

NEW TIMES



Tenth Birthday party for Llanvapley Cricket Pavilion, 1st July

What's on, in Brief

- ❖ **2nd August** - Llantilio Social Club "**Bus Trip to the Seaside**"
- ❖ **4 August** - **Broadband arrives** on Llantilio Crossenny Telephone Exchange.
- ❖ **3rd September** -**Hog Roast** coming up at Bulmer's Barn, Penrhos Farm.
- ❖ **2nd September** – Ploughing Match at Llantilio Crossenny
- ❖ **16 Sept.** – Llanvapley **Indian Summer BBQ, art, vegetables and produce competition.**

Forthcoming Services – All Welcome

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Newsflash

On the 23rd of June it was announced that the Bishop of Monmouth, the Revd Dominic Walker has invited the Revd David Osborne to be priest of our parishes following David's retirement as the Rector of Bracknell, Berkshire. Revd Osborne has accepted this post on a house-for-duty basis. David and his wife Helen are very much looking forward to moving to the area and being part of our communities and expect to move to the area in early November. We would like to pass on our best wishes to David and Helen and we look forward to meeting them in the near future.

Thought for the month:

"Everyone has an idea of heaven and they should all be respected".

Llanvetherine and Penrhos News

Hog Roast coming up at Bulmer's Barn, Penrhos Farm on Saturday 3rd September at 1pm.
Tickets £10 available from PCC members. All welcome

Correction to July edition: Llanvetherine is looking to buy a Church Karaoke machine rather than mechanical organ (or monkey!). *How modern you all are over in Llanvetherine!*
Ed

Sunday-Funday on August 13th

Car Treasure Hunt At 5.00pm followed by a Hog Roast and Entertainment at 7.30pm. All at Cartref, Llanvetherine. In aid of Llanvetherine Church.

Tickets and further details available from Mrs. Janet Phelps 01873 821388

Please come along and enjoy a pleasant summer evening. (By the way if you can offer any help then do get in touch) We hope that we can all have a great evening and also support the local village Church as well. Many Thanks for your help and interest.

Grass Routes Bus Service, sponsored by MCC, is available from our Four Villages to Abergavenny and the surrounding area. All residents in our four villages' area are eligible to apply to become members of this Community Transport Scheme. Membership costs £3.00 for a whole year for an adult and £1.00 for children. Alternatively, a special family membership is available for up to five people and costs only £5.00 pa. You must be a member to use the scheme and then the cost for each journey (single or return) is £1.50 for adults and £1.00 for children. There is a free-phone number to call to book any journey you would like. The bus has a qualified volunteer driver, disabled access, safety belts for all and uses easy to reach pick up points such as the local doctors surgery and village halls. Please telephone **01873 735 800** if you would like more information.

Postal Distribution leads the way in Llanvetherine. Because of the wide spread of homes in the beautiful village Llanvetherine, if you would like to continue to receive The New Times and haven't already written to us, please let us have your stamped, self addressed envelopes and we'll ensure you get your magazine on the first of every month. To the many of you who have already sent your envelopes in, many thanks. This is a great way to keep in touch. ***Sorry we can't reach you all on foot.***

Llanvavpley News

Llanvavpley & Llandewi Rhydderch Family Fun Day & Horse Show took place on the 9th July.

- ❖ This spectacular annual event was bigger than ever in 2006 at Church Farm Fields Llandewi Rhydderch Nr. Abergavenny. The day featured the Cambrian Youth Band, Stalls and Local crafts, Rodeo Bull and included
- ❖ Veteran Horse Society GB Area Qualifiers
- ❖ Show Jumping Qualifier for Championships of GB
- ❖ Natural Horsemanship Competitions, Dressage, Showing Classes, Clear Round Show Jumping,
- ❖ Novelty Classes, Handy Pony.

Our congratulations go to all those loyal, local volunteers in Llandewi Rhydderch and Llanvavpley who devoted so much of their own time and worked so hard to make this such a magnificent local event.

