"WE HAD A BALL"

A wonderful evening was had by one and all at the Mayor’s Caribbean-themed ‘Beach Ball’ on Saturday 13th April 2013.

The Mayor greeted guests at the Town Hall in full regalia, changing into a more relaxed outfit: a blue and white shirt covered in hibiscus

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VOLUNTEERING FOR VSO IN NIGERIA

I went there last July to work for International Citizen Service (ICS), a branch of VSO, and what an amazing and enriching life experience I had.

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**DIARY**

**MAY**

1 Wed  Walking Group  13:30  CP
4 Sat  Town Hall Trust Coffee Morning  TH  09:00-12:00
9 Thu  Macmillan Mile Walk  19:00  I
11 Sat  Floral Art Club Coffee Morning  09:00-12:00
13 Mon  Scrabble Club  19:30  DH
14 Tue  Harry Ray Preview  19:00-21:00  I
15 Wed  Walking Group  10:00  CP
15 Wed  Harry Ray Auction  19:00-21:00  I
15 Wed  Floral Art Club  19:00  TH
16 Thu  Chatterbox  14:30  DH
18 Sat  Show Committee Coffee Morning  09:00-12:00
18 Sat  Local Development Plan  Exhibition  10:00-12:00
22 Wed  MCCP Lunch Club  12:30  CP
23 Thu  Police Meeting  10:30-12:30  TH
24 Fri  Civic Society Talk  Artists and Illustrators of Montgomery  19:30
25 Sat  Christmas Lights Coffee Morning  TH

**JUNE**

1 Sat  Welshpool Transport Coffee Morning  TH
2 Sun  Parkinsons Tea Party  14:00-17:00  H (see page 2 for details)
2 Sun  Montgomery Show Barbeque (see back cover for details)  H
3 Mon  Scrabble Club  19:30  DH
5 Wed  Walking Group  13:30  CP
8 Sat  Montgomery Energy Group Coffee Morning  TH
14 Fri  Mayor Making  19:30  TH
15 Sat  Scouts Coffee Morning  TH
17 Mon  Scramble Club  19:30  DH
17 Mon  Harry Ray Set Up  TH
18 Tue  Harry Ray Preview  TH
19 Wed  Walking Group  10:00  CP
19 Wed  Harry Ray Auction  TH
19 Wed  Floral Art Club  19:00  TH
19 Wed  Chatterbox  14:30  CP
22 Sat  School Coffee Morning  TH
23 Sun  Gregynog Festival Concert (The Tallis Scholars)  14:30
26 Wed  MCCP Lunch Club  12:30  CP
26 Wed  Chatterbox  14:30  DH
29 Sat  Ladies Hockey Club Coffee Morning  TH

