

**CHURCH MAGAZINE**  
*FOR THE PARISH OF*  
**TRELLECH & PENALLT**

February & March 2011



St. Nicholas, Trellech



Old Church, Penallt

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From the Vicarage.

A new year is upon us, and it brings fresh challenges, new initiatives and many well intentioned resolutions to attempt to fulfil.

A Royal Wedding has been announced from Buckingham Palace, and we as a parish and community will no doubt be celebrating in many ways. One thing already on the agenda is a Wedding Gown Festival in St Nicholas Church, but we would like to link with other village events so communication and planning will be very much on the agenda. More details within these pages.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Christmas address, gave reference to the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1662 King James Bible and later in the year we shall have a special service to celebrate the much loved language of this particular bible translation. One for the traditionalist not to miss! And whilst I am forever encouraging people to read a bible of a more up to date translation, for a change I shall be asking people to use the King James Bible during their Lent studies! It will be interesting to see how we get on with it now we are used to a very different style of language.

The New Year also brings the parish to the end of its Mission Action Plan and challenges us to look toward our aims for the next five years. Our main focus will be the development of St Nicholas Church, and providing toilet facilities at the Old Church, but as a church we must also

address the mission, social, and spiritual development, and how this can be a positive and helpful presence in the community. Many of our sub committees have already met to reflect and consider the way forward. The finance committee are preparing significant proposals as have the Communications team, following a meeting of the magazine distributors who have discussed the place and purpose of this magazine and have put forward suggestions for the Editor and PCC to consider. There is information in the magazine and an insert seeking your thoughts. We would appreciate your views and contributions.

While the church is busy with all these things, so each village committee and group will be making their fresh **plans, and we pray for God's blessing on each and every** endeavour to enrich, support, and improve our community life together.

Sandra Howells  
Vicar

***OLD CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING***

**Always needing volunteers ... please ring Sarah Haeffner on  
01600-712349**

February: Mrs Priscilla Churchward, Mrs Anne Stratton & Mrs Sarah Haeffner

March: No flowers in Lent (8 March until pre-Easter 24 April)

Just cleaning ... Mrs Anne Stratton & Mrs Sarah Haeffner

## Announcements and Acknowledgements

"Rest eternal grant them O Lord;  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them"**

Annie (Nancy) Kedward, R.I.P. formerly of The Narth  
Nancy Pugh, R.I.P. of Hygga  
Gertrude (Trudy) Lane, R.I.P formerly of The Narth

Every death is a moment of great loss, especially to the close relatives, but also to the wider community, who to some extent or other have shared something of the life of that individual. When people live in and become part of any family, nursing home, or community, they become part of the fabric of the life there, and when they die, they become a precious part of the history of that place for ever. May those who mourn the loss of their dear loved ones know the depth of love and support that surrounds them, and the extent to which we as a community share their loss as we acknowledge our own. May we all find faith and strength to rise above the sadness of death to give thanks to God for those we love but now no longer see.

### **"Those whom God hath joined together"**

Tina Mustoe and Malcolm Thomas.

18<sup>th</sup> December at The Old Church Penallt

In deep snow and ice ! The guests arrived wearing pretty dresses and wellies !

Licensed by the Bishop

Rose Parsons, churchwarden for Trellech, has been licensed to join our pastoral team who take house communion to the sick or house bound in our parish, and to cover mid week services on occasions.

Lyn Harper has been licensed by the Bishop to take extended communion from Llandogo church to the Priory Nursing Home. We pray that God will bless them both as they bring blessing to others in this ministry.

Ministry overseas

We wish Lyn Harper good luck for her trip to Kenya with **"Hands Around The World,"** where they will be working with homeless street-living teenagers and young children. Returning to Kenya after 14 years will be a very special moment for her and we look forward to hearing all about it on her return.