Everyone was welcome at the Llanvavpley Summer BBQ on 1st July. The event took place from dusk until late in the Summer Gardens and was very well attended. The LSSA was successful in securing a license for a bar for this special occasion, the tenth birthday party of the wonderfully airy Llanvavpley Cricket Pavilion and the evening proved excellent event. The LSSA kindly supplied free soft drinks for all which was wonderful given the heat of the day and the lollies bought for the occasions disappeared like magic after the spots events. Local meat and vegetarian produce was barbequed for all to enjoy and the LSSA wish to thank in particular Jill Featherstone for her outstanding barbequing skills again this year. That 100 bread rolls had been demolished by the hungry guest by 8.30 was excellent testament to the great food on offer. The outfield of the cricket pitch was filled by young and mature alike for an impromptu football match that continued for more than an hour until the light started to fade. The girls won, hurrah! It was great to see so many faces from Llantilio Crossenny and Llandewi Rhydderch at the event enjoying meeting up with their Llanvavpley friends and neighbours. The Cricket Pavilion simply buzzed with activity and laughter all night.

A reminder that the next LSSA event, the **Llanvavpley Indian Summer Barbeque** takes place on **Saturday 16 September 2006 from 6 pm with the additional attraction of the Llanvavpley Giant Vegetable Competition and local arts display, again** in the Llanvavpley

Summer Gardens. Age categories are 0 to 8, 9 to 13, 14 to 18 and adult. Categories include:

- ❖ *The most humungous marrow*
- ❖ ***The sweetest peas***
- ❖ ***Country Garden flowers arrangements***
- ❖ *And a giant carrot sword fighting competition (for the children!)*
- ❖ ***Jam, Chutney and home brew tasting***
- ❖ *The lightest sponge, the fruitiest scones and the chewiest flapjack.*
- ❖ ***Photography*** – categories: *the Seasons of Monmouthshire, My best friend and Local scenes.*

All profits to the LSSA, registered charity that has achieved so much for so many at the Llanvapley Summer Gardens in recent years. So get planting folks. **Everyone is welcome.** Entry forms available at the back of this edition. Only the first one hundred entries can be guaranteed display space in the pavilion, maximum of 9 entries per family. LSSA

Our congratulations go this month to **Alistair James Andrews** (known as Jamie to his family). Alistair, formerly of Llanvapley is now with the Royal Navy on the Arc Royal Britannia Training College. Alistair, who you may already know from his excellent cricketing performances, playing for Abergavenny AND Llanvapley has now been chosen to play for the Royal Navy and in June represented the Royal Navy against, the professional Hampshire. Alistair made his mark in this very challenging environment with a catch, a wicket and 23 runs and will be representing the navy again soon, when he's not too busy training to fly Harriers and Lynx helicopters. He's a busy man. Alistair is due to pass out in February 2007, before her Majesty, the Queen. For a man who as a small boy started playing cricket on his drive in Llanvapley, and who's enthusiasm saw him continuing after dark when he was little, thanks to his parents security lights, and two pet spaniels who were always happy to field, we send our best wishes and congratulations. Our community today is full of young people play with vigour and dedication at our local cricket grounds. What an excellent role model Alistair must be. It's fantastic to see what heights it has been possible for Alistair to take his cricket to (although we hope he isn't practicing when he's up in the air!). The editors all send their best wishes.

Abergavenny Town Run

This year's Abergavenny Town Run is on 24th August. It starts at 7pm from the Town Hall and follows a three mile route around the town. It costs £6 to enter for fun runners who can

register from 6pm in the pedestrian area next to the Nat West Bank. Please contact Les Taylor on 01600 780376 if there is anyone from the parishes interested in taking part. It would be fun to get a number of people involved from our parishes.