**REGULAR EVENTS**

- **Art Classes**: AC
  - Wednesday: 10:00-12:30
- **Bell Ringing**: C
  - Monday evening: 18:30-20:00
- **Chatterbox**: DH
  - 3rd Thursday in the month: 14:30
- **Coffee Mornings**: TH
  - Saturday: 9:00-11:30
- **Fire Station Practice Night**: FS
  - Every Wednesday: 18:30-20:30
- **French Classes**: I
  - Every Tuesday: 14:00-16:00
- **Gardening Club**: DH
  - 2nd Monday in the month: 10:00 (Viewings: Tuesday before the auction: 14:00-17:00)
- **Jazz Evening**: DH
  - Every Wednesday: 21:00
- **Kettlercise**: TH
  - 1st Monday of the month: 18:30-20:00
- **Library**: TH/AC
  - Monday-Friday: 9:30-11:30
- **Market Day**: TH
  - Thursday & Saturday (am)
- **Mini-Montys**: AC
  - Tuesday & Friday: 9:30-11:30
  - Open throughout the year (except Christmas holidays)
- **Montgomery Beavers**: AC
  - Wednesday: Term Time only 17:00-18:00
- **Montgomery Cubs**: AC
  - Wednesday: Term Time only 17:00-18:15
- **Montgomery Sew n Sews**: AC
  - Every other Tuesday: 14:00-16:30
- **Movie Club**: DH
  - Every other Sunday: 20:00 (see programme)
- **Pilates**: TH/AC
  - Every Wednesday: 19:00-20:00
- **Pre-school**: AC
  - Monday-Friday: Term Time only 9:00-12:00
- **Snooker Club**: I
  - By arrangement
- **Town Council**: TH
  - 4th Thursday in the month: 19:30
- **Trefoil Guild**: H
  - 3rd Thursday in the month: 10:30-12:00
- **Walking Group**: CP
  - Every other Wednesday: 10:00
- **Weight Watchers**: DH
  - Every Thursday: 17:30
- **Welsh Clwb Cofis**: DH
  - Last Monday of the Month: 13:00-15:00
- **Welsh Clwb Clonc**: DH
  - First Monday of the Month: 19:00-21:00
- **Welsh Lessons**: DH
  - Tuesday evening: 15:30-17:30 & 18:00-20:00 (must register first)
- **Zumba**: TH
  - Every Monday: 18:30-19:30

**GO FOR A WALK AND HELP PEOPLE WITH CANCER**

Montgomery Macmillan Cancer Support Committee will be hosting a Macmillan Mile Walk on Thursday 9th May 2013, starting from the Institute at 7.00pm. The route is the same as last year, returning to the Institute for refreshments provided by the Committee members.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in, be sponsored or sponsor one of the walkers. An entry donation of £2 is requested. Sponsor forms can be obtained from Bunners or the Secretary Mrs Pam Clayton.

**Other dates:**
- 17th August 2013: a stall at the Montgomery Show;
- 24th August 2013: Town Hall coffee morning;

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**CRIER DEADLINES AND CHANGE OF ISSUE MONTHS**

20th June, 20th September, 20th November 2013, 20th January 2014

We have decided to move the September edition to October to give the Show Committee time to get all the results and Show news together in one edition. The Crier will then be every two months from then onwards. This then means that the Dec/Jan edition will cover all the Christmas and New Year events together.
FELTMaking CLASSES

A course of 4 sessions, to be held in Montgomery for Coleg Powys, will teach you the basic felting skills you need to make felt pictures, wall hangings, bags, slippers, hats, jewellery, scarves and lots more.

The cost is £28.80 for 4 sessions (£14.40 for concessions) and I am hoping to run two classes in Montgomery:

Class 1 starting on Monday 3rd June 2013 at the Activity Centre 1.00-4.00pm

Class 2 starting on Monday 3rd June 2013 (venue to be arranged) 6.00-9.00pm

If you are interested please contact Nicola Knapton by telephone 01686 668048, mobile 07533 709236 or e-mail nicolaknapton@yahoo.co.uk.

THE FRiENDS OF MONTGoMErY CHURCH

A final thank you to all who helped with the church heating project.
Special thanks to Hugh Jones and Dr John Wyn-Jones for disposing of a very considerable amount of scrap metal at a considerable profit for the project! See the next Crier for future Friends events.

Michael Jordan

PArKINsON'S UK

CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

Please come to a tea party at Bron Hafren, Garthmyl (the house by the traffic lights at the Caerhowel Bridge) on Sunday 2nd June 2.00-5.00pm.
Parking in the Paddock.

We shall be serving tea and cakes in the garden (under cover if the weather is wet or cold). £3 for a cup of tea and cake. There will also be a raffle.

We are raising money for Parkinson’s UK, the support and research charity looking to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson’s. As we have discovered, this is not just an old age disease, our daughter contracted it in her mid thirties.

For more details contact: Marilyn and John on 01686 640106.

