

Llantilio Crossenny

Penrhos **NEWSAROUND** *Llanfapley*

Llanvetherine



July 2000

Heidi's Comments

This is the time of year when many of our young people await the results of their final examinations – be they the finals of a degree, A-levels or G.C.S.E.'s.

I can not say I envy them! I still have nightmares about having to sit an exam for which I had done absolutely no revision at all– not even read the books on which I must comment!

At the time the exams and the results seemed so crucial. If only we can survive them then all will be well. But of course they are only the beginning. We have to sit many more tests in life– tests of character, of endurance, of patience and of faith.

At times we will fail, though we are constantly given fresh opportunities to “re-sit” and try again.

For those not brimming over with confidence about their results– take heart. For the greatest failure of all appeared to be a man dying on a cross, deserted by his friends, his hopes and dreams shattered. And yet from such apparent failure the world is redeemed, great things are achieved and ANYTHING is possible.

Good luck! And every blessing to you all,

Heidi

*Life can only be understood backwards;
It has to be lived forwards.*

Soren Kier Kegaard

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 7th July – Llantilio Crossenny Garden Party
6:30 pm at the Vicarage

Saturday 15th July – Llanvetherine Millennium
Celebrations
4:30 pm Henllan Grounds

This event takes place by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. B. Emery. A children's entertainer, side shows and games will be available. At 6:00 pm it is hoped a village photo will be taken. Between 7:00–8:00 pm a Bar-b-que will serve food with vegetarian options. Music and dancing with a bar will be available until 11:00 pm.

Tickets: Adults £5 (Inc. food)
Children (12 yrs. and under) £3 (Inc. food)
Pre-school children Free

Tickets need (for catering purposes) to be bought by 8th July. Further enquiries to Jill Lewis – 01873 821224.

Sunday 23rd July – Music for a Summer Evening
8:00 pm at Our Lady & St. Michael's
Church, Abergavenny

As part of Abergavenny Festival, Geoffrey Buckley will give a piano recital, including works by Mozart, Schumann and Beethoven. Tickets: £6.50, from Theatre Box Office, 01873 850805 or at the door.

Saturday 29th July – Diamond Wedding – Open House
2:00 to 5:00 pm. Sherilea, Llantilio
Crossenny.

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Rogation Sunday – Was held at Penrhos Church with over 30 parishioners. The service began in the Church, then moved to the Old Vicarage, where the Rev. Heidi blessed the gardens and its' produce. Then we went into John and Anne Biggs' field at Pentwyn. There Rev. Heidi said prayers for the farmers and blessed the plough and animals. We then returned to the church for coffee.

Penrhos Fete – On a wet Saturday afternoon, better than last years thunderstorms, Penrhos held a very successful Fete which raised over £710 for Penrhos Church.

Sincere thanks to Hilary and Helena Gerrish whose home was overrun once again. Thanks also to all who helped run stalls, sold draw tickets, made teas and did all those things that made it such a success. Thanks must also go to all who came along and spent their money. Perhaps next year the sun will shine for us!!

Llanfapley Family Fun Evening– Thank you to everyone who helped and who came along to support the Evening in the Sports Pavilion. The summer finally arrived and a good time was had by all. The picture quiz and the tombola were very busy and congratulations to Abbie Davies who managed to identify 19 out of 20 of the mystery faces in the quiz. The tombola attracted a lot of attention following Karen Noblet's collection around the village. The cake stall run by Nancy Beavan, was another success with lots of people baking special cakes for sale. Thanks also to Dave and Zena Lewis for helping with the raffle and the organisation of the

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games for the children. Penny and Richard Sidwell were once again on duty in the kitchen serving up teas and squash throughout the evening.

The evening raised £375 for Church funds, which included a donation of £175 from the Red Hart. The Red Hart have for some time been collecting for Llanfapley church by fining customers who have used inappropriate language at the bar. The large amount collected isn't an indication of what you can expect if you visit the pub but more a measure of the support for the church amongst its customers! The pub had already given £35 to the church from the same collection before Christmas and the final total of £210 is most welcome. Thank you to Jean, Jim, Iain and Gill for working so hard to collect the money and thanks to Harriet for designing the posters. It is rumoured that there will be a return of the ban on the use of the word "horse" in the pub now that the church collection is completed – be warned!

Millennium Family Fun Day – Members and friends of four surrounding parishes gathered together on Saturday 24th June, a windy – warm in the sunshine– cold when the clouds came over, but **dry** day in a field, by kind permission of Mr.& Mrs. Adrian Watkins, to celebrate the year 2000.

The many children present first took part in a fancy dress competition, and although, all who entered had a prize, the winner was a beautifully dressed (as a gypsy) young lady called Rebecca Barnfield and second was an accurately dressed (as a jockey) young man called James Long mounted on a splendidly turned out pony. This was

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organised and judged by the Women's Institute, who during the afternoon, also provided copious cups of tea, coffee or soft drinks.

