

# THE NEW TIMES



## JUNE 2008

**PENRHOS  
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY  
LLANVETHERINE  
LLANVAPLEY**

Sunday 1 June	09.30am	Llanvetherine
TRINITY2	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 8 June	09.30am	Penrhos
TRINITY3	11.00am	Llanvapley (Pavilion)
Sunday 15 June	09.30am	Llanvetherine
TRINITY4	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
Sunday 22 June	09.30am	Penrhos
TRINITY5		
Sunday 29 June	09.30am	Llanvetherine

## ANIMAL SERVICE

## From the Vicarage

What is the Church for?

This issue of THE NEW TIMES carries a lot of stuff about church buildings. We are blessed with the responsibility of lovely but ancient buildings. We try to keep them open and they belong to the community, not just those who go to church services. They are places of prayer and reflection for all regardless of faith or belief.

Most people want to preserve them and this involves a lot of hard work to both gain money from grant making bodies and to encourage the community to raise money themselves to keep things going for ourselves and future generations. As with Post Offices and pubs, the cliché ‘Use it or lose it’ applies but there is also another thought. William Temple the great wartime Archbishop of Canterbury said that the Church was unique in that it was the only organisation he knew that existed for the benefit of those who don’t belong.

‘Going to church’ is something people like to do but often get out the habit of doing. They remember what church was like as a child and perhaps don’t realise things have moved on. Much of the beauty is still there but there is also humanity and a seeking after truth. If we lose our churches, we shall lose much of the nation’s and community’s soul. In our communities there is much enthusiasm and commitment not only for our buildings but for what they stand for. We are living custodians not only of buildings but of a living faith and seekers after truth.

*David*

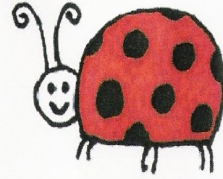
## Diary Notes

- 21 June Wedding at Penrhos
- 25 June Llantilio PCC meeting at 7.30pm in Church
- 28 June Strawberry Tea at Llanvetherine
- 2 July Summer Fete at Llantilio Crossenny Vicarage
- 5 July Strawberry Tea at Llanvapley
- 3 Aug Ploughman's Lunch garden of Ceinwen Davies at Little Killough



People enjoying the Coffee Evening

# Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School & Ladybirds Preschool Playgroup




We are a small, friendly village school set in beautiful countryside. Pupils benefit from the use of our extensive grounds including a wildlife and pond area, football pitches plus a floodlit sports court. Our newly opened Preschool Playgroup features a 'Forest School' learning style.

We are an award-winning, Eco-friendly, Healthy school and all children take part in many different activities to support this.



If you're interested in any aspect of our school and wish to find out more, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Kathryn Evans, on:  
Tel: 01873 890416

E-mail: [LlanvihangelCrucorneyPrimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:LlanvihangelCrucorneyPrimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk)  
Or visit our website at: [www.llanvihangel.lk.org](http://www.llanvihangel.lk.org)

 You're most welcome to visit us!

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# Switzerland

Summer time is a break away!! well we had a little demo the other week! to cheer you up some info about my beloved Switzerland in case you thinking of holidays!

The name Switzerland comes from "Schwyz", one of the original cantons in the Confederation. The letters "CH" are the country's national designation and stand for "Confoederatio Helvetica", the Latin words for Swiss Confederation. The Swiss national flag consists of a white cross centered on a square field of red. Each Swiss canton and community has its own flag.

## **Distance:**

North to South 220 km / 137 mi. East to West 348 km / 216 mi.

## **Length of frontier:**

1,881 km 1,168 mi.

Switzerland borders France in the West, Germany in the north, Austria and the principality of Liechtenstein in the east and Italy in the south.

## **Highest Peaks:**

Dufourspitze (Valais): 4,634 m / 15,203 ft

Dom (Valais): 4,545 m / 14,911 ft

Weisshorn (Valais): 4,506 m / 14,793 ft

Matterhorn (Valais): 4,478 m / 14,691 ft

## **Largest Glacier (Surface):**

Aletsch (Valais): 117 sq km / 73 sq ml. Length 24 km / 15 mi.

Glaciers in total 140

## **Largest Lakes:**

Lake Geneva: 582 sq km / 223 sq mi.

Lake Constance: 539 sq km / 208 sq mi.

Lake Neuchâtel: 218 sq km / 83 sq mi.

Lake Maggiore: 212 sq km / 82 sq mi.



