

Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

March 2023

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Parish Council's questionnaire published in the last edition of Llanfair Times. Who knows what a good response rate is? Far fewer than half of us responded but those who did were very much in favour of continuing to receive a paper copy rather than limiting it to online publication.

The Parish Council subsequently voted to continue funding the Llanfair Times but, with an eye to keeping costs under control, it was decided to reduce the number of editions to three a year rather than the current four.

The next edition will be in June as usual but then it will be November and every four months thereafter.

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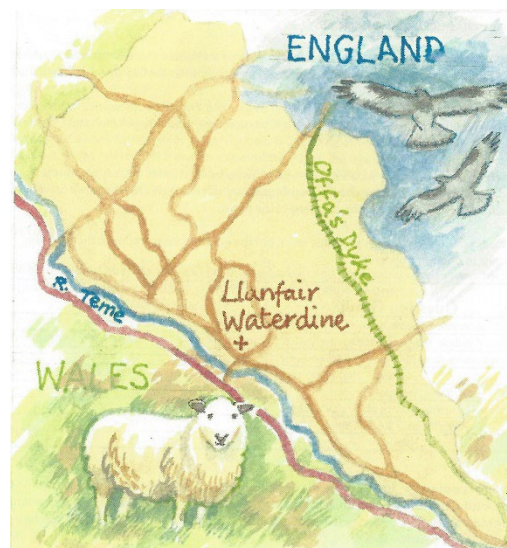
We would like to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for the next edition is 19th May 2023.

Please email us at llanfairtimes@gmail.com

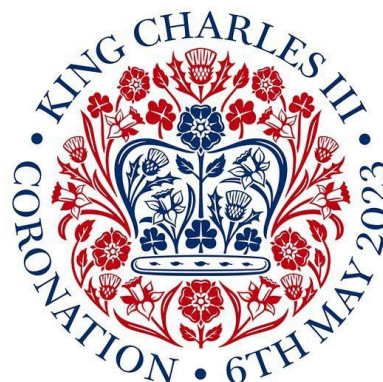
Like all teams, here at LT we would love more folk to get involved and help with proof-reading, distribution, ideas for articles etc. If you would like to join us, please email;

Happy reading.

Llanfair Times Editorial Team



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Saturday 6th May – Coronation Day

In the morning there will be streaming of the Coronation on TV at the pavilion, followed later in the day by a BBQ and paella - the bar will be open.

Sunday 7th

Community proceedings will start with a Church Service at 10.30 am.

The Everest Hall will stage the venue for the Coronation "Big Lunch". Later in the day there will be the planting of a commemorative oak tree at the Community Field, with another live streaming, this

time of the entertainment at Windsor Castle and everyone is welcome to join in with boules and field games. Let's hope for fine weather!!

Monday 8th Bank Holiday

There are no parish organised events but **The Big Help Out** will be held on the Monday and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom.

The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty the King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

What's On at..... The Pavilion

Regular Classes

Monday - Yoga - 10:00 - 11:30

Tuesdays - Playgroup - 10:00 - 12:00

Wednesdays - Yoga - 18:30 - 20:00

Every other Thursday - Zumba - 17:40 - 18:20 (6-11yrs)

Every other Thursday - Zumba - 18:30 - 19:30 (Adults)

Fridays - Social - 19:00 - Close



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Llanfair Waterdine Pavilion

£7.00 (first class free)

Booking essential via:
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www.facebook.com/zumbafunuk



What's On at..... The Everest Hall

Flicks in The Sticks:

Saturday 18th March: The Graduate (15)

Every second **Saturday of the Month** between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00pm: when you are going past the **Everest Hall** please **STOP** for a welcome break of tea or coffee and biscuits while you are catching up with friends and neighbours.

T Stop held at the Everest Hall every second Saturday of the month 10-12pm.

Catch up with friends and neighbours over drinks and biscuits. No charge, all are most welcome.

Contact Flik email : fizzywaters@outlook.com

Tel No 01547 529789

Mig's Group held at the Everest Hall every fortnight on a Tuesday.

Relaxed informal Music Group.

Contact Ceri Pearmain email:

ceripearmain@gmail.com Tel No 01547 529491

Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine available for most events.

Hire charges start at £7.00 per three hour session approx.

Central heating, seating for 100, piano, projector, screen, hearing loop, bar with fridge, toilets inc. disabled, ample parking.

Also handheld and lapel microphones.

Much, much more.

Contact for further information : email

everesthall@btinternet.com

Bookings Ruth email: ruthtemecottage@gmail.com

Tel 01547 528592

or Mary email : marybufton@btinternet.com Tel

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Mary Bufton



We're coming towards the end of our season and what an enjoyable and varied season it's been.... from gritty wartime drama in 'Operation Mincemeat' to the flamboyant and extravagant 'West Side Story'.... Something for everyone!

One recent screening was the excellent '**Where the Crawdads Sing**'. We had fine turnout and the film was really well received. Sometimes it's good to get lost in

a good old fashioned murder mystery. Our last film, 'Downton Abbey', was shown in the middle of February after the Llanfair Times deadline for copy.

Our final screening of the season on Saturday 18th of March is our 'classic' offering, and what a film this is. With one of the finest soundtracks (ever?) and starring Anne Bancroft as the most powerful Cougar (ever?) before Cougars were even a thing, we are screening the sublime '**THE GRADUATE**' starring of course Dustin Hoffman as the confused Benjamin who just doesn't know what to do with his life after Graduation. The prospect of him re-inventing himself as his middle class parents just doesn't do it for him....



Being our 'classic' most of us will remember this film, but here is our chance to see it as it should be seen.... ON THE BIG SCREEN! A rare treat.

