

ELEGANT ACCESSORY

On Tuesday May 10th the first of two one-day workshops is taking place in the Little Barn studio workshop. In this first workshop we are going to apply colour to a large count canvas to provide a background for creative stitching, using a normally traditional method in a more contemporary style. We will then be stitching on this fabric working over voiles and chiffons in a variety of threads building up layers and textures to make a subtle blend of colours, working towards a strong material that will make up in to a purse or bag, but would equally well make a cushion panel or hanging.

The day starts at 10 am with coffee and to meet other participants and meet good friends and see previous projects before settling down to work with tutors Anna Tucker and Virginia Hole who, between them have well over 25 years teaching experience in art, design and textiles including the City and Guilds in Embroidery.

No previous experience is necessary - just a love of making. The day continues with refreshments provided and usually finishes between 3 and 4 pm. It provides a relaxing and productive day in which to embark on a project which is brought to a conclusion in the second workshop, which will take place on June 9th.

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Three of the churches have now had their Annual Meetings and all seem in good heart. Many thanks were expressed at each meeting to the churchwardens, secretaries, treasurers, flower arrangers, organists, readers and chalice bearers or is there someone missing from the list?

Llantilio Crossenny are installing a Portaloo in the near future. So many events are prefaced with the question '*...er...can you tell me where the...er...is?*' So far there has been an embarrassed '*no we don't have one*'. So if you see a small green Tardis in the churchyard, you will know what it is.

Over at Llanfapley, the PCC will be repairing the steps in the tower and the organ – the meeting was delighted that Robert Walker now plays on a regular basis. Gen Marchant relinquished her role as treasurer and Tom Lowes has taken up the financial reins. Our thanks to Gen for all she has done during the restoration time – it has been quite a complicated task, and she is always one of the first in the group to complete the accounts.

Penrhos are pleased with the redecorations and all that that has entailed – a wonderful example of things done locally to a very high professional standard. Almost at the same time Pip Rumsey held a well attended cheese and wine on a lovely evening that raised £135, and subsequently she ran a really good time in the London Marathon to raise funds for cancer research.

Easter Services took place in all four churches and we are fortunate that we can still do this thanks to Peter Cobb and Lorraine Cavanagh. The flower decorations in all four churches were stunning. Our thanks to Milky the Donkey who was the star of our Palm Sunday Procession.

Messiah finally happened and the choir produced a wonderful sound. Our thanks to the choir and soloists and especially Jeanette Massocchi the musical director. We hope the choir will be able to perform at other events – they have a wedding to sing at on 16 July.

It is good to see Maureen Barnfield home from hospital and looking a little better.

On a sadder note, we commiserate with Alison and Richard Booth on the death of Richard's son Dan. A lot of people attended Dan's funeral on 27 April. The funeral also took place of Leighton Bowen aged 95 whose family graves go back in Llantilio Crossenny to the time of the Napoleonic Wars.

Thank you to all those who made the Llantilio Plant Sale a wonderful success again. A total of £740 was raised and most of that in the first 10 minutes!

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Bring and Buy Book Sale

The Bring and Buy Book Sale which was held in Llanfapley Church on 16 April was a great success. Lots of people turned up to browse the books and to enjoy coffee, cake and a chat. Over £135 was raised by the event. The PCC would like to express its thanks to everyone who helped and who supported the event and it is hoped to have another one next year.

Safety checks uncover Victorian vault

Health and safety regulations require Llanvapley PCC to check on the stability of tombs and gravestones. This year the annual check was incorporated into the church spring clean which took place on 9th April. Many of the graves were covered in ivy and were untidy and it was decided to try to restore a number of graves. As the ivy was cleared around the largest of the graves in the churchyard an unusual discovery was made. The inscription on the monument read "*Sacred to the memory of Archer Roland elder twin son of Richard Carlisle of Llanvapley died Jan 9th 1868 aged two years and nine months. Also to the memory of Richard Carlisle Born March 19th 1817 entered into rest March 14th 1893. Rose Marie Carlisle wife Richard Carlisle. She passed from this life on May 17th 1898 at Mentone. Her ashes were laid under this stone on June 20th 1898 by her two surviving children.*" Once the ivy was removed it was clear that this was a vault rather than a grave and it was decided to inspect the vault to see if it was still in safe condition. A set of steps was uncovered leading down to a brick lined vault which was still dry and in good condition. On the right hand side there were two urns and a four foot long metal coffin. Everyone was surprised at the discovery and by the scale of the vault. The Carlisle family lived in Llanvapley Court but it seems that Mrs Carlisle may have moved out of the area following the death of her husband. It is recorded that she died in Mentone. There are at least three places named Mentone, one in Australia and two in the United States and it is clear which one of these is correct.