# **LLANTILIO SOCIAL CLUB COMMUNITY WALK**



**SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2008  
2.00 P.M.**



**LEAD BY BILL CATLING AND ROGER EVANS, THE  
WALK WILL START AND FINISH AT ST. TEILOS  
CHURCH, LLANTILIO CROSSENNY.**

**THE LADIES OF THE SOCIAL CLUB WILL KINDLY  
PROVIDE TEA, AT THE FINISH BETWEEN 4.30 AND 5.30  
P.M.**

**MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED, WITH THE ROUTE  
UTILISING PART OF OFFA'S DYKE.**

**THE WALK WILL BE SUITABLE FOR OLDER CHILDREN,  
AND DOGS WITH LEADS.**

**OUR LOCAL BOTANISTS WILL IDENTIFY ANY  
PLANTS OR TOADSTOOLS OF INTEREST FOUND  
ALONG THE ROUTE!**

**JOIN IN WITH OUR COMMUNITY FOR A SOCIAL WALK**

**IN THE EVENT OF EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER IT  
MAY BE NECESSARY TO CANCEL THE WALK. IF  
YOU ARE IN DOUBT PLEASE CONTACT  
01600 780570 or 01600 780483**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 8pm 'til late! Llanddewi  
Rhydderch Village Hall

**\* Salsa Night \* Salsa Night \* Salsa Night \***

Tickets cost £7 in advance, £8 on the door, and includes:

- 🍷 Cuban Salsa DJ
- 🍷 Demo by Professional Dancers
- 🍷 Cuban Conga Line!
- 🍷 Salsa Workshop
- 🍷 Free glass of Sangria or Tequila shot
- 🍷 Tapas snacks

**Dust off your dancing shoes - don't miss a fantastic night of Latin music and dance!**

- Tickets available from Merren Edwards 01873 840 756.

- Well stocked bar serving other beverages will be available on the night.



## **Merren Edwards BMus(RNCM)Hons Piano Tuition, Brass Tuition & Theory**

Tel: 01873 840756

Em: merren.Edwards@btinternet.com

From September 2008, I have spaces available during school hours for tuition in piano/keyboard, trumpet/cornet or tenor horn and also theory. Singing tuition is also available with Tobi Edwards Bmus(RNCM)Hons.

Lessons take place at my house in Llanddewi Rhydderch and my rates are very competitive.

I also teach after school, but do not have any vacancies at the moment. However, you are more than welcome to join my waiting list.

Do you have children aged 2-4? Why not bring them to Funky Monkeys music club at 2pm on Tuesday afternoons in Llanddewi Rhydderch Village Hall, for singing, dance and fun!! Look out for details of Funky Monkeys Summer Music Club, for children aged 4-6 – COMING SOON!

## News from the Villages

**Llantilio Crossenny** are holding a Summer Fete on 12th July in the Vicarage Garden. It begins at 2.00pm and will be opened by Matt Tebbut, the Chef at The Foxhunters and now a Llantilio resident. There will be a short "gathering" in the vicarage garden at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 June for stall holders and any interested parties to decide on position of stalls etc. and timings.

Grand Draw tickets are now available from Dennis Ball (Tel.no. 01873 821236 )

On Sunday 3rd August there will be a ploughman's lunch in the lovely garden of Ceinwen Davies at Little Killough at 12.30 pm - more details next month.

The Hole – the final chapter! Thanks to Des Latham and his team the hole in the lower field has now been covered over. Des has ensured it is no longer a health and safety hazard, also kept the drain holes free, just in case. So that ends that.....or so we thought.....somebody said there was another one somewhere

Thank you to Adrian and Daphne Watkins for the coffee evening last month to raise money for the flower fund. It was a lovely evening and enjoyed by everyone who went – it also raised over £180 for Llantilio flowers.

Thank you too to the good folk of St Teilo's for helping with the Llantilio Music Festival. It was a great success but meant quite a bit of alteration to the church layout. The congregation on the Sunday afternoon served a lovely tea as ever. Choral

evensong was a delight – Jeanette Massochi again produced a magnificent choir and the Dean of Monmouth preached an entertaining and thoughtful sermon.

**Llanvapley** have now arranged a start date for the work on the church and by the time you read this, it will hopefully have started. The building will be closed at least until Christmas and needs to be regarded as a building site. If access is needed to the Church it is important that you contact either David Osborn or the site manager. In the meantime, services will be held in the cricket pavilion. Our grateful thanks to so many people to have reached this point – it has taken much detailed hard work by many people and we look forward to Christmas Eve this year when the first service will hopefully be held there in the new restored church.