Llantilio Crossenny News

Llantilio Social Club is organizing a, "**Bus Trip to the Seaside**" on 2nd August. Adults £5, children £2.50, to book, and for further details, please contact Val Cooke on 01600 780568 by 19th July.

Park Farm Meats of Llantilio Crossenny produces the best quality Beef and Lamb from their own farm. This is an excellent opportunity for all readers to eat and buy locally produced food, if they'd like to. All the animal feed is grown and prepared on the farm to guarantee that all the meat is free from artificial substances. The Park Farm does not use routine antibiotics or growth promoters and none of the animal feed contain genetically modified ingredients. Park farms meats has an enthusiastic clientele, some traveling room as far as the south east to stock up. The farm takes pride in its welfare standards and in transport to the abattoir. After full inspection by the Meat Hygiene Service the meat is returned to the Park Farm cold room, where the beef is hanged for at least two weeks. It is then expertly cut and jointed to various specifications and according to customer requirements. Large and small orders are catered for. On the premises the farm produces its highly regarded pork and herb sausages, lamb and mint burgers and beef and herb burgers. Perfect for the time of year. Visitors are welcome to call and see the meat and be introduced to the butcher to discuss their choice of order, large or small. Retail prices compare very favorably with other suppliers. Please do remember to order early at Christmas. For more information telephone 01600 780 218 or email parkfarm@dwatkins9.wanadoo.co.uk.

The 124th Pandy and Monnowside Ploughing Match will be held on 2nd September at White House Farm, Llantilio Crossenny by the kind permission of Mr and Mrs D Richards, E J Westoby and Sons and Mr and Mrs M Griffiths.

If you have never been to a ploughing match then come and enjoy a great day out for all the family. There are tractors ploughing, ranging in size from small almost toy like machines to gigantic monsters pulling huge shiny ploughs and hopefully teams of horses with their ploughmen walking behind keeping the furrow straight. There will be about 50 ploughs

working in total, and they start at 10.00 am. But what else is there for the family?

The Pony Show, sheep dog trials, an auction of antique tractors and implements (at noon), sheep classes, trade stands and a super domestic section where you can enter your cake, vegetable, floristry, craft, art and flower classes as well as home made wine and those delicious eggs from your favourite hens. You can enter the domestic classes on the day, but for the schedule please phone Margaret on 01873 855207. Oh, and we must not forget the children' section which is divided up in to school year groups. With the summer holidays already with us, keep the youngsters occupied by entering some of the craft and cookery classes with entry to the children's classes free! Have a great day out on 2nd September.

Ann and Wilf Couldwell are pleased to announce that Steven and Charlie have had twin boys- Samuel and William. Congratulations to all.

The churchwardens and PCC of Llantilio Crossenny wishes to record their thanks to Dr A D and Mrs A Griffiths for their superb History and Guide to St Teilos, which has been included in the last two issues of New Times. We can only imagine the research and effort needed to produce this work and we are very grateful that we now have a record detailing the features of our beautiful church. Thank you again.

Cricket Volunteers urgently needed. The coaching team in Llanarth needs a local person or two to help on Friday evenings from 6 pm. The training sessions are proving so popular, with 60 boys and girls attending the most recent Friday night session, travelling from as far a field as Ross on Wye to Crickhowell to enjoy our excellent local facilities. This is in addition to the many children from Llantilio Crossenny, Llanvapley, Cross Ash etc. who are regulars. You don't have to have any particular expertise to help but enthusiasm and a sense of humour would help. **The role would suit anyone, from a young person to the more mature or retired.** This is an important community service opportunity. Applications from men and women are equally sought. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Len Wilcox urgently on 01873 830 172.

If villages would like their histories published the New Times would be glad to hear from you. Editors.

Young Readers News & Articles.

