

# The New Times

## June 2015

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



**What did you do on VE Day?  
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## From The Vicarage

Gosh, I had forgotten how noisy it is out here! No, I'm not referring to the occasional tractor winding through the lanes, or even the hum of motorbikes on a sunny afternoon; I am referring to our feathered friends. This spring we have been treated to a wonderful daily concert of birdsong. The dawn chorus never seems to end; it fills the air from dawn to dusk, and it's a joy to listen to. In the churchyard at Llantilio Crossenny, there lives an insomniac owl, who hoots away in the middle of the afternoon, and always makes me smile.

But it's not always easy to find the songsters. They are often hidden out of sight; yet we can't fail to know that they are there.

God, too, hides Himself in the midst of His creation. We may not be able to see Him; but, as the Apostles learned from the events of Ascension Day and Pentecost, we can tune our ears so that we are able to hear His song.

With every blessing,

Heidi, Llantilio Vicarage

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### Abergavenny Deanery conference

Everybody is invited to come to the Deanery conference on Tuesday 2nd June in Grosmont Church at 7pm. The meeting will primarily be concerned with informing us about the future plans for ministry in this area. Parking has been arranged at Grosmont castle. Look for the signs.

#### Agenda

7.00pm Welcome

7.10 - 7.25pm Roughshod performance

7.25 - 7.45pm AGM business

7.45 - 8.00pm Coffee

8.00 - 9.00pm Presentation by Archdeacon and Richard Jones

The meeting is well worth going to just to see the performance by the Roughshod theatre group, who many of you will remember were with us on Mothering Sunday in Llantilio Crossenny.

### Family Services

This month sees the start of our Family services on the third Sunday of the month at 11am in Llantilio Crossenny.

These services will be shorter than usual (never a bad thing!), and provide us with an opportunity to minister to and learn from the younger members of our church family. Following on from this I would be interested in hearing your views about admitting children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. This is a practice which has been allowed by the Church in Wales since 2001. If you would like to find out more about it, visit the Church in Wales website and click on 'Children and Holy Communion'.

## The National Eisteddfod

The National Eisteddfod is Wales' leading festival and every year it is held in a different part of Wales. Although the Eisteddfod has been held locally several times over the years - most recently in Blaenau Gwent in 2010 - but 2016 will be the first time the Eisteddfod has been held in Monmouthshire itself since 1913. From 29 July to 6 August 2016 Castle Meadows in Abergavenny will be completely taken over by the Eisteddfod and there will be thousands of visitors from all parts of Wales and beyond. A number of events are being held in the area to raise funds for the Eisteddfod in the coming year. Please go along and support these events and find out more about what will be happening next year.

Monmouth Priory. Thursday 18th June 2015. 7.30

FRANK OLDING will be giving a talk on

THE PLACE NAMES of GWENT

£5.00 at the door

*All proceeds to Monmouthshire and District National Eisteddfod 2016*

Frank is well known in the area for being one of the most entertaining speakers in the county. If you have ever wondered how places in Gwent acquired their names, or what the Welsh names mean or why on earth a field in Wales should be called Cape O'Scotland, come and find out. There will be tea/coffee and cake afterwards and an opportunity to chat in the language of Heaven if you wish! More details of this and other events can be found on the website of Monmouth and District Welsh Society [www.cymdeithasgymraegtrefyngwy.org.uk](http://www.cymdeithasgymraegtrefyngwy.org.uk)

Strawberry tea party/Parti Mefus Melys in Abergavenny Community centre (Old School, Park St, Abergavenny, NP7 5YB) from 3-5pm on Sunday the 21st of June.

*All proceeds to Monmouthshire and District National Eisteddfod 2016*

The whole day is bilingual and very inclusive. £2 adults and £1 children. There will be strawberries and cream, scones, tea and coffee, a raffle, tombola, live music, family fun and games.

