

The New Times

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



It's show time at Usk



and it's bath time in Llantilio

From The Vicarage

We have been treated to some fabulous crisp sunny mornings lately, and the autumn colours are simply stunning. I love this time of year, with all the sights, sounds and scents of the harvest season.

It's one of the best times for looking for fungi (not those miserable guys!). Once your eyes become attuned to them, you will see them everywhere if you are out walking in the woods.

Fly agaric, ceps, amethyst deceivers, shaggy ink-caps, puff balls, boletes, to name but a few. They are fascinating; for we see only a tiny part of the whole organism, most of it is hidden beneath the soil.

It reminds me of St. Paul's words, about how we glimpse only a part of the Divine nature of God in this life, but one day we shall see God face to face. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood."

May the beauty of this harvest season fill us with gratitude to the One who loves us beyond measure, and may our hearts become attuned to his presence surrounding and upholding us in his love.

Lord, let me find you by loving you;
And let me love you when I find you.

With every blessing,
Heidi

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Llantilio Crossenny News

The **Llantilio Crossenny Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday 7th October at 11am. Following the service a harvest lunch with wine and tea/coffee will be held in the Killough Chapel.

Alex Clark from Wernrheolydd took part for the first time this year in the Young Handlers competition at the Usk Show. He may not have won a prize but he came out with the same sheep and never let go the halter, so we count it as a win! The photo on the front of TNT was placed at the Llangattock ploughing match in the 'Every Picture tells a Story.' competition. There have been many wonderful shows and ploughing matches, large and small, over the Summer, with many opportunities to enter – from sheep showing to cake baking and dahlias. If you have never been, then do go next year. And if you have never entered anything, then have a go. If nothing else, it supports all the volunteers who work so hard to make these days a success. *Gillian Clark*



Congratulations to Tania and Tom Plant on the birth of their daughter, **Thea Grace** who was born 11th September at Birmingham Hospital. Congratulations also to their very proud grandparents! Tania and Tom were married at Llantilio on 3rd September 2016.

Llantilio Crossenny Hand Bell Ringers

Selby Sound is a group of hand bell ringers, mainly from Llantilio, who practice regularly in the winter months. We ring beautiful Whitechapel hand bells, and we need some extra ringers. Would you like to come and join us? You do not need to be able to read music, we have an easy system that everyone can follow and the only requirement is one, or even better, two hands! Some of our ringers can play four bells at a time, two in each hand but to begin with, our new members will ring one or two bells and ease their way to more challenging ringing. We are a friendly bunch, meeting in someone's home to practice, usually weekly in the run up to Christmas. The hand bells are particularly suitable for playing Carols and we always aim to take part in some Christmas services and other charity fund raiser events. So, are you interested? Age is no barrier, all you need is a sense of humour so that you join in the laughter when we make a real mess of a piece of music (and yes we do!) We really need your help, so if you want to know more, please ring Elsie on 01600 780349, or Myfanwy on 01600 7800003 or Margaret on 01873 855207. We would love to hear from you.



On Sunday 14th October there will be a **clay pigeon shoot** at Court Farm, Llantilio Crossenny from 10am until 2pm. If you would like further information about this event or any concerns please contact Emma Williams on 07974348928.

Llanvapley News

Congratulations to **Doris Evans** of Llanvapley who celebrated her 94th birthday on Saturday 22nd September. Doris is now the same age as 'Just a Minute' presenter, Nicholas Parsons and motorsport commentator, Murray Walker, so she is in good company!

Llanvapley Church held its Harvest Service and Lunch on Sunday 23rd September. The Harvest celebrations were well attended and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch in the village pavilion.



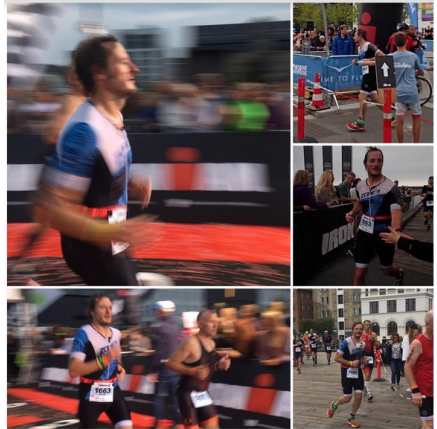
On Friday 19th October at 7.30pm, Llanvapley Church will be hosting a **Quiz Night** in the pavilion. The quiz will be a team event with 10 rounds of questions on general knowledge, science, films, TV, music etc. In the interval there will be a ploughman's supper and the cost will be £5 with all profits going to the church. Llanvapley Church is looking forward to welcoming teams from the other three parishes in order to find out which of the parishes comes out on top!