CIVIC SOCIETY TALK

There will be a talk by John Welton on Friday 24th May 2013 at 7.30pm at Montgomery Town Hall on ‘The Artists and Illustrators of Montgomery’. Admission is £5 and includes cheese and wine. All proceeds to the Old Bell Museum. All are welcome.

GREGYNOG FESTIVAL 2013

At MONTGoMErY CHURCH

Great Britten celebrates the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten, and the 80th anniversary of the Festival itself, with seven centuries of Great British music. Britten performed at the 1972 Festival and artists honouring him this season include tenor Andrew Kennedy (who gave a memorable recital in Montgomery in 2005) and ‘Queen of Harps’ Catrin Finch.

The Festival runs from 20th-30th June 2013 and, by popular request, a concert has once more been included at Montgomery Church on Sunday 23rd June 2013 from 2.30pm. This will be given by one of the world’s finest choral groups, The Tallis Scholars, who are celebrating their own 40th anniversary. Their programme includes church music by William Cornysh and William Byrd, and the revival of a Mass by the medieval Welsh composer John Lloyd, which director Peter Phillips regards as “a major event”.

Bookings are now open via gregynogfestival.org and 01686 207100.

MONTGoMErY WALKING GROUP

We will meet in May and June on:

1st May starting at 1.30pm and 15th May starting at 10.00am

5th June starting at 1.30pm and 19th June starting at 10.00am

All walks start from Montgomery Recycling Car Park. Transport, if needed, is arranged there. All are welcome: walks generally are of two to three hours’ duration.

Further information from Jeny on 01686 668168.

MONTGoMErY FLORAL ART CLUB

Please join us at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th May 2013 in the Town Hall.

We hope you will feel inspired to come to Tricia Payne’s demonstration entitled ‘Summertime’ at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th May 2013 in the Town Hall. You do not have to be a member, just pay £3 as a visitor.

Our Practical Evening on Wednesday 19th June 2013 will enable you to create your own arrangement, with lots of help and advice.
Progress is slowly being made on the new Local Development Plan, which will replace the Unitary Development Plan and govern planning and development throughout Powys for the next ten to fifteen years. Following a process of ‘weeding out’, town and community councils are being consulted on the ‘candidate sites’ proposed for development in their areas. Lists of candidate sites can be found via the council’s website or at http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=1820&L=0.

One area where progress is not being made is in buttressing the bank behind the Tan y Mur garages. It is now some nine months since a landslip left part of the bowling green precariously suspended. I can only apologise to residents and bowls players alike. It is not for lack of badgering the relevant departments, but unfortunately what is a big issue for us is not viewed that way by cash-strapped service managers. I have now recruited Russell George AM to add extra weight to the drive for action.

The 2013-14 highways capital works budget includes sums for work to the Hendomen-Montgomery footway, and repairs to a culvert in Castle Street near Burdett House, involving temporary traffic lights and maybe even a road closure. No dates yet.

Maybe the cold weather has made rats bolder, as I’ve been told of problems in various areas of the town. The council offers an eradication service for mouse, rat, wasp and cockroach infestations at domestic properties for a cost of £18.54. You can access the service by ringing 0845 6027037.

Finally, with last year’s leaves still in the gutters in Broad Street and the mechanical sweeper always having difficulty with parked cars, I’ve asked for a low-tech solution to be applied. By the time you read this, hopefully the gutters will have been cleared out … by a man with a shovel.

TREFALDWYN TREFOIL GUILD
We formed a Trefoil Guild branch in Montgomery last September, calling ourselves the Trefaldwyn Trefoil Guild. We meet monthly in members’ houses with a varied programme, including ‘marching’ in the Remembrance Day Parade and serving coffee afterwards, and a very good Christmas dinner at Broneirion.

