

NEW TIMES



Bishop Dominic Walker visits Llanvapley - 8th October

What's on

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5th November Bonfire Night at Llanvetherine Court

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Forthcoming Services – All Welcome

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	Sunday			
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Licensing Service

David and Helen Osborn plan to move into the Rectory in Llantilio Crossenny during November. On Saturday 2nd of December there will be a licensing service at St Teilo's church, Llantilio Crossenny at 2.30 pm. The service is being organised by Canon Jeremy Winston and everyone is welcome to attend. The service will be non Eucharistic and should be accessible for everybody. The service will be attended by the Archdeacon of Monmouth, the Dean of St Woolos, Newport and clergy from the Abergavenny deanery.

Thought for the month:

“One who lacks the courage to start, is already finished”.

Llanvetherine News

Harvest Thanksgiving

This event was a gastronomic delight with food from all over the world.

The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables from village gardens. As well as this the children of the neighbourhood reminded us that a harvest takes place everyday somewhere in the world. They each brought a plate of food and gave a brief explanation of where their food came from. The congregation tasted the likes of ginger cake, coffee cake, pineapple with cheese, egg sandwiches from local hens and sausages on sticks from locally produced pork, as well as "locally grown carrot" cake. All this was accompanied by a cup of fair trade tea or coffee.

The Church looked and smelled wonderful and the last hymn "Now thank we all our God" was sung with great gusto to give a heart warming end to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Newsletter Distribution

This month will be the last month of general distribution in Llanvetherine. It is hoped that you really enjoy The New Times. Please contact the churchwardens to arrange collection so that you can continue to enjoy the newsletter and be kept informed by it. Of course you may still have it delivered –by post- if you send a stamped addressed envelope to the editor (as noted in previous editions).

Village News in the newsletter

Please make every effort to share news with the editorial team so that what is important in Llanvetherine gets the acclaim and coverage it deserves.

Recent whispers include:-

- Sophie Tranter recently passed her driving test, Dilwyn wants his car back!
- Gordon Evans is making good progress after recent hospital treatment.
- Sarah (nee Price- sorry we don't know your married name) and her family have recently moved into Wren`s Nest.
- Shirley Hughes Jones and Sally Dawson are convalescing after recent surgery.
- Roe Bissett is looking forward to a rest after clearing up some compost etc from the churchyard.
- Jonno and Susannah are settling in at The Court and are looking forward to seeing everybody at the bonfire night "do" on November the fifth.
- Rachel Lewis from Ty Deri has recently been promoted at work to a post that will take her to many parts of the world including Bahrain. Well done Rachel and include us on the long list of people to come to visit (Cheap Holidays R us).
- You may know this bit from that other publication in the area but Vashti Miller won some amazing prizes when she won a cooking competition at the Abergavenny Food Festival. Great News.
- Wilf Mayo is spending more time in the house, no not because the weather is bad, he is polishing all the cups he won at local shows throughout the Summer. Well done Wilf, please share your secrets with us.(Jess Yeomans will do anything to find out your little ways!)

Penrhos News

Emily Hannah Louise Probert behaved beautifully on the very happy occasion of her Christening On Sunday 22nd October. The church was full of family and friends to mark this important event in her life, the service conducted by Rev Peter Cobb.

Penrhos Harvest Thanksgiving at the end of September, was the first in our group this year and the wonderful decorations and bountiful fruit and vegetables were admired by a large congregation. How wonderful to hear the harvest hymns sung with such joy. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a true Harvest Supper at High House, by kind invitation of Richard and Fiona Cleeve. The heavily laden tables of good food generously provided by everyone, were soon reduced to a few crumbs; a very warm, friendly and successful evening. Thank you to everyone.

Penrhos Church and School One Hundred Years Ago continued

In October the New Times published an account from the old minute book of St. Cadoc's PCC which was started in 1862 and closed in 1967. Unfortunately, there was a mistake in the account which arose when the newsletter was being prepared for publication. It was stated that £16,132 was collected in the church during the year for church expenses, £777 was collected for various good causes. The figures should have been £16 13s 2d and £7 7s 7d. It seemed that the computer couldn't handle the old money!

The School Managers' Minute Book" of Penrhos "Non – provided School recorded two meeting in 1906. The contents of the second meeting are published below.

" A meeting of the Managers was held in the Infant Classroom of the school on Friday September 21st 1906 at 10.30 am after due notice. There was present the Rev F. E> Austin chairman, Messrs Richard Hoskins and Joseph Silcock. A letter of apology was received from Mr Evan Griffith. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the meeting proceeded to appoint a person to clean the School offices. It was proposed by Mr Silcock and seconded by Mr Hoskins that the name of Thomas Phillips Yew Tree Cottage, be submitted to the Education Committee, he being willing to undertake for one shilling a week that the correspondent be instructed to inform the committee that no wages, but only a nominal payment having been allocated for this work they considered the above sum a reasonable payment. The correspondent stated that the mats promised for the school had not as yet been received. He was instructed to make enquiries about them."