The children were then entered into various types of races, before being allowed into the neighbouring wood on a treasure hunt for numerous hidden prizes.

The free barbeque, presided over by the Phillips' and Biggs' families, provided wonderful food including salad, rolls, steak, gammon, sausages and barbeque sauce. While most of us were eating this wonderful fare, the children, again were being entertained by Professor Mistral and his Punch & Judy Show.

Once the children were reasonably tired, various races, sack and egg & spoon, were organised for the adults. Then there was a rather large tug of war won by the team from the north side of the B4344.

During all this time raffle tickets were being sold and the whole proceedings were wound up by the drawing and disposal of nine great prizes.

Thanks for this great community event must given to Mr. & Mrs. G. Doyle for providing electricity and Mr. R. Nicholas and his organising committee for setting up the whole event.

Ploughing Match Barbeque, 17th June – A great evening was had by all at White House Farm, Llantilio Crossenny in aide of the Ploughing Match to be held at this farm on 2nd September 2000. Over 250 people attended resulting in a profit exceeding £1000. Thanks were given especially to Caroline Meredith and Hayley Nash for dressing up as two chickens to promote the chicken plop, which was won by Mrs. Jean James of Pandy. Length of rope- Mike Wilson and stepping 50 yds.- Trevor Phillips, Penrhos.

W I News

From Tony Blair to Cleaner Air!

In the past few months Llantilio Crossenny W I has visited Lydney Park to see the gardens (on a cold night), discussed resolutions for T.G.M., which I attended and witnessed Tony Blair's inability to cope with the reaction to his speech by a few W I ladies.

Then in June we were given a talk by the Environmental Department of Monmouth County Council, encouraging us to be greener and **RECYCLE** more to help cut the greenhouse gasses.

Next month we are visiting the Abbey Dore Court Gardens. This will take place on Wednesday 12th July. Please feel free to come and join us on this visit.

We will be holding our 2nd Craft day on Wednesday 9th August. New members are always welcome. For more information regarding membership and activities please contact either Pam Bowen on 01873 854449 or Rosemary Roberts on 01291 691024.

Pam Bowen

**Our thanks to Jenny and David Pilgrim
for kindly printing this NewsAround.**

**Please have all contributions for the August
edition to Heidi, Zoe, David or Cathy by
22nd July. All contributions welcome.**

DIARY

Sunday 2nd July

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
with Dedication
Christening
Evening Service

Llanvetherine 9:30 am
Llantilio Crossenny 11:00 am

Llanfapley 2:30 pm
Llanfapley 6:00 pm

Friday 7th July

Garden Party

Vicarage 6:30 pm

Saturday 8th July

Christening

Llantilio Crossenny 12:30 pm

Sunday 9th July

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Christening
Evening Prayer

Penrhos 9:30 am
Llanfapley 11:00 am
Llantilio Crossenny (no Sunday School) 3:00 pm
Llantilio Crossenny 4:30 pm

Saturday 15th July

Millennium Celebrations

Henllan Grounds 4:30 pm

Sunday 16th July

Holy Communion
Mattins with Holy Communion
Evening Prayer

Llanvetherine 9:30 am
Llantilio Crossenny 11:00 am
Llantilio Crossenny 4:30 pm

Sunday 23rd July

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evening Prayer

Penrhos 9:30 am
Llanfapley 11:00 am
Llantilio Crossenny 4:30 pm

Saturday 29th July

Diamond Wedding

Sherilea, Llantilio Crossenny 2:00 pm

Sunday 30th July

Holy Communion
Joint Service

Llanfapley 10:30 am

GOD'S LOVE

*God's love is like an island
In life's ocean vast and wide—
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the restless, rising tide...*

*God's love is like an anchor
When the angry billows roll—
A mooring in the storms of life,
A stronghold for the soul...*

*God's love is like a fortress
And we seek protection there
When the waves of tribulation
Seem to drown us in despair...*

*God's love is like a harbour
Where our soul's can find sweet rest
From the struggle and the tension
Of life's fast and futile quest...*

*God's love is like a beacon
Burning bright with Faith and Prayer
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a Haven there!*

We Never Walk Alone

What more can we ask of the Saviour
Than to know we are never alone-----
That His mercy and love are unfailing
And He makes all our problems His own.

We hold in our prayers Mr. Des Latham currently in the Heath Hospital, Cardiff.

Blessed are you, Lord, who heals the sick,
Blessed are you who binds up wounds,
Blessed are you whose care knows no end,
Humbly we look to You for safe keeping and salvation
For there is no other in whom we can so confidently put
our trust.

