



# Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

## Winter 2023

We would love to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for next March's edition is 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Please email us at [llanfairtimes@gmail.com](mailto: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 and Happy Christmas.**

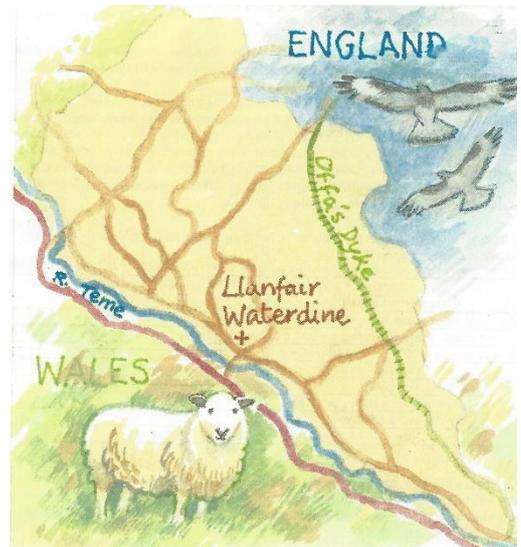
**Llanfair Times Editorial Team**



### Llanfair Christmas Post

Cards will be collected from the postbox on the wall by the door to Everest Hall from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the evening of the Annual Carol Service. There will be two deliveries. As in the past, if you are able, please leave a donation in the box with your cards, which will go to charity. 10p per card has been acceptable in past years. This postbox is for deliveries in Llanfair, Lloyney and the Parish.

*Richard Lewis*



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## Father Christmas came early to Melin-y-Groque.



Whilst going down to the river to check the rising water levels during the recent heavy rains at the end of October, Mary and Frank at Melin-y-Groque Mill spotted this colourful (but poisonous) beauty at the base of their birch trees.

***Amanita Muscaria,***  
***aka the Father Christmas Mushroom.***



Hundreds of years ago, it was found that the winter solstice ceremony of the indigenous people of the North Pole, especially the Koryaks of Siberia and the Kamchadales, had similar traditions to the ones of our own Christmas Eve.

In the ancestral communities of the Arctic the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st, was a ceremonial and festive date. Rituals were conducted that were guided by shamans who collected the *Amanita muscaria* mushroom, also called fly agaric, which has powerful hallucinogenic properties.

Legend says that, during their trips the shamans managed to see the future of the community, they could turn into animals and fly towards the North Star in search of knowledge to share with the rest of the people. At the end of their hallucinogenic experience, they would return to the group in their yurt and meet with the important folk of the town to begin the solstice ceremony, in addition to sharing their visions with the community.

Shamans' psychotropic journeys are believed to be related to the idea that Santa Claus travels with his sleigh and reindeer through the skies to deliver gifts. The gift given by the shamans was the knowledge that the mushroom gave them, in addition to sharing portions of it among those present.

Another similarity with the Christmas imagery is that the entrance to the yurts was a hole in the roof, because the main door was covered with snow. Thus the shaman made his appearance descending from the highest part of the house, similar to Santa Claus descending through the chimney.

**Mark Hughes**, with due acknowledgement to [www.ffungi.org](http://www.ffungi.org)

## WHAT'S ON

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

#### **Regular Classes**

Mondays: 10:00am – 11:30am – Yoga

Tuesdays: 10:00am – 12:00pm – Play Group

Wednesdays: 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Yoga

Thursdays: 7:00pm – 7:45pm – Panache Dance Fitness

Saturdays: 8:00am – 1:00pm – Dog Training

(Please contact us for details of class organiser)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas tree lighting, free mince pie and a glass of mulled wine.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023** – NYE's Murder Mystery Night. Tickets are £45.00 per person available now to Llanfair residents at Bar ( Adults only).

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024** – Back by popular demand, Fish and Chip night. Pre-order available the week before.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024** – Rugby 6 nations England vs Wales KO 4.45PM

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024** – Quiz night hosted by Rob Gwilt

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024** – Celebrating St David's Day with guest Welsh beer and Games night.

We are open every Friday night from 7pm so come along for a drink and catch up with friends and neighbours. All welcome.

### What's On at..... **Everest Hall**

#### **Flicks in The Sticks:**

**Maigret – 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Mrs. Harris goes to Paris – 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**T Stop** 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.

No charge, all are most welcome.

Contact Flik email : [fizzywaters@outlook.com](mailto:fizzywaters@outlook.com)

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**Everest Hall 100 Club Lottery.** £5.00 per annum.

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

Relaxed informal Music Group.

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**Everest Hall** Llanfair Waterdine available for most events.

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

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**Mary Bufton**

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We are into our Winter season, so here's what we've already entertained with (hopefully!) and, more importantly, what's to look forward to!

**October** saw Tom Hanks as the grumpy MAN CALLED OTTO; a man uncomfortable with current society, compounded by recently having lost his wife. His way of life is turned pretty much upside down when new neighbours arrive and his current way of life is questioned. Lessons learnt on both sides though: a gentle, witty treat.

**November 18th**, and it's **MAIGRET's** turn to entertain us.

We chose this film after having seen it at Ludlow, and thought that we would enjoy it at Llanfair. Now, I'm not a huge fan of the detective "Ah, it was Miss Scarlet in the Dining Room with the candlestick" genre, but this recent Gerard Depardieu works for me as it takes the audience on a journey of gradual revelations and clue solving... we learn the truth in the

same time-frame as Mairget: Subtle, clever and most satisfying.



**December: NOTE THE DATE! Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December.** Yes, at last something to do in the void that is between Christmas and New Year! We are hoping for a good turnout for our next presentation... as requested... **MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS.**



Based on the novel by Paul Gallico, Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her outlook but the very future of House of Dior. Beautifully filmed, joyful, vibrant, colourful and total escapism.

All films start at 7.30

Hearing Loop Audio

Cafe style seating

Home-made snacks and good wine.

Adults £5

U.16 £2

We hope to see you soon. Keep a look out in the usual places for our Spring season selection.... we haven't decided yet as there is so much good stuff waiting for us.

