

THE NEW TIMES

July and August 2013



You can see it from everywhere

PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Sunshine and showers they said, well they were right, and village events struggle to keep calm and carry on. There have been a few already and many thanks to those who have organised coffee mornings, strawberry teas, opening of gardens and a few more to come this month.



Underneath cloudy skies, there have been smiles, sometimes grimaces but always a determination not to let the weather beat us. Everything seems a month behind, but no matter, our visitors love coming here and although we may not always appreciate it we are very blessed. It was Louis Armstrong who popularised the song ‘What a wonderful world’. It is one of my favourite old songs because it speaks truths about the way in which the places around us, woods and hills, and the people we share them with are such a blessing to us.

Each day as we look out of the window, I recall psalm 121 which begins ‘I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help’. The beauty of places and people points us to greater truths about the reasons for us being here, alive and blessed here in Monmouthshire. There is a grace which I sometimes use which ends by saying, ‘God, give us one thing more, grateful hearts’.

Sometimes it is difficult to celebrate all of our lives of course, and constantly cheerful people are not always our best friends, we need to both laugh and cry because we are people with deeply emotional feelings.

In everything give thanks say Paul in the New Testament, rejoice in what is good and beautiful, just and right.

Enjoy this summer and count your blessings because they are many

Your friend and Vicar

DAVID

Llantilio Crossenny News

On Sunday July 14th there is the Llantilio Village Walk. Please meet in Church car park at 2pm The walk will take about 2½hours followed by a strawberry tea in the Church. Adults £2.00 Children free.

LLAN TILIO CROSENNY OPEN GARDENS

It rained, of course, but nothing stopped our hardy visitors. With wellies and brollies they came prepared for whatever the weather could throw at them. Their perseverance paid off as they travelled around the six gardens open for view, each one offering something different.

Carol Bluett's beautifully created garden, with woodland dell, very old perry trees, wide stone patio and borders filled with colour was a delight to the eye. In the garden next door, the home of Gary and Rosemary Jones, the courtyard with central water feature, organic vegetables in raised beds and rock gardens was immaculately presented and offered very pleasing co-ordinating planting.

Garden No 3, a mature garden, belonged to David and Pam Richards, where large beds of shrubs and hardy perennials, ablaze with colour, bordered extensive lawns while at Garden 4, owned by Julia and Don Menzies work is ongoing to regain control of what had been a sadly overgrown garden before their arrival three years ago. The garden proves what can be achieved in a short space of time.

Garden No 5, Roy and Gwyneth Cooke, showed how a vegetable patch should be maintained, full of healthy crops and not a weed in sight. A real credit to Roy, and Gwyneth has established a large, beautifully planted, sloping bed with a rose covered arch facing the bungalow.

Finally to Garden 6, home of Ceinwen Davies. What a treat for visitors, with a natural stream running through the garden, an extensive collection of hardy geraniums, in full flower, an orchard and large beds of perennial flowers and shrubs, bordering lush green lawns.

Here cake and plant stalls and a welcome cup of tea were also available and much use was made of the conservatory by our visitors. Thank you to all our helpers, your help is always appreciated and we raised a generous amount for our Church.

And the biggest THANK YOU to all our gardeners, we realise how much work you undertook beforehand, your gardens were a credit to you and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One visitor asked “We have had a lovely day, are you doing this again next year?”

Llanfapley News

The annual strawberry tea at Llanfapley church on 16 June was once again a most enjoyable occasion. However, the weather dictated the pattern of the event as the dry day that was forecast failed to materialise. As a result the tea was held inside the church rather than on the lawn at the rear. The seating inside the church was rearranged so that everything was “café” style which enabled everyone to sit comfortably and enjoy the delicious tea and a good chat. Thanks go to everyone who worked hard to set up everything and of course a special thanks also to the ladies in the kitchen who worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon. The event was reasonably well supported but a number of people who would have liked to have been there were unable to make it. Selecting the date for the strawberry tea is always difficult but this year it was even more difficult. In the end it was impossible to avoid the double whammy of fathers' day and Llantilio open gardens and of course the weather didn't help.

The first Llanfapley Sports and Social Association coffee morning was held on Wednesday 12 June and was a great success with people coming from far and wide. The variety, quantity and quality of the cakes were amazing. The LSSA will be repeating the event every 2nd Wednesday of the month so put a note in your diaries to make sure you don't miss the next cake fest! The dates are 10 July and 14 August at 10.30 am.

Llanvetherine News

Some gifted young people presented their flair during ‘We’ve Got Talent’ at Cross Ash Village Hall on the evening of 31 May , in aid of Llanvetherine Church. The judges, Trevor and Anne Beavan and Luke Depace of Only Boys Aloud, were highly complementary about the performances which included a piano recital, stand up comics, solo singing artistes, and a sparkling rendition of ‘I’ve got a brand new combine harvester’ by the new junior Worzels .

The event brought entries from a wide area. The overall winner was Kelly Whistance from Grosmont taking time out from her A-level studies.

Congratulations to Gareth Jones and Hannah on the birth of their son Lloyd. All three doing well!

Llantilio Crossenny WI

The June meeting of the WI was our annual Guest Night when we were joined by visitors from neighbouring WI groups. Our new President, Lyn Morris, chaired a short business meeting making an excellent start, and then later in the evening showed her talent as a polka dancer!!!

Guest nights are quite different from usual meetings in that we try to provide entertainment for our guests. This year it was provided by a group of talented musicians known as “Pub Session Players.” who play mainly Irish folk music on pipes, drums and guitar in pubs in the area. Their music was enthusiastically received by the WI members who were encouraged to join in the choruses. The evening ended with the well known folk song “The fields of Athenry” It was a very successful evening, the band was on top form and played superbly on tea, coffee, sandwiches and lots of home made cakes, without a drop of beer in sight! The meeting was as far away from, “jam and Jerusalem” as could be imagined.

The July meeting will be a tour of the house and gardens at Kentchurch Court followed by lunch at the Court.

The James Powell's Educational Foundation invite applications from resident parents in Llantilio Crossenny for assistance in the maintenance of children in further education. Please apply by **September 2** to Mr D T Hayhurst, Rose Chapel Cottage, Llanvetherine, Abergavenny NP78PY

We wish Richard Booth and Alison Pritchard every blessing for their wedding on Saturday 20 July in Llantilio Crossenny. As the song goes, ‘the bells are ringing for me and my girl!

The deadline for the September edition of TNT is **20 August**
The parish website is www.llantiliogroup.info

Services in July and August

Sunday 7 July	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 6</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 14 July	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 7</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Baptism of Mable Hoggins LC
Sunday 21 July	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 8</i>	6.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny Evensong
Sunday 28 July	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 9</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley Morning Prayer
Sunday 4 August	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 10</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 11 August	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 11</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley
Sunday 18 August	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 12</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 25 August	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 13</i>	11.00am	Llanfapley Holy Communion

SUMMER LUNCH

There will be a Buffet Summer Lunch at 12.30pm on Sunday 21 July in the marquee at Great Killough by kind permission of John and Anna Ingledew.

Tickets are limited to **60** and the list is booking up. The cost is £12 with primary school children £5. Book your ticket through the Vicarage, Daphne Watkins (780218) or Elsie Latham (780225)

There will be Evensong in Llantilio Crossenny at 6.00pm