Memories of Llanvapley past? Have you lived in Llanvapley or local area for a long time? Do you remember the post office, the chapel or the museum of rural life? We're sure there are lots of memories out there - it doesn't have to be a big incident or major story (although if anyone has any of those...), just memories of the village, the area, the people, the characters and everyday life. It would be great to record some recollections of the past and keep them for posterity. If you have anything you'd like to share or would like to be involved in this let me know at the coffee morning in Llanvapley village pavilion in October or you can contact me, Phil Allsopp
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Penrhos News

We have an **Ironman** in the village! But what is an Ironman? An Ironman is the ultimate triathlon; a 2.4 mile open water swim, a 112 mile cycle and then a 26 mile run. About a year ago **Julian** and a friend called Steve conjured up a plan to do an Ironman. After much deliberation and examining the various locations where the event is held, **Copenhagen** was deemed the one to go for. Entry for both was complete so lots of training was now on the agenda. After months of running with dogs (and without) up hills and along the lanes, cycling up yet more hills and to and



fro Bristol, some swimming in a lake full of fish, and a few half Ironmans to suss the refuelling and test kit, Julian was 'ready'. Our entire family plus bike flew into Copenhagen 4 days before the event, slap bang into Pride week. What an atmosphere! Copenhagen was a joy to explore and, keeping in with the spirit of the 'City of Bikes' we hired four to move around. This proved to be ideal for locating registration and T2 (transition from bike to running) on the Friday, checking out the start and swim section on the Saturday and supporting along the route on race day. Sunday morning was the big day and Julian arose early and left for the start. A little later on the boys and I took to our planned route to support Daddy and we covered 16k successfully timing our arrival at points with when he might zip past. Amazing to watch the athletes zoom past on their bikes with the crowd cheering on every single competitor. They go so fast. The bike section involved a cycle out, two loops and a cycle back into the city centre so plenty of opportunity to catch Julian at various intervals - he always had a smile and a wave for us. Back at T2 which was in the heart of the centre the atmosphere was even more supportive and very busy. The run involved 4 laps with various points where you could cross to see the runners in at least 3 places on each lap. Sustained by ice cream we cheered Julian on until the early evening - a tough call for us spectators! The best bit was seeing Julian make the final turn into the finishing straight and sprinting to the finish with the commentator saying "**Julian Howe - you ARE an Ironman**". How he managed such a superb sprint after all those miles I have no idea but he did and it was very special to see him come "home" well within his time and still with a smile. Would he do it again - you will have to ask him!

Vicki Howe

On Friday 5th October at 7pm we are having our **Harvest Festival** service followed by a Harvest Supper at High House Barns. We would like people to do Pumpkin Carvings to help light up the path from the lychgate to the Church.

Llanvetherine News

The **Llanvetherine Harvest service** went very well on the evening of Friday 14 September. The church was beautifully cleaned and decorated. We had two excellent young readers, Tommy and Megan Yeomans, who gave great life to the bible readings.



Thank you to those who attended the London trip also to a kind donation of £200 from Blestium Financial Services (Martin Newall) we are able to buy the **Llanvetherine defibrillator** which will be in Lanes Garage (available 24/7) until we have enough for the heated box. It is then to be decided where the defib will then be placed but at least it is able to be used during which we are still fundraising. This will include a coach trip to Bath, details of which are included on the poster on the right.

Lauren Cooke

**Coach Trip to.....**

Bath Christmas Market
In Aid of Llanvetherine
Defib Fund

Saturday 1st December 2018

Leaving Monmouth
@8am

Returning from Bath
@6pm

Lovely day trip for some Christmas shopping

Join in the festivities with a mulled wine and a mince pie included

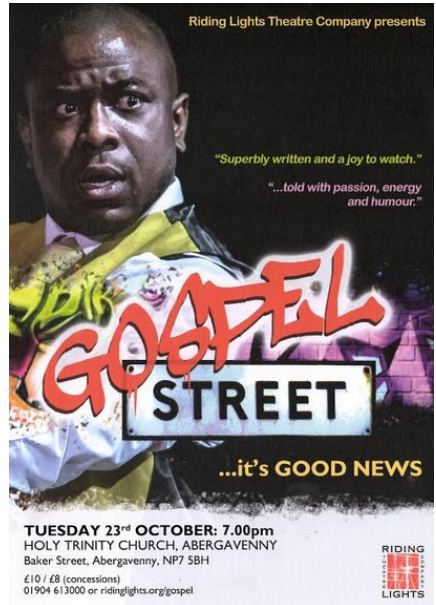
£15.00 per person return

For more information contact Lauren Cooke, 8 Trothy Way, Llantilio Crossenny
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Events Around and About the Four Parishes

On Thursday 10th November 2016, **Riding Lights Theatre Company** came to Llantilio Crossenny Church and presented a performance of Simeon's Watch. Riding Lights are back in the area and are performing their new play, Gospel Street in Abergavenny. **Gospel Street** is a powerful mix of theatre, comedy and spoken word – a breath-taking ride through all the important issues of life, death... and miraculous street food. This new production tells the Gospels in a modern way and is being staged at Holy Trinity Church on October 23rd. Tickets for the event are available from 7 Corners, Seven Corners Lane, Abergavenny or Canon Mark Soady, St Mary's Vicarage, Monk Street, Abergavenny NP7 5ND