**Don and Kath Szmidt**

## Wine Tasting Suppers at The Everest Hall

Rita and Mark's October wine tasting suppers were enjoyed by more than sixty sniffers and slurpers over the two evenings. The eight french wines were followed by Nigel Slater's Sausage and Bacon Frikadeller and the eight, mainly Riojas the following week accompanied a very large paella.



Needless to say the volume in the hall increased in direct proportion to the wines "tasted".

*Mark & Rita Hughes*

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## The Moto-Bike Show 2023

On a glorious August sunny day, Llanfairwaterdine played host to the annual motor-bike show raising monies for the Blood Bikes Charity. The organisers led by the charismatic local, David, are delighted to relate that the day raised upwards of £4,500. An amazing and rewarding sum.



The organisers are especially keen to say some special "Thank you's" to some special local volunteers and 'supporters':

To Abbie and Rachel who organised a welcomed raffle. A rare thing. Possibly made welcome because

there were so many prizes generously donated . When totalled they raised over £390!

To Julie and Pauline who organised the Refreshments. With the 'team' of Elaine, Elizabeth, Gareth, 'Jenny', Joe, Lesley, Rhian and Rosie the first 'Full English' was served at 7am. Is there a better way to start the day ? Teas , coffees, 'pops' , home-made bakes and cakes continued to be relished by all until the day concluded.

To Trevor who spent the whole day organising the car parking , organising the trade stands and organising the bike displays and all with a smile and easy manner. Always appreciated.

To Black Hall , SDK Agri , Hoof and Scoop , Derek Brick, Andy Robertson , Llanfair Hall , Gail and Steve, John Tranter and Taste of Radnor. Sincere thanks for your support.

Thanks for The Graig Scrambles dedication banner.

Thanks to Llanfairwaterdine.

One last surprise was announced late in the day and we believe it should be mentioned. With over forty home-made bakes and cakes supplied, David organised a 'Mary Berry Award'. Judging was difficult because the standard was so high, obviously. However the proud and delighted top three were 1. Rhian Davies; 2. Rebe Brick; 3. Geoff Bevan.

David and the other organisers are already looking forward to 2024 and are looking forward to seeing everyone again in Llanfairwaterdine for another special day.

*Robert Gwilt*

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## A Slap-up Lunch at The Clock-Tower Tearoom.

Friends don't half give us a treat in the shape of an unexpected present sometimes. Two of us ended up in The Clock-Tower Tearoom recently, carrying a gift token only to be spent therein. And what an occasion it was. It wasn't a special day but the fare provided was very special indeed. You hear all the news in here, too, as the people who serve, Karen, the Manager and Sue, her assistant, show a real interest in their customers, particularly the unfamiliar, enquiring if they are here on holiday and from where they have come. (In the space of an hour it turned out that people had come from several different parts of England and Wales).

So it was that we spent our gift token. It was for a late lunch and we would have been happy with coffee and cake which we could have had but no, the lunchtime menu was still in full swing and what a menu it was.

First we had two very good coffees: one was an Americano and the other a Decaff Cappuccino. Great coffee in both cases and lots of froth and sprinkled chocolate on the Cappuccino. We were able to look at a very few lighter parts of the daily paper while we sipped these although we soon felt that we would be more cheered up watching the world go by from our window seat rather than reading of the latest warring in our world. So we did.

We began with soup, which comes with a cheese scone. One of us had spud and leek and the other apple and parsnip. Both were tasty, hot and enhanced by the home-made scone with plenty of cheese on top, and a good-sized ball of butter.

The omelettes come as four-egggers and one of us had one filled with ham and cheese. This turned out to be substantial, tasty and perfectly cooked. Getting an omelette right requires a bit of skill and Karen, doing the cooking behind the counter in the slightly enlarged kitchen certainly got this to be perfect. My companion had goat's cheese salad with a little jug of balsamic vinegar to go on the salad. This was a very generous round of warm grilled goat's cheese on a huge and varied salad which was enhanced by the sweet and savoury balsamic dressing.

Karen or Sue was reeling off the desserts to a customer as we were finishing and there was a bit of 'Go on, live for today' about us but we had done splendidly and couldn't manage any more. However, what we missed sounded delicious: Apple Crumble, Caramel Apple Betty, Sticky Toffee Pudding and Syrup Tart among them and we will certainly be making a return visit to this long-established tea room, located in one of the front corners of Prince and Pugh. It was originally the creation of the late Myfanwy Pugh, of Prince and Pugh, many years ago, and taken over by Chris Branford, several times Mayor of Knighton, after Myfanwy's premature passing.

This tea room has long been a place for delicious home cooking and a good coffee. Long may it continue. Worth going to try the fare for yourselves.

***The RRR the second.***



## Lemon Crunch

Flik's Lemon Crunch was much admired at the Coronation Bring and Buy Lunch and here's her recipe.



### Ingredients

- 8oz Ginger biscuits
- 4oz Melted butter
- 1 tin of condensed milk
- Juice of 2 lemons
- Grated rind of 1 lemon
- ¼ pint double cream

### Method

- Crush biscuits
- Melt butter and stir into ginger biscuits
- Press into the base of a cake or flan tin and put in the fridge.
- Mix together the condensed milk, cream and lemon rind until thick.
- Slowly add the lemon juice and mix.
- Once it is all mixed together put on top of the biscuit base and back in the fridge until set.

***Flik Waters***

# Llanfair Annual Boules Tournament



It was a cool, slightly overcast morning as teams, their friends and families started gathering at the pavilion for the grand Llanfair Annual Boules Tournament on Saturday 7 October. As the sun poked through, things also started warming up on the pitch, newly raked by Steve, as the first teams faced up in the knockout round.

Initially twelve teams were signed up for the day, which pointed towards four groups of three teams to battle it out in the first stage. However, somehow a couple of teams were over-enthusiastically included on the list and the number was eventually reduced to ten. This meant some ad-hoc rearranging of matches – so it was a must-win situation for teams in groups of two to progress further. As it turned out, the slightly fewer matches was fortuitous as we had to finish the knockout stage, the semis and the final before it got too dark around 7pm.

The sun was out, the air tranquil and on the pitch the pace was slow but tense as a number of close-fought games unfolded. There had definitely been some practising going on – the standard was high, exemplified by some close groupings of boules. Meanwhile, between clapping, exceptional shots and cheering on the players, the spectators milled about, chatting and sipping drinks as enticing smells of grilling on the barbeque wafted through the air.

