p per additional child.

The entrance fee includes a drink and a cake or biscuit each. Please come in fancy dress and bring your favourite teddy too, there will be prizes for the best costume and 'best loved teddy'. Bring your own healthy picnic and rug to sit on. There will be cakes and drinks available to buy plus a bouncy castle, second hand clothes and toy stall, face painting and games!



Whilst on the subject

of Babies and Toddlers we would like to send our warm congratulations to Glyn and Dilys Williams on the birth of their grand-daughter, Isabella Manon. Our best wishes to you all!

Congratulations

to Andrew Griffiths who is off to a new job in Thetford, near Bury St Edmunds.

We wish you well, Andrew, but we will miss you as you may come to miss the hills of Montgomeryshire!

You could write articles for us as our reporter in the east.

Well Done

Rita Gries ran The Race for Life on May 22nd and by doing so raised over £300 for Cancer Research.

Congratulations to all the runners who put time and effort, not only into running, but also into finding sponsorship for this annual race.

Golden Wedding Congratulations

to Lou and Derek Clare who married 50 years ago on June 17th. Love from your family (who let us in on the secret) and from your friends in Leighton. Well done!

We're thinking of

Ian Corke, who has been in hospital for an operation recently, and hope he is soon feeling better.

Roma Tibbott, who has been unable to mix with us as she would like, due again to a medical procedure!

Marjorie Cadwallader, whose broken bone has confined her to home more than she would wish.

To anyone else who has been, or is, feeling unwell may you all be restored to better health soon.

We extend a warm welcome

to Gwyn and Lesley Jones who have recently moved into Redwood Close. We hope you will enjoy your new life here in Leighton and look forward to getting to know you!

Leighton Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Leighton Village Hall will be held on Tuesday 14th June at 6.30. Everyone is invited to come along and find out how your Village Hall is run, to look back on a successful year and to make plans for an exciting one ahead. Please, come along!

T.J.& J.W.

Holy Trinity Church, Leighton

invites you to

A Teddy Bears' Service

&

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Starting in the church at 3 pm on Sunday 19th June.

So, bring your favourite bear and a picnic and come along!



PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Trelystan Church Forthcoming Events

Summer Fete - Saturday 23rd July 2011

Harvest Festival -Friday 16th September 2011
Further details to be announced later.

Veronica Richards

THE LEIGHTON NEWS DIRECTORY

I am happy to report that the majority of members of The Leighton News Directory have settled their accounts for the last year. May I respectfully remind those who have mislaid their invoice that we value the contributions which go a fair way to financing our periodical?

May I apologise to Ms S Reid for not including her kind donation in the list last month?

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Leighton Summer Fete

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2011

AT 2.30

Plans are well underway now for this Village event. We hope you will all be there!

There are many ways in which you can help. We would be very grateful for contributions to the bottle, book, bric-a-brac and cake stalls as well as scones for the tea tent. Obviously cakes and scones need to be brought on the day but if you have books they can be deposited at Severn Lodge, bric-a-brac can be left at Rowan and bottles can be off-loaded at Tan Y Coed as soon as is convenient for you!



We hope to have some different stalls this year. For instance Charles Haddad has offered to make some Lebanese mezzes for us so if you have some new ideas mention them to any member of the Parochial Church Council. They'll be delighted to hear from you!



The Village Fete will be officially opened by Marjorie Cadwallader at 2.30 and stalls will begin selling their wares immediately after this.

CHRISTIAN AID – Annual house to house collection in Leighton

A note in the 'News' is a must to thank you all (nearly!) for your kind donations following the annual door-to-door collection recently. We appreciate the welcome shown to us when you receive a 'knock on the door' or ringing of the 'bell'. It makes our effort much easier. We would like to thank those who assisted us this year, namely, Jane Walton in the 'Pentre' together with Jenny and David Sanders who called on the residents in the 'Church' area. Also Dewi and Sarah Owen collected in Pentre Mill. The total for Leighton was £301.14.

Poetry Corner

I remember - I remember well -
The first girl that I kissed.
She closed her eyes, I closed mine,
And then - worst luck - we missed!