

# The New Times

## September 2016

The parish magazine of Llantilio Crossenny,  
Llanvetherine, Llanvapley and Penrhos



Find out why Christy, Janet and Caleb were smiling

## From The Vicarage

“Run with perseverance, the race that is set before you.”

Well, the Olympics have now come to an end, and what an amazing array of talent, skill and ability we have witnessed. Of course, we have just seen the end result – we were not party to the hours, months, and years of training, discipline and sheer hard work that the athletes had to undergo. Yet their training is not only physical, it is also mental – believing in themselves, telling themselves that they can do it. We are not just physical beings, we are made up of body, mind and soul; and each part needs to be nurtured and fed. This month we enter the harvest season and offer our thanks and praise to God for all that gives life. As we do so, let us be mindful of the gift of life that we have been given. May we use it wisely, generously, and with a grateful heart; that we may reach the finishing line with joy.

With every blessing,

Heidi

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O Father, give the spirit strength to climb to the fountain of all light, and be purified.

Break through the mists of earth, the weight of the clod.

Shine forth in splendour, Thou that art calm weather,

And quiet resting place for faithful souls.

To see Thee is the end and the beginning.

Thou carriest us, and Thou dost go before.

Thou art the journey, and the journey's end.

### **A short extract from Revd. Dr. Lorraine Cavanagh's most recent post from her website on the subject of light.**

Yesterday evening the dog needed his walk and I was pushed for time. The gingerbread had to come out of the oven in 45 minutes max., so there and back in half an hour I told myself. Then the patch of light appeared across the cinder path in the woods, a little ahead of us, and with it a certain imperative, a sense of having to stop and stand in it before it disappeared, knowing that in this moment of radiance was, to quote Dame Julian of Norwich, ‘all that is’.

A moment of knowing and a time to remember especially, perhaps, in the moment of dying. In such moments comes the realisation, or deep knowing, that no real separation exists between light and darkness. As the writer of the fourth Gospel says ‘the darkness has not overcome the light’. He might have added ‘the light has taken the darkness into itself’, which is also to say that the light has allowed itself to be darkness, in order to transfigure it, thereby changing the way we see things.

## Llantilio Crossenny News

The **Llantilio Village Walk** on 24<sup>th</sup> July again proved very popular and 25 walkers came along to enjoy our beautiful countryside. Our route took us up the lane towards Penrhos then through the apple orchards with a stop to admire the, now sadly declining, 900 year old oak tree. We then continued over the hill and down to the river Trothy. After crossing the river we made our way through the park lands and back to the Church. A delicious tea was then served by our wonderful band of Church ladies. Many thanks are due to the ladies for all their hard work and to the walk leaders.

Following the release of **A Level results** in August, **Owen Thomas** has gained a place at Imperial College, London to read a Masters in Mechanical Engineering after having achieved 3 A\* and an A. Imperial is in the leading group of five top world universities for engineering. He has also been awarded a prestigious scholarship for the course. He has just returned from three weeks in South Africa following a scholarship to help disadvantaged teenagers and complete a leadership course on a five day wilderness trek. Owen is not alone in the Thomas family in having exciting times ahead. **Megan** returns to Aberystwyth University for her third year in a few weeks. Following very good A Level results two years ago Megan was awarded the John Hughes Academic Scholarship and an unconditional offer, as well as one of a few Sports Scholarship for her Wales and GB Lacrosse representations.

**Alys** has already represented Wales at three sports as well as softball for GB. Alys has a Sports Scholarship for her Sixth Form at HMSG and is soon to enter her final year. Pictured here are Owen, Alys and Megan. Many of you may recognise Owen as the bugler at the Remembrance Service in Llantilio last year!



Elsie and Des Latham (very proud and relieved grandparents) would like to share the news that **Elinor Latham** has won a place at Cardiff University to study Biomedical Sciences.

## Llanvapley News

There is a **Coffee Morning** in Llanvapley Pavilion on September 14th 10.30-12.00. The August winner of the LSSA 100 Club was **Isabel Marsh**. The August coffee morning was very well attended but the cakes didn't run out despite the arrival of the cycling group. Well done the cake makers.



**Don't forget** Llanvapley Church is organising a **Summer BBQ** (including puddings and bar!) in Llanvapley Pavilion on Friday September 2nd at 7pm, rain or shine.

**Ladies Grey Casual Jacket** "Zara" found in Llanvapley Pavilion following the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Contact 01600 780205 if it's yours.



Llanvapley Church held its annual **Strawberry Tea** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The event was very well attended and raised £200. It was particularly nice to see Fred and Jill Hansel. They live in Worcestershire but often return to the village where they lived for many years. Revd. Heidi won the best hat competition and Caleb ate the most strawberries!