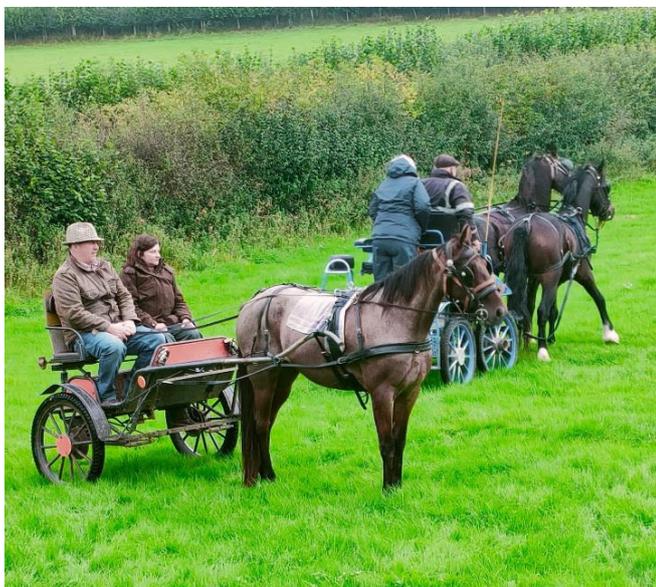
Team Trish and Margaret, the 'sky blues', steadfastly pushed right on through to the semi-finals. Meanwhile, no-one had really noticed, but Mark and Rita were quietly notching up wins on the pitch with some crucially accurate throws just at the right moment and also moved into the semi-finals, then winning their match to go to the final. Favourites Roy and Liam, in their team turquoise shirts, were also scoring victories to face Mark and Rita in the final. It was a close-fought thing, the match edging one way then the other, but eventually Mark and Rita pulled away with a clear lead and won the match 13-5 with fulsome applause from the crowd lined along the terrace fence.

Smiling broadly, and clearly delighted with their win, Mark and Rita received the magnificent boules tournament cup (kindly donated by Rob Gwilt last year) as winners for 2023. It was a day to remember! Many thanks go to Steve and Gail for setting up the barbeque and getting the hall and pitch ready, and to Liam and Flick for serving at the bar. Sadly, league leaders Steve and Chris weren't able to attend, but no doubt they'll be back for the challenge. Roll on next year's tournament!

**Ben Eastop**

## The Cwmarirog Horse and Trap Run.

On a warm weekend in September the much anticipated annual Cwmarirog Run was held. Hosted and expertly organised by Colin and Lesley, the event attracted participants from North Wales, South Wales and the local area.



Some Traps were two-berth, some four and a couple were six-berth, so plenty could delight in their days out. The eldest rider was an agile (his description) seventy-eight and the youngest just nine weeks! And it was not the first run the little one had enjoyed.

As planned we all set off from Cwmarirog mid-morning, trotting through Lloyney, and made our way via Skyborry and Selly Hall crossroads to Purlogue. Then up to Five Turnings, past Lurkenhope and Stud Farm into Knighton.

In Knighton John had graciously opened the Kinsley especially to accommodate us. He did remark "I expected to serve some pints, some soft drinks and possibly a coffee, but the many requests for a bucket of water was a first!" Following this much appreciated and enjoyable rest, the Travellers went on a 'sight-see' all around the streets of Knighton. This took a little longer than anticipated because on occasions we were requested to 'slow down'. People wanted to take photos and call out others to 'come and have a look'.

The staff at The Banc, on seeing the parade, suggested we leave the Horses and Traps in the nearby carpark so we could enjoy a second rest on their premises. So it proved, as their regulars and visiting diners were full of questions, conversation and wonder.

Well, the time had come to complete Saturday's Run, so all remounted and travelled home to Cwmarirog via 'the back road' crossing at Teme Cottage. Then with the traps taken off, the horses warmed down, fed, watered and let out to pasture, everyone made their way to Sean and Jemma's. Here the Travellers were joined by other invited locals to enjoy a splendid supper and puddings. (And it really was splendid). The laughter, stories and 'banter' continued into the late night as everyone relaxed and reflected.

Sunday morning found everyone ready to go again. The weather was fine so all the Horses and Traps set off in excited fashion. Sunday's planned route, given some time restraints, was somewhat shorter. The Travellers made their way towards Lloyney, then past Black Hall and called a break at The Bwlch. (which some considered a highlight).

Resuming the Run, the Travellers followed the backroads, crossed at The Runnis and made their happy way to Felindre. Here Wayne and Diane, as requested, opened up especially to provide a warm welcome. The schedule then ran a little late, which no-one minded. The time was made up on the return journey to Sean and Jemma's where, again, we all savoured their lovely cooking and home.

So late in the afternoon it was time to 'collect up' and say our cheerios. However, we were all warmed by the thought we can look forward to The Cwmarirog Run in twelve months' time.

THANKS to Colin and Lesley for a SPECIAL weekend.

For the record, the award for the best Horse and Trap was won by The Baker Family, Williamstown, Tonypany, South Wales. Congratulations.

**Robert Gwilt**

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## According to a Radio Times poll...

Britain's favourite Christmas Film is *It's a Wonderful Life*, followed by *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, then *Elf*. Do you agree? We want to hear from you at [llanfairtimes@gmail.com](mailto:llanfairtimes@gmail.com)

Llanfair Times' own poll results next edition.

# Gone Fishing

Having seen a couple of lads fishing from the bridge by Teme Cottage I enjoyed what was to me a rare sight of a pastime I used to enjoy as a kid. I was also impressed by their optimism but subsequently learnt that there are quite a few trout to be seen on that stretch of the river.



When I mentioned this to Leon Drownicki, who I know is a keen fisherman, he became quite animated and was keen to point out that you can't just pick up a rod and go fishing. There are not only many rules and regulations covering freshwater fishing, but also some quite draconian fines to be risked.

Anyone aged 12 or over requires a rod licence to fish with a rod and line for salmon, trout, freshwater fish, smelt or eel anywhere in England or Wales.

