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# Transcript of letter from Melvin Priceof Llantrithyd to Mr John Gardner, Secretary of Llancarfan Society. December 2004 

Dear Sir
I am in receipt of News letter Dec 2004, and found it interesting.
My humble observations.
The logo on newsletter a deer.

## Reference the deer

however this would be more in line with Llantrithyd, why? Deer in Llantrithyd Park go a long way back, small herd are still in the park. Sir John Aubrey went bankrupt and the Park Wall was never complete.

## Llantrithyd Place

Three Wells in the Wood Coed Arthur opposite on the hill gravity feed the old place with water. These Wells built like and Iglo or Welsh Pig Sty, IE (St Fagans)
Two reasons for this, one to keep water clean, two to hang venison or game birds etc. cool store. Only one well 75\% intact; the other two needs repairs. I have reported this to the powers that be, but no action taken by (M.A.). There's only one set of Wells in England of this type that's two in the UK. The Wells are now on private ground.

Once owned by Radcliffe Estate purchased by the Forestry Commission now back in private hands the (AG TRUST) the FC. Sold small units back to the public.

## Llantrithyd Church

In the 1920-30 Lord Glan Ely made a donation of a Petrol generator so Electricity from Rectory was placed in the church. It seems he was related to the Vicar of the day Rev. Banks Williams. Mains electric did not come to the village til 1948. It was installed in Rectory, but not in the church. Reason, the old type cloth insulation was not safe, they never resolved the problem and in 2004 we still have no electric.

May be of interest to you:
My relation Katherine Berrow passed away May 2004. Her wish her ashes placed in the padock by the house. I asked permission for a small plaque to be placed in Church Porch on wall outside approx $6 " x 3$ "post card size. Answer no from Bishops Office but if I was to repair bell etc. Then a memorial plaque could be placed in the church. (B.M) This out of my reach, I made an offer to install Electric to the building and it was up to them, about inside heat \& light etc. I had an admin back in return. Section stated it can take six years to grant permission. So I said I will discontinue any more administration, and forget the offer.
Their loss.
I have now placed a plaque on padock wall. This lady was a member of the church, but lost her way the last year of life.

## Little more data

A lady's headstone near to the Church Porch the mother of 36 children. In 1930 the Vicar Tom Price thought it immoral. he decided to take a chisel and remove the six and leave the three. This upset the natives, he had to reinstate the number six which still stands today.

Llantrithyd a small number of people over a large area. No pub, shop or centre point village hall or so on.
Description a very sleepy place, by a person I once met. I made a point which I don't think he believed. The people of Wales gave a dolls house to Royal princess now HRH Queen and her sister. This was made and thatched, by Tom and Oscar David of the village. Their son George was a POW on the Burma railway, and returned after the war and lived to an old age.

We had six plus people with Queens Honours OBE, QM, ISO. 4 lived within 100 yards of one another. In fact Mother \& Son had their OBE on the same day. Mrs Joe Loudon a JP in Barry for many years, the wife of Doctor Loudon. Her son Lt Col Alister Loudon of the Black Watch. He used to take tea with the late old Queen Mother. Her brother was killed with the Black Watch in 1914-18 war. She took a great interest in the regiment.

I was one of the last to go to Llantrithyd school before being closed. At that time Farming Wren's Castle Farm - two brothers - Williams. One was blind. he could cut a hedge by hand better than a lot of farmers who had good eyesight. He would say to my uncle, how am I for straight?, he would run his hand over the top. Later farmed by the Fairfax family who remain there today.

Another gentleman had a chain drawn pocket watch, that was something for a young lad, myself, to see.

## There's nothing new about dope

Over looking Treguff Farm Moors under Flemingstone, was a man carrying a big bundle of water cress. My uncle said watch him: he placed the bundle on the ground and started to kick hell out of it hence water cress ( ??indecipherable).
He then in turn picked all up and went on his way. I said to my uncle he was mad. he said yes on Lodnum and dope from the hedgerows, he will purchase more when he gets to Barry docks.

I only meant to write a few lines, but got carried away.
Please excuse my admin, my patience runs out, and down to possible age. (79 years)
I am yours sincerely
Mel price