WI News

Lin Morris, President, welcomed a packed audience at the September meeting. There was a brief business meeting. Numbers were confirmed for the afternoon tea at Little Mill where Dr Ryland Wallace is to give a talk on the Women's Suffrage Movement and short presentations will be given by W.I. members on women that have inspired them. Pat Bolwell will be representing Llantilio



Crossenny. Lin also confirmed that our centenary dinner will be at the Angel Hotel in January and those wanting to be included should bring a £10 deposit to the October meeting. The choir are rehearsing hard for 'Let's Go to the Movies' where this year they will be dancing as well as singing, but there is a bit more practice needed for synchronisation of voices, feet and arms! Some members brought in their contribution for the wall hanging to commemorate our centenary year 2019 and it would be appreciated if anyone who is still working on their item could bring this to the next meeting. This will mean that the members who have kindly offered to put everything together have time to complete the finished article for it to go on show in January. The main attraction of the

evening was the **Fashion Show** kindly organised by Harts of Monmouth. They started with a most interesting talk on how your bra needed to fit properly and what design of bra may be most suitable for your particular figure. It gave us a lot to think about and it is likely that some members will be making appointments for a proper bra fitting. Harts had brought a range of clothes from dresses, tops, trousers, coats to nightwear. Five members braved the catwalk as models to show off the beautiful outfits. It was a bit nerve racking but with such an enthusiastic audience it became an enjoyable experience. Afterwards clothes were on sale at 10% discount. We were very grateful to Harts for organising such a great event. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th October when David Harrison will be giving a talk on Monmouth Oddities and Curiosities. Members are asked to bring any curios they may have at home.

The Garden in October The great tidy up has begun. All those **herbaceous perennials** that have finished flowering should have a good haircut now and they will soon freshen up. If you can, spread a thick layer of **mulch** over the bare soil. Now is the best time to **split any clumps** that have got too congested as well. Use two forks back to back and tease the plants apart, discarding any old bits. Replant in the soil having put a bit of bonemeal and perhaps a bit of fresh compost in the hole too. It is also an ideal time to **move plants** as the soil is warm and their roots will soon get established.

As I write in September the leaves are only just starting to colour up, but I am looking forward to our **Fothergilla major**, which should have bright orange and yellow leaves turning to brilliant red, come the end of the month. It needs a lime free soil and likes woodland conditions. Related to the Hazel, its flowers are fairly insignificant, it is the autumn colour that makes it a treasure. The **Parrotia persica** is already a beautiful shade of reddish purple. This is more lime tolerant and although the flowers are also insignificant, the red stamens brighten up a spring morning. **Liquidamber** is another tree for brilliant Autumn colour. Our tree must be well over forty years old and has deeply fissured corky branches. I have yet to see the amber coloured resin from which the name is derived. We are lucky in that a previous owner planted these trees and they are now fully mature and quite a spectacle. Clumps of pink and white **cyclamen** are already flowering in the woodland garden. I think they are cyclamen neapolitanum, natives from Italy and Greece, but very hardy and long lived. They like the shady conditions and a bit of leaf mould after flowering. The dark green leaves with silver markings and red undersides appear in Spring, disappearing in May. The corms are brown and easily mistaken for clods of earth. They like to be planted just below the surface of the soil. Cyclamen coum has rounded leaves and flowers from December to March.



Services in October

Sunday 30th September Trinity 18
9.30am Penrhos Joint 5th Sunday
service for all four parishes

Thursday 4th October
Llanvapley PCC Old Rectory 7pm

Friday 5th October
Penrhos Harvest Festival and
Supper 7pm

Sunday 7th October
9.30am Llanvetherine
11am Llantilio Crossenny Harvest
Festival and lunch

Sunday 14th October Trinity 20
9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Monday 15th October
Deanery Conference St. Mary's
Priory Centre Abergavenny
7.30pm

Sunday 21st October
9.30am Llanvetherine.
11am Llantilio Crossenny

Sunday 28th October
9.30am Penrhos
11am Llanvapley

Sunday November 4th
9.30am Llanvetherine
11am Llantilio Crossenny

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd October Llanddewi Rhydderch Coffee Morning 10.30am

Wednesday 10th October Llanvapley Coffee Morning 10.30am

Monday 15th October Taize Group Meeting, Blaenocoed

Friday 19th October Llanvapley Church Quiz Night in the pavilion 7.30pm

Grosmont And District Gardening Club

For our September meeting, Desdemona Freeman and Denise Jones from Petals of the Valley brought along their copper still and explained how they make their fragrant rosewater using 100% natural ingredients with no preservatives, using their own pure spring water and roses grown to organic principles on their farm. A very interesting and fragrant evening!

Forthcoming Meetings At Grosmont Village Hall

Tuesday 2nd October 7.30pm Bill Laws – The Curious World of Vegetables

Tuesday 6th November 7.30pm Annual General Meeting followed by John Fitzpatrick – Showing at Chelsea

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Jan Parker on 01600 772891 or visit the Grosmont village web site.

Contributions for the November issue of TNT by 20 October 2018 please

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