You always need to carry your rod fishing licence when you're fishing or you could be prosecuted. You must produce your licence if asked to do so by an Environment Agency Bailiff or any other authorised person such as a police officer or the landowner. Indeed, if any member of the general public takes a quick photo on their mobile phone and suspects that you don't have a licence, or are disregarding any of the other rules such as using a barbed hook (not allowed) or not releasing undersized fish, you can be caught up with. You can be fined up to £2,500 for fishing without a rod fishing licence. Your tackle **and** your means of transport can be confiscated.

Leon rents fishing rights on the Onny in Onibury as part of a syndicate in Craven Arms and one of his fellow fishermen is a fishing bailiff, so he should know. He's also a regular open-water fisherman and goes to St. Abbs in Scotland where his family keeps a power fishing boat for stocking their freezers with mackerel, cod, pollock, coley, etc.

Specifically on the bridge by Teme Cottage you are on a public highway but you still need a licence and permission from the owner of the fishing rights: in this case, Robert Davies. And you must follow the regulations of the catch.

## There are two kinds of fishing licences.

A trout, coarse fish and eel licence lets you fish non-migratory trout and all freshwater fish.

A salmon and sea trout licence allows you to fish salmon, sea trout, non-migratory trout and all freshwater fish.

## Riparian rights (I love that word!)

While the national rod licence gives a licence to fish anywhere in England and Wales, you might still need permission from the riparian owner to fish from her/his stretch of the riverbank.

The owner of the land adjoining one side of a natural river or stream owns the exclusive fishing rights (called, riparian rights) on her or his side of the bank.

These rights extend up to the middle of the water.

They can be leased or sold as a separate property right (apart from ownership of the land itself). So, the owner does not necessarily have the right to fish from her/his side of the bank. An owner whose land adjoins a pond or lake has similar rights which extend as far as the middle of the water unless it encircles the pond or lake.

## Size limits

Undersized fish taken unintentionally must be released alive to the water immediately.

**Salmon** - On all rivers, all salmon must be returned with minimum injury and with minimum delay.

**Sea Trout and Brown Trout** – under 23cm (9") long or longer than 60cm must be released with minimum injury and delay on all rivers.



But, after these doomsday scenarios, Leon wanted to finish on a positive note; "Just get a licence and ask".

**Mark Hughes**

# Everest Hall



We have a **leaking flat roof** at the rear of the building which needs urgent professional attention. We are hoping to be successful when applying for a grant. We are very pleased that committee member Andy Wilding has accepted the vote to be Vice- Chairman. A Bring-and-Buy in aid of DEC Turkey/Syria Disaster organized by Ruth raised £881.08. On hearing of our success an anonymous donation of £118.92 was received to make it up to £1000.00. Thank you so much.

Our Coronation Bring-and-Share Lunch which was organized by Flik and Christine received generous donations and with the proceeds from the raffle, etc, the amount of £162.42 was donated to Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to all who contribute and help in many ways, decorating the Hall, baking and the lots of other things, of which there are many, that happen behind the scenes which are needed for these occasions to take place and be the success that they are.

## **200 Club Lottery Winners**

March

1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Slater    2<sup>nd</sup> Paula Marshall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kirsten Hubmann 4<sup>th</sup> Milly, Cali, Esme  
Harding

April

1<sup>st</sup> Philippa Boast    2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Lane  
3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Woods    4<sup>th</sup> Lily Waters

May

1<sup>st</sup> Anonymous    2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Swancott  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Kenyon 4<sup>th</sup> Margaret Brick

June

1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte Wood    2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Morris  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Morgan    4<sup>th</sup> Deborah Bufton

July

1<sup>st</sup> Ted Gough    2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Beavan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Gardner    4<sup>th</sup> Gill Burfitt

August

1<sup>st</sup> Michael Bufton 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Harroway  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Gibbs 4<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Lee Frampton

September

1<sup>st</sup> Annett & Simon Nix 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Chainey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Di Bailey    4<sup>th</sup> Michael Bufton

We would appreciate more members. We have 201 and raised £4065.00 since we started which was £2032.50 for prize money and £1769.97 for the upkeep of Everest Hall after expenses for printing and licenses.

Lottery enquiries [everesthall@btinternet.com](mailto:everesthall@btinternet.com) or any of our Trustees.

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

### **Continued :-**

At last a start was made. Roof was stripped and retiled. During this time we could not use the Hall for money-raising efforts or even, for a short time for our WI meetings after a lump of ceiling narrowly missed our President's head. People not on the Committee kept asking what was being done with their money. However, by 1963 the overhead heating was installed and although a lot remained to be done, the Hall could again be used. We had been given stacking chairs and tables and had put in a sink with double-draining board into the 'little room'. Meanwhile, the North Wall had to be stripped to the bare stone and re-plastered. Then came the colour for 'interior decoration'. There had been an outcry at the ghastly colour scheme chosen by the architect, so the WI was asked to make a choice. A small number of us got together and after some discussion chose pale grey walls with slightly darker paintwork. The ceiling was white with black beams. The chairs and tables were red with grey legs. Red washable curtains given by the WI and made by one of the members, made the place look warm and gay. The MU gave a clock. By this time funds and grant were running out. The original 'doubtours' were getting keen: 'Do it Yourself' started. Members of the Committee got busy and removed the remains of a rotten fence between the playground, now a car park and the road and built a wall and hung and painted two new gates.

**To be continued in the next edition to find out what happened when in 1968 the Hall was opened by Lord Hunt, Baron Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine in the County of Shropshire hence the Hall's name.**

*Thank you The Everest Hall*

*Management Committee*

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## Llanfair Waterdine WI



As usual we have had a busy and enjoyable few months with guests at some of our own meetings and invitations to other WIs. Our evening of comic verse with Steve Hollings was a great success with a number of visitors and lots of laughter. In August the pavilion kindly shared their social evening with us when we were able to try to play Boules. Surprisingly the regular bowls players triumphed despite it being such a different technique.