Membership is open to former Guides and anyone associated with the Guiding movement. If you are interested in joining us for our informal get-togethers, please contact Sylvia Sparrow 01686 668322 for further details.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM AT MONTGOMERY CASTLE
An evening of magical enjoyment for all the family: Taking Flight Theatre brings you a bright new interpretation of Shakespeare’s best loved comedy, A Midsummer Night’s Dream at Montgomery Castle on 19th and 20th June 2013 at 7.00pm. Starring Cara Readle from Tracy Beaker, we will lead you on a magical journey filled with fun, laughter, puppetry and original live music.

This is outdoor Shakespeare with a twist – the audience follow the action around the castle and magic happens en route! Bring warm clothes, sensible footwear and let us know if you will require assistance (call Beth on 07785 947823).

To book go to www.takingflighttheatre.com and click on the performance you require. If you don’t have internet access, please call the number above.

Magic is out there… all you need to do is look for it.
Services
◆ 1st Sunday 10.45am and 5.30pm: Service of the Word.
◆ 2nd Sunday 10.45am: Eucharist with Prayer for Healing.
◆ 2nd Sunday 12.15pm: Bring and Share lunch – all are welcome to come.
◆ 2nd Sunday 5.30pm: Service of the Word.
◆ 3rd Sunday 10.45am: all ages worshipping together.
◆ 3rd Sunday 5.30pm: Eucharist (usually).
◆ 4th Sunday 10.45am: Eucharist.
◆ Children’s Church: 10.45am on 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
◆ Fridays 8.30am: Morning Prayer

Baptisms
The next date for Baptisms is 16th June 2013. To arrange, please contact the Rector at least five weeks prior to the date. Both parents will need to be able to attend three preparation sessions of one hour duration. A crèche can be provided on request. In the meantime, it would be good to see you at any of our services.

Going up!
At 6.00am on Easter morning from within Montgomery castle the cry went up: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. On 9th May 2013 Christians across the world will commemorate the end of the risen Lord’s time on earth, as they celebrate the day he left his disciples to enter once again the realms beyond time and space. Ascension Day will be celebrated as usual with a service of Holy Eucharist at 7.30pm.

For the children of Montgomery School there will be a climb to the top of Town Hill with members of church and chapel, and a chance to consider the last walk Jesus took with his disciples, also to the top of a hill. Which hill, and how many days after Easter did the Ascension take place?

If you feel that life is an uphill struggle, remember that the view from the top, when you get there, often makes it worthwhile. It is often only when we have climbed the hill that we are able to break through the cloud which was cutting off our experience of God’s presence and power.

MEG – MONTGOMERY ENERGY GROUP
Saturday 8th June 2013:
MEG has the Town Hall coffee morning. Help and things to sell would be much appreciated.

Picnic area next to the main car park: you may have noticed that the rotten, useless and unsafe picnic benches have been removed. This was done by MEG volunteers in cooperation with the Town Council. We would like to improve and upgrade this area. Suggestions please.

Please note: we do not hold evening meetings during the summer months. The next one will be Monday 3rd September 2013.

Mike Membery 01686 668643 or mikemem@phonecoop.coop.

MONTGOMERY GARDENING CLUB
For the 13th May garden visit, meet outside Town Hall at 5.45pm. Bring plants to sell, to help with funds.
news from the town hall trust

A big thank you to all who supported our Supper with Song evening, which was enjoyed by all and raised over £1,000 towards Town Hall refurbishment. Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th May 2013 will further swell the funds we can transfer to the Town Council, and it is great to see improvements now underway.

Arrangements are well in hand for the summer Craft and Food Fair on 6th July 2013. An exciting programme of entertainment is planned and the take-up for stalls has been very good. There are still a few spaces left, so get in touch to avoid disappointment. In the evening we will be having a Town Barbecue with entertainment from the Kerry-based group Over the Hill Billies, who gave us such a great time last year. As always, the proceeds of the day will go to the Town Hall. Where would our Town be without its signature building?