Saturday 18th March: The Graduate (15)

Usual excellent refreshments and drinks
Cafe style seating
Hearing Loop Audio
Interval.

Adults £5.00
U16 £2.00

Finally, a huge thanks to all who have supported us this season, and a special thanks to the whole Flicks team who work so hard in making Flicks such an integral and successful part of village life.

Don and Kath Szmidt



The Pavilion

This is my last report on the pavilion as Chairperson as my term is coming to an end in March. We will be holding our AGM on the 6th March at 7pm at the Pavilion. All positions on the committee, including Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer will be elected. We would love to see some new faces on our committee to help with the day to day running and willing to join our dedicated team of volunteers.

Zoe Croose is also stepping down from the committee. She has been a very much valued member of our team, keeping us all organised and up to date with the technical side of things, but is now going to concentrate on our business, along with looking after Harper and Louie.

If you can't attend the AGM but have any views or queries, please send them to me prior to the meeting on communitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com.

The pavilion is continuing to be popular amongst the community for its Friday night socials. Some Fridays are quieter than others, but it's great to still see new people coming through the door each week. What we can guarantee is a lovely warm & friendly atmosphere, with everyone being welcome, even those of you who have not managed to attend yet. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Chainey of Thistledown, for running these weekly events. Some time is taken to order products, unload deliveries, set up, clear away and run the evening. It has taken a large workload off the Committee knowing that it's in safe hands and will continue to be a success with a smile behind the bar.

Most of you will now be aware that Llanfair Trust applied for a licence variation for the Pavilion to aid with running the pavilion. Some additional Annex 3 conditions, which most village halls or community spaces do not have, have been requested to be removed. They have also requested to extend the opening times by 1.5 hours to allow hirers the flexibility if required. The final request was to adjust the licence to include the Boules Court for consumption of drinks. Many of our supporters will be aware that during summer months, when a game of boules is being played, alcohol cannot leave the terrace. We hope that this variation will allow this to happen.

We all felt confident asking for these variations as we have been open for over 18 months now and have not had any complaints, other than some initial noise from bottles being emptied into bins on the first night of opening. Unfortunately, due to small number of representations, the Trust must attend a hearing (It will have taken place by the time you read this!). Fingers crossed that the variations are approved, and the community can continue to see how well managed the Pavilion is, even with these changes.

Other things to look out for are some of the 6 nations games to be shown at the Pavilion.

Zumba classes are starting in April by Tania from Little Graig, and Yoga is still going very strong twice a week, with many attendees.

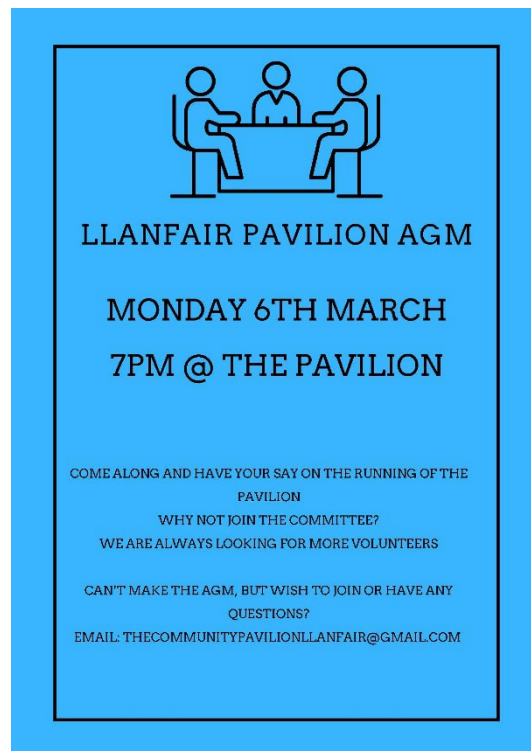
Now as spring approaches more and more requests for children's parties are being requested, with the play park and field a perfect addition for little ones. I would just like to add that as a committee we take enquiries for the hire of the pavilion very seriously, and only take bookings that we feel will not impact on the residents in the surrounding area.

See our Facebook page or notice board to keep up to date with all events happening at the Pavilion.

I have enjoyed helping to get the Pavilion running after the big build. I was heavily involved from the very start, with my husband, Andrew, being a Trustee at the time. I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and support, and to the community for getting behind this new venture. Change isn't always accepted in communities, but I feel the Pavilion has been nothing but a positive addition to our Parish. We are all very lucky to live in a small community where we have such a wide range of facilities available.

I wish you luck in going forward and look forward to our Friday night catch ups.

Sharon Beavan – Chairman



Everest Hall



Everest Hall - Your Village Hall

70th Anniversary of the Ascent of Everest

On June 2nd 1953 the world and the UK in particular woke up to the news that Mount Everest had been conquered by a British Team, led by Colonel John Hunt. It was the day of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and what a wonderful present for her on such a special day. The Team had actually achieved this amazing feat on May 29th 1953.

Our Village Hall was officially opened in June 1968 by John Hunt who, was by then, Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine and we were proud to name it Everest Hall in his honour.

Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
June 2nd 1953.
The coronation was observed in the Parish as follows. Gifts for children & adults, & a free luncheon for all Parish residents.
Each child up to school leaving age received a mug. In the late evening an entertainment by local artists was given in the school.
A "Bon fire" concluded the celebrations.
The school children watched part of the coronation, on television at the Craig, by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Bevan.

Mount Everest, Expedition 1953
The leader of the expedition Colonel John Hunt returned to the Parish on the afternoon of July 5th & was met at the Parish boundary near Tanworth, the Chairman of the Parish Council & the Vicar, carried a banner of welcome bearing the words "Welcome Home". Several hundred people were there to join in the celebration.

