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MEMORIAL BENCHES TO BE UNVEILED

Llangattock Community Council will be holding a short ceremony to dedicate the benches for the new Memorial Garden which is being constructed at Llangattock Recreation Ground. The themed benches will be the centrepiece of the garden, which will commemorate the sacrifice of men and women from the village during the two World Wars and other conflicts throughout history. They are already installed but will be unveiled at midday on Sunday August 16th - the day after the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day, when Japan surrendered and World War 2 came to an end.



The dedication ceremony will follow special VJ Day Services at Llangattock Church at 9.30 am and online at 10.45 am. Llangattock resident Major General the Reverend R. M. Llewellyn CB OBE DL FCMI, a former senior Army Officer and Vice Patron of the War Memorials Trust will dedicate the benches. Llangattock-based author Frank Williams, whose father was imprisoned by the Japanese in WW2 will also take part. All are welcome, though social distancing will be observed.



We had hoped to have a picnic in the park to mark this memorable anniversary, but Coronavirus and the number of people who will still be shielding prevents this. We hope to hold another event next year on VE Day + 1 in line with other postponed UK events.

The memorial benches have been paid for by public donations and council funds built up over time, including where Llangattock Councillors have foregone their annual allowances. The position of the garden was included in the deed which passed ownership of Llangattock Recreation Ground to the people of Llangattock. The Community Council, as custodians, want to raise grant funding to create a path to link the gardens to the rest of the park. We hope the gardens will be a place for all to reflect upon the sacrifice of others in conflicts past.



If you have any questions, please email Llangattockcc@gmail.com