Penallt now has a magnificent village website, with local information, pictures, and details of what is happening in the village. The site is: [www.penallt.org.uk](http://www.penallt.org.uk)  
Web-master (for adding items):  
[webmaster@penallt.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@penallt.org.uk)

Coffee mornings ... Hopefully these will start again in April. Any volunteer hostesses or hosts ? If so, please let Sarah know. Thank you.

*Could this be you?*

The Parochial Church Council is looking for someone with financial acumen and expertise to join the Finance Committee of the parish. This committee oversees regular management, forward planning and investment of church funds. We are hoping that there is someone with a little spare time, an interest in money management and a willingness to work with the current team who could share this important responsibility for the stewardship of our **churches' money. We are looking more for someone to** advise and guide, and keep an overall picture of our financial management rather than someone to do all the number crunching, so if you think you could help please contact The Vicar or Treasurer, whose numbers are on the inside front cover, or speak to Stevie Coutts or Eric McFarlane

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*Anyone spring cleaning in the near future, please remember the Penallt Summer Fete, Saturday 18th June. Any unwanted gifts, books, etc. greatly appreciated ... let Sarah Haeffner know.*

*Church Notice Board*

*"Something's missing from this Ch\_\_ch"  
"UR"*

## Churches Together in Monmouth and District

CTIM is made up of Church Leaders and lay representatives from The Wyesham Christian Fellowship, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Baptist Churches, and Ty Mawr Convent. Meetings are bi-monthly and our aims are to promote unity, share in mission where possible and be a vehicle for shared information and prayer. CTIM arrange social, study and prayer events to which members of all churches are welcome, and support and initiate many things. At the meetings we have opportunity to share news about what is happening in all our churches and pray for one another. Our recent Plans for the Week of Christian Unity included a daily prayer programme, an evening where we heard about the special and unique qualities of our different denominations, and we invited all churches to gather together for a bring and share lunch Sunday lunch. In a world of so much division it is good to know that the churches in this area are working together.

Churches Together work together in introducing people to **the Christian faith, with "Alpha" and "Christianity Explored" being the most recent courses used.**

CTIM support the Olive Bough, a Christian Resource stall at Monmouth Market, which would welcome new volunteers if anyone is interested.

The Easter Experience, a walk through Monmouth to encounter a series of small dramas telling the Easter Story is still a huge success, with schools bringing their children every year to experience it. The proposed dates

this year are Mon 28<sup>th</sup> and Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March.

All Churches have their own services on Good Friday but together there is always a witness in Monmouth and recently a Good Friday walk for families has been provided. We meet in Beacon Hill car park at 2pm and walk to the top of Beacon Hill where a short service takes place, followed by an Easter Garden competition while we enjoy hot cross buns and hot chocolate.

Monmouth Festival gives us the use of centre stage on the Sunday morning where a professional Christian band is hired to lead worship. Churches are approached to help underwrite the cost of the band but donations are received on the day to try offset the cost.

**This year we are supporting an event, "Border Prayer"** which has people walking and praying the ancient border between Wales and England for 2 weeks in May, starting on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Flint and ending on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Chepstow.

**St Thomas' Church Monmouth will host 24 hours of prayer,** starting at noon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Town Prayer Meeting every Wed night. Some members gather to pray for Monmouth and the nation, and individuals invited to join in this prayer group.

For further information on any of these items, please contact:

Chairman: Rev Sandra Howells: 01600 716622

Secretary: Mrs Ann May. Anne May :

anne@themays.org.uk

*Events in neighbouring Churches:*

19/2/2011: Organ recital by Huw Williams.

St Mary Priory Church Monmouth 7.30pm

This renowned musician was Choirmaster and Organist at St Paul's Cathedral. He now lives in this area, and amongst his many musical commitments, he is Musical Director and Conductor of Monmouth Choral Society.