This month's winner is **The Burglary, by Henry, aged 8** (reproduced as written and spelt)

In England there was a bank, the biggest bank in the world and burglars had been burgling it since it was built. But they never got in since there was security guards and security lazars and cameras. While all of this was getting ready a man called Mataius was planning a burglary with five other people called Owen Thomas, Archie Formajear, Thomas Baker, Jamie Norman and Harry McCoy. They were in Wales working beacsue Harry McCoy thought that they would get cort in England. They were just going to the bank when all was dark. When they got there they saw iron gates and allsashons and they had to be as quiet as they could and saw a hole into the iron and throw a bone for the alsashon dogs and cut off the electricity supply to stop the cameras and smash a window. But, if you remember, they cut off the electricity supply and the lazars were not there now. The last two things they had to get passed were the guards and code number panel. Then Harry McCoy realised they could knock out a guard and steal his keys so they did. When they got to the money they saw guards and the guards saw them and the burglars grabbed some money and ran to their car and drove off. When they got back to their den they shared their money and had a party.

Calling all young people, please let us have more of your stories, jokes and letters. The winner each month will be published in the New Times. A certificate will be awarded for the best story received each year on Christmas Eve. Age categories are under 10, 10 to 14 and under 16. Please include your name, address and age on the back of all competition entries.

Every month the front page of the New Times will carry a picture or photograph by a local photographer or artist. Entries are welcome from readers aged 1 to 101. **A £10 prize will be awarded each Christmas Eve to the most outstanding contribution received** that has featured in The New Times. So, please don't be shy.

Cor-Delia Smith. Recipe of the Month

You may not be aware but an almost famous cook lives in our community. Her cakes are simply amazing. She's rather shy so we'll call her **Cordelia. Cordelia Smith!** Cordelia tells the editors that this month's recipe is the thing that both she and her children love to eat the very most when they go on their adventures around their village. She also advises it involves minimal washing up – a major attraction!

Marauders Munchies

These delicious cookies are made by three local children for their many outdoor adventures around the parishes. Quick, fun and easy to make and create. Very little washing up and highly recommended. This is what you need.

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| 2 greased baking sheets | 2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda |
| 2 tablespoons of golden syrup | 4oz of castor sugar |
| 4oz plain flour | 1 tablespoon of hot water |
| 3oz rolled oats | Cooking time is 20 minutes |
| 2oz desiccated coconut | Oven gas mark 3 or 170°C 325°F |
| 5oz of margarine or butter | |

Put the syrup, butter and sugar in a pan and heat until the butter is melted and the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat, sieve the flour, add the oats and the coconut and beat well. Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the hot water and stir the mixture. When the mixture is cool enough to handle, roll into about 30 small balls and place them on the greased baking sheets, allow room for them to spread. (You may need to add more oats to get an easy to handle consistency) Bake until golden brown – this will take about 20 minutes. Leave on the baking sheets to harden then cool on a wire rack.

“They’re sweet and amazing” – a 9 year old

“They’re grrrrrrrrreat!” – a 39.75 year old

“More, mine!” – a 2 year old

If you have a recipe you’d like to share then please don’t hesitate to write to the New Times.

Your Letters & Messages

❖ Hello, Just to say, "Thank you" and how much I appreciate the New Times. It is great to read about what is going on in the local community. Following Vicki's email in the most recent edition, I would be interested in receiving an electronic/email version for the reasons she put forward - great idea.

Best wishes, David Johnson.

❖ **Dear Editor**, I have been asked by the Chairman of the **Llantilio Crossenny Community Council**, (which covers the area of Llantilio, Penrhos, Tal-y-coed, Llanvetherine, The Bont, Onen, Wernrhyolld) to write to you and ask if it would be possible for the meeting dates, and venues, of the Council meetings to be placed in the New Times. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be given a period of up to 15 minutes, at the beginning of each meeting, to raise issues with the Community Council. I am also the Clerk to the **Llanarth Community Council** (which covers among other areas Llanvapley) if you wish I am willing for my contact details to be published to

allow members of the Community to be able to easily contact local members of the Council. My telephone number is 01873 840104. *Melanie Mercer*