On the following day the 6th July the celebration of the return of this successful leader was continued, over a 1000 people were present, Colonel Hunt received a warm welcome. Dancing continued till mid night in the village square.

Perry Evans (Chairman)
24th Oct 1953



We are planning to hold celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of the Conquest of Everest on Bank Holiday Monday May 29th 2023.

Please make a note of this date and further information will be circulated nearer the time.

We are pleased to have received over the last few months a good response from our hirers. Their comments have included the courtesy they have received from our Trustees and how excellent our catering facilities are and the heating system, especially easy to adjust when required. It is an oil-fired heating system, so, although costly to run at the moment, there is a donation box in the Hall which is very generously used. Thank you.

At our **AGM** we were very pleased to co-opt Christine Chainey who lives in the village to our Committee and to welcome our guest Chris Gibbs. Trustee Andrew Gibbs was made honorary Vice President and thanked for his many years as our Booking Secretary.

Monday 29th May 2023 we shall celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Conquest of Everest.
(details will be posted on our notice board).

Our Monthly Fundraisers

The 'T Stop' every second Saturday of the month at which you call in between 10-12 to catch up with friends old and new over tea, coffee and biscuits. Cheers Flik. email fizzywaters@outlook.com

Flicks in the Sticks which is a pleasant evening entertainment and also very popular with café style or original seating with refreshments and we also have a bar. More information under a separate heading inc. future films etc.

200 Club Lottery is drawn on the first Monday of the month before our Committee meeting at 7.30 pm.

1st £20 – 2nd £10.00 – 3rd £5.00 – 4th £5.00.

Thanks to all - we now have **200** members.

Lottery Winners

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| December | 1 st | Trevor Edwards |
| | 2 nd | Ted Hutchens |
| | 3 rd | Knighton Young Farmers |
| | 4 th | Phil Morris |
| January/23 | 1 st | Annette Nix |
| | 2 nd | G M Evans |
| | 3 rd | John Gwilt |
| | 4 th | Graham Trew |
| February | 1 st | John Boast |
| | 2 nd | Ann Harroway |
| | 3 rd | Clare Bates |
| | 4 th | Mark Hughes |

The History of Everest Hall from an article written by Mrs Nancy Cummins in 1975.

Continued :- Year 1961

In spite of the fact that owing to the threat of closure it had been neglected and was in a very bad state of repair, it was decided to buy it. The roof leaked, the windows and doors let in howling gales and the walls had peeling plaster. It was "heated" by two small fire-

places, one in each room and a large and ancient "Tortoise" type stove which had about given up the unequal struggle. We were helped and advised by the Hon. Secretary of the Shropshire Association of Parish Councils who was also the Officer for the National Council of Social Services.

After much correspondence and more meetings, we found ourselves in a vicious circle. To get grant for "improvements", we had to have a place to improve. If we bought a place to "improve" we might forfeit the grant on the purchase price! However, the purchase price being promised we took the plunge and in 1961 bought the building as a Village Hall, the Trustee to be the Official Trustee of Charity Lands. We then had a house-to-house collection in the district. A list was made of the necessary repairs and alterations and a staggering estimate of costs emerged. In spite of the fact that we would get a 50% grant, some of us were really worried –

Would it ever be used enough to pay its way when done.....?

To be continued in the next edition to find out what happened when a start was made.

Do come along and see for yourselves if much has changed we have tried to keep all the values of past Trustees, their hopes and ours and yours for the future.

If anyone has any photographs and 'stories' to tell about the Hall they would like to share please contact any of our Trustees and we will include them in our Newsletter.

*Thank you The Everest Hall
Management Committee
email : everesthall@btinternet.com*

Butty Van - Middle Marches

The Butty Van is looking for some more venues within the Middle Marches

WHO ARE WE?

A group of volunteers affiliated to the Borderlands Chaplaincy.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We provide local farmers with bacon / sausage butties, a mug of tea / coffee and some cake. We don't have a van but we do have a gas BBQ and an urn.

WHY DO WE DO IT?

There are times when we could all do with a break and a chat. We are at a host farm between 10:30 am and noon. It's come as you are and an opportunity to meet other farmers. After that, we take it all away, including any rubbish.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

We don't make a charge: we do have a donations box.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

Some more venues, a barn / outbuilding to set up and an electricity supply for the urn.

If you think you could provide a venue and/or questions please contact:

Janet Tudor 01547 520293 jetstream4000@gmail.com

KNIGHTON & PRESTEIGNE LEG CLUB

The Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club is based in the Reynolds Room at Knighton Community Centre. It is affiliated to the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation (charity no. 1111259) whose mission is *Healthy Legs for Life*. The objective of the charity is to protect and preserve health amongst those experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, leg ulcers and/or associated lower limb conditions, empowering patients to take ownership of their care, alleviate their suffering and reduce the stigma attached to their condition. It also seeks to further advance education in all aspects of leg health among sufferers, carers, the general public and the healthcare professions.

The idea of the Leg Club is to give those suffering with leg problems a social outlet and an opportunity to meet with others with similar problems to their own in a relaxed, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Volunteers man the reception desk, greeting patients, taking details, registering new patients. They are then taken through to a screened area, where NHS District Nurses are ready to administer treatment.

While waiting, or after their treatment, patients are encouraged to sit at a communal table where volunteers are on hand to serve tea, coffee and biscuits, and helpful literature is displayed. If you feel you would benefit from a visit to the Leg Club, please ring the District Nurses' office on 01547 521270 to make an appointment.

Llanfair Waterdine WI



This year's programme is now in place and includes speakers and events to suit a wide variety of tastes and talents.

