

The New Times

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The Parish Magazine of Llantilio Crossenny,
Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



It's all smiles in Llantilio



and it's all smiles in Llanvetherine!

From The Vicarage

As I write, we have at long last had a drop of rain (did I really say that?!). It feels so refreshing, and I can almost hear the fields, plants and wildlife saying, “Thank You” as they gratefully drink and soak up the rain. It reminds me of the beautiful words in Psalm 42,

“As a deer longs for a stream of cool water,
So my soul longs for you, O God.”

Sometimes it takes a time of spiritual drought, to realise just how much our souls need the refreshment that only God can bring.

I came across the following prayer some time ago, and wanted to share it with you.

A Prayer for the World

Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin
colour.
Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness.
So that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbours.

And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbours.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.
And let the mountains teach our
hearts
to reach upward to heaven.

Harold Kushner

May you find refreshment and renewal in body, mind and spirit,
whatever weather life brings your way.

With every blessing,
Heidi

Revd. Heidi Llantilio Vicarage, llantiliovicar@aol.com, 01600 780240

Llantilio Crossenny News

On Saturday 30th June the wedding of Jenny Phillips and Windsor Howells was held in Llantilio Crossenny church. Jenny is the daughter of Colin and Yvonne Phillips of Penrhos. The reception was held at the Hogs Head at Treadam. The sun shone and it was a fabulous day from start to finish. Pictured at the bottom of the page are Jenny and her sisters Amy and Lucy, who were the bridesmaids, along with Amanda and Elizabeth the groom's nieces. The photo on the right shows Jenny and Windsor with their two boys, Harry & Ieuan.



The flowers were outstanding, they were done by Emma Webster. The families would like to say a big thank you to everybody who cleaned the church, prior to the wedding, it was sparkling clean! Also Revd. Heidi, who we understand was not feeling very well in the morning, but you would never have known, it was a beautiful service. Pictured on the right are Llantilio's very own bell ringers who were delighted to ring the bells on this happy occasion.



The warm weather hasn't just been tough for inhabitants of the four parishes but it has also been tough for wild animals. Access to fresh water is of course particularly important for them.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has produced advice on how to create a hedgehog feeding station for your garden. One Llantilio resident has already made one and was rewarded when a friendly little hedgehog paid it a visit recently.

If you fancy making one then follow the instructions below.

How to create a simple Hedgehog Feeding Station

This should help to protect the food you offer hedgehogs from inclement weather and deter larger mammals from accessing the food, allowing hedgehogs to dine in the dry and in peace! Suitable food to offer would be specialist hedgehog food, white meat cat/dog food or cat biscuits. Don't forget to offer water!

What will I need?

- Large Plastic Storage Box
- Hacksaw/Strong Scissors
- Insulation Tape
- 2 Bricks or Large Stones

Hedgehog feeder approved ✓ 🦔 one less hungry/thirsty hedgehog in Llantilio in this hot dry weather @hedgehogsociety
@SEWBReC @LlantilioG



The hedgehog is on the bottom left!

1 Very carefully cut a 13cm x 13cm (5" x 5") square gap in one of the short sides of the box, cover sharp edges with the insulation tape.

2 Place the food and water at the back of the box as far away from the entrance as possible.

3 Place one brick on top of the box to prevent it from being easily moved and another approx. 13cm (5") away from the entrance to stop larger mammals being able to lie down and hook the food out with their paws.

Voila! A Hedgehog Diner!



Tel: 01584 890801

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1164542

British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3PL

Llantilio Crossenny Village Walk Sunday 12th August at 2 pm

Starting from the Church car park, a three mile easy walk
followed by a strawberry tea in the Church

Adults £3.00, children free

Well behaved dogs welcome

Below is a message from **Lauren Cooke** concerning the new **defibrillator** which is due to be installed in Llantilio.