This set of minutes was written by hand and signed by Rev Frank Austin who was vicar of Penrhos from 1904 to 1913. His grandson, Michael Niblock who lives in Canada, recently visited the vicarage with his wife and son, on a "pilgrimage" in search of the background to Frank Austin. They had with them a small album of family photographs of about 1904, which included interesting views of the vicarage, the Church, beautifully decorated for a Harvest Festival, and the churchyard. One of the photographs was of a family group in which the ornately dressed baby was Michael Niblock's mother.

Llanvapley News

Harvest Thanksgiving

A big thank you to all those who filled the church for our Harvest Thanksgiving service, making it such a joyous occasion. Didn't the beautifully decorated church look wonderful in candlelight? Special thanks go to David Meredith for officiating, to Emily Taylor and Alice Nottingham for reading poems and playing their flutes so beautifully in the "minstrels' gallery" and to Jack Andrews our able bell ringer.

The Harvest supper followed in the village hall / sports pavillion with the tables groaning with wonderful food. The village hall had recently taken charge of a new set of tables and we have to thank the Llanvapley Sports and Social Committee for the use of the hall. The Harvest supper was as enjoyable as the service and was very convivial showing how much we have to give thanks for. Thanks also to David and Megan Meredith and their family for being such gracious guests. Finally, thank you to all those who helped organise such a successful evening (especially Barbara and Jenny).

Despite the fact that the service was held on Friday 13th, this was in no way unlucky in Llanvapley!

Memories of Llanvapley

Many people in Llanvapley will remember Richard Townshend who lived in the Rectory until he died in 1992. "Dick" was born on 16th January 1908 and lived in Llanvapley all his life and witnessed the immense changes that took place in the village in the first half of the twentieth century. In 1983 he was interviewed by Mrs Elizabeth Lake, who used to live in Monmouth House, and the conversation was recorded. The tape of the conversation has recently been transcribed by Lesley Stoker who lives in the Carpenter's Shop in Llanvapley. It is interesting to note how self contained the village was in those days. The Red Hart was a butcher's as well as a pub and coffins were made in the Carpenter's Shop. Dick also recalled how "Land Girls" were stationed at the Court in the two world wars and he witnessed their use of tractors to plough up the field below the Court. Transcripts of the conversation will appear in subsequent issues of the New Times

Llanvapley church cleanup

Many of you in the village will have wondered what was going on in the churchyard on Saturday, 28th October. Ladders could be seen propped up against the walls and men with high pressure hoses could be seen spraying gutters and drains. What was happening was something which had not happened for over ten years. A group of 4 willing volunteers had turned up to offer their help, skills and experience to ensure that the gutters, down pipes and drains would be in a fit state to cope with the winter weather ahead.

The job took a lot longer than the predicted "half an hour"! This was due to the fact that most of the down pipes were blocked and needed serious work to get them sorted out. The group were pleased with their efforts and promised to do the same again next year. There will be a working party in the Spring to clean up the church and the churchyard – more help will be needed. **Can you help?**

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Fabulous Fungi

What an autumn it's been for mushrooms, toadstools and their relatives. Those of us who indulge in the gastronomic delights offered by this strange tribe have had a real bonanza. Field mushrooms have occurred in huge numbers, their intense flavour so superior to their cultivated cousins. Large horse mushrooms have also been abundant and they are only slightly less tasty than the true field mushrooms. On many lawns and grass verges white lawyer's wigs have been springing up, they have a delicate flavour if eaten before they start to blacken and become inkcaps. Huge giant puff balls 6-12 inches in diameter have been more plentiful than usual and have even been offered on the menu of a local pub!!

Stately parasols with their rich nutty flavour are also present in many pastures. Woodlands have also been making their contribution, ceps and their relatives and delicious bright yellow chanterelles have been collected and eaten with enthusiasm, luckily these can all be sliced and dried for later use when they give a delicious flavour to casseroles. However, there is also a down side, some of our fungal foes have been on the rampage. Mildew on the leaves of young oaks planted along the Llanarth road has been so severe as to make one think they were some new silver leafed variety! Fortunately, when this happens late in the season it seems to cause no lasting damage. So let's look forward to wood blewitts, meadow waxcaps and all those varieties of fungi to anticipate with relish before winter really sets in.

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Poem for the month

Church Going?