Since the last issue of the Llanfair Times we have had a meal out at the Lion at Leintwardine. Nearly all of our members were able to attend and we had a lovely lunch. As usual we were all glad to be together. We just made it back before they shut the road for flooding. Not a hugely happy experience but everyone got back safely. No damaged vehicles!

Our meeting on 3rd February was a workshop on recycled cards led by Sue Lovell who is a member. Everyone was engrossed and we all came away with some lovely cards. Sue had provided a wonderful selection of materials and suggested that we should "release our inner creativity". It worked!

Being members of a large national organisation means that we have the opportunity to influence matters of importance. At the moment we are voting for the topic that will influence future campaigns. This year's subjects involve the environment and climate change. We are also beginning to prepare entries for the Federation Open Day in May. For our March meeting (3rd) we have a talk by Phil Morris "Adventures with a Polytunnel". Another well-known local resident who not only has a prolific polytunnel but also has a wonderful knowledge of the wild life in his lovely garden.

In April (7th) Di Cook is holding a question and answer session about her experiences as a Police Dog Handler, yet another local resident. We have so many people with knowledge and talent living in the area with such varied life experiences.

If you would like to join us for an evening to hear the speaker and share a finger-food supper we meet in the Everest Hall. Meeting 7pm and speaker 7.30pm. Always on the first Friday of the month. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

For further information contact Ann Harroway 01547 528477.

Ann Harroway

St. Mary's Church



St. Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine

'Grass Cutting' Coffee Mornings – All welcome

All at 11.00 am on the first Wednesday of the month.

March 1st - Hosted by Mary Morgan at the Everest Hall.

April 5th - Hosted by Ruth Davies at the Everest Hall.

May 3rd - Hosted by Deirdre and Derek Beavan at The Graig.

Parochial Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 11.15 am service on Sunday, 5th March at 12.30pm. The election of Churchwardens at the beginning of the meeting is open to all parishioners and anyone on St Mary's Church Electoral Roll may attend the APCM.

Evensong

Our regular 4th Sunday Evensong service returns to **6.30 pm** on March 26th.

Reflection and Compline Services.

There will be no Reflection Service on April 12th as the Llanfair Singers, which includes many from our congregation, will be leading Evensong at Chester Cathedral.

There will be services of Compline on 8th March and 10th May at 6.00 pm.

Easter services

St Mary's Church will host a Benefice Easter Vigil service on Saturday 8th April at 7.30 pm.

On Easter Sunday, 9th April, there will be Holy Communion at 10.30 am. As Revd. Martin is unable to be at all seven churches, we are delighted that our service will be led by Bishop John Davies, the previous Archbishop of Wales, who was with us last Easter and on Christmas Day.

Parish Giving

Over 30 people now make regular payments to the Parish Giving Scheme. Information and application forms are available in the church porch. Please contact me if you would like any further information. A new facet of the scheme is that by clicking on a QR code with your 'i phone' you can make a 'one-off' or regular donation. There will be an A4 size QR code in the church. As our church does not have access to the internet, there are also bookmarks in the church with the QR code on the top, which visitors to the church can take away and access later.

Church Stalls

The Church Stall, next to Gail and Steve's garage, (by kind permission of them), and the Church Porch Book Stall are doing well. Thanks to all those who have contributed and purchased, items. The great news is that the total raised since the stalls opened last summer is approaching £1,000.

Please put donated items on the stall, priced if possible, and books, including children's books, in the church porch. (There is a notice there indicating the price of books which is £2.00 for hardbacks and £1.00 for paperbacks.)

May Day Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning with stalls at the Everest Hall on Monday May 1st at 11.00 am.

Entrance will be free and include coffee or tea and biscuits. There will be a Plant and Produce Stall, A Cake Stall, a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle.

All proceeds will be for church funds.

More information from Rob Taylor on 529706 or roberttaylor943@msn.com

Graham Trew

Rev'd Martin writes

In the recent Bible readings during our church services before Lent, we have been reading the Sermon on the Mount. This is an interesting, intriguing and challenging passage which presents many facets of wisdom from not just the early Christian church, but also from the Jewish Faith of that time, which had also had different influences from other cultures and

religions. There are memorable phrases which many of us know, such as;

'sufficient unto the day the evil thereof', and
'do unto others as you would have done unto you'.

These phrases when absorbed are not very different from some of the ideas put around by mindfulness advocates. Wisdom from any source can enhance and improve the lives of all of us.

Matthew, like the other Gospel writers was laying the foundation for stable and sustainable community life in what were horribly violent and unpredictable times. Being careful about not just words and behaviour, but also developing and maintaining open and generous attitudes were described as key to healthy relationships and communal life.

We all know that the Gospels tell the story of Christ's time on earth, and we all know that the coming seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter mark and commemorate the end of His Life on earth. For those of Faith, it also marks His Resurrection. The underlying message is the redeeming power of sacrificial love.

Our news has been bleak of late, and we often feel helpless as we hear accounts and stories of pain and misery. What we can and should focus on is that small acts of generosity and kindness contribute to healing something of the trauma and pain of disasters and other terrible events. One thought which isn't from the Sermon on the Mount, but which is still meaningful, is that although we can't as individuals save the world, by being kind, we can change the world for someone, somewhere.

Martin Quayle

LLANFAIR SINGERS

CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

There is only one place that I could possibly start this month, and that is to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Christmas Concert. Obviously we hope that you enjoyed the music and the excellent supper (photo below) for which several of you said that we should have charged more.....!

Even so, thanks to your generosity we raised over £1100 to share between our two charities – *The Knighton and Presteigne Food Bank* and *The Knighton and Presteigne Leg Club*. A tremendous result at a difficult time for both of these charities, yet a result which has benefited so many people over Christmas and beyond. Thank you.



