

The New Times

February 2015

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



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The Church Electoral Roll

2015 is the year of the General Election and hopefully everyone has registered to vote and is therefore included on the electoral roll managed by the County Council. However, there is also another electoral roll which is managed by an electoral roll officer in each of our four parishes. This electoral roll is the basic list of all those entitled to vote at Parochial Church Council meetings which are held regularly throughout the year. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant

parish or be regular worshippers in the church whose roll they wish to join. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted. The electoral roll is due to be renewed in all our parishes this year. So at some point soon you may be asked if you would like to fill in a form to add your name to the electoral roll in your parish. Being on the roll does not commit you to doing anything just like being on the electoral roll for the General Election does not force you to vote. However, you might like to consider putting your name on the list so that your voice is heard should any important decisions regarding your church need to be taken. If you have never put your name on the list why not think about doing so this time. It doesn't commit you to attending church services but if you feel you would like to join our church communities it is an ideal way to start as you will be made most welcome. Please speak to any of your churchwardens if you want more information.

Llantilio Crossenny News

The coffee morning in December at Warwicks was well attended and a great morning was had by all. We even sang a few carols accompanied by David Osborn on the piano. Thank you to all who brought cakes and prizes. It was also lovely to see Rhys and Bethan with lovely baby Jack and he certainly enjoyed the singing. They moved into the village last year and we welcome them into the community.

The money raised over the past few months has been donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres. (£175) and to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity (£125). We have received two very nice letters in recognition of our donations which can be found on the notice board at Warwicks. These letters make you feel very humble to be a small part of the fund raising efforts of these charities. To date we have raised £1044.00 for different charities and this demonstrates the difference a small coffee morning in a local pub can make. A big thank you to Alan and Sue Long for allowing us to use Warwicks; they have opened early and worked hard during the coffee mornings. A big thank you to all of you who have helped by making cakes, donating plants and other items to the bring and buy sale and of course for washing up. We hope that you all enjoyed meeting new and old friends and thank you for your support. Unfortunately there are no more coffee mornings arranged for the near future, but watch this space!!!!

The Christmas Services at Llantilio Crossenny

On December 21st a large congregation came along to enjoy the carol service, many thanks to Rev Peter Cobb for conducting a lovely service, to our young readers for taking part, and to the ladies for the seasonal refreshments following the service.



The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve found us once again with a very full church, over 50 Christingle oranges were given out to the children who then delighted us with singing " Away in a Manger " by candlelight. Many thanks to Trisha and Andrew for the lovely service, to all the young readers who took part, and to Sarah Heath for making the Christingles. Thank you to all who have helped with cleaning, decorating and providing refreshments. A very happy and healthy new year to all as we now eagerly look forward to welcoming our new Vicar Heidi in March.

Bell Ringing News

Llantilio Crossenny Bell Ringers held its AGM at Warwicks on 15 January. Richard Booth presented his tower captain's report. Richard welcomed everyone and thanked them for re- electing him, he went on to say how pleased he is with the way everything has gone this past year and what a great team we are. He thanked Gwyn for all his help and hopes he will continue to help us in the coming year. He also said how pleased he is with how many new ringers have joined lately. During the past year we have rung for five weddings plus we rang for Easter day, Harvest festival, Remembrance Sunday, the Carol service and the Christingle. We also rang on the May bank holiday to mark the vicar David Osborn's retirement. Richard also thanked the ladies who organise the coffee morning for the donation of £150 to go towards buying paint to spruce up the bells. In October the Monmouth branch including Gwyn completed a quarter peal at Llantilio Crossenny in memory of Phil Weeks from Ebbw Vale who had rung his last peal in October 2013 at Crossenny.

Also Richard thanked Gwyn for his impromptu lesson in rope splicing when 2 ropes broke during one practice.

Starting on Sunday 1st of February and on the first Sunday of every month the ringers will ring for morning service in Llantilio Crossenny.

Llanvapley News

According to Wikipedia Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art practised for both its defence training and its health benefits. Following the January meeting of the Tai Chi group in Llanvapley Village Hall you can now add “catching water in buckets” to the list. As a result of the cold weather before Christmas the pipes in the village hall burst in eight places. This resulted in water pouring through the village hall ceiling, forcing the Tai Chi group to rush for the buckets! The damage was so serious that part of the ceiling fell down which forced the abandonment of the January coffee morning. Fortunately the hall is insured, but it was decided to fix the damage without resorting to the insurance policy in the hope that it would save time and money. The ceiling has been repaired and the leaks have been fixed and the hall will soon be open for business. It is fortunate that we have in Llanvapley a number of people who are willing to give their expertise and time to help the community. Community service isn't always a punishment!