Paul Loveluck
01686 668166 or PL@loveluck38.freeserve.co.uk

cricket club exhibition

The Cricket Club is holding an exhibition in The Old Bell Gallery during May 2013. It is an opportunity to look at the long history of the club and learn about highlights such as the famous day in 1882 when Montgomery defeated the England team, and the day in 1892 when the club played Warwickshire at Edgbaston. We will also show the scorecard from an 1851 game when Montgomery defeated Llanidloes by a single run, thought to be the earliest scorecard in Wales; the original is now in the National Library of Wales.

Our Heritage Lottery funded oral history project will also feature, with contributions from Harry Williams, John Jones, Peter Stewart and more recent players such as Stan Davies and Robert Kinsey. The exhibition will also show the club as it is today, with two teams in the Manby Bowdler Shropshire Cricket League and a thriving youth section.

Montgomery Quaker Meeting recently hosted an evening titled ‘Understanding Islam’ with Imam Sohayb Peerbhai. As Imam for the Muslim community in Craven Arms, and a member of the local Interfaith Forum, we had previously invited him to address an open meeting.

He began by stressing the common ground between the monotheistic religions of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. He outlined the major ‘pillars’ of Islam, such as prayer, charitable giving, and pilgrimage, and then answered a whole range of questions. The meeting was well-attended and yet again we could have gone on asking questions for much longer. The evening did much to counter the stereotypes we all have of Islam and confirmed the need for communication between people of all faiths and none.

Helen Porter
The project was the refurbishment of a school in Ganmo, Kwara State. Town firms helped, donating equipment and even shoes for the children. There were many manual tasks such as bricklaying, carpentry, glazing, plastering, alongside helping the local community to find ways to support the children. We also played cricket, football and table tennis with them (with a plank of wood on logs and very inadequate bats).

One important village project was their shea butter enterprise. Supported by VSO and Hope Worldwide, local people worked in sheds, crushing shells to make body lotion to sell.

I stayed with a local family (with a Nigerian volunteer) and this was my home for three months. There were many in the family, the house was already crowded but they were very welcoming. It was noisy, children galore, and the kindness they showed me was outstanding. Sleep was difficult with perpetual noise and the occasional rat running over you, but it was a great place to be based.

I got to know the town and often went to the local barber’s with some of my host family, not for a haircut: this was the place where the men went to in the evening to relax, go on play stations, listen to music and chat. They called me “white boy”.

I have great memories of my time in Nigeria. The family there means much to me and I would love to revisit them. Language barriers make it difficult to keep in touch, but we try.

I will always be grateful for this experience and would encourage anyone 25 and under seriously to consider the VSO scheme. Thank you to everyone in Montgomery who sponsored me and Ruth for giving me the confidence to apply.

Mahesh Robinson

CHRISTIAN AID

It will soon be Christian Aid Week again and you will find a collection envelope in with your Crier. Please keep it safe and put a few pence in it ready for the collectors who will call during the week of 12th-18th May 2013.

This is the last year I am coordinating the house-to-house collections, so I would like to thank all the Crier deliverers, and the many collectors who have assisted over the years. If there is anyone who would like to take over from me, I would be very happy to ‘explain the system’.

I hope every now and then to arrange fundraising events for Christian Aid, as this is a very worthwhile organisation, which helps people worldwide, whatever their colour, race or creed. Christian Aid does not give money direct to governments: all resources are given to local people, who know exactly what the need of their area is, to run projects which will benefit their communities.

In 2012 Christian Aid partner Ekta Parishad organised one of the biggest non-violent campaigns the world has ever seen, when 60,000 people set off to march 200km across India, to hold the Indian government to its promise to protect the land rights of poor dalit and tribal communities. After 10 days the government agreed to the demands, which could lift 400 million landless poor out of poverty.

A 20 year old mother of two in Afghanistan was provided with a loom by Christian Aid partner RAADA. She weaves traditional rugs made with wool from her own sheep. The extra income enables her to sustain her family.