- ❖ **Congratulations of the new magazine**, it is much admired and appreciated, we all pounce on it when it arrives in church. The small print of the June edition did strain our eyes a little but I'm sure that was a one off! I enclose a small contribution to the funds. *Daphne W. Daphne – hoe you find the size of this months edition an improvement and many thanks to you for you very kind feedback. Ed.*
- ❖ The Editorial team would be delighted to receive information and advertise what the **Women's Institute** have planned for 2006 There is no charge at all. The new times is created entirely by volunteers (and the odd conscript). All adverts are totally free and we are very grateful to the very many of you of you have none-the less made voluntary donations towards our costs. It helps very much so thank you.
- ❖ **Old piano free** to kind home. Slightly battered and needs a tune. Tel 01600 780 056
- ❖ **Organist urgently sought** at the newly re-opened Llanvapley Church once a month to accompany the singing of its flourishing and diverse congregation. Would suit young or mature person regardless of experience. Please contact Les Taylor on 01600 780 376.
- ❖ **Does anyone know anything of the Monmouthshire Lawn Tennis Association** or of any other tennis club fairly locally? If you have any information please contact the New Times on llan.news@yahoo.co.uk and we will share the results of you collective detective work with reader's in the next edition!
- ❖ **If you would like to join the editorial team of have ideas or articles you'd like published (free) we would be glad to hear from you. Tel 01600 780 056**

Personal Ads

- ❖ Half Size Cello sought for ten year old boy. He's very keen to get his own instrument. Pls telephone 01600 780 108
- Only two mikes from Llanvapley and Llanvetherine is **the Black Mountains Falconry Centre** (near the foot of the Skirrid on the Old Ross Road) This is a really spectacular local facility for those who haven't visited it yet. The centre caters for birthday parties and much more offering adult falconry courses, Hawk experience days, Hunting days

and corporate entertainment. For more information telephone 01873 850 377

- If you wish to use the Llantilio Crossenny **Book of Remembrance** to remember a loved one, please telephone editor Dennis Ball on 01873 821 236 and he will help you make the arrangements for your own personal message. Entries may only be made by the Copperplate Apprentice and Dennis will be very happy to advise.
- For details of a Penrhos **Clothing and Accessories** Company, Interior and a **Tree and Garden Services Company** visit our websites at - www.greengrafter.org.uk and www.affordableelegance.co.uk and www.diamondsragirlzbestfriend.com
- **Llanvapley Cricket Pavilion** is a popular location for **Parties**. The **LSSA** has just ordered brand new furniture especially for this purpose so if you have birthday or a celebration coming up, you'll be impressed by what's available. The hall is large and airy, newly decorated in January 2006, and immaculately clean, always, thanks to the excellent caretaker. There is a fully equipped kitchen and a newly installed disabled ramp access. The perfect location for a party and **available now for only £20** for up to four hours. Please telephone Owen Marsh on 01600 780 147.

Cross Ash

Playgroup & Toddler Group

from birth to 4 years

Cross Ash Village Hall, nr Cross Ash Primary School.

two-year Topics programme

informal Pre-School Link programme

free introductory session

Playgroup

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am – 12.30pm

Lunch Club 12.30pm – 1.15pm

Toddler Group

Tuesday 10am – 12 midday

Contact Mrs. Sharon Nicholas, Supervisor,
on 01873 821846 (playgroup hrs) or 01873 821816

Cross Ash Under Fives Playgroup is a registered charity number 1056416.
The Toddler Group operates independently of it.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Are you off to college or University this year, or starting 6th form?

If you live within the Ancient Parish of Llantilio Crossenny, which includes, Cross Ash, Llanvetherine, Penrhos, Llanvigangel-yestern-Llewrn and Llantilio Crossenny (unfortunately not Llanvapley) you may be entitled to a grant from the

JAMES POWELL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications from parents and students from the qualifying area for assistance towards further education.

