

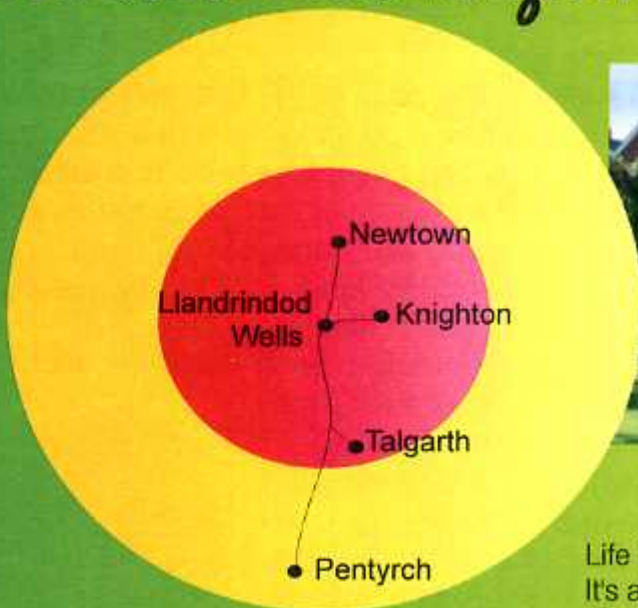
Penttyrch Bowling Club



Annual Tour 8th - 10th June 2012



Llandrindod Wells * Knighton * Newtown * Talgarth



Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to play bowls in the rain.

Llandrindod Wells



With a population of 5,000 Llandrindod Wells is the county town of Powys. The town is linked with the waters which it has to offer, and the benefits were known to the Romans when they settled near by. In 1749 a large hotel was built which attracted visitors, but when this fell into disrepair it was not until the coming of the Central Wales railway in 1865 that the Victorians were provided with easy access to an area that had previously been difficult to get to. Hotels, apartments, treatment centres, pavilions, golf course, bowling & putting greens plus the 14 acre lake were soon built. Growth continued until the outbreak of WW1, followed by the 1930's depression and the boom of seaside holidays hit the town's fortunes.



Itinerary 2012

Friday 8th June

9.30 am depart Pentyrch
12.00 Lunch at Glen Usk Hotel
2.30 pm Match v Knighton BC
8 pm Dinner at Glen Usk Hotel

Saturday 9th June

11 am depart Llandrindod Wells
12.00 free time & lunch in Newtown
3 pm Match v Newtown BC
6 pm Newtown BC entertains

Sunday 10th June

11 am depart Llandrindod Wells
12.00 Lunch at Honey Cafe, Bronllys
2.30 pm Match v Talgarth BC
5.30 pm bowls tea
7 pm Depart for home



Previous Tours

1995 Teignmouth
1996 Derby
1997 Coventry
1998 Reading
1999 Thame, Oxfordshire
2000 Torquay
2001 Southsea
2002 Weymouth
2003 Plymouth
2004 Cardigan
2005 Weston Super Mare
2006 Wolverhampton
2007 Llandrindod Wells
2008 Ilfracombe
2009 Carmarthen
2010 Bournemouth
2011 Abingdon/Oxford



Welcome to all Pentyrch 2012 tourists. I hope you enjoy the company of your companions both on the green and on the coach. I am sure you shall have a superb time in Mid Wales, and look forward to meeting new friends and sampling their hospitality. May I extend sincere thanks to Tim for his hard work and expertise which will yet again ensure a superb tour. Tourers, enjoy a happy and successful bowling weekend.

Russell Howell



Knighton

The town straddles the Wales/England border with a church dating from the 11th century - one of only two in Wales dedicated to St Edward, who at the time was patron saint of England. Knighton finally became officially Welsh in 1535 following the Acts of Union. Knighton prospered as a centre of the wool industry in the 15th century, being on two important drovers routes. Because of its remoteness the railways were slow to reach the town, only arriving in 1861. Today Knighton has a population of 3,000. Near by is Offa's Dyke - built in the 8th century by Offa, King of Mercia - running for almost 200 miles along the English border from Chepstow to Prestatyn



Newtown

Newtown was founded in the 13th century when Edward 1 commissioned a hamlet to be built near a ford on the River Severn. The town grew in the 18th & 19th centuries around the textile and flannel industries stimulated by the completion of the Montgomeryshire Canal which terminated in the town. The canal closed in 1944 but the textile industry

flourished as the base of the Laura Ashley empire. The great Welsh social reformer was born here in 1771 - his statue is in the town centre. The town now has a population of 13,000



Talgarth

A small market town on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park, Talgarth has a population of 1,600. Tower Bridge crosses the River Ennig - the tower was built as a defensive residence, along with the church, in the 14th century. Previous to the Romans, Saxons and Normans, the area was settled over 5,000 years ago with the oldest long cairn in Southern Britain being excavated just outside of the town. A piece of bone, thought to be a flute, is reputed to be the oldest found musical instrument in the country. Castell Dinas, an Iron Age hillfort is nearby and at 450 metres it is the highest medieval castle in Wales or England ! Once famous for its horse fairs, Talgarth now hosts a regular sheep market.



2012 TOURISTS



Myra Thomas
Has a great future behind her.



Cath Morris
Tour Totty 2012.



Janet Berry
Miss Woolworths 1963



Tim Morgan
Sponsored by Help The Aged.



Alistair Andrews
Speaks 2 languages, English & Gibberish.



Janet Pearce
Best player in the family.



Liz Cugley
Wet t-shirt winner - Barry Island 1946.

Jill Mynett
Living the Dream. Club posh person.



Margaret Farmer
The only thing she can beat is an egg. Welsh Omlette Champion.



Brian Ilbery
Thinks he is on a cricket tour.



Alan Parsons
Remembers when the earth was flat.

Jim O'Dwyer
Unsure on his feet. Star of Riverdance.



Gill Rogers
A legendary player.

Ann Parsons
Danced with Pan's People in the 70's.



Ian Broxton
Baldrick lookalike



Myra Andrews
Nickname Midwife. Always a good delivery.

Howard Thomas
Mathmatician. Works on the pollen count.



Dave Ashmore
His body is his temple.

Eileen Boddinton
Ballroom Dancer. Favourite is the Conga.



Brian Pearce
Has a gastric band. Plays the drums.



Margaret Ellmes
Ladies Captain. Tour Crumpet.



Don Wibley
Plays like it says on the can - Tin of Beans.



Margaret K.
1 pints and she is anyones. 2 pints and she's asleep.



Oscar Evans
Never far from jack, ditch, bar, bus, toilet, or disabled parking.



Peter Mynett
Suffers from wind. Wife bought him a kite for xmas.



Cyril Ellmes
Nickname Digger. Always in the Ditch.



Peter Neville
Wears bi-annual glasses - has 2 touchers every season.



Barie Thomas
Quasimodo lookalike.



David Hodges
Uses a telescope to identify his nearest bowl.



Mark K.
Multi bowls trophy winner. Won 3 raffles this year.



Jean Standen
Enjoys fine wine. Favourite is a bottle of blue nun.