We had a wonderful evening for our September meeting when one of our own members, Christine Chainey, came with her husband Steve and gave a presentation on "Jive". They are very experienced dancers and gave us a wonderful display. Christine told us about the history of jive and a number of us tried to learn a few of the steps. That was interesting!! Since then we have been invited to Llangunllo where we tried belly dancing. I am not sure that the world is ready yet for our performances! With a few difficulties with speakers we have discovered Beetle Drives. They have become the fillers of choice. We can be very silly and have lots of fun.

Since the last magazine the group working on the entry for the Federation show had some very good results and produced some lovely items. They also had success in the WI entry for Knighton show with a lovely display.

In November we are holding our AGM. We also have a speaker, Lynn Kinsey who is a fibre artist. Next year's programme is in the final planning stage and looks to be very interesting.

If you would like to join us for an evening to enjoy the speaker and share a finger supper we meet in the Everest Hall. Meeting 7pm and speaker 7.30pm. 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, Llanfair Waterdine - An 'Inclusive Church'



### 'Grass Cutting' Coffee Mornings – All welcome

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

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Hosted by Gill Burfitt in Everest Hall

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Richard Lewis and Graham Trew at Melin y Grogue

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hosted by Ruth Davies in Everest Hall

### Reflection and Compline Services

The next 'Compline' Services will be at 6.00 pm on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup>. The next 'Reflection' Services will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

### Remembrance Sunday

Our service of Remembrance will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the usual starting time of 10.50am so that the two-minute silence can be observed at 11.00am.

### Christmas Services

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Services. As has become a custom, hand-made gifts, made by Dorothy Symonds and a team of helpers, will be given out, one per family, to all who attend a service, beginning with the Carol Service on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, at which we welcome the Knighton Silver Band. Refreshments afterwards will be provided by the Samaritans, to whom, traditionally, the collection is given.

On Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday, there will be no Evensong, but at 3.30pm there will be the usual 'Crib' Service, for children and their parents. Everyone is welcome!

The service on Christmas Day will be Holy Communion at 11.00am, led by Revd. Dr. Martin Quayle.

### **Quinquennial Inspection**

Our church is fully inspected every five years: a report is written and various work needing to be carried out is prioritised. The report covers the condition of the church inside and outside and the churchyard, including the safety of the graves and gravestones. This is due to take place before the end of the year. Members of our PCC have already inspected the gravestones in our churchyard and many are in a worrying condition, with several having fallen over. Advice has been taken which has led to some stones being laid flat. Three graves have been repaired by an expert on behalf of the relatives of those named on the stones. Other, older stones, where no family member can be found, will have to be stabilised at some point with Llanfair Church bearing the cost. The report of the Quinquennial Inspector will make a recommendation.

### **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 smart 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 and the Church Porch Book Stall continue to flourish. Thanks to all those who have contributed and purchased, items. The total raised

since the stalls opened in the summer of 2022 is now over £1,400.

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.)

### **Duck Race**

Looking back since the last issue of Llanfair Times, our Duck Race was a great success: plenty of water, plenty of people, food and drink, so a very happy time was had by all who attended. We raised nearly £830, a wonderful effort, so thank you to all who took part.

### **Community Breakfast**

Our Community Breakfast was held on Saturday 14th October in Everest Hall as a joint event for both Everest Hall and St. Mary's Church. With a new team in charge and with lots of help, including young folk acting as waiters and waitresses, it was a great success. Again, many thanks to everyone who took part in whatever way. It was a joy to see so many people sitting, enjoying a fine breakfast and certainly enjoying the company.

### **Spreading the news!**

*Ruth Davies writes:* Most of you will fairly regularly receive a Round Robin email letting you know of upcoming events in the area. This is sent 'blind copied' so that no-one's email addresses are shown. I am anxious that there may be people in the area who do not receive this, which is because I do not have your email address.

If you would like to be included in these information emails then please do let me have your email address and I will add you to my long list. My email:

[ruthmecottage@gmail.com](mailto:ruthmecottage@gmail.com)

*Graham Trew*

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## **From Martin, our Priest-in-Charge**

As I write this article, the news is unremittingly grim about the war in Israel. For the moment, we don't know where this conflict is heading, but the views of many experts in international relations are that this represents a real threat to world peace and stability. For me, one of the horrors is the talk of 'collateral damage'. This is essentially the level of civilian deaths

which might be considered acceptable given a particular military mission. For any Christian, and I assume any civilised human, the notion that any life is considered as a tradeable commodity in warfare or international relations is appalling.

In the words of Winston Churchill, 'jaw, jaw is better than war, war'. What leaves me despairing is that for too long the line taken by many Israeli politicians is that the rights of those who live within the occupied territories are secondary to those of Jewish Israeli citizens. Justice is always necessary if lasting peace is to be secured and the notion that one person is superior to another due their ethnicity, or place of birth is obnoxious and galling to most of us. And yet the very same ideas were widely-held in Northern Ireland not so long ago. Thank God only a small minority hang on to those ideas in that province.

Conflict is destructive and damaging in any community, and although at this time of year we remember conflict as armed nations going to war, the reality is that too many lives are harmed by fighting and discrimination, fuelled by hatred which is irrational or ungrounded. In some respects our world is evolving for the better when we consider the freedom experienced by many in South Africa, but in too many places, too many find reasons or excuses to hate.

Of course, most of us find ourselves reflecting in constructive and open ways about the needs of others and the imperative of seeking reconciliation when problems arise with others. It is now over a hundred years since the ending of the First World War, which for most of us, is incomprehensible in terms of why it had to be fought at all. There is such a thing as a just war, because without this determination, the Second World War would not have been fought, and the world would be a far darker place than it is now. That millions died in both wars is a tragedy beyond words.

There are many unanswered questions about these topics. But we all agree about the pointlessness of too many wars, and we mourn those who die needlessly. Let us pray and hope that next year there will be fewer reasons to mourn and to reflect with sadness and regret over another year in which too many will die too young.

*Martin Quayle*

## LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

### WE NEED TWO TENNERS...

Sorry, I'll type that again: We need two tenors. Having had the luxury of more tenors than basses for several years we now find ourselves in the reverse situation and singing in Cathedrals will no longer be possible without two more tenors – on the job training will be given! If you can sing along with Ed Sheeran or Paul McCartney, Bruno Mars or Robert Plant then you have a tenor voice – and WE NEED YOU! Of course, if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli well .....