Please support this year’s collection, which in the past has raised thousands of pounds.

Mary Turnock
01686 668459
As I write, we are at last enjoying a gentle drizzle after weeks of cold dry weather and snow! Some areas have fared particularly badly in the snow, and our prayers and concerns go out to our hill farmers who have lost many ewes and lambs in the snow. The losses extend beyond these animals, because the hill sheep are ‘hefted ewes’. This means, I am reliably informed by my husband, they were brought up on their patch or ‘heft’ of ground, and will always keep to that area. Knowledge of their territory passes down from mother to lamb for generations, and it takes years to rebuild the flock from the ewes that are left. Restocking with fresh ewes would spell disaster; they would wander all over the place and get lost. And in a way, we as Christians are like hefted sheep with the Lord as our Shepherd. He leads us beside the still waters and restores our souls. He guides us in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23). We can choose to remain His hefted flock, keeping to the safe paths, following in His ways, or, we can leave the fold and wander wherever we choose, but lose the protection and security offered by the Master. Every blessing,

Diane Minister

We are no longer having ‘Quiet Mornings’. Weekly Bible Study is on Tuesdays 10.30am at Caerhowel. Upper Room Fellowship is on the second Thursday of each month, with Mary Turnock leading both meetings.

SERVICES
5th May Pastorate Communion at Bettws: 10.30am led by Rev. Diane Stirling.
12th May Service: 11.15am led by Rev. Diane Stirling.
19th May Service: 11.15am led by Mrs Brenda Beadles.
26th May Service: 11.15am led by Miss Jill Turner.
2nd June Pastorate Communion at Abermule: 10.30am.
9th June Service: 11.15am led by Mrs Pat Hall.
16th June Service: 11.15am led by Mr Graham Smith.
23rd June Service: 11.15am led by Maureen Douglas.
30th June Service: 11.15am led by Rev. Eric Brazier.

There is an exciting term ahead for us here at school.
As well as cricket coaching from Andrew Black and bowls led by Mike Beloe and his team, we are introducing badminton and table tennis in our Morning and Afternoon Clubs this term, but not before the staff have had some training. We will also be sending 18 children to the swimming gala and 12 junior boys to a mini-tennis tournament in Newtown.

With this year’s Diocesan focus on Pilgrimage, Toni, Diane and Mary will be leading a group of children on a walk to the Monument via Montgomery Castle, ending in St. Nicholas’ Church for prayers.

A group of children will be attending an interactive science lecture given by Aberystwyth Chemistry department. The Writing Squad will be visiting The Hay Festival to meet some of their favourite authors and learn their secrets.

Please contact Sue Michaels if you are interested in a large print copy of The Crier – we produce these on request to those of our readers who find the current size a bit challenging to read.
MAYOR’S NOTES

Another two months past and time to write for the last Crier for this Council year. I should start with some ‘thank yous’: to the Councillors who work so hard through the year as unpaid volunteers, from coffee mornings to clearing Whitegate Pool, from meetings that last far too long to trying to get action for you from the County Council; to Glenys, the Town Clerk; to Glen the Town Hall Caretaker; to unpaid hero Town Crier Sue Blower; and finally to your Mayoress Sue, without whom so much that the ‘Mayor does’ would not get done at all.

In the middle of April we had the ‘Mayor’s Beach Ball’, a smashing evening. Thanks to all for the hard work, and to those who supported it, helping to raise money for the Mayor’s Charities. There are some brilliant photos of some of the outstanding, not to say daring, costumes.

Planning for work on the lower hall is under way, so watch out for improvements.

We still have a vacancy on Council, so if you would like to be considered contact a Councillor or the Town Clerk.

Following the late cold snap, some of our Community have lost family and friends both in and away from Montgomery, our condolences. Let us hope that, after a ‘proper winter’, we get a ‘proper summer’ for all to enjoy.

