

THE NEW TIMES

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PENRHOS
LLANTILIO CROSSENNY
LLANVETHERINE
LLANVAPLEY



From the Vicarage

I wasn't going to watch the Olympics but you get caught up in it! Welsh gold medals, teenage competitors and sheer curiosity become addictive. Competition and competitiveness are part of the human condition. Even the opening ceremony in its lavishness was designed to proclaim the host nation's ability and resources - I wonder what London will do in 2012?

St Paul in the New Testament says:

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air.

So we are encouraged to have a purpose, an aim in life. This is important for both younger AND older people. God created us to achieve things - not necessarily medals, but fulfilling our own lives with the gifts and possibilities we have been given. They may seem small but they are important, our talents both for doing things and being the kind of people God wants us to be are endless.

Christianity is a 'go for it' faith, not hiding away and giving up: an adventure that goes beyond this life into eternity

Your friend and Vicar

David

Llantilio Social Club Walk

The Social Club walk took place at the end of June. The prospect of a fine afternoon brought out some thirty walkers and five dogs and the sun did indeed shine on us.

We set off towards Llantilio Mill and from there headed into the fields. Val Cooke had done a marvellous job in moving cattle from a field we were due to cross, and cutting with a strimmer, a path along the line of the footpath through their wheat field – a huge task for which we were very grateful.

We then clambered over stiles into the Bulmer's orchard and from there into land owned by Mrs Nicholas, wife of the late Tom Nicholas who was for many years church warden at Llantilio.

We soon arrived onto a lane at Wernrheolydd (roughly translated as 'the damp ground where the alder trees grow at the crossroads') and from there climbed a green lane from which there were spectacular views of the Bloreng, the Sugarloaf (which looks like a volcano from this view) and the Skirrid.

We then reached Croes y Gareg, the base of an old preaching cross, David Osborn declined to give us an impromptu sermon but we could not prevent former Councillor Catling from giving us a homily on life as compared with a tin of sardines.

Then a gentle stroll back to the church, passing Penrose Farm and Nantyderry Farm, taking time to chat and catch up with news of friends and neighbours.

Although joints of many creaked over the stiles the services of the four physiotherapists present were not needed and all made it back safely to the Church where a splendid tea awaited us, including sandwiches, homemade cakes, and strawberries and cream. The vicar expressed the thoughts of us all, that we were extremely grateful to the ladies of the Social Club for providing such a wonderful spread.

Llantilio Crossenny WI

The summer outing of Llantilio Crossenny's W.I. took place at Tretower Court where Louise Burrows, one of the custodians, gave an informative introduction to the history of this valuable Welsh historic site. Everyone was then given their own personal headset for an evening tour over the whole site. It was a most interesting evening and the weather was pleasant, which made it all the more enjoyable; especially as we rounded off the outing with a delicious three course evening meal at The White Hart Inn, Crickhowell.

Other news discussed was the success of the W.I. pink stall at the Llantilio Crossenny church fete and the forthcoming picnic to be held in Jeanette Hood's garden at Coed Morgan. Members were also excited by the news that Monmouth County Council had granted money for a further 6 week Tai-Chi course, which will now start in the autumn

The next meeting is on the 10th September when Roger Evans will be talking about fungal feasts and famines. Llantilio Crossenny WI meets at Llanvapley Village Hall at 7pm on the second Wednesday each month and new members are always welcomed.

Harvest Services

26 September	7.00pm	Llantilio Crossenny
3 October	7.00pm	Llanvapley (in the pavilion)
5 October	3.00pm	Llanvetherine
10 October	6.30pm	Penrhos

Llantilio Social Club Walk



News from the Villages

Llanvapley Church continues to be on schedule despite the rain. A number of things have been discovered that will need to be done in addition to the planned works, but that was inevitable.

There was a 'Ploughman's Lunch' at Caenwen Davies' home last month that no ploughman ever had! Lots of people worked very hard to produce a wonderful lunch and also raise money for the Llantilio Crossenny refurbishment. Our grateful thanks to Caenwen, her family, the home team and all who came to enjoy the day. The incredible sum of £950 was raised.

A particular thanks to Eddie and Nigel Phillips for moving tables and chairs around the villages for two or three events this summer.

The Llanvapley PCC meets on Tuesday 16 September at 6pm.

There will be a Noël Coward evening on Friday 19 September in Llantilio Crossenny Church organised by Jeanette Massochi. Tickets will be on sale during September for an event that promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

A week later, Llantilio Crossenny will be holding their Harvest Festival on 26 September at 7.00pm followed by the Harvest Supper at the Hog's Head.

There are two weddings in September on the same day! On 6 September Gareth McSherry marries Aime Lane at 12 noon

in Llanvetherine, and at 2.30pm Daniel Rusling marries Abigail Hall in Llantilio Crossenny.

Ploughman's Lunch



Services in September

7 September	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 16</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
14 September	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 17</i>	11.00am	Llanvapley
21 September	9.30am	Llanvetherine
<i>Trinity 18</i>	11.00am	Llantilio Crossenny
28 September	9.30am	Penrhos
<i>Trinity 19</i>		

Congratulations!!

to Robyn Taylor - from Kate's Cottage Llanvetherine - who has gained a place at the University of Liverpool to read Combined Arts.

Monmouthshire Seafood Fayre

Abergavenny Castle, Sunday 14th September, 12pm-7pm

Includes oyster-and-champagne reception, seafood lunch and live entertainment, plus free oyster bar throughout.