Sticking

*There was a little postage stamp no bigger than your
thumb,
But still it stuck right on the job until it's work was done.
They licked it and they pounded it 'til it would make you
sick
But the more it took a lickin' why the tighter it would
stick*

*So friend, let's be like the postage stamp in playing life's
rough game,
And just keep on a-sticking though we hide our heads in
shame
For the stamp stuck to the letter 'til it saw it safely
through.
There's no one could do better, let's keep sticking and
be true.*

Stories of our Hymns.... a new series

Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier

No hymn that has come out of the life of the American people is better loved than this one. And yet Whittier was no hymn-lover, for he was a Quaker, and always stuck closely to the meetings of the Quakers where silent worship was strictly observed.

He once admitted, "I am not really a hymn-writer, for the very good reason that I know nothing of music. Only a few of my pieces were written for singing. A good hymn is the best use to which poetry can be devoted, but I do not claim that I have succeeded in composing one."

Whittier was eighty-five when he died in 1892, and most of his life was spent in the small towns of New England where he was a journalist and editor, and the verses which make up this hymn come from the poem *The Brewing of Soma*. This poem was Whittier's comment on some rather noisy revivalistic meetings in his neighbourhood. Whittier's somewhat rational approach to religion (more of his hymns were included in the hymn-book prepared for the Parliament of Religions in Chicago 1893 than of any other single writer) was offended by the wild goings on at this revival. He likened them to the brewing of the intoxicating African drink Soma which was supposed to excite religious feeling. Then in the next stanza follows the line *Dear Lord and Father* which the English hymnologist, Garrett Horder, first used separately as a hymn in 1884. Whittier never thought his poems should be sung, although he would be happy to know the comfort and sound instruction they have brought to thousands.

James Powell's
Educational Foundation.

The Governors of the above named foundation invite applications from parents residing in the Parish of Llantilio Crossenny United for assistance towards the maintenance of children in further education, i.e. University, 6th forms and apprenticeships.

Applications for assistance under the Scheme should reach me on or before Wednesday,

16th August 2000

Mrs. D. M.. Watkins
The Park Farm,
Llantilio Crossenny,
Nr. Abergavenny,
Monmouthshire,
NP7 8TD.

Please note that no applications will be accepted after the closing date.

Congratulations!

To Mrs. Kate Smith who celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday 18th June.

To Christopher Price, from Penrhos, who has qualified as a vet from Bristol.

To Alys Cavanagh and Celia Cobb who graduated in History and Music respectively.

To Harold and Connie Lewis on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 29th July.

On this day they will be holding "Open House" for all friends and well-wishers to call from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. A short visit(with express demand of NO GIFTS) at Sherilea, Llantilio Crossenny will be appreciated.

Prize Competition

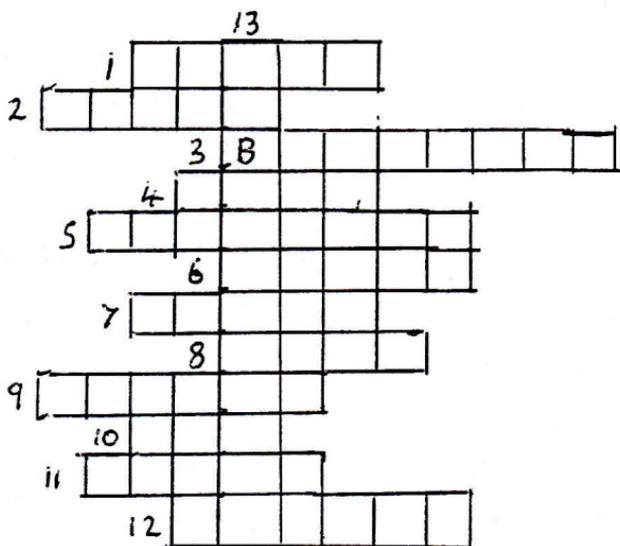
Of the entrants received by Heidi on the closing date the winner was declared as:

ALICE TAYLOR

Entries for the competition opposite to Heidi by 22nd July.

Children's Prize Puzzle

Read the story in Acts chapter 9 vs. 36-42 (Revised Standard Version). Work out the clues to the puzzle, the answer to the puzzle can be read at 13 down.



1. Name the disciple in this story
2. Town where Dorcas lived
3. Dorcas was a
4. She became ill and
5. Where her body was laid
6. The message was "Please"
7. Dorcas made these for poor people
8. She spent all her time doing
9. Peter knelt and
10. He sent all the others ...
11. When Dorcas saw him she
12. What happened to the news

A Funny Story

There was a Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jock, who was very interested in making a pound where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time.

Eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches. Jock put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and... yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine. Well, Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was an horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jock fair off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Now, Jock was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"