St Mabli's has new hymn books too. Roger and Barbara Spells, who have contributed much to the negotiations on the refurbishment in recent times, have donated a set of new hymn books which give us so many more options on music – the best of the old and the new.

**Llanvetherine** has various events planned for the summer. A concert on 31 May by the Gwent Singers will be a delight. On 30 June, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, there will be an Animal Service in St James' Church at 11.00am. This will be the only service in the group that day, and Vicar of Dibley fashion, we hope that lots of people will come along for the blessing of their animals to Llanvetherine.

Congratulations to Simon and Bethan North on the birth of their daughter Eleanor. Mother and daughter, along with brother and husband are all doing well!

**Penrhos** have now had their quinquennial inspection report as always these documents make gloomy reading. The building needs about £75 thousand spending on it, plus VAT, and an appeal will need to begin for the urgent bits. The roof tiles, the crack in the southeast corner and death watch beetle are the main concerns. The architect commended the PCC and wardens for the work already done and said that it had been done to a high standard.

## **READERS NEWS FROM LLANVETHERINE**

Congratulations to Bethan (nee Hughes Jones) and Simon North on the birth of their daughter Elinor, a sister for Joseff.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sarah Dickins who has recently spent some time in hospital. Also our good wishes are sent to Lena Jones at Mount Pleasant who has also been in hospital but is now pleased to have returned home.

Good luck to all locals who are in the middle of revision for their exams. We know that Hubert Beatson-Hurd is taking his GCSE exams and that Katie Phelps is studying for her finals at Swansea University. We realise there are many more so best of luck everybody.

Please bring all your newspapers to Cartref at Llanvetherine, where they are collected and sold for re-cycling in aid of church funds. Thank you to all who have been doing it for years, your support is appreciated.

We are pleased to inform readers that on the last weekend of June there are two events relating to the church. On the Saturday at 3.00pm there is a Strawberry Tea at Cartref and on the Sunday morning there is a Pets Service at the church at 11.00am. It will be great to see you there.

## LLANTILIO CROSSENNY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting of Llantilio Crossenny W.I. was devoted to the Annual General Meeting where a new committee was elected with the help of two members from Bryngwyn W.I., who conducted the voting system.

Rosemary Roberts was voted in again as President, as was Gaynor Evans Vice President, Ann Couldwell Secretary and Janet O'Connor Treasurer. All members were very appreciative of the hard work that the officers carry out on their behalf. Also voted onto the committee were Elsie Phillips Trade Table, Pauline Harbut Events Coordinator, Jan Currie Press Officer, Jean Doyle Teas and Raffle and Lin Morris.

The other main item for discussion was the two resolutions to be put forward for the National Conference. Members voted to put through both:

- 1.To stop dredging vessels for fishing, that cause devastation to the seabed and
- 2.To improve support and facilities for mentally ill prisoners and their families.

The next meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and will be guest night with Alison Barnett A.C.W.W. Llantilio Crossenny WI meet at Llanvapley Village Hall at 7pm on the second Wednesday each month and new members are always welcomed.

Looking for a cleaner 3-4 hours a week!  
anybody interested ?  
please ring Mrs.S.Watkins phone 07870 674292

## CYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG TREFYNWY

### MONMOUTH WELSH SOCIETY

After a very successful inaugural meeting which included a lively and amusing talk by the poet and broadcaster Ifor ap Glyn, followed by a glass of wine and a lot of chat in Welsh and English, we are planning our next meeting. This will be a talk, in English this time, by Emyr Edwards about the Eisteddfod.

Emyr, a member of the Welsh Academy, is a writer, lecturer on drama, poet and son of the thrice crowned bard J.M.Edwards. He is a witty and highly entertaining speaker who has had a close association with the National Eisteddfod all his life. His talk will be particularly apt as the Eisteddfod will be coming to Cardiff this year at the beginning of August. If you have never been to the Eisteddfod and would like to know more, don't miss Emyr's talk. There will be lots of information available for you to take away about Europe's biggest cultural festival - right on your doorstep this year. Full translation services are available throughout the Eisteddfod but you don't need to speak Welsh to enjoy dancing, singing, music of all kinds and the myriad stalls offering Welsh products from harps to hufen ia(ice cream!).

The meeting will be held at the PRIORY ROOMS in Monmouth on Wednesday JULY 2nd at 7.30 pm.

Tickets (including a glass of wine) £3 at the door or from Robin Davies 01594 563172, Jeanne Dauncey 01600 860433, Val Conniff 01600 713938 or Jo Knell 01600 775177

Croeso cynnes i bawb - a warm welcome to everyone.