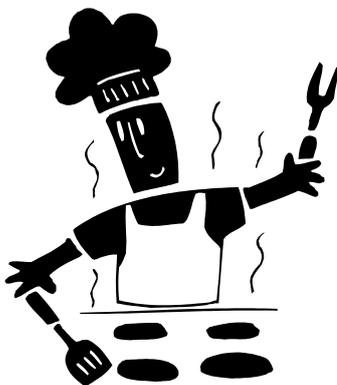
13/3/2011: **Women's Festival**

St Thomas Church 6pm. - evensong to conclude an exhibition on the day in the life of an Edwardian Woman. A noted female preacher will speak on the role of Women in Ministry.

29/3/2011: **African Children's Choir**

**Monmouth Baptist Church, Watoto children's choir from Uganda.** Evening concert

Pancakes and Quiz night



8<sup>th</sup> March.

Shrove Tuesday.

7.30 St Nicholas Church

Trellech

*Fairtrade Fortnight 228/2/2011 to 13/3/2011*

Coffee morning 12<sup>th</sup> March. 10am - 12.30

The Priory Rooms Monmouth.

A fashion show of fair-trade cotton

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March at Priory Rooms.

6:30 pm drinks and nibbles

7pm presentation on the manufacturing of fair trade  
clothes in India

Tickets, £5 available at the Museum.

If any feel inspired to hold their own coffee morning for Fairtrade, they can hand money in at one of these events.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - MONDAYS @ 10.30AM

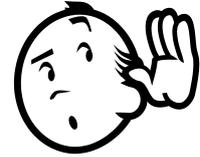
We meet every two weeks at 10.30am on Monday, starting with a social time for coffee and chat. At present we are studying Genesis and will soon move on to Exodus. Having previously enjoyed the New Testament we are now finding that Genesis not only tells us of the very beginning of the heavens and earth but also helps us understand many other parts of The Bible. We are a small group of 7 but have room for more. If you would like to join us, then please ring Rose on 01600 861855.

## *Church Communications team*

Can you read me ?



Can you hear me ?



**Church Web Site** Please visit our church website. The address is on front cover. Steve has updated it and has linked it to the Penallt Village web site. We are looking for a link into any existing Trellech web site. If you know a web master for any Trellech society or group, please contact the PCC secretary Steve. (Details on inside front cover)

**Church Magazine** In the last edition of this magazine, our magazine distributors were invited to meet together to update the register of deliveries. It was an opportunity also to thank everyone who does deliver our magazines and to hear their comments and thoughts.

On a very rainy day we met for tea and delicious sticky chocolate cake, and managed to update some of the registers as well as having a very helpful and informative discussion on how they view the magazine they deliver. We also heard feedback back from some of those they deliver to.

We will work on the requests for more jokes, more articles and more variety of presentation but these things can only be addressed in time, with more people contributing and the poor editor having more time to spend on presentation, or more help in gathering information. However, in partnership with the Editor, I hope this edition

meets the overwhelming requests for larger print to be used.

It has been our policy over the last 5 years to endeavour to deliver to every home unless we are told the magazine is not wanted, and although the magazine is free of charge we do welcome donations. A number of people have commented that although we request donations we do not offer an easy way for that to happen. Perhaps we have been too shy in asking for money, and hope that the information on the paper insert is helpful!!

Please give a short time to respond to the questions on the enclosed paper to let us know if you value us delivering to everyone, and how you wish to see us develop the magazine further.

We were very grateful to Jean for the delicious cake and hosting the meeting, and we pass on our sincere thanks to those magazine distributors who were not able to join us this time.

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A Personal Thank You

*Glyn and I would like to thank all those who have been so kind to us following the death of Mum Trudi, at Christmas. We were really touched by the numbers who came to her Thanksgiving Service at **St Nicholas' and for the many letters and cards we have received.***

*The great support and love given by Rev Sandra to Mum in her final weeks was a real comfort.*

*We send a big thank you to all those who spent hours chatting and drinking tea with Mum when she was with us in The Narth, so that we could both go out together. We will never forget all this kindness, so freely given.*