Tickets for the **Wales Baroque Players** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 are now available from :

Abergavenny Music 01873 853394  
Llanvapley Church 01600 780236 or 780376

email: [monmouthhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:monmouthhouse@btinternet.com)

Tickets £12 (includes a glass of wine)  
The concert promises to be a very enjoyable evening. The acoustics and the intimate setting of Llanvapley Church is perfect for this kind of concert and we hope you are able to come along and support the church and the musicians. Comfortable seating is available where ever you sit thanks to our new seat cushions!

Wales's newest period instrument ensemble presents its

**Wales Baroque Players** **First Concert Tour**

INCLUDING  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
Brandenburg Concerto No 5 BWV 1050  
Orchestral Suite in B Minor BWV 1067

Works by  
Georg Philipp Telemann  
Antonio Vivaldi

**St Mabli's Church, Llanvapley, NP7 8SN.**  
**9th October 2016 - 7.30 pm**



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00am - 3.30pm  
Llanvapley Church  
**Discover the history of the church and its churchyard**  
Guided tour and presentation 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30  
Free refreshments

*Supported by CADW as part of Open Doors 2016*

## Penrhos News

The engagement of **Jenny Phillips to Windsor Howell** has recently been announced. Jenny is the eldest daughter of Colin and Yvonne Phillips of Penrhos. Congratulations also to **George and Ruth Phillips** (Dairy Farm) Penrhos who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 4th August.

On 30th July, Christy Glossop of Orchard Farmhouse, Penhros Farm and nine hardy friends completed the **Wales Three Peaks Challenge**. Setting off up Snowdon at 04.00 in the morning, they were on the summit of Cadair Idris by early afternoon, and finally arrived safely down Pen y Fan by 20.07. The challenge involved 10 hours of climbing, and four hours of travelling between peaks. Walking in aid of the charity Send a Cow, sponsorship money has now exceeded £2,000. Christy would like to thank all of you who sponsored her and the team pictured below.



## Llanvetherine News



The Family Farm Fun Day at Great Tre-Rhew Farm, Llanvetherine on 31st July was very successful. There were stacks of interesting demos, good locally produced food and refreshments, live music, and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Congratulations go to the Beavan family who organised the event to raise money for RABI. The picture on the right shows Sam Beavan demonstrating sheep shearing.



The annual Llanvetherine Horse Show was held on 23rd July. The good number of entries for the horse show made the efforts of the volunteers from the village worthwhile. The photo on the cover shows Janet assisting in the setting up. There was a very popular food bar and a van with homemade ice cream from the farm in Garway. As ever the organisers are very grateful to Jon Beatson-Hird and Priscilla for permitting the use of their land.

**The Village Alive Trust**  
**Barns: Their Evolution, Dereliction And Restoration**  
An Illustrated Talk by Ken Bonham  
Croft Barn, Llanvetherine. NP7 8RA  
(at White Castle Vineyard off B4521 to White Castle)  
**Sunday 11 September 3.00pm**  
Free - refreshments served

**WI News**



The August meeting of the Llantilio Crossenny WI was held by invitation at **Hockey's Garage**, Penpergwm. The welcome provided quite amazed everyone. The garage was spotless and we were seated on chairs on a carpet! A great deal was learned about the MOT procedure and how important a regular service is in order to remain safe on the road. Lovely refreshments were provided and goody bags to take home. This was not only an unusual event but one which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The subject of the next meeting in September has had to be changed due to a complication for the speaker, Dr Naylor Firth. So WI members are asked to bring a short report telling their stories - the how, why, when of "**Your Life in our Community**". You may wish to have your stories read out for you, which will be fine. This should be a really fun evening when all is disclosed .....

**Llanddewi Rhydderch** will be holding its Annual fundraising coffee morning on the 28th Sept in aid of the Alzheimer's society. There will also be a raffle.

On 18<sup>th</sup> August a group of **Welsh speakers from Abergavenny** visited Llantilio to discover the history of the village. The following report was written by Mavis Griffiths who is the treasurer for the local Eisteddfod appeal. It is interesting to read the reaction of people who are unfamiliar with the area when they visit it for the first time. Why not ask one of the kids to translate it for you (don't take no for an answer!) or you may like to rely on the Google Translate version at the bottom of the page :)



Wnaeth Chris baratoi taith cerdded ber o gwmpas y pentre, Llandeilo Gresynni erbyn neithiwr. Wel, dyna daith diddorol! Er fy mod wedi byw yn ardal Y Fenni am oesoedd wyddwn i ddim am y pentref yma. Ddechraeon ni wrth gerdded i lawr o faes parcio'r eglwys i "ganol y pentre" – dim llawer o hoelion bywyd brysur nawr – dim ond blwch ffôn goch, tŷ o'r enw Tŷ Cored (Weir House) â oedd yn arfer bod yn siop a lladdfa (roedd y gwaed yn rhedeg i fewn i Nant Castell Gwyn gerllaw) a hen garej.