**We know we haven't been in touch
To let you know just how much
we intend to seek for restoration.
'Tis still a subject of speculation.**

**Photos, plans, applications,
surveys, reports and specifications,
all submissions for consideration.
Just waiting now with expectation...**

**Ambitions, Images of propositions,
of triumph, success; no inhibitions.
Not yet time for celebration.
Just waiting now on Administration...**

**We know we haven't been in touch
but will let you know just how much
we are offered for restoration.
A sufficient sum, or is it termination?**

Llantilio Crossenny News

Llantilio Crossenny W I

This very talented group of ladies have been very busy over the Summer and in future editions will keep you up to date with their goings on! They would particularly welcome new members and do not for one minute imagine they just sit and gossip during their monthly meeting, oh no, action is the word and they are organising a Tai Chi course for everyone to show how diverse their interests are!

A short course of Tai Chi will commence Thursday November 9th, at 7. 00 in Llanvapley Sports Pavilion, there will be a nominal fee only as funding has been obtained to cover most expenses, and if you would like to join them in "gentle movement" exercises for all age and abilities, simply arrive on the first night and join in. Further details from Rosemary Roberts 01291 691024.

Skittles - Llanvetherine win but only just

Llantilio Crossenny Skittles team were in buoyant mood at the Hogs Head on Friday 20th October. They had already given Llanvapley a lesson in how to play skittles and the signs were that Llanvetherine were not likely to be much of a challenge. It could not have been further from the truth! The Llanvetherine team was captained by David Hughes-Jones who had assembled a formidable team of skittle players. In fact so many people wanted to play that there were 12 people in each team.

There were three rounds and pretty soon it was clear that the Llantilio team were struggling with some team members clearly below form. Captain Chris Cousens was going around trying to keep the team spirit but to no avail. At the end the Llantilio team had succeeded in closing the gap but Llanvetherine were still 3 points in front.

Once again thanks go to Dale, Graham and Rose of the Hogs for hosting the evening. The sausages and chips provided at the end of the competition were excellent and very much appreciated by the teams and their supporters.

The evening was rounded off by a game of Killer Skittles with 24 people taking part! The climax of the game saw Jim and Brian from Llanvetherine fighting over the last set of skittles. Jim won the game when Brian managed the almost impossible task of missing all the skittles with his last ball.

Llantilio Crossenny W I
Christmas Floral Demonstration and Craft Stalls
November 2nd at 7.00
At HOG'S HEAD
Admission £3 to include light refreshments

Churchyard Survey

Many people find graveyards interesting places as they provide records of the people who lived in the parish in the days gone by. In many cases the gravestones are easy to read but in some cases erosion and weathering have made it difficult to decipher the letters carved into the stone. As time goes by much of this information may fade away.

However, in the case of Llanvapley churchyard there is now a permanent record of the inscriptions on the gravestones on the world wide web.

The website has a list of all the gravestones and their inscriptions. Listed below is part of the record preserved on the site.



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Date	Surname	Other Name	Words
13-Oct-1890	WIMPENY	Thomas	In loving memory of / Thomas Wimpeny / of white house, in the parish / died October 13th 1890 / aged 56 years / Assent from the body, prese.. / with the Lord
14-Jun-1844	PRITCHARD	Anne	Sacred / to the .. / of Anne wife o. / John Pritchard / of this parish / who died June / the 14 1844 / aged 80 years
11-Jan-1872	HOSKINS	Ann	In memory of / Ann / the beloved wife of / George Hoskins / who died 11th Jan 1872 / aged 66 / "The Lord knoweth the days of the / upright and their inheritance shall / be for ever"
11-Oct-1911	NICHOLAS	Jane	In loving memory of / Jane / beloved wife of / Edwin Nicholas / of this parish / who died 11th Oct 1911 / aged 62 / Peace perfect Peace / Also of the aforementioned / Edwin Nicholas / died Jan 13th 1924 aged 67 / Thy will be done

The website can be found by "googling" using the words **LLANVAPLEY CHURCH**

Who's Who? – The Churchwardens

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Llanvapley	Les Taylor	01600 780 376
	Barbara Spells	
Llantilio Crossenny	Dennis Ball	01873 821 236
	Richard Barnfield	01600 780 365

Smile Please!

A couple were having their Sunday morning breakfast when the wife went to get her Sunday church clothes on. When she returned, the husband was still in his dressing gown.

"Aren't you going to church this morning?" asked the wife.

"No, I'm not going this morning. In fact, I'm not going to church anymore at all."

"What do you mean, we've gone to church for years, so why the change?"

He responded, "Look, there are people at that church who don't like me, and frankly, there are people at that church that I don't like, and I'M NOT GOING!"

She answered back, "I'll give you two good reasons why you need to go to church. One, you're 42 years old. Two, you got to go, you're the vicar."

Nothing in the newsletter?

If you think there is nothing of interest in the newsletter then we need your help. There is so much happening in our different parishes and villages and The New Times aims to bring local information together. It doesn't take long to write a report or to send a photograph. So please don't be shy!

Drop us a line by post (2 Firs Road, Llanvapley), email (llan.news@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone (01600 780376).