*Rose*

## Services times at St Nicholas, T

| Date/time    | Season/place          | Service              |                        |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 30th January | Epiphany IV           | UNITED SERVICE       |                        |
| 6.15pm       | Trellech Methodist    | tba                  |                        |
| 6th Feb      | 5th before Lent       |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | St Nichols Trellech   | Matins               |                        |
| 11.00.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       | <i>healing ministr</i> |
| 13th Feb     | 4th before Lent       |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | BCP Eucharist        |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Family Eucharist     |                        |
| 20th Feb     | 3rd before Lent       |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Holy Eucharist       | <i>healing ministr</i> |
| 27th Feb     | 2nd before Lent       |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas. Trellech | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 6th March    | Sunday before Lent    |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Matins               |                        |
| 11.00.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       | <i>healing ministr</i> |
| 9th March    | ASH WEDNESDAY         | Whole parish service |                        |
| 6.30pm       | St Nicholas Church    | Ash Wed service      | ashing                 |
| 13th March   | Lent I                |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | BCP Eucharist        |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Family Eucharist     |                        |
| 19th March   | SATURDAY              |                      |                        |
| 4pm          | St Nicholas Church    | Service of healing   |                        |
| 20th March   | Lent II               |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Holy Eucharist       | <i>healing ministr</i> |
| 27th March   | Lent III              |                      |                        |
| 09.30.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 11.00.       | St Nicholas Trellech  | Holy Eucharist       |                        |
| 3rd April    | MOTHERING SUNDAY      |                      |                        |
| 11.00.       | Old Church, Penallt   | Family Eucharist     |                        |
| 5pm          | St Nicholas Church    | Songs of praise      |                        |

# Prelech and Old Church, Penallt

|            | <i>reader 1</i> | <i>reader 2</i> | <i>server/chalice</i> | <i>chalice 2</i> | <i>welcome</i>   |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|            | F Kemp          | A Powis         | n/a                   | n/a              | A Powis          |
| <i>try</i> | D Shannon       | V Kimber        | A Stratton            |                  | D Shannon        |
|            | T Churchward    | S Haeffner      | A Stratton            |                  | S Haeffner       |
|            | K Vickers       | n/a             | welcome club          | K Lowe           | A Stubbs         |
|            | S Dean          | W Boycott       | J Coutts              |                  | S Dean           |
| <i>try</i> | A Gilbey        | B Richards      | K Bowen               | A Gilbey         | R Parsons        |
|            | J Coutts        | S Coutts        | L Harper              |                  | J Coutts         |
|            | R Parsons       | K Lowe          | K Lowe                | R Parsons        | A Stubbs         |
|            | A Powis         | F Kemp          | n/a                   | n/a              | A Powis          |
| <i>try</i> | A Stratton      | T McGorrigan    | L Harper              |                  | S Haeffner       |
|            | S Haeffner      | R Parsons       | K Bowen               | L Harper         | R Parsons        |
|            | L Harper        | S Dean          | L Harper              |                  | S Dean           |
|            | B Green         | n/a             | welcome club          | K Lowe           | A Stubbs         |
|            | tba             |                 |                       |                  | R Parsons        |
|            | W Boycott       | S Coutts        | L Harper              |                  | W Boycott        |
| <i>try</i> | A Gilbey        | B Richards      | A Gilbey              | K Bowen          | A Stubbs         |
|            | C Mills         | S Dean          | L Harper              |                  | S Dean           |
|            | B Green         | R Parsons       | K Lowe                | R Parsons        | B Green          |
|            | G Blick         | A Stratton      | L Harper              |                  |                  |
|            | various tba     |                 |                       |                  | <b>R Parsons</b> |

NEWS FROM THE OGENDA SCHOOL,  
NEBBI DISTRICT, UGANDA

First: We secured teachers and jobs.

Then: Laboratories were built

Next: The Government agreed to pay  
administration costs

**Lastly: 'Hands Around the World' are**  
building new classrooms,

And now: A brand new dormitory and teachers house !!!