After a well-earned Christmas break (we had sung at several carol services, too) we started this term with several new members – which is a joy - although we are still short of Tenors, so if you are someone who can sing “*just one Cornetto*” in the shower you should definitely be joining us!

We had only been back 5 minutes when we were issued with copies of Handel’s *Messiah* with the injunction: “we’ll be singing this on the 11th Feb at St. Edward’s Church!” When coupled with the discovery that there would only be four rehearsals in which to master it, a certain *frisson* of excitement was generated (where “excitement” could be synonymous with panic!)

Many would consider the *Messiah* quite enough to master in four weeks, but add to that the need to prepare for a St David’s Day service at Whitton (26th Feb) along with learning and perfecting the music needed for our Choral Evensongs at Chester Cathedral (12th April) and Hereford Cathedral (20th May) plus whatever commitments Easter brings, then you will see that this is going to be a full and exciting term for us. The best sort.

If you wish to see just how successful we have been in mastering all of this then do join us at either of the Cathedrals; we would be delighted to see you and would certainly welcome your support. I am also certain that you will be proud of the way in which the choir enhances the reputation of Llanfair.

As always, the summer term will bring many more commitments and the need to learn some light music for concerts; not least the Christmas concert. It all helps to keeps our minds active, our lungs working and provides us with a fantastic social life to go with it all. Being a choir member certainly has lots of advantages – not to mention the parties which, of course, we won’t mention because to enjoy those then you need to be a member..... Another good reason to join us!

Happy Easter. **Michael Symonds**

In Conversation with.....

Chris and Steve Chainey



Chris and Steve are great walkers and frequently pass through Mellin Y Grogue hamlet. They agreed to meet at the farmhouse and, sure enough, arrived in foot having walked from the village.

RL: How did you come to move to Llanfair Waterdine?

SC: We had been looking in the broader area for about eighteen months but had concentrated our efforts in the Leominster and Hay on Wye areas. We then saw our house but the agents said that house had already been sold. However, the house came onto the market again so we drove straight up from Somerset. We immediately bought it.

RL: What did you like about the house?

SC: I loved the garden.....Chris loved the house.

RL: Who is the gardener?

SC: I am but under Chris’s direction!

CC: The main garden is behind the house and faces south. It looks across the valley and is a very relaxing place to be. Yesterday, my parents sat out as it was such a lovely day. They had a great time.

SC: The thing about the garden is that it is a private place. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a garden where they cannot be overlooked and where there is a meandering river over the hedge.

SC: What we love about the house is that it is a lovely size and it is large enough for Chris’s parents to be accommodated: they are staying with us at the moment.

RL: Where do you both originally hail from?

CC: I come from Benfleet in Essex and Steve comes from Yeovil in Somerset.

RL: Have you two been together long?

CC: We met in 2014.

RL: I think that you are both enjoying retirement. What did you do before you retired?

CC: I taught in Further Education.....

SC:and I was in the hospitality trade for 20 years, although I finished my working life as a milkman.

RL: I think that you have done a lot already to contribute to our community.

CC: I have joined the Everest Hall Management Committee. We have been able to use Everest Hall for practising our dancing since we arrived here. I also joined the Llanfair W.I.

SC:and I am a member of the Pavilion Management Committee. I also help to run the bar there at the socials on Friday evenings.

RL: That's great, so what is the best thing about living here?

SC: No main roads; you can walk straight out of the house into lovely walks. We live in a great spot. It still makes me smile when I look out of the window.

CC: We both love walking and we both love ballroom dancing. And we both potter! In addition, I am involved in craftwork and in quilting. I am new at this and still early on in my development.

RL: I was very impressed with the work you were doing on your dining room table when I called. I would consider it to be advanced!

SC: As far as walking goes, and despite a replacement knee, I have walked the entire south-west path of 630 miles in 27 days. I've walked across Dartmoor and Exmoor, too. I would really like to do Offa's Dyke.

RL: Can you tell us how you met, please?

SC: We met through dancing, specifically 'mojive'. It was in Yeovil. Our first social dance after Covid was at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom, very grand. I've enjoyed competition dancing in the past.

CC: I had to wait in a queue as Steve was very popular with the dancing ladies.

SC: That was because less men are involved in ballroom dancing. You can see this through ladies who have to partner one another on the dance floor.

RL: Do you have any children?

SC: I have three, two boys and a girl. They are all grown up now and living in the south of England.

RL: Any holiday plans?

ST: We're not great holiday people although we have a dancing holiday in Cyprus planned and are looking forward to that.

RL: Thanks for coming round and thanks for that pot of scrummy-looking blackberry and apple jam which I hear was a joint-effort in the making. It will certainly be enjoyed here.

With this, Chris and Steve departed to continue another of their long parish walks.

Richard Lewis

Dispatches from the Teme – Lugg Derby

"Optimistic?"

A hollow laugh. "They lost 15-0 last week".

"Ah right. Cheers then."

If the reaction of the guy on the gate was anything to go by, we'd be seeing goals at least.

Alright, let's start again. Let me introduce myself. I'm David. I do occasional football writing. I've had bits and bobs published in When Saturday Comes, the Guardian and on football365. However my biggest qualification for this job is being the son of Don and Kath at the Mill in Lloyney. Don't let anyone tell you nepotism isn't a force in media circles.

Obviously, I love football, and I love Boxing Day football. I've lived in the Czech Republic for the last 17 years, and I've spent most of that time following my city's team, Zbrojovka Brno, in the Czech 1.Liga. When we're not being battered by Slavia Prague — and even when we are — me and my mates go to every game, home and away, and my mate Sam and I do a podcast on the team. It's called Zbrojovkast if you're interested. Safe to say we love the football.