"BT have STILL not signed over Llantilio Crossenny's telephone box to the community council (6 months waiting!) so the defibrillator is still in my house. Yesterday (28th July) I was working at home and I got a phone call saying we need the Defib. I left and got to the address in 2 minutes which was no problem at all. What worries me is if I was not at home that the defibrillator, which we all worked so hard to get, would not be able to do its job. So I have decided that I am going to leave my porch unlocked at all times (the house will be locked and we do have cameras). If anyone needs the defibrillator they can just come and help themselves, obviously if I'm available I can do as I did yesterday and come with it. My address is 8 Trotby Way, Llantilio Crossenny, NP7 8SY Tel: 07971607157 01600780044"

Llanvapley News



Congratulations to John and Liz Deacon of Llanvapley on the arrival of their fourth grand child, **Ruby Tulip Emily**, born on 28th June (pictured above). Congratulations also to Brenda Allen (formally of Llanvapley) on the birth of her latest great granddaughter, **Luna**, born on 9th July. Luna is pictured on the right with her sister, Ariana. Luna and Ruby may never meet but they are connected as John and Liz live in Brenda's old house in the village!

Llanvapley Church held its annual **Strawberry Tea** on Sunday 8th July. This year the event moved back to its traditional slot in the middle of the Wimbledon fortnight. While the tennis players were slugging it out on the centre court the strawberry tea visitors were relaxing in the shade on a glorious summer afternoon. Thanks to everyone who came along to support the event and to everyone who worked hard preparing and dishing out the delicious food. Also a big thank you to the Old Rectory teapot which once again ensured that the supply of tea was endless! The event raised £190 towards Church funds.



On 4th August, **Martin and Jolene Lewis** from Blaenavon will be married in Llanvapley Church. Martin is the son of David and Zena Lewis from St Mabley's Close in Llanvapley. The last time a wedding took place in Llanvapley was also on 4th August, back in 2007. The 4th August 2007 was warm, sunny and dry. After the downpours at the end of the July heatwave, Martin and Jo will be keeping their fingers crossed for similar conditions for their wedding! Good luck to both of them on their special day.

The **Llanvapley Sports and Social Association** is holding a village **BBQ** on 31st August at 6.30pm at the sports pavilion. This will be an opportunity to get together at the end of the summer. Tickets for the BBQ cost £8. There will be burgers and chicken available as well as a range of salads and a choice of puddings. Vegetarian options are also available. Please bring your own drink as the LSSA does not have a licence.

The LSSA is also hosting a **Coffee Morning** on 8th August at 10.30am.

Penrhos News

Join us for the Re - Opening of Penrhos Church Celebrating with a Cheese & Wine evening

Thursday 2nd August at 7pm



Everybody very welcome.
Donations for refreshments gratefully
received.

Llanvetherine News

The glorious weather we have enjoyed over several weeks has had one disadvantage which was that the ground was too hard to proceed safely with the planned annual Llanvetherine Horse Show. However, every cloud has a silver lining... and as the volunteers who were due to set up the show rings on Wednesday 25th July were planning a **barbecue** later the same evening, the decision was made to carry on with this anyway. Thanks to the generosity of Flo and Ed, at Church Cottage Caravan and Camping Site, the volunteers' barbecue was transformed into a village event in their private garden at short notice. The weather was perfect, and it was great fun not only for village residents to have an impromptu get together, with excellent food, drink and company, but also it was great to welcome Flo and Ed's site guests to the wonderful place we live in, as many of them joined in. Flo and Ed and Flo's Mum, Liz, went to considerable trouble to set out a marquee, benches, barbecues, etc. In fact, many people put in generous contributions and time, but a special thanks to Janet Phelps for getting everyone together and organised. Many thanks to the Show's sponsors for their generosity, and we are pleased to report the dressage event went ahead on Friday evening as planned on the Old Forge Arena, kindly organised by Bethan North, by kind permission of David and Shirley Hughes Jones. Competitors

came from as far away as Blackwood for what is the first of a series of three, with a points system and the competitor with the highest points takes away a “grand prize”. Dodging the storms, everyone enjoyed tea, coffee and homemade cakes all of which contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

Jess Yeomans from Llanvetherine has just won the Woman Farmer of the Year at the Royal Welsh Show. Competition judge NFU Cymru Deputy President Aled Jones, said: “It gives me great pleasure to announce Jess as the winner of the 2018 Wales Woman Farmer of the Year Award. From visiting the

farm it was clear that Jess has played an active role in the development of the business from its inception 16 years ago, and she continues to do so today whilst juggling her role as a mother and an active member of the local community. The farm buildings where the goats were housed were in immaculate condition and the farming operation really was of the highest quality – something that is recognised by the fact that the farm often receives visitors who come to see the business as an example of good practice. Jess’ win in this competition is a win for all those women who are shaping their farming businesses while also juggling important roles at home and in their communities.” Jess was presented with a Welsh crystal engraved bowl and £500 prize money to mark her achievement.