*Dear Rev Sandra and the people of Trellech and Penallt*

*Praise God for your condolence message.*

*I hope you are fine and above all preparing for Christmas.*

*The two buildings, the Headmaster's house and the Girls' dormitory are to be commission soon, the dates have not yet been communicated. The construction was funded by Field of Life, a Christian based Non Governmental Organisation UK.*

*At the moment, we have twelve teachers who have now accessed government payroll.*

*By the beginning of the year, term which will commence on the 31/01/2011, we shall be receiving more three teachers from the government.*

*Our target enrolment for 2011 students population between 220 to 300.*

*I wish you a happy and a peaceful Christmas celebration and a prosperous new year.*

*Be Blessed*

*PI CHO PAUL KENNEDY*

*Headmaster*

This letter from the headmaster of Ogenda School, Nebbi, explains the wonderful developments that have taken place there since the school has been secured under Government management. The message of condolence was in respect of the death of dear Joseph, one of the elders in the community who had worked tirelessly for the school, and had launched the village church building committee some years ago. He spoke with John and I during our visit in June 2010 and asked for help in this project, as he knew he would not be alive to see it completed. Joseph has died but the fundraising has started for their new village church, the foundation stone of which, I was privileged to lay some years ago. During our recent visit, John and I were told of their plans to start this building project and we promised to support them in some way, although we made it clear we could not repeat the same huge commitment we made to the school.

Instead of sending local Christmas cards this year, we have put money toward this fund, and our New Year house party planned after copy date for this magazine, will I hope have increased the fund. We shall have some sort of summer event too, so that when I return to Uganda in September I can take the money with me. Of course, over the year we will also be happy to receive any donations toward this fund. Thank you to all who still pray for the school and our link in Uganda.

John and Sandra Howells

STOP PRESS ... The party made £175, or 525,000 Ugandan shillings ! Thank you everyone.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY. 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL



A choice of two special services in our churches



11am at The Old Church at Penallt

A family Communion service with flowers blessed and distributed by the children who come.

5pm at St Nicholas Church Trellech

A Mothering Sunday songs of praise.

**Let us know your mother's favourite hymn and we can try to**

include it in the service. Youngsters, would you like to play an instrument, sing or read for your mum?

Contact the Vicar or Jill Westwood and we can include you in the service.

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### WELCOME CLUB

Come and join our Welcome Club every Wednesday night from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. in St Nicholas Church. Ages from 7 to 14 are welcome.

We are starting the new year with lots of exciting projects - drama, music ... and making a documentary film about the Club !

We are always on the look out for help and volunteers in all aspects. Please contact Sandra for more details.

A message from Lyn Harper, who will, God willing, be working for a month in a Kenya shanty town on the shores of Lake Victoria by the time you read this !

*I want to thank all my very generous friends in Penallt (and my many friends around the world !) for their wonderful support and sponsorship of me and the project which continues the work begun in June on building a carpentry workshop, where teenage boys who have been scavenging on the streets and rubbish dumps, trying to beg or earn a little money, can learn a useful trade and work themselves out of poverty. I have raised about £2,500 in under six months; of which approximately £700 came from two coffee mornings and a soup lunch held here in the village.*

*As well as building work, the team will also be in the town at night, visiting totally abandoned younger children, many of whom are HIV positive, who sniff glue to deaden the pain of hunger, because shoe glue is cheaper to buy than bread. These children live, and sometimes die, in doorways, storm drains and on the rubbish dumps and in the sewage works. Is it any wonder they have been given the heart-rending name of 'feral children' ? **Feral ... like rats ... like the hyaena's who also scavenge the rubbish ...***

*Please pray for the team ... we are four ... a married couple from the Forest of Dean, a student of 18, plus me !*

*Thank you again for your help ... Lyn*

*Church Notice Board*

**"THIS CHURCH IS PRAYER CONDITIONED "**

## Methodist News

### Families at Four

The church was full for our annual Christmas Eve Families at Four celebration. We welcomed many old friends and some new ones and Gordon Casson led a lively service.