Yna aethom i fynyr allt heibio'r gofaint tuag at yr adeilad â oedd yn arfer bod yn dafarn y Hostry ond wedi cau ers 2003. Wedyn aethom drwy giât â ddilynodd i llwybr Clawdd Offa, heibio cefyllau oedd ddim yn fodlon iawn i ni adael y cae! Unwaith ar y lôn dilynodd Chris ni i weddillion yr Hen Gwrt – ond doedd dim weddillion i'w weld, dim ond y ffos ble roedd y cwrt wedi sefyll yn y 13 a'r 14 ganrif. Lle hudol iawn! Maent yn dweud fod Dafydd Gam wedi byw yno. Yna croeson rhai caeau i gyrraedd ffiniau'r eglwys ble yn y 19 a dechrau'r 20 ganrif bu maenordy yn sefyll yno, sef Cwrt Lladeilo, ond nawr dim ond rhai adfeilion sydd i'w weld. Ond yn ystod Rhyfel Gyntaf y Byd fe ddefnyddwyd fel ysbyty. Mae hen lun o'r maenordy i'w weld yn yr eglwys. Mae'n anodd coelio hynny! I orffen y daith aethom i fewn i'r eglwys. Anhygoel – baswn yn cymeradwyo i bob un ohonnoch ei ymweld. Mae gormod i esbonio yma ond i ddweud fod un o'r ffenestri wedi arfer bod yn yr hen maenordy, gyda cyfeiriad i Dafydd Gam, wedi ei drawsglwydo i'r eglwys.

*Did Chris prepare power walk around the village, Llandeilo Crossenny by last night. Well, that's an interesting trip! Although I have lived in the area for ages Abergavenny do not know about this village. Started us while walking down a church car park to "the middle of the village" - not a lot of nails busy life now - only red telephone box, a house called House Weir (Weir House) as it used to be store and slaughter (the blood runs into the nearby White Castle Brook) and an old garage.*

*Then we went up the hill past the blacksmith toward the building as it used to be in the pub had closed since 2003. Hostry but then we went through the gate with subsequent to Offa's Dyke path, past the horse was not very happy for us left the field! Once on the road we followed Chris remnants of the Old Court - but there was no visible residue, only the ditch where he had stood in the courtyard of the 13th and 14th centuries. Very magical place! They say that David Gam had lived there. Then crossed some fields to reach the boundaries of the church where in the 19th and early 20 century manor house had stood there, a Courtyard Lladeilo, but now only a few ruins visible. But during World War First he used as a hospital. An old photo of the manor can be seen in the church. It's hard to believe that! To finish the tour we went into the church. Amazing - I would commend to all of you this visit. Too much to explain here but to say that one of the windows used to be the old manor house, with reference to David Gam, is moved to church.*



# Services in September

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

2pm Wedding in Llantilio  
Crossenny of Tania Watkins and  
Thomas Plant

## Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Crossenny Holy  
Communion

## Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> September

Churchwardens' meeting 7pm  
Vicarage

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Penrhos 9.30am  
Llanvapley 11am  
6pm Llantilio Crossenny  
Special Animal Memorial Service

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am Llanvetherine.  
11am Llantilio Crossenny.

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

7pm Llanvetherine Harvest  
Thanksgiving

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Penrhos  
11am Llanvapley Harvest  
Thanksgiving followed by Harvest  
Lunch in the pavilion

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

7pm High House Penrhos Harvest

## Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.30am Llanvetherine  
11am Llantilio Harvest Thanksgiving

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** End of Summer BBQ in Llanvapley Pavilion 7pm

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Llanvapley Church "Open Doors" 10 – 3.30

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** Croft Barn "Open Doors"

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** Coffee Morning Llanvapley 10.30

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** Coffee Morning Llanddewi Rhydderch 10.30

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** Concert Grosmont Church - Hereford Concert Band with  
the Kitchen Singers

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Family Service @ Llangattock Lingoed Church at  
3.00pm followed by a Tea Party @ Cross Ash Hall at 4.30pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Wales Baroque Players Llanvapley Church 7.30pm

## Tweet of the month

*"The fiftieth anniversary of the M48 Severn Crossing will be celebrated on Thursday 8th  
September by the Institution of Civil Engineers" @chepbeacon*

For your information (ed.) - At 11am, a vintage car procession will leave Aust Services  
driving over the bridge featuring cars and buses that could have driven across the landmark  
on the day of its opening.

*Contributions for the September issue of TNT by 20 September.*

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