# Llantilio Crossenny News

On Sunday the 31st May there will be a baptism in St. Teilo's Church. Rhys & Bethan Pritchard of Brook House, Llantilio Crossenny are delighted to be christening their son, Jac Arthur Pritchard during the children's service.

Encouraged by the spring like weather a large number of people came along to the **Llantilio Crossenny Plant Sale** to take advantage of the wonderful array of plants on offer. There was something for every one ranging from Dahlias to Kidney Beans and business was brisk throughout the afternoon. Refreshments were enjoyed in the sunshine and a Raffle held, which altogether resulted in some much needed funds for St Teilos Church. Many thanks to our avid band of plant growers, to all members of the Phillips Family and their young helpers for all their hard work, to Jane for doing the Raffle and to everyone who helped to make it a very successful afternoon.



**Broadband Update.** Llantilio Crossenny exchange will be fibre enabled under the Superfast Cymru programme. Fibre roll-out in this exchange area due to start in September 2015. We hope!



On Saturday May 10, Llantilio Crossenny rang bells at four churches in the area. The day started at 10.30 in Abbeydore followed by Ewyas Harold church before a break for lunch. The afternoon included a trip to Llantilio Pertholey followed by a final ring back at base in Llantilio. It is fair to say that a lot of fun was had by all but by the end of the day all the team were rather tired and were glad to relax in Warwicks.

The Llantilio Crossenny ringers would like to congratulate Gwyn Sayce who recently received an award from Abergavenny Town Council for his voluntary work in the community. Gwyn trained all the ringers in our team and his efforts have been greatly appreciated by us and other towers in the area. Gwyn is shown here displaying his award to Richard Booth, our tower captain.



## Llanvapley News

On Saturday 10 May the annual **Llanvapley Church spring clean** took place and thankfully the rain kept away. The churchyard is kept tidy throughout the year thanks to the help of Dai Lewis but once a year a little bit more is needed so the faithful band of helpers set to to clear the paths, mop and polish the floors and pull up all the weeds from the preaching cross and from many of the graves. In the end everyone was able to sit back and relax with a cup of coffee and a piece (or two) of lemon drizzle cake and admire the results of their hard work. Thanks to every who helps and we hope to get even more helpers next year.



## Llanvapley Church Strawberry Tea Sunday 21 June from 3pm to 5pm

The third Sunday in June is traditionally Father's Day but it now is also the day on which Llanvapley Church holds its Strawberry tea. The weather, the strawberries, cake and cream have all been ordered so don't miss out. Come along and give your dad a treat!



**Victory in Europe Day** was celebrated throughout the country with a range of events and activities. In Llanvapley the celebrations were confined to the ringing of the church bell during the churchyard clean. It was decided to ring the bell 70 times to remember the 70 years since the first VE day celebrations. Doris Evans of Llanvapley is one of the few people in the village who can remember the street parties that took place in 1945. The cover picture shows Doris and her late husband Tony having fun at a street party in Hounslow, Middlesex. Tony and his friend Reg (pictured) were both bomber pilots in the war.

## LSSA News

The winner of the 100 Club draw in May was Brenda Allen. Brenda was delighted to win the cash prize but is concerned that as the treasurer of the LSSA she will have to write a cheque made payable to herself! The pavilion has now got a water pressure regulator which will hopefully help if there are any burst pipes. Thanks go to Welsh Water for providing the regulator and to Jason Stoker for fitting it. The outside toilet door was blown off in the recent winds. This is the second time this has happened and it will need to be replaced.

## Penrhos News

We had a very successful Garden Open on Sunday 3rd May, the weather managed to stay dry until the final hour when most people were busy having tea. The teas and plant sale raised over £600 for the church. Thank you to Richard & Fiona Cleeve and Luke & Georgina Herrman for opening their beautiful gardens and to everyone who helped.

Holly & Sophie Flynn and Tommy & Megan Yeomans were competing at a Mounted Games competition in Shropshire on the first bank holiday weekend. There were 57 teams in the juniors from all over the country. Sophie and Megan were in the Junior B team and did very well but weren't placed but amazingly Tommy and Hollys team won. (see picture below) Monmouthshire also won the senior section as well so a good weekend was had by all.