However, Boxing Day doesn't exist there. Nor do I. I'm normally here.

Anyway, where were we? Well, here. And yes, just arriving. The chap driving us there and enquiring at the gate was Rob Gwilt, farming legend, football fan and someone who'd suggested he might just be up for watching a game.

So the Teme - Lugg Derby (as no-one but me calls it, probably) was on.

We parked, headed into the club bar, got drinks. Spurs were losing against Brentford. Coventry hadn't kicked off yet, so my dog wasn't in any particular fight yet (and hopefully that will tell you that I know what hapless football looks like. In fact, pre-Mark Robins, the Sky Blues had been lacking hap for years).

First half, I wouldn't have known which team had lost the previous week. Knighton pushed higher, Presteigne tried to make the best of what they had, but it was even enough. The rain started coming in sideways. People put up hoods and made stoic noises. General shivering. 0-0 it ended. Bloody hell.

I headed in to get the next round just before half-time, trying to beat the rush. Well the rush was there before me, but it was a good-natured rush. In, bag of crisps, round of drinks, done. Chap in a suit with a red bowler hat there. Rob nodding and swapping jokes with people. Kids engrossed, open-mouthed in Kane dragging Spurs back into it.

Second half, it was all Knighton. The sun struggled, but eventually managed to make an appearance, and it started to get a bit easy as Presteigne clearly began to tire. There was some encouragement from the sidelines as a bloke to my right decided that Meaningless Football Noises ("Get it!" "Time!" "Who wants it?!") were the thing to do, but it was time to close the game out.

Knighton won, you probably know that. The Teme - Lugg Cup has a new home, at least for the moment.

However, winning and losing isn't the point. I mean, it is for the lads who took part, and to all of you, well done. It takes a lot more to get out there, at any level, than to criticise from the side. You wouldn't get my flimsy limbs out there for all the money in the world. Nice one, all of you.

Anyway. We headed back, slightly numb of finger and toe, discussing saves, fouls, decisions and chances missed as we would a Premier League game.

And that's the thing. I love this stuff. We all love this stuff. There's something about it. Crisp winter days, nods to people you might not know by name but know every week by sight. Big coats, stomping boots, a chilly pint or a warming cup of tea. It's the same wherever you go. Brno, Presteigne, Coventry, Shrewsbury, Knighton. It's all there. I loved it.

Cheers lads. Same time next year?

David Szmidt

Shrewsbury Town fell to a late 2-1 defeat against Championship side Sunderland in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday 7th January.

Championship club Sunderland scored twice in stoppage time to reach the FA Cup fourth round at the expense of The Shrews.



Spot the Sunderland supporters.

Organised by Robert Gwilt, a full coach of 40+ Shrews supporters and 3 Black Cats supporters enjoyed a grand day out followed by an after-match pub supper. Shame about the result (eh, Rosie, Liz and Mike?)

The London Drive

December 2022

Following an over-night stay at the Premier Inn Watford, and an early 05.00 alarm call, we arrived at Tabaco Docks in Wapping for the arranged 07.00 start. We were reassured to be quickly joined by lots of other travellers with their horse and carts.

Breakfast was served at a local cockney pub and we set off on our drive - journey - adventure. We were a little uncertain at the outset as to who was leading, then one chap in a blue boiler suit took

control as he rushed past everyone and headed up the highway . We thought it best to follow him and so did everyone else.

All the carts travelled in anticipation and excitement at what might happen and what we might see. A real thrill was going through all the red traffic lights and all the other traffic coming to a standstill. As one traveller commented " No one wants a big horse all across his bonnet! ". And there were in excess of ninety horse and carts on The Drive.

We travelled alongside the Thames, sight-seeing, especially picking out the Tower of London and the Big Wheel. The 'Drive' were all amused to see the London crowds take a break from their shopping, stand on the pavement and, possibly in astonishment, cheer all of us on our way.

The first stop was at Camden Market. The locals, we noticed, delighted in looking at the horses, rubbing them down and giving them treats. We set off again and on we went thro' the busy streets with locals still cheering , clapping and filming with their phones. Sometime after passing the Harry Potter Museum a second stop was called and Lunch was served. With horse and carts just 'parked' anywhere and anyhow, along the street it caused some chaos and some more traffic jams. No matter. The Police just smiled , waved and were content to leave well alone.



The highlights continued as we travelled passed Buckingham Palace, raced along The Mall and reached Borough Market, where the horses and the humans had a well-earned drink. We finished by making our way back to Wapping , enjoying the Christmas Lights,

the continued cheering from the crowds and the buzz of the Capital.



Finally we loaded up, said our au revours, and headed home to the green of Mid-Wales, tired but still buzzing with so many memories and stories to share .

Lesley Davies Cwmarirog Farm

Remembrance

Terry Morgan

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Terry Morgan, eldest son of Mary and Llewelyn Morgan of Selley Hall at the age of 64. Terry is survived by his wife Heather and their three children, Tessa, George and Lewis. Although Terry had lived away from the parish since leaving school, he will be remembered especially as an energetic cyclist, often seen cycling around our area, training for the Tour De France! Our heartfelt sympathies go to Mary and Llewelyn and the whole Morgan family.

Freda Powell

We record the death of Freda Powell, late of The Cwm, Dutlas, who died recently at the age of 89. Freda was a loyal member of the Church and PCC and also of Everest Hall Management Committee for many years. She will be remembered for her famous Welsh Cakes and Mince Pies, which most of us will have enjoyed over the years. Our sympathies go to her children, Shirley, Edith, Olwen and David and the whole Powell family in their sad loss.

Ruth Davies



Rob Gwilt just can't stop quizzing us....