Some young musicians played instruments and a good sing was had by all.

### New Windows

The windows in the church and schoolroom are worn out. Replacement wood windows are being installed. We have raised most of the money needed ourselves from a variety of sources and some generous grants and bequests.

There is a little way to go though, so Peggy and Nassim Hilu **planned to hold a "Sing along with carols" with supper at their home.** This was, however, not possible because of the snow and **ice. We were all disappointed because Peggy's cakes and savouries** are delicious, well known and much appreciated! All the more so, because some of the food had to be thrown away because it could not be frozen. Ironic! Anyway, instead, not to be daunted, a sale was held in the church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Lots of people came and donated and bought lots of items. The church and schoolroom buzzed with people chatting, enjoying refreshments and buying items. A good time was had by all and over £800 was raised towards the cost of the windows! A big thank you to all who organised the event and to all who donated items and bought them! All are welcome to inspect the windows from the inside when they are installed within the next few weeks by coming to one of our services!

### Sunday Service

Our Sunday service is at 6.15pm and everyone is welcome to join us for an informal style of worship. We are now part of a

much wider grouping of churches, including Newport, Chepstow and Caldicot. This means that we have several different people leading worship, and it is good to hear differing perspectives on our wonderful faith.

The next scheduled fifth Sunday joint service is due to be at the Methodist church on January 29th, so we look forward to welcoming you then to join us in worship and, hopefully, inspect the new windows!

### Photocoffee Morning

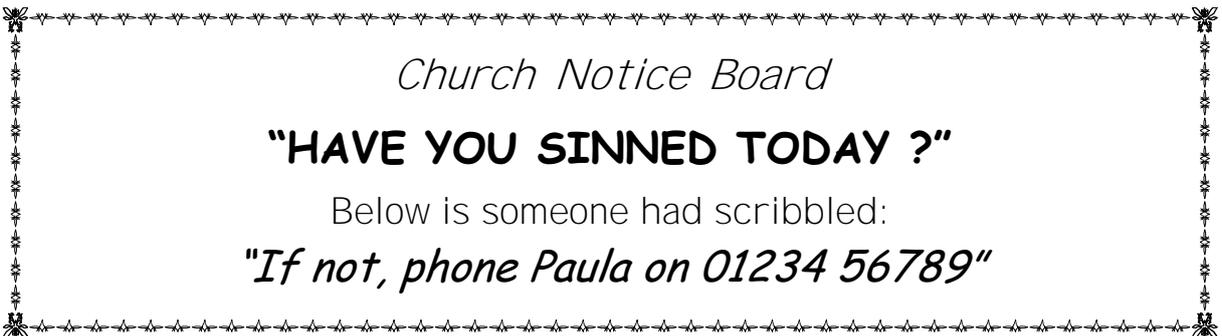
These popular get-togethers have been discontinued for a while. Several people have asked for them to start up again. Watch this space for a date in the Spring and another opportunity to browse old photographs of Trellech and around and chat over a cup of coffee and a cake.

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*A poem seen in a chemo-therapy day unit:*

### *What Cancer Cannot Do*

*Cancer is so limited; I t cannot cripple love;  
I t cannot shatter hope; I t cannot corrode faith;  
I t cannot destroy peace.  
I t cannot kill friendship; I t cannot suppress memories.  
I t cannot silence courage; I t cannot invade the soul.  
I t cannot steal eternal life; I t cannot conquer the spirit.*



### *Church Notice Board*

**"HAVE YOU SINNED TODAY ?"**

Below is someone had scribbled:

***"If not, phone Paula on 01234 56789"***

## CATBROOK MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday 26th February at 7.30pm - Alison Neil performing The Sixth Wife. A highly acclaimed one-woman theatre show. Tickets £7 adults/£5 children Bring your own drink. No food.

Saturday 9th April at 7.30 pm - Quiz.

Saturday 7th May at 7.30 pm - Altogether Now - another old time music hall evening.

