

# THE NEW TIMES

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## From the Vicarage

'Summer time, and the livin' is easy' wrote George Gershwin in 1935 for his opera on agricultural life in South Carolina.

Well, it may be for some. At present, our farmers are, as ever, using every day of sunshine to get things done before the rain returns. Various forecasts have been made by local farmers, but we don't know!

Sitting here in my study in the middle of July the sunshine and warmth abound and the garden needs lots of water. By the time you read this we could be awash again like last year - but at least the Royal Welsh Show seems to be smiled on.

William Wordsworth wrote a very interesting poem about looking back in our lives. You know how the summers of our youth were always sunny? Wordsworth wrote.....

*"What though the radiance, Which was once so bright, Be now forever taken from my sight, Though nothing can bring back the hour, Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower, we will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind; In the primal sympathy which having been must ever be; in the soothing thoughts that spring out of human suffering; in the faith that looks through death, in years that bring the philosophic mind."*

St Paul in the New Testament wrote that we cannot live in the past, but 'press on to the high calling in Christ Jesus'. This is not pressure of doing or achieving more and more things but rather feeling very secure in that whatever happens we are part of God's family.

The Olympic Games is soon upon us and again St Paul compares us to athletes who compete for a 'perishable crown'. Instead, those who seek God's truth are searching for something eternal that begins now and continues into eternity.

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Your friend and Vicar

*David*

## **My Favourite Things**

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan 's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores. Please share Ms. Andrews' clever wit and humour with others who would appreciate it.

Overleaf are the lyrics she used:

(Best when you sing it!)

## My Favourite Things

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,

And then I don't feel so bad.

# News from the Villages

## Llanvapley

The work on the church appears to be on schedule and things are going well so far. The *Strawberry Tea* had to be moved to the pavilion because of the bad weather but everyone who came enjoyed a delightful afternoon: £183 was raised for the restoration fund.

There will not be a service in August so the next Llanvapley service will again be in the pavilion on Sunday 14 September.

## Llantilio Crossenny

The Summer Fête was a great success! Our thanks to Matt Tebbut for opening the proceedings, to all the helpers on the stalls and the Grand Draw. A list of prizewinners is in Church. The sun shone and we raised over £1200 for St Teilo's Church.

The PCC have looked very carefully at a digital organ and discussions are ongoing about the possibility. Trish Luxmoore showed the PCC architects drawings for a proposed toilet in the square brick building at the top of the church steps and we are consulting the Diocesan Advisory Council on that and heating proposals.

Thanks to the Bill and Roger who organised the LSC walk on 29 June. 28 walkers took part in a most enjoyable afternoon.

On August 3 at 12.30pm there will be a ***Ploughman's Lunch*** at Little Cil-llwch – the home of Caenwen Davies. Tickets are £7 and are available from the Vicarage or church members. Please bring a chair.

There will be no coffee that day in church.

Congratulations to Ian Latham, Elsie & Den's son, who has gained a 1st class honours degree in Countryside Management with sustainable development and conservation.

Are there others whose academic achievements we can celebrate? Do let The New Times know!

## **Llanvetherine**

There was a good Animal Service on 29 June and thanks to all those who brought their animals. We had a rare spider attend but after being blessed, it unfortunately died the next day!

Llanvetherine had a strawberry tea in the garden of David and Shirley Hughes-Jones and lots of people came along to enjoy the afternoon.

Amy Bissett and Tim Hayward had their blessing service following their wedding in Nevill Hall Hospital. Dr David Bissett, Amy's father, was able to take Amy up the aisle in the hospital chapel and was a very proud Dad. David died peacefully on 7 July and his funeral service was held in Llanvetherine Church on 15 July. Our prayers and condolences to Ro and all the family.

Congratulations to all who organised a really good Village Day. It was wonderful to sit and chat with so many people and bring the community together.

On 31 August at 11am there will be a group service in Llanvetherine when Simon and Bethan North's new baby will be baptised.

## **St Cadoc's Music Weekend 29th - 31st August**

### **Llangattock-Vibon-Avel**

#### **Friday 29th August at 7.30pm**

An Evening with Sara Fulgoni

The international mezzo-soprano sings songs and arias

The Orangery, Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club

Tickets £15 (including a glass of wine on arrival)

#### **Saturday 30th August at 8.00 pm**

Spirit Readers - Sax & Guitar

Colin Tully and Paul Bradley

St. Cadoc's Church, Llangattock-Vibon-Avel

Tickets £10 (including a glass of wine)

#### **Sunday 31st August at 11am**

Sung Eucharist with St. Cadoc's Singers

William Byrd Mass in 4 parts

St. Cadoc's Church, Llangattock-Vibon-Avel

#### **Sunday 31st August from 12.30pm**

Barbecue, Rounders and Music

Tickets: 01600 714926 or DS Music, 2-4 Monnow Street.



## Services in August

3 August	9.30am	Llanvetherine
Trinity 11	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
10 August	9.30am	Penrhos
Trinity 12		
17 August	9.30am	Llanvetherine
Trinity 13	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
24 August	9.30am	Penrhos
Trinity 14		
31 August	11.00am	Llanvetherine (Baptism)
Trinity 15		

Congratulations to Katie Phelps on passing her English and Applied Language Studies Degree with a 2.1.

Love from Mum and Dad, Christopher and Rhian.

Also;

Happy Birthday Katie July 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 from all the family

Congratulations to Lorraine and Sean Cavanagh on the birth of their grandson, George Sebastian Urdavane. Meira and baby are doing well after the birth and the weight was 8lb 9oz.