As we start the new choir year we have another hectic programme ahead, not least our local engagements, starting with our traditional charity **Christmas Concert, with supper, in Everest Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December** – *keep the date in your diary.*

As always, there is a great variety of music already in rehearsal and you only have to walk past the Everest Hall on a Thursday evening to have a sneak listen to the range. Of course, we're still rehearsing and trying different pieces so don't judge the quality yet – it'll be perfect on the night!

Once the concert is over we start the usual round of Christmas Carol Services and then it is suddenly 2024! Looking at next year: on **10<sup>th</sup> February** we are already scheduled to sing the remainder of Handel's Messiah at St Edward's Church, which should be another great evening. Looking even further ahead we hope to sing choral evensong at Coventry Cathedral once our two new tenors (**you?**) have joined us – and then, in June, our biennial trip to sing with the Stour Valley Singers in Suffolk is a possibility, depending on those able to spend a weekend away. The observant amongst you will note that we have yet to publish dates for all the other concerts and services that we are invited to do but that will be for the next issue of the Llanfair Times, the Deanery Magazine, our website, posters and word of mouth!

Remember – if you have a tenor voice we really do need you – everything else we can teach you! As early as it may seem I shall take this moment to wish you all a very happy Christmas from us all.

PS: If you are interested in joining the choir then please contact Graham Trew, Richard Lewis or Michael Symonds or come along on a Thursday evening to the Everest Hall at 7.30pm and we shall be delighted to welcome you.

*Michael Symonds*



## KNIGHTON AND PRESTEIGNE LEG CLUB

Do you have any worries about your legs?  
Are you experiencing swollen legs, skin tears, eczema,  
leg ulcers?

Problems with varicose veins?

Run by District Nurses the leg club is here to support  
and advise you.

Helping you to stay mobile and independent.

Open every **THURSDAY** from 9:30 till 12:00,  
Appointments only, so give us a call on 01547521270.

Come and meet the team, have a chat and drink .



## NOTICES

### Introducing Mr & Mrs Knipe!

Darren and Tania were delighted to celebrate their  
marriage at the Pavilion on Saturday 23rd September.



In their words;

“We really wanted to get married in our own village  
which by its very nature is steeped in beauty and

legend. The pavilion provided a stunning backdrop  
which we decorated in natural tones and turned the  
hall into a medieval banquet hall. We had an ancient  
ceremonial handfasting on the mound which was  
decorated with natural flowers and quirkily Tania’s  
dad made two little doors so it looked a bit like a  
hobbit hole!



The feast was a real celebration of the best food this  
valley offers with all food sourced as locally as  
possible; meat and cheeses from Tom and Hannah in  
Knighton butchers, salads from Rhos Organics and  
Phoebe’s Artisan bread. Skyborry Cider was mulled as  
a delicious welcome drink. Llanfair Waterdine’s own  
hedgerows provided Elderflower champagne and the  
Mead was made from Knucklas honey.

We danced the evening away to local Bandamania  
and had so much fun.

We’d like to thank: Derek and Deidre for all of their  
help and support with camping; Everest Hall which  
made an excellent dressing room and which was on  
hand to be a plan B if the weather turned; Jane and  
Simon for hay bales and everyone else who lent us  
things, helped out and celebrated with us! So many  
great people! Our hearts are so full and many  
memories made.”

### Children’s Football

Kai has been playing a year above himself for the last  
2 seasons. The photo of him in green with the trophy  
is when he played for Shobdon under 11s last year.  
They have now moved to Presteigne under 12s this  
season. He plays left wing and has scored a few goals  
so far this season.

Erin plays for Belmont Wanderers Jets in Hereford. It’s  
an all-girl team. She played last season with the  
Kington boys but we felt she was ready to move to a  
girls’ team. She is doing really well and also has some  
goals under her belt this season so far. She plays  
striker or midfield. Erin was also scouted for Hereford  
academy this season, so is training and playing for

them against other academy football clubs all over the Midlands.



## Rugby Sevens and a Half Marathon

In May this year I took part in the Rugby 7s tournament at Knighton Rugby Club. It was a lovely hot sunny day and well-supported with teams and supporters. We played four games in our group and reached the final where we faced the hosts, Knighton. It was a very close, competitive game and Knighton R.C. was very well supported but we beat them and won the tournament.



On 1<sup>st</sup> October, I ran the Cardiff half marathon my first half marathon. I completed the 13.1 miles in 1 hour 50 minutes which I was pleased with. More importantly I ran the half marathon to raise money for the charity Mind, which is a mental health charity. I would like to thank those of you that sponsored me, I appreciate it.

*Iwan Waters*

## The Life and Times of Chris Thomas



We, as their parents, have basically taken on the role of taxi drivers and rarely have a night when we are not doing some sort of football training!

*Sadie Jones*

# Poet's Corner

## SANCTUARY

Chris was born at Bryndreynog on the first of May 1944, the third child to Burt and Rosa and a brother to James and Rachel. He attended primary school in Beguildy, then at Kingsland Grange Preparatory School in Shrewsbury, finishing at Wrekin College. It is fair to say he disliked school because one, he wanted to farm and two, Chris was not prepared to be told what to do by those in authority, an attitude he adopted throughout his life.

In his younger years he would rear calves on the bucket and winter them in a dingle. The cold would grow their coats beautifully and his cattle always sold well. He bought his first block of land (Kent's Bank) at only 21!

Through the Young Farmers' Club Chris met Monica. He was in Felindre YFC and she was in Cantel YFC. They married at the Pound Chapel on a dry, but windy day in January, with their reception held at the Metropole Hotel. The marriage was blessed with four children: Robbie, Jim, Stephen and David. It should never be forgotten that Bryndreynog played host to Barn Dances, Rodeos, Pop Concerts and Scrambles. There was never a dull moment!

In business Chris was an innovator, inventor, architect, fabricator, solicitor and barrister, but probably not a diplomat!

Bryndreynog was famous for its turkeys, but Chris was more famous for his numerous Court appearances. He would represent himself, carrying his documents in his trademark straw picnic basket with the overspill in a Tuffin's carrier bag.

All the boys were welcomed into the farming and business. This gave Chris and Monica some time to travel, to Australia especially, but still expanding their farming and businesses through the decades.