It is hoped to hold a another ever popular Race Night in the autumn.

Tony Jacobs and his Swing Cabaret Trio are hopefully booked for 26th November 2011.

Yoga Classes with Ruth Routh held Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Coffee mornings held the third WEDNESDAY of each month at 10.30am.

To book the hall or for further information email: [info@catbrook.info](mailto:info@catbrook.info).

## BABINGTON CENTRE - TRELLECH

### Film Nights

Saturday 5th February

Made In Dagenham

Saturday 5th March

Another Year

Saturday 2nd April

The Kings Speech

Tickets £4.50 - Free Parking on Site - Disabled facilities - Tea, Coffee and Wine available!

### Crafts and Produce Market

Wednesdays 15th December, 19th January 2011, 16th February 2011

16th March 2011

From 3.00pm until 6.00pm

To hire Babington Centre, contact Dave Robbins, 01600 860714

## THE NARTH HALL

Contact person - Sue Stocker - Secretary 860530

Art group meets every Wednesday. Contact Sue Seymour on 860033

Bridge Group contact Vivienne Casson on 860054 to find out more.

Films on The Narth Contact Hywel Rees on 860516 for information

Gardening Club last Tuesday of the month. Contact John Lewis on 860374.

Keep fit for the mature person Thursday a.m.. Contact Huw Smith on 860659.

The Narth Singers Wednesdays at 7.30pm - contact Jenny Hickey on 860216.

Play reading group Meets one Monday a month. Contact Gordon Casson on 860054

Whist drive third Friday of each month at 7.30pm. Contact Sue Stocker on 860530

**Womens' Institute** 7.30pm on the third Tuesdays. Contact Jan Stephens on 860576

Youth Club fortnightly on a Thursday, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Contact Kate Rees on 860516 or Rachel Widdicks on 869142

Private Bookings To book hall & for rates, contact Mary Pardington on 860227.

## PELHAM HALL, PENALLT

### Regular events

Bowls Club every Tuesday

Book hall for Badminton via Vin Godier 01600 716502

Wednesday morning PILATES ... contact Diane Bartle 891249

W.I. **1st Thursday evening of the month ... contact Trish Hayward on 712864.**

The hall is available for private functions ...book with Vin Godier on 716502

*The 2011 Spring programme of film nights is shown below. The usual format is that doors open at 7.30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door at £5 each, the cost including a tasty buffet available before the film starts. A cash bar operates at the same time. All welcome!*

5th February: Street Angel Mu-jih Yuan China 1937 91 mins

5th March: Vassa Gleb Panfilov USSR 1983 140 mins

## The next Diocesan Youth Service



The next Y. E. S. is at **St. Cadoc's**, Caerleon,  
Newport NP18 1AZ  
March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00p.m.

Rehearsals for any young people who would like to join  
the YES team begin Saturday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> (3.30-6.00p.m.)  
at All Saints, Brynglas, Newport, NP20 5QY.

### **Young people are welcome to join...**

the music team

(older musicians are also welcome if they enjoy  
contemporary music)

the drama group

(great fun and no compulsion to learn lots of lines)

the technical team

**(Sam is a great teacher and loves enthusiastic 'techie  
geeks')**

For more details [pam.j.richards@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.j.richards@btinternet.com)  
01291 423378

## PASTORAL VISITING AND TRANSPORT TEAMS

The Parish Pastoral teams are very pleased that we are receiving more calls for help with visits and transport. We really enjoy meeting new people and being able to help, where possible, even trying to park at Neville Hall! Please keep calling us - we will do all we can to assist.

Do you think you could join our teams either to drive or sit with others for a chat and a cup of tea? If so, please ring either Jean (01600 860275) or Rose (01600 861855), who will be able to give further information. You will need a Criminal Records Bureau check, but we can arrange this for you.

Jean and I send grateful thanks to all our team members and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Rose Parsons

### **MAY WE HELP YOU ?**

Do you have problems travelling to hospital appointments?