Congratulations to Clare & Tarquin Adams who had a baby boy on Monday 18th. Rowan Robert who weighed in at a very healthy 9lb 3oz. Wishing you all well and looking forward to seeing Clare power march round the village with Rowan soon.

Richard Price keeps a record of rainfall each month. In April 2014 we had 73.3mm of rain however this year we had 12.2mm apparently the first 10 days in May we had 70.3mm

### Diary Dates

Sunday June 14th - Hog Roast at Bulmers Barn 1pm

Sunday 16th - 3pm a Talk and service for Robert Jones who fought at Rourke's Drift and was awarded his VC. Robert was born in Penrhos and baptised in the church. The talk will be given by Roger from Cadw.

Friday 25th September - Harvest Festival at 7pm

## WI April News

On a sunny evening in May Llantilio Crossenny WI held their AGM. After the voting formalities the committee and officers were elected. Lin Morris continues in her role as president as does Marion Ashton as secretary and Janet O'Connor as Treasurer. The officers all gave reports summing up activities and meetings for the last year.

Janet then gave a report on the proposed federation centenary tea party which is being organised for September. Details of the summer outing to Swansea in July were confirmed and members were asked to make payment at the June meeting.

Christine Brammer is organising a **coffee morning** to take place on **Wednesday 17th June at 10.30am** to raise money for a Belarus Children's charity. This is a Christian charity that aims for 'seeds of renewal through education'. The charity has been working to educate both parents and staff of children with disabilities, in Belarus. The aim has been to prevent these children from spending their childhood in state institutions. The charity has funded and with the aid of colleagues in Belarus, who organized both the first conference on autism and another on clubfeet treatment. The next aim is to begin education on Downs Syndrome, this year. The event is taking place at **Broadlands, Llantilio Crossenny**. Everyone is invited and members were asked for donations of cakes, plants and bric-a-brac.

A meeting to discuss details and arrangements for a Community Afternoon Tea in August is taking place next week.

After the business meeting concluded members joined in with a sing song accompanied by Huw on guitar and Lin leading the singing. The evening finished with punch and nibbles.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th June at Llanvapley Pavilion at 7pm with Richard Jordan giving a talk on The Sinatra Story in pictures and music. All new members are very welcome.

## SERVICES IN JUNE

### Sunday 31st May

*Trinity Sunday*

Llantilio Crossenny 10.30am

Joint Family service with Baptism.

### Monday 1st June

7.00pm PCC meeting

Llantilio Crossenny.

### Tuesday 2nd June

Deanery conference

7pm Grosmont Church.

### Sunday 7 June

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Llanvetherine 9.30

Holy Communion

Llantilio Crossenny 11.00

Holy Communion

### Sunday 14 June

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Penrhos 9.30

Holy Communion

Llanvapley 11.00

Holy Communion

1pm Hog Roast Bulmers Farm

### Sunday 21 June

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Llanvetherine 9.30

Holy Communion

Llantilio Crossenny

11.00 Family Service

Llanvapley Church 3pm-5pm

Strawberry Tea

### Sunday 28 June

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Penrhos 9.30

Holy Communion

Llanvapley 11.00

Morning Prayer

### Sunday 5th July

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

9.30am Llanvetherine

Holy Communion

11am Llantilio Crossenny

Holy Communion

### Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 10 June Llanvapley Village Hall 10.30

Wednesday 17 June Broadlands, Llantilio 10.30

Wednesday 24 June Llanddewi Rhydderch 10.30

Douglas Adams ( Hitch hikers Guide to the Galaxy) who was notoriously late with everything he wrote said he loved deadlines; he loved the whistling sound they made as they went by! The deadline for the next TNT is printed below.

*Contributions for the June issue of TNT will be needed by 20 June*

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