



## THE TOWER

Here I stand  
Steadfast and strong.  
Look at me closely  
Anything wrong?  
My head in the clouds,  
And my feet on the ground,  
I watch o'er the village  
And see all around.  
But sad to tell,  
I have reached a stage  
When my joints are  
Now creaky with age.  
My age? You ask.  
Ah! A lady won't tell,  
But I'll tell you this-  
It's beginning to tell.  
My joints .are aching-  
It's the damp you see-  
It's a face-lift I need  
And it doesn't come free.  
Your teeth and vision, hips and knees  
Are tested for you on the N.H.S.  
I've wear and tear as well, so please,  
Be kind to me, relieve my stress.  
Don't pension me off  
Or let me fall  
Let me stand, my friend,  
So proud and tall  
That generations to come  
May, my strength admire  
And thank you for loving me  
When my needs were dire.



## THE TOWER - *Some Good news at last!*

Quite a few people have been asking what is happening to the church tower at St Dogfan' s in Llanrhaeadr.

The history is a long one and has been occupying the PCC for over six years. The problem came to a head when a hole appeared between the stones that could fit an adult arm up to the elbow. The last time that the mortar had been repaired the builder used the wrong material and some of the pointing had just washed away. The good news is that the repairs have begun, carried out to the correct specification. The loose material was raked out and the joints left to dry out for a couple of weeks. The new pointing is being carried out using NHL 3.5 lime with a matching aggregate (for those who have a technical interest). This will leave a weatherproof finish that can adapt to the natural movement in the old stonework. The appearance will be a bit raw at first but will weather to blend in. Hopefully it will be a few decades before anyone has to worry about it again. Because of the hard work that Arthur Tyerman has been carrying out behind the scenes we are receiving some grant money. We are also carrying out some dedicated fund raising entertainments in the next months, so please come along and have a good time whilst raising money for this important part of the village. Peter Crocker.

## *arfer's ramblings*

You'll probably not be too disappointed that there's not much room left for me this month but I'm pleased to say that we seem to be doing pretty well at the moment and It is reassuring to know that the Church is in such good hands. We have no positive news of who might be our next 'Vicar' but things are moving on. The Congregation will be appointing a new People's Warden at the Vestry Meeting on 30th July, of which notices have been sent out, and a small group is actively organising some key events for the near future of which the first is a Quiz Night on Friday 25th September of which full details will be sent to all and published on the Notice Boards - please put it in your diary! Continuing our theme of working with young people we have Fred Newall's feature about his work with the uniformed groups, and more words of wisdom from "Joyous Journey" which I hope you will enjoy. I will always be happy to include contributions like this about people and groups working in the Parish. It would also be helpful if there are any people about with helpful skills, and at the moment I would welcome news of someone who likes playing with words or drawing - a cartographer and an illustrator. If you know of someone, you know where I am - please put them in touch! Best wishes, *Arfertee!*

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*Intelligence is not the ability to store information -  
but to know where to find it! Albert Einstein*