Chris was a keen member of the National Farmers' Union, serving on the Rural Affairs Board. He was an active member of the Beguildy Community Council and was seen as a custodian of The Teme Valley.

Chris was a proud grandfather and especially loved playing card games with all his grandchildren, always playing to win, of course!

Throughout life's ups and downs, Chris would remain positive and driven. The Teme Valley, and The Marches, has lost a friend, farmer, family man and a 'force'.

*Jimmy, Robbie and Stephen Thomas*

It is a sanctuary of nine acres, a place of safety for beleaguered wildlife.

The guardians are simply called a Wildlife Trust  
But these words convey all their care for this guarded home.

Etched with diamond frost  
The bulrushes and reeds stand rigid  
In the deep muddy pools of the hollow.  
Below the crystal ice the burrowing newts  
Snuggle into the mud.

The bank above the pools is a changing palette on a green bed of moss.  
In spring it is covered in yellow primroses, which are gradually lost to the  
Soothing cream of meadow sweet, punctuated by wild pink orchids.  
As summer advances it turns pink with Rose Bay Willow Herb.  
The mood changes as the giant dark green hogweed smothers the bank  
Topped by white umbrellas.

Along the way, speckled snails cling to long leaves  
Shading the path  
Spiders re-spin their broken webs  
And mallards splash in the stagnant bog.

Up through the trees then bend slightly into the blackthorn tunnel,  
The white blossom announcing spring and a harvest of purple black sloes  
At the very end of the year.  
Step very carefully over the small footbridge onto the carpet of small pink  
Rockets of the butterbur.

These great plates of leaves hide my feet, cover my head  
As I struggle on the path through the jungle.

In bleakest January the ground by the hedge becomes green and white  
With a dense covering of snowdrops, the delicacy of the pendant flowers  
Belying the strength of the plants pushing up out of the frozen earth.

At the bridge over the stream my dogs take over, the  
memory of the two  
That are gone and the bouncing splashing jet black  
package of energy  
With me now.  
The bitch Sheena, gently explored the water, the dog  
Sabre, lay down in it  
But Dan harries the water for its secrets and revels in  
it.

Upwards and over into the dell that last autumn was  
an inland lake  
All that was visible were two steps of the path, instead  
of twelve.  
Will the celandines and wood anemones flower this  
year too ?

In the breeze slender green stalks gently ring the  
bluebells  
To disperse the heady perfume through the air.

Follow the path around the copse of hawthorn and  
willow,  
Home to blackbirds, robins and wrens. Listen to the  
calls of the  
Buzzard far overhead, and the wild geese as they fly  
to the nearby lake.

The stream runs under the path again, through a large  
pipe.  
If the water is high with just enough air in the pipe the  
movement of the  
Water produces basso profundo sounds that greatly  
perplex Dan.  
On the corner the wild cherry tree stands sentinel  
guarding the approach  
To the old apple tree watching over the bank and its  
three muddy pools.

Shall we walk round once more  
To see what creatures, what plants we have missed ?  
The whispering floats down to us  
Through the green leaves;  
Leave us in safety, leave us in peace.

*by Helen Henchoz*

## **To a Goose by Robert Southey (1774-1843) Poet Laureate from 1813 until his death.**

If thou did'st feed on western plains of yore;  
Or waddle wide with flat and flabby feet  
O'er some Cambrian mountain's plashy moor;  
Or find in farmer's yard a safe retreat  
From Gypsy thieves and foxes sly and fleet;

If thy grey quills, by lawyer guided, trace  
Deeds big with ruin to some wretched race,  
Or, love-sick poet's sonnet, sad and sweet,  
Wailing the rigour of his lady fair;  
Or if, the drudge of housemaids' daily toil,  
Cobwebs and dust thy pinions white besoil,  
Departed Goose! I neither know nor care,  
But this I know that we pronounced thee fine,  
Seasoned with sage and onions, and port wine.

*Submitted by Dorothy Lee-Frampton*

*Did you know Southey wrote "The Story of the Three Bears" seemingly as a repudiation of vagrancy, which was a serious problem in England at the time of the story's publication, and the abuses of well-meaning, hard-working people as represented by the three bears.(Ed.)*

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## **There are always Uncles at Christmas.**

The same Uncles. And on Christmas morning, with  
dog-disturbing whistle and sugar fags, I would scour  
the swatched town for the news of the little world,  
and find always a dead bird by the Post Office or by  
the white deserted swings; perhaps a robin, all but  
one of his fires out.

Men and women wading or scooping back from  
chapel, with taproom noses and wind-bussed cheeks,  
all albinos, huddles their stiff black jarring feathers  
against the irreligious snow. Mistletoe hung from the  
gas brackets in all the front parlours; there was sherry  
and walnuts and bottled beer and crackers by the  
dessertspoons; and cats in their fur-about watched  
the fires; and the high-heaped fire spat, all ready for  
the chestnuts and the mulling pokers.

Some few large men sat in the front parlours, without  
their collars, Uncles almost certainly, trying their new  
cigars, holding them out judiciously at arms' length,  
returning them to their mouths, coughing, then  
holding them out again as though waiting for the  
explosion;

and some few small aunts, not wanted in the kitchen,  
nor anywhere else for that matter, sat on the very  
edge of their chairs, poised and brittle, afraid to  
break, like faded cups and saucers.

*Extract from A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan  
Thomas*

# QUIZ!

## Robert Gwilt's final quiz!

- 1 ..Who won The Women's World Cup 2023 ?
- 2 ..Name the local who is a Martial Arts Black Belt .  
Congratulations.
- 3.Who won The Llanfairwaterdine Open Boules 2023 ?
- 4 .. Chloe Kelly's winning penalty v Nigeria at the Women's World Cup was a record breaker. The fastest strike of a ball throughout the competition. The penalty beat the fastest strike of any / all (men's) Premier League throughout the 2022-2023 season .  
True or False ?
- 5 ..Name the personality with close ties to Llanfairwaterdine who played for (Title Winners) Felindre and rode The Graig Scrambles.
- 6 ..Where was The Women's World Cup held ?
- 7 ..Name the local who owns, trains and rides the celebrated race horse 'Whisky and Water' .
- 8 ..Laura Muir is a famous GB Champion and Olympian. So .. name the personality with close ties to Llanfairwaterdine who was a rival to Laura in their teenage years and still touches Elite times when running National marathons. Congratulations.
- 9 ..What is the England Women's Football Team's nick-name ?
- 10 ..Name the personality with close ties to Llanfairwaterdine who rode Superbikes and still completes European Road Bike Events.
- 11..Name the local who owns , trains and rides the celebrated race horse 'Carry on Doon'.
- 12 ..Name the manager of The England Women's Football Team.
- 13..Who was the local who was named The Central Wales League Player of the Month (August) ?
- 14 ..The Beacon Boyz were three locals synonymous with which sport ?