An interesting tweet

Kate Beavan @KateBeavan Jul 25

Son was working on a farm in Herefordshire yesterday where a field of wheat caught fire at the side of the road. Probably a discarded cigarette from car. Speedy fire crew put it out, 2 acres burnt, could easily have been 100 acres. Please think & be aware, fire risks are huge!!

The **Taize Group** met on 16th July. The group were able to sing 3 parts in all the Taize chants and it sounded great. The group are planning a service on the first Monday of Advent, Monday December 3rd.

The following are the practice dates at Great Blaencoed:

Monday 13th August

Monday 17th September

Monday 15th October

Monday 19th November

Events Around and About the Four Parishes

Llangattock Lingoed are holding a village fun day on Sunday 5th August from 2pm onwards

Llanddewi Rhydderch Village Hall will be celebrating the official opening of the new balcony on Friday 3rd August. The bar is open from 7pm. There will also be a Coffee, Cake and Conversation Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th August at 10.30am – everyone welcome.

Zoltan Ensemble

Beethoven's String Quartet no. 8, opus 59 no 2 in E minor
and the Mendelssohn Octet

The Nave of St Nicholas' church, Grosmont, Abergavenny NP7 9DW

Monday 27th August 7.30pm

£12 Tickets on the door (cash only)

Website: www.zoltanensemble.com

Zoltan Ensemble Children's Concert

'Strings and things'

A fun, family friendly children's concert for 0-7 year olds

Prepare to sing, dance and be transported by the sounds of strings...

Monday August 27th 11am

The Nave of St Nicholas' church, Grosmont, Abergavenny NP7 9DW

£4 per child

Babes in arms go free

St Mary's Priory Church in Abergavenny

are holding a festival of Liturgical Music from Monday 27th August until Sunday 2nd September. Each day at Evensong they will celebrate a different century of liturgical music, with different choirs contributing. Go to www.stmarys-priory.org for full details.

Two interesting tweets

John Truscott @johnnvtruscott Jul 25

If you read the Bible out loud in church services, don't get people to follow in pew Bibles, don't put it on the screen, instead encourage people to listen. Listening and reading are different.

Lorraine Cavanagh @LorraineCavana2 Jul 27

Home from a wonderfully inspiring spell of teaching at #StPadarns summer residential. Great candidates and fantastic colleagues

WI News

On Wednesday 11th July, 31 WI members set off from Abergavenny Bus Station for their **summer outing**. This year they headed for Swansea Marina where the first stop was the Grape and Olive Restaurant for coffee and Welsh cakes, served on the 27th floor which provided stunning views of Swansea Bay and the Marina. The weather was just right warm with a light breeze, so members could visit the National Waterfront Museum, the Dylan Thomas Museum or just soak up the atmosphere at the Marina and wander along the sea front. At one point a few members with ice creams in hand, broke into a spontaneous rendering of "I do like to be beside the seaside" to the amusement of passing joggers. At lunchtime the party rejoined the coach and went on to Langland Bay for a delicious meal in Langland Brasserie. It might have been something to do with the cocktails and wine consumed, as after lunch six members put their swimming togs on and headed for the sea. These bathing belles had a lovely swim once they got over the rocks and seaweed. The coach arrived back in Abergavenny at 6.30pm and everyone agreed that it had been a great day. The next meeting will be on 8th August 7pm at Llanvapley Pavilion where a Fun Auction will be followed by a BBQ. All are welcomed and the food will be free if you purchase at the auction. Viewing from 6.30pm. Pictured on the right is the WI's winning entry for the 'Themed Display' competition held at the Monmouth Show. Is there no end to the WI's talents!



Llantilio Crossenny WI Auction and BBQ Llanvapley Pavilion

8th August Viewing from 6.30pm

Lots of interesting items will be going under the hammer

e.g. A brand new Canteen of Bulters Stainless Steel Cutlery (sells at £400), a Mid Oak Diamond Shaped Swing Dressing Table Mirror and lots more!