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1. Who won the inaugural Llanfairwaterdine Boules Cup in 2022?
2. Name the local farmer who represented Powys in Cross Country at the National Championships.
3. At which local event might you win the Billy Robertson Memorial Trophy?
4. Heyope Sports used to host a Piano Smashing Competition. True or False?
5. Felindre FC and Newcastle FC play in the Mid Wales League South. In what year was the League formed?
6. Name the personality with close personal ties to Llanfairwaterdine who was included in an International Cricket Eleven to play against a South Africa Eleven in Europe (!).
7. The famous Wales Rugby Union International Dan Lydiate is a relation of which 'famous' Felindre FC footballer?
8. Former Darts World Champion John Lowe once played some locals in Felindre. True or False?
9. What is the name of Tref-y-Clawdd RFC's ground?
10. Name the sports personality who played at Heyope Sports as a schoolboy, later became a World Champion and was inducted into the Welsh Sports Hall of Fame?

Robert Gwilt

Answers to December's Quiz questions;

1. Andy Robertson. 2. John Way. 3. Jemma Morgan
4. Abbie Price. 5. The Welsh Two-Day Enduro.
6. Joe Royle (!). 7. Joan Adams. 8. The Mid Wales League South. 9. Tref-y-Clawdd Player of the Year Trophy. 10. Colin Davies (Cwmarirog) and Ben Griffiths (Felindre). 11. John Lane. 12. Joshua Keene. 13. True (!). 14. Jim Cummins. 15. John Way. 16. Neil Cutler. 17. Roma Edwards. 18. False. 19. Tony Greasley. 20. Christine Chainey.

Roast Easter Lamb/Hogget/Mutton

I asked my Cotes du Rhone supplier for his favourite recipe to accompany his delicious Domaine des Nymphes Cotes du Rhone Villages. Rémi sent me this very seasonal recipe which I reproduce here for you.

- 1 kg of potatoes
 - 1.2 kg boneless shoulder
 - 150 g of Dijon mustard
 - 150 g of black olives tapenade (buy a jar or make your own – see below)
 - 4 cloves of garlic
 - Beef stock
 - Lamb or pork caul (If you can get it...Tom Pugh? Enough to wrap the lamb shoulder)
 - Thyme (4/5 sprigs)
 - Rosemary (3 sprigs)
 - Sea salt
 - Ground paper
 - Lemon (optional)
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- Peel and slice the potatoes (4mm thick – Gratin dauphinois style....). Place them in an oven baking tray.
 - Turn the oven on to 210°C.
 - Rub the boneless lamb shoulder with the salt then grind the pepper coarsely.
 - Mix the mustard and the tapenade and coat the lamb shoulder with the mix.
 - Wrap the coated lamb shoulder with the pork (or lamb) caul.
 - Add the beef stock to the baking tray. Fill up to the top of the potatoes.
 - Crush the garlic cloves and place them on top of the potatoes.
 - Add the branches of Thyme and rosemary (and the lemon juice – optional).
 - Set the coated lamb shoulder on the potatoes baking tray and put it in the oven for 40mins.
 - Rest the meat under tin foil for 10min and enjoy with a nice glass of southern Rhône valley wine!

For the tapenade

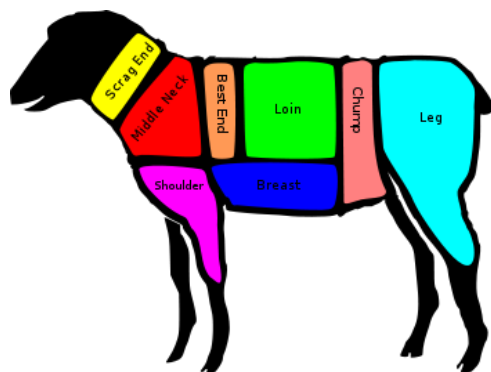
Ingredients

- 290g jar of pitted kalamata black olives (160g drained weight)
- 1 tbsp capers
- 2 anchovy fillets
- 50ml olive oil
- 1 tsp red wine vinegar
- sprig fresh thyme, leaves only (optional)

Method

Blitz all the ingredients except the thyme in a small food processor. Season with black pepper then transfer to a jar or serving dish and scatter over the thyme leaves if using. *Keeps in the fridge for 3 days.*

Hope you will enjoy this recipe which is my typical easter roast. **Bon appetit! Rémi**



Lamb/Hogget/Mutton?

“Simply put, hogget is a juvenile sheep either a young ewe or tup over 11 months old to 24 months. Older is mutton, younger is lamb.” *Lifted from ‘tinternet.*

Mark Hughes

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Shropshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has loads of walks to download and print - free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you”.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus in length, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

John Harris john@walkinginengland.co.uk

COMMUNITY TRUST

As the winter nights pass and we look forward to spring, there are some exciting community events upcoming. Of course the coronation of King Charles III will be a momentous occasion for the whole country and there are several events planned in the community.

Saturday 6th May – Coronation Day

In the morning there will be streaming of the Coronation on TV at the pavilion, followed later in the day by a BBQ and paella - the bar will be open.

Sunday 7th

Community proceedings will start with a Church Service at 10.30 am. The Everest Hall will stage the venue for the Coronation “Big Lunch” (a nationwide event). Later in the day there will be the planting of a commemorative oak tree at the Community Field, with another live streaming, this time of the entertainment and Windsor Castle, and everyone is welcome to join in with boules and field games. Let’s hope for fine weather!!