Applications for this scheme and any enquires should be made to

Mrs D M Watkins
The Park Farm
Llantilio Crossenny
Monmouthshire
NP7 8TD

Tel 01600 780 218

**Please note that the closing date for applications will be
Wednesday 23rd August 2006.**

- ❖ **A Mother Baby and Toddler group** also runs on Cross Ash Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm. Telephone Sarah on 01600 680 516.

Local emergency Services, Plumbers, Electricians, Builders.

- ❖ **Stephanie Powell Therapies** at Duffryn Farm, Llanvapley offers remedial massage, a natural treatment for natural pain relief and healing. Remedial massage, Swedish massage and sports injury massage are all available and can help with many challenges in the modern day. For more information Stephanie can be contacted on 01600 780 560 or tmytny@tesco.net
- ❖ **Watson, Home Heating Oil Supply.** For your competitive quote phone us now on Ledbury 01531 632 712
- ❖ **Bouncy Castle Hire** – first rate castles available locally at reasonable prices, see the photograph on the front cover. Also Bouncy boxing ring for adults too. Call us for further details see springbox.com@virgin.net or telephone 01873 821 739

- ❖ **Monnow Mowers and Machinery Ltd**, Your local garden and estate machinery specialist. Tel 01600 715 520.
- ❖ **Peter Buchanan, Plumber and Heating Engineer** for New Installations, adaptations and repairs. Tel 01600 750 210, mobile 07973 831 309.
- ❖ **Clive Jones Oil Boiler and Cooker servicing**, advice and estimates telephone 01600 750 437

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A Note from you editor

Eat Local campaign. Be you an omnivore, carnivore, vegetarian or vegan we would like to hear from you with your thoughts and experiences of where you can find good quality, locally produced foods at reasonable process. We hope to share you ideas and suggestions with our readers in forthcoming months with the aim of encouraging and enabling everyone to eat fresh and eat local. We'd love to hear from you. Please see this month's article about The Park Farm.

Offering Envelope Scheme. The Church in Wales is eligible to receive donations under the "Gift Aid" scheme. This enables the church to reclaim the tax paid on any monies donated by tax payers, usually about 23% extra. This can only be reclaimed if the donation can be traced by the Government to the Taxpayer. You can do this in your Church by using the Weekly Offering Envelopes System. People who would like to make use of the scheme are given a book of envelopes and sign a Gift Aid declaration, so long as they are taxpayers. We renew these envelopes annually in August so if anyone would like to use the scheme then please let any of the Church Wardens know, so books of envelopes can be ordered for you.

Thanks for the very many bundles of stamped, self addressed envelopes that continue to roll in. It is hard to ensure we reach everyone on foot so the willingness of many to adopt the postal delivery option is really welcome. The New Times is available to anyone who would like it. If you have friends who live outside our parish who may be interested please do let us know. We are very happy to include articles for events outside of our parish.

To succeed we need to hear from you. There is so much happening in our different parishes and villages and **The New Times** aims to bring local information together. It's also a way for you to tell us how we can help you. So please don't be shy. Drop us a line or article you would like published by post, e mail or telephone. Because we are a large editorial team and are getting lots of post from our readers the submission deadline for article and adverts is often the second Sunday of the month. You don't have to be a member of a church to subscribe. The magazine is free. It costs 50p to produce and your donations are welcome.

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Four Villages, One Community

**Indian Summer Barbeque Competitions
Entry Form,
Supported by the New Times,
16 September 2006
at Llanvapley Summer Gardens.**

Age categories are (0 to 8), (9 to 13), (14 to 18) and adult. Categories include:

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Most fruity scones		
Chewiest flapjack		
Photography – categories: the Seasons of Monmouthshire, My best friend or Local scenes		
The sweetest peas		
Country Garden flowers arrangements		
Name and telephone number		

Please hand to your local church warden or post to LSSA, Middle Ton, Llanvapley NP7 8SN