



## Autumn News from Llangattock Village Society



Responding to comments last winter about the lack of Christmas lights in Llangattock, a small group of local residents got together to see what could be done. Out of that initial sharing of ideas, LVS was born! In this newsletter we want to let you know what's planned and we really hope you'll come along and support these local events.

### What's coming up – Lighting Up Llangattock and celebrating the New Year:

*Light Up Llangattock!* is our first project and it's been quite a learning curve! Before anything more exciting could happen we had to install electricity to power the lights for the Christmas tree – pretty essential, and pretty expensive! Individuals, local businesses and the Community Council have made this possible, so thank you all! It couldn't have happened without everyone who contributed, whether by donating money or by providing advice, support and practical help.

- **The Village Christmas Tree at the Park** The first *Light Up Llangattock!* event will be held at the Recreation Ground on 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 6pm – hopefully late enough for parents to get home from work but not too late for the youngest amongst us! Our tree is being supplied by Llangenny Christmas Tree Farm – thank you, Chris & Lewis Ingham – and our thanks to David Taylor Garages for sponsoring the lights.

Afterwards we'll walk through the village to the Old Rectory Hotel, where staff will switch on the lights of their outdoor tree and serve mince pies & mulled wine (or apple juice) free of charge to round off the evening. Thank you to the staff, management and owner of the hotel!



- *Light Up Llangattock!* continues with the **Llangattock Christmas Windows** display, which has the theme of "Inspiring Joy on a Winter's Evening." Windows can be decorated in any way you choose. For inspiration look at social media or check out [www.windowwanderland.com](http://www.windowwanderland.com) To enter your window in the competition for a chance to win a prize (1<sup>st</sup> - £75, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £25) you need to have your window completed by 13<sup>th</sup> December and also **notify us by 13<sup>th</sup> December, with your address** (see below for contact details) so the judges will know where to find you. The prizes have been generously donated by local company As You See It Media and our thanks to Tim Jones for this and to Melissa Appleton from Peak, Crickhowell for agreeing to judge the entries alongside Tim. Judging will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> December and the winners will be announced 21<sup>st</sup> Dec (Winter

Solstice). If you don't want to compete you don't need to send us your address but we hope you'll still decorate a window to help *Light Up Llangattock!*

- **New Year's Day Walk & Lunch, 1<sup>st</sup> January** We'll meet at 11am at the Old Rectory Hotel before setting off for a group walk - along the towpath as far as Herons Rest Marina before following the lane past yr Hen Castell and down onto Hillside Rd, then through Canal Close and back up onto the towpath, reaching the hotel by 1pm. Lunch will be a bowl of soup & a roll OR a sausage bap (with veggie option), & tea/coffee/juice, all for £5 a head (£3 for under-12s). **Please let us know if you'd like lunch by 29<sup>th</sup> December at the latest, so we can give the hotel approximate numbers.** If you don't want to walk (or if you'd like to take a different route) that's fine – why not just come for lunch and wish your neighbours a Happy New Year!

### And what's happening already:

Exciting as all this is, LVS also hopes to be a focus for the village throughout the year. We aim to provide opportunities & activities for people to meet, to hold community events and to continue to take care of our lovely village.

- Our *Craft Club* meets every Tuesday at 11am in the Old Rectory Hotel
- *Friends of the Park* meet in the park at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month to litter pick & tidy up, and occasionally to do some light gardening or anything else to enhance the village. Where needed, we also litter pick on other Monday mornings, meeting at the park at 10am

### Keeping in touch:

We don't have the resources to deliver leaflets like this to homes on a regular basis. Future updates will be posted on Facebook & Nextdoor and, for those not on social media, on **village notice boards**. Please check the boards – and talk to your neighbours to let them know what's happening. You can contact us by email: [llangattockvillage@gmail.com](mailto:llangattockvillage@gmail.com) If you don't have access to a computer, call on Wendy at 3 Lime Trees Avenue, Maggie at 6 Church View or Helen at 6 Rectory Close.

We welcome any new ideas about how the Village Society can develop and grow. Next year we'll be holding our first AGM in March and looking forward to more events; we're already thinking about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, with a beacon to be lit and a Party in the Park to plan.

**All these activities take time and energy – if you'd like to help with any of these events, we'd love to hear from you, so please get in touch!**