Commission bids excepted call Lin on 01873 850939.

Come and buy at the auction then enjoy a free BBQ!

The Garden in August

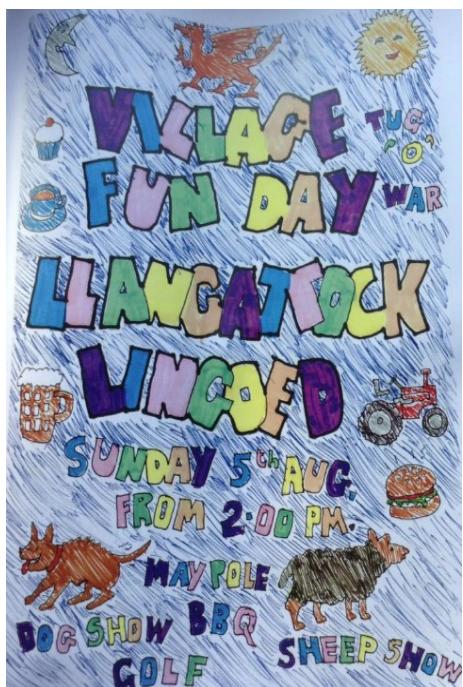
Cut back that **alchemilla mollis** to the ground if you have not already done so, otherwise it will become a thug. You can do the same to hardy **geraniums** and other spent herbaceous plants that have finished flowering. You will be surprised how quickly they green up again.

From July until September you can take **hardwood and semi hardwood cuttings**. If this hot weather continues you may have to take extra care to prevent the cuttings drying out . Take a good sharp pair of secateurs and a bucket with some water in it. Cut good ripe firm cuttings at least 6 - 12 inches long from deciduous and evergreen shrubs and roses, preferably from a non flowering shoot and put them in your bucket. Semi hardwood cuttings, about 4 – 6 inches, are taken from slightly softer wood and with a 'heel' of the main stem attached.

For hardwood cuttings, using a clean sharp knife cut off the lower leaves leaving about 2 or 4 at the top and cut the base of the stalk at an angle with your sharp knife just below a node (where the leaf meets the stalk) then dip it into some hormone rooting powder. (Incidentally this does not last long so make sure it is not more than 2 years old) Then make a hole with a dibber and drop your cutting into the hole firming up around it. You can leave them happily in the ground as long as it is not in bright sunlight and does not dry out too quickly. The aim is to keep the cuttings alive and moist until they have made roots. If done in early August, they may well root before the end of September.

Repot them the following spring by which time they will have hopefully made good strong root growth. The ideal place would be a cold frame, but you can also put them in a pot. Roses from cuttings are particularly good as they do not produce suckers.

Remove the soft tips of semi hardwood cuttings just above a node, and using your sharp knife cut the base just below a node. Dip this in some rooting powder and pop into a pot – or a cold frame if you have one. Insert about a third to a half of their length into the soil. Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter advocated a compost made up of 1 part loam, 2 parts peat and 3 parts coarse sand or horticultural grit.



Services in August

Saturday 4th August

11am Wedding Llanvapley

Sunday 5th August Trinity 10

9.30am Llanvetherine

11am Llantilio Crossenny

Holy Communion

Sunday 12th August Trinity 11

9.30am Penrhos

11am Llanvapley with Baptism

Sunday August 19th Trinity 12

No service in Llanvetherine

11am Llantilio Crossenny

Morning Prayer

Sunday August 26th

Trinity 13

9.30 am Penrhos

11am Llanvapley

Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd September

Trinity 14

9.30am Llanvetherine

11am Llantilio Crossenny

Holy Communion

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th August Llangattock Lingoed Fun Day 2pm onwards

Sunday 12th August Llantilio Crossenny Village Walk followed by Afternoon Tea 2pm

Tuesday 7th August Llanddewi Rhydderch Coffee Morning 10.30am

Wednesday 8th August Llanvapley Coffee Morning and WI Auction and BBQ

Friday 28th September Macmillan Coffee Morning at Woodlands Farm, Penrhos 10am - 12pm



Llanvetherine Village BBQ

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