Llanvapley Sports and Social Association 100 Club

The LSSA is once again in 2015 running its popular 100 club to help raise funds for the village hall. It costs £1500 a year to keep the village hall running. This, as I am sure you know, pays for the rates, water, electricity and insurance and so on. It is hoped the 100 Club will raise £500 towards this figure. Each 100 Club ticket costs £10 and for that you get an entry in 10 monthly draws for a cash prize. The draw is held at each of the coffee mornings starting in April. Please speak to a village hall committee member if you wish to be part of the 100 Club. Anyone who uses the village hall is welcome to support the association by joining the 100 Club

Llanvapley Churchwardens from the past

Dr Gwynne Jones of Glasow is researching his family who come from this area. His great-grandfather was Timothy Baylis, St Mabli's churchwarden in the late 19th century. He has sent to TNT a vestry notice he found in the county archives which reads:

*County of Monmouth Notice is hearby given
To Witt That a vestry meeting will
be held at the Church on 16th day of March 1871 at 11 o'clock
for the purpose of appointing Guardians
Overseers Waywardens and Constables
for the ensuing year.
Dated this 11 day of March 1871.
T Baylis Overseer.*

It seems that the Parish Council was in those days responsible for many of the activities now performed by local government. Guardians looked after the poor, Waywardens the roads, Constables were constables, and Overseers kept them all in order. On the Internet you can find references to these officers and to others such as surveyors who looked after the church buildings, roads and bridges. They had local tax raising powers: "a rate of 6d in the pound to be spent on the poor" etc.

Timothy Baylis lived in Llantilio House, Llantilio Crossenny until the mid 1850s, moved to Perth-y-Pia until 1873 and then to Lloyvos Farm near Brynderi until he died in 1886.

Llanvetherine News

The photo below shows people gathering for the Llanvetherine New Year's Day walk. The route was planned by Chris Lewis and David Jones, involved 3.75 miles across some interesting off-road territory and concluded at Whitehouse with kind hosting by Clarissa and Julian Fonseca. A very healthy start to the New Year!



Warwicks Walks (report by Celia and Graham Bryan)

You will no doubt have heard that Sue and Alan are moving on from Warwicks. The January Walk from Warwicks was therefore sadly our last. I do not know what the future of the pub is but in any case, I do not plan to re-start Walks from Warwicks in the future. We have been doing the walks for 3 years and I am now ready to move on to other things. They have been a great success and I would like to thank everyone who has come along and participated. *(Note from the editors - I am sure we would all like to say thanks to Celia and Graham for their excellent work in promoting Warwicks Walks. They have been amazingly successful in getting people together but I am not sure what the dogs will say when they read this!)*



EYE-WITNESS Stories from the West Bank & Israel
Priory Centre, Abergavenny,
Wednesday 4th February at 7.00 pm

Last year Ann Davison from Llandogo went out to Palestine for three months to act as an 'Ecumenical Accompanier' (EA) for local Palestinian residents in the west bank. This work was effectively acting as a peace maker between the residents and the Jewish Israeli settlers, and also at military check points where there were tensions between the Israeli guards and local residents. She is now back in the UK and is giving a talk about her experiences during those three months; what daily life is really like under occupation; what can be done to promote a just and lasting peace; and what is being done, or not done, to try and achieve this.

This meeting is organised by Church in Wales, Diocese of Newport
For more information please contact EAPPI on
020 7663 1144 or eappi@quaker.org.uk
www.quaker.org.uk/eappi

Community Book Club
An evening with local author, Eddie Butler
Monday 2nd March at 8pm
Onen House
£3 to include a glass of wine

In 2014 Eddie Butler, who is best known as a rugby commentator, published his début novel 'The Head of Gonzo Davies'. Set in South Wales, it integrates story lines across a number of time periods and themes, which all come together by the end of the novel. It is full of historic interest and local reference and, although its main character is a rugby player, it really is not a book about rugby!



This is a superb opportunity to meet and talk with a successful writer about his work. Eddie is a charismatic and highly entertaining speaker and it promises to be a fascinating evening. If you would like to come along, please contact Angela and Bill on 01600 780570, billcatling@btinternet.com to reserve a place (numbers will be limited, so book your place early!)

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 1 February

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Llanvetherine 9.30 Rev L Cavanagh

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00 Rev L Cavanagh

Sunday 8 February

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Penrhos 9.30 Rev P Cobb

Llanvapley Morning Prayer 11.00 A Dawson

Sunday 15 February

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Llanvetherine 9.30

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00

Sunday 22 February

First Sunday in Lent

Penrhos 9.30 Rev P Cobb

Llanvapley Holy Communion 11.00 Rev L Cavanagh

Sunday 1 March

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

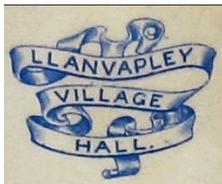
Llanvetherine 9.30 Rev C Wardman

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00 Rev F Buxton

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 11 February Llanvapley Village Hall 10.30

Wednesday 25 Feb Llanddewi Rhydderch 10.30



*Thanks to everyone who responded to the call for more articles for TNT!
Contributions for the March issue of TNT will be needed by 20 February.*

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