Are you housebound and needing a break?

Would you like some company and time for a chat?

Are you recently home from hospital, temporarily unable to drive and need help with shopping etc.?

Should you have a real emergency we will do our very best to help but this may not always be possible as our team usually requires some notice.

Please telephone either Rose Parsons (01600 861855) or  
Jean Rogers (01600 860275)

*Church Notice Board*

"My name is not Oh My"

*(signed) God*

## RUNNY HUNNY CHOCOLATE CAKE

For the cake

|                                                                    |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 100g dark chocolate, broken into pieces (70 per cent cocoa solids) |                                |
| 275g light muscovado sugar                                         | 225g soft butter               |
| 125ml runny honey                                                  | 2 eggs                         |
| 200g plain flour                                                   | 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda |
| 1 tablespoon cocoa powder                                          | 250 ml boiling water           |

For the runny hunny glaze

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 60 ml water        | 75 g icing sugar    |
| 125 ml runny honey | 175g dark chocolate |

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Butter and line a 23cm springform cake tin.

Melt the chocolate for the cake in a large bowl either in the microwave or suspended over a pan of simmering water. Set aside to cool slightly.

Beat together the sugar and soft butter until light and creamy then add the honey. Add one of the eggs, beating it in with a tablespoon of the flour. Fold in the melted chocolate and then the rest of the flour and the bicarbonate of soda. Sieve in the cocoa powder and last of all beat in the boiling water. Mix everything well and pour the smooth batter into the prepared tin. Cook for 1 hour. Check after 45 minutes and if the top is catching cover it lightly with foil. Allow cake to cool completely.

For the runny hunny glaze, bring the water and honey to the boil in a small saucepan, then turn off the heat and add the finely chopped chocolate. Stir to melt in the hot liquid. Leave it for a few minutes then whisk. Sieve in the icing sugar and whisk again until smooth.

Put the cooled cake on to a large serving plate and pour the glaze over, smoothing it down the side. Leave about an hour before serving.

## Film Review

**"The King's Speech"**, starring Colin Firth as **George VI**, is well worth seeing. It covers the period before the death of George V, through the abdication, and into the start of the war.

King George was well known as a stammerer, and one who never wanted to be king, so when his brother abdicated to marry Wallis **Simpson**, **'Bertie'** was forced to take over.

Queen Elizabeth, as she was to become, sought a speech therapist for her husband, and found a brash Australian failed actor with no medical qualifications, who nevertheless worked wonders with his clients - and the Kings speech; and in continuing to help him, they became unlikely friends until the kings death.

This is a deeply human and under-stated story which touches the heart and inspires the audience, and well deserves the Oscars it should get !

You can see it locally, at the Babington Centre, on the 2nd April !

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## Dates for the diary

|                           |                                                                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Open meeting for Wedding Gown festival                             |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Presentation of License to Rose in Family service                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | Pancakes and quiz night St Nicholas Church                         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March     | Ash Wednesday. 7.30 service St Nicholas Church                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March    | 6.30. Welcome club YES service St Nicholas                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March.   | Service of healing and wholeness.<br>See posters and notice boards |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March    | <b>Diocesan YOUTH service. 6pm St Cadoc's Caerleon.</b>            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | PCC. 7.30pm                                                        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April.    | Mothering Sunday songs of praise .<br>5pm St Nicholas Church       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April.    | 12-4 pm. Wedding prep day . St Nicholas Church                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April    | EASTER VESTRY MEETING                                              |

### Mobile Library dates - use it or lose it !

Monmouthshire Mobile Library calls in Penallt, at the lay-by near Pentwyn Park, opposite the Old Post Office, every third Friday morning, at about 11.15, but because of vehicle problems, holidays and the weather, they often change the date at the last moment, so please phone the library to check; the van is expected Feb 11th, March 4th & 25th.

**PLEASE support this very useful service ...**

*Library phone: - 01600-775215*



A house without books  
is like a room without  
**windows ...**