Monday 8th Bank Holiday

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty the King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

Land Management

The ELS/HLS agreement has been going through some changes to allow this to be extended for five years. As one of the largest incomes for the LWCT, it is essential that we have this finalised soon to allow us to manage the land parcels efficiently and in line with the agreement. This will ensure the income we receive is maintained to be utilised for the general benefit of the parish. We also will be starting the work on the triangle in March/April so look forward to making positive improvements to the area.

PARISH COUNCIL

Full Licence Variation

Recently the LWCT applied for a full variation of the premises licence held for the Community Pavilion. The objective of the application was to make the running of the premise easier for the volunteers. The main changes to the current licence would be as follows:

- To remove Annex 3 conditions
- Increase the opening and licensable hours by 1.5 hours
- Add "off sales"

This received both positive and negative feedback from the Community, Therefore a licence hearing was held at Shropshire Council. The hearing was a very positive discussion and highlighted some ways forward for the Community and the Trust. We are delighted to confirm we have received approval on the licence variation (with some minor adjustments to what was applied for). All new conditions have been shared with everyone who made representations. We look forward to these changes making the running of the premises easier and continuing to be a great asset to the community in which we live. It was apparent that as a community we can resolve the potential issues before it needs to be escalated to the likes of Shropshire Council. Therefore, in future, we should look to discuss subjects like this internally as a parish.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and hope that the whole community continue to benefit from the facility. In an area where we are isolated, and with social clubs and pubs closing, we are thankful to have a place to meet and socialise. Here's to enjoying each others' company going forward.

Thanks.

[Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust](#)

Matthew Croose

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From the Chairman of the Parish Council

In our January meeting, the Parish Council continued to recognise the difficulties it is having in finding people to apply to become Trustees of Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust. To try to help the situation, I was asked to elaborate more on this matter in my March article.

I have been giving the whole Community Trust quite a bit of thought recently, while doing various mundane jobs around our farm, and as a result I have decided to devote the whole of my article to this important issue. Having been a Trustee myself for a number of years, I do have a good idea of not only what is involved but also what the challenges are now and what they are likely to be in the future.

The Community Trust is currently running with just three trustees. This is immediately of concern to me, as while the Trust can operate with this number, should three ever become two, the decision-making process, and hence the working of the Trust, would cease completely. I think that to some extent the skills needed, and the workload to be managed may be putting some useful candidates off applying.

To give some general background, the essence of the Charity is to manage the assets held in a responsible way, with an aim to maximise the income gained from those assets, and then to seek to distribute that income in a useful and effective way in line with the aims of the Charity.

Currently, almost all of the assets are held in the form of land, together with the Community Pavilion, and a small specialist Charity investment fund.

I think people in the Parish and environs should also be aware of what is involved with the land management aspect of the Trust.

Three parcels of land are managed actively as farmland. Trustees have to ensure the grassland is maintained and grazed to comply with the agricultural and environmental schemes that it is entered into. This is quite a technical job requiring considerable knowledge, and with new and amended schemes coming along, it is difficult to keep fully up to speed. Boundaries made of hedges, fences and gates have to be maintained and kept stock proof, and neighbouring landowners dealt with appropriately when required. Grazing licences have to be negotiated and agreed each year with farmers, who then have to adhere to the strict conditions imposed.

This is all quite a bit of work for a small group of volunteers, and it also requires some skills that they may not have. The Trust can of course look at options such as engaging land agents to do some or all of the above work, but this could significantly eat into the income generated.

I now believe that the time may have come for the Community Trust to look at what form of assets will be best to hold for the current situation and the future. Of great importance will be security, the value of the assets, and the ability of the assets to provide a reliable and maximised income for distribution within the allowed parameters. Consideration needs also to be given to the burden on the Trustees now and in the future, and to whichever form of asset is best.

I am guessing that advice would initially need to be sought from the Charity Commission about this, and also how it should be progressed, should the Trust decide they wished to make any changes. It would seem likely that any disposal of land would need to have wide support from within the Community, and I am sure a good case would need to be made to garner sufficient support. I should not, and do not wish to give my own opinion about this matter, but as I have said earlier, I do believe that the whole situation needs looking at, given that new Trustees have to come forward and have to be capable and confident in dealing with the issues to be confronted.

As I read my words above, I wonder if this report may have the opposite effect to that intended and may discourage rather than encourage applicants. On a personal level, I would like to share that my most inspirational time as a Trustee was during the years when it transitioned from the Parish Charities with very difficult structures to work with, to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with much broader and more easily managed structures. During this period, we even discussed inspirational Triangles, and tall ships thanks to then Trustee Rick Harrowing. Maybe YOU can be part of a new and inspirational chapter in the history of the Charity, or maybe you will apply to join and help to support those already involved.

To my mind, the really important thing is that we in the community fully appreciate and respect the work that these volunteers do for us all.

Thank you, from the community, to all Trustees - past, present, and future.

Andrew Beavan

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Parish Council Website

<https://www.llanfairparish.co.uk>

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LLANFAIR WATERDINE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council is looking for a person to serve as a Parish Councillor. Do you have a few hours spare time per month? Do you want to be involved in your community? If the answer is YES, then apply to become a Parish Councillor! If you would like to serve as a Councillor, please contact the Clerk (details below), who will send you an application form, or you can download the form from llanfairparish.co.uk.

To qualify, a person must be at least 18 years old, a British citizen, eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a member state of the European Union.

Also, the person must either be registered on the Electoral Register for the parish or live in, own land or be a tenant of land or premises in the parish or work mainly or only in the parish or live within 3 miles of the parish. And finally, you must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

Applications are invited by 5pm on Friday 10 March 2023. Co-option to the Parish Council will be considered on 20 March 2023.

For further information or an informal chat please contact the Clerk, Mrs Maggie Brown, by email llanfairparishclerk@gmx.co.uk, or phone 07398 222 310.

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