The continuing problem of dog fouling: through the year we have had a steady stream of complaints. The only way to deal with this is naming and shaming. You report the name, time and place to a Councillor, and Council will secure enforcement. If you are one of the owners whose pets foul our recreation areas and pavements, deal with it!

To conclude, your Mayor and Mayoress will be representing Montgomery at a Buckingham Palace garden party, see the next edition…

MontgoMERY tEnniS CLuB

Welcome to the new season! Let’s hope for a better summer than last year.

County League: eight teams (a record, the largest club entry in the county) are active this season and the Men’s A team got off to a good start with a 6+:1+ win over Forden A. Our new team, the Men’s C, started less impressively with a 1:7 loss to Newtown C. However, much enjoyment was had, and the whole purpose of the extra team is to give more players match practice.

Social Tennis: the club is not just for competition. Social Tennis runs throughout the year on Sunday mornings and a new session is being introduced on Friday evenings from 6.00pm, starting on 3rd May 2013. Any club member over 16 is welcome; no special skill is required. Balls and partners will be provided; the aim is simply enjoyment.

Membership: if you haven’t already done so, please renew your membership promptly. Forms and envelopes are in the box by the back door of the pavilion. Please include your date of birth, and an email address where possible: these are minimum requirements for British Tennis Membership and for contributing to our quota of Wimbledon tickets. Receipts and shoe-tags will be posted to you. Please wear the shoe-tags as proof of membership.

Junior Coaching: is on Monday evenings and a few places are still available. We are hosting an HSBC Road to Wimbledon preliminary tournament on 18th May 2013 for aged 11 to 14, and a Monty Tour event on 6th July 2013 for ages 5 to 18. For information on junior coaching and tournaments please contact Sue Lawrence on 07771 735092.

John Billington

MYSTERY ANIMAL

I was walking my dog by the Tan y Mur playground when my dog spotted something in the hedge by the town sign. I only saw the rear end of the animal as it disappeared into the hedge. It seemed too large for a rat, with a thicker tail which may have been hairy. I am sure there must be plenty of rats by the pools, but the size didn’t seem right. Has anyone else has spotted this creature? It has the wrong tail for an otter and looked more like a coypu, but I didn’t think we had them around here, or maybe a wild mink.

Beryl Butcher

Please send us your contributions to the Crier, but please keep them to 300 words (1 page) or less, except by prior arrangement with the editorial team. Articles over 300 words will definitely be edited; shorter articles may be edited if space is short.
MONTGOMERY SHOW

Montgomery Show Barbeque
Sunday 2nd June 2013
Enjoy a barbeque in the Weltons’ field on Chirbury Road. All welcome!

Sunday Lunch in the Marquee
18th August 2013
Enjoy a Hot Carvery Lunch in the Show Marquee. Tickets £18.50 can now be reserved from Vanessa (669935) and Shirley (668301).

MONTGOMERY’S NEW MAYOR

I am very proud to announce that I have just been appointed the new Mayor of Montgomery. There will be a ceremonal Mayor Making on 14th June 2013 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment my predecessor Cllr Mark Michaels. Mark has a strong grasp on matters procedural and was an excellent Chairman. His keen mind was able to keep abreast of all current matters and he will be a hard act to follow. However, I am a quick learner, have plenty of enthusiasm and a strong commitment to the Town’s wellbeing.

Mike Mills

WHAT’S ON

FREE to all residents of Montgomery. Non-residents 50p

Editorial submissions and diary. The actual details are taken from the Town Hall and Institute diaries (held in the Post Office) and from submitted articles.

All Crier articles are included on a first-come, first-served basis. Articles may be edited; the author will be consulted about any major changes. If there are more articles than available space (even before the copy deadline) they will not be included. You will be informed as to the reasons.

The Crier is normally limited to 20 pages. Submissions are not censored. Though they can be critical, they must not be libellous or demeaning to any person or organisation. They must be legibly signed and have an address.