15..And finally , finally , a last 'teaser'. Mary Earps is now a national hero. Winner of The Golden Gloves 2023 and World Cup Penalty Saving Star.  
But who from Llanfairwaterdine is a friend of the Earps Family ?

Thanks to everyone who has commented on the sports quiz. I found the various phone calls, enquiries and requests for the answers both amusing and reassuring, as were some supplied questions that were requested! Support Shrewsbury Town.

**Robert Gwilt**

### Answers to June's Quiz.

1. 27, 2. Blackpool, 3. 5, 4. 1982, 5.True, 6. Polo, 7.11, 8. 1969 and Caernarfon, 9. Sunderland, 10.True, 11. Devon Loch, 12. Bobby Moore, 13. Daniel Craig, 14. 1984, 15. England 3 - Hungary 6. 16. 2005 and Windsor, 17. True, 18. 1958 and Sweden, 19. Mike Tindall, 20. Paddington and a Marmalade Sandwich, 21. Burnley(!)



No I don't believe they kept you behind because you didn't do well in the pub quiz!

# COMMUNITY TRUST

## Welcome to our new Trustee – Liam Waters

“I was brought up in the Parish, spent a few years at Bournemouth university where I studied software engineering. After graduating I started my IT career locally at Presteigne for an American owned automotive manufacturer.

In 2002 I married Felicity who is also local to this area and at the same time we were lucky enough to build our family home in the Village. We have 2 children Iwan and Lily who are 19 and 17. Iwan is studying Law at Cardiff University and Lily is studying to be a Personal Trainer.

As a family we are very active, we all enjoy the rugby and are keen Welsh fans.



Since 2006 I have worked for Kingspan Insulation where I spent much of my career in a technical role and for the last 10 years focused on managerial roles, where most recently became Head of IT operations, managing a team of 40 staff across the globe.

Working for Kingspan has allowed me to travel the world. Where I have visited most European countries and further afield visiting America, Dubai, India and Australia. In recent years I spend much of my time split between working from home or travelling to our sites.

I believe as a parish we are very fortunate to still have our church, a village hall and more recently a sports pavilion with lovely grounds. These facilities, complemented by the community trust, positions us well to grow our great community spirit. It is this

community spirit which my family and I love about Llanfair Waterdine.

I have thought about joining the trust on a few occasions over recent years. I was pleased to be accepted onto the trust and feel now is the right time for me. Our children are now more independent allowing Felicity and me to participate in much of the community activities namely Boules and the Friday nights which are both doing great and bringing people from different interests together. It is this which I’m keen to see continue to thrive. My wife is a member of the Village Hall and the Pavilion Management committees. She has been helping the parish for some time, so it’s now my time to step up and do my bit.”

## *Liam Waters*

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Best Wishes,

## **Llanfair Waterdine Community Trustees**

Matthew Croose

Steve Knowler

Will Rogers

Liam Waters

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# PARISH COUNCIL

## From the Chairman of the Parish Council

As I write this article, we seem to have come to the end of what has been an exceptionally warm September and early October. For we farmers this has meant an abundance of grass recently, following drought conditions in May and June. It is surely clear to everyone how difficult it is for farmers to produce a reliable supply of food under these conditions. This is of deep concern to farmers, but should obviously be of concern to everyone, as in parts of the world only starvation can follow these types of weather events.

This now brings me nicely, or worryingly to the Annual Parish meeting in May, where the Parish Council invited Nick Read from South Shropshire Climate Action to speak, and many of you might recall the article in the June edition summarising his presentation. The most notable thing for me was the pie chart showing that in our parish about two thirds of all emissions come from agriculture.

Worrying, maybe, but it also seems very misleading. In our parish, we have a large land area, stretching from Knighton to just before Bettws-y-Crwyn, and then as far over as just above Newcastle. Most of the land use is of course agriculture. Industry, we have very little. Houses, we only have about 100. Road transport is relative to the properties. Other transport has a segment on the pie chart which I can only assume to be planes flying over the parish. Waste is again relative to properties. As a result of the above, I believe any comparison between parishes is completely pointless.

So, is solving agricultural emissions key? It does have a massive part to play, and reading the agricultural press, there is no doubt that farmers are making many significant changes to help cut emissions. It must be remembered though that what is produced in our parish, is a lot of good food, which, as I have said many times before amounts to high quality protein and energy coming from the largest solar panel of all, grass.

As a direct result of the invitation for South Shropshire Climate Action to present at the APM, our parish has

now been selected as a possible rural parish to have an in-depth study carried out on all aspects of energy use, looking particularly at how much electricity and heat we generate from renewable sources for our homes and businesses. The outcome of all of this could possibly lead to special support for the parish to increase such generation either as a community scheme or by individuals. The Parish Council decided to support this and to offer to help facilitate the study, which if it comes to fruition, it will obviously require input from all households and businesses. We will keep you informed of progress and hope you will also fully support the study.

Finally, we really do want parishioners to be well informed about all that the Parish Council is doing, and we also want you to have information we receive from Shropshire Council, which we believe may be helpful to you. The only way to receive all of this is to sign up for news updates on our Hugo Fox web site. We do not know who, or how many of you are signed up. It could be 5 or 100.

Some years ago, the Parish Council installed and maintained an extra 3 notice boards to the number required by law. However, more recently a decision was taken to remove these due to damage, and to limit travelling and printing. Please sign up to the future.

*Andrew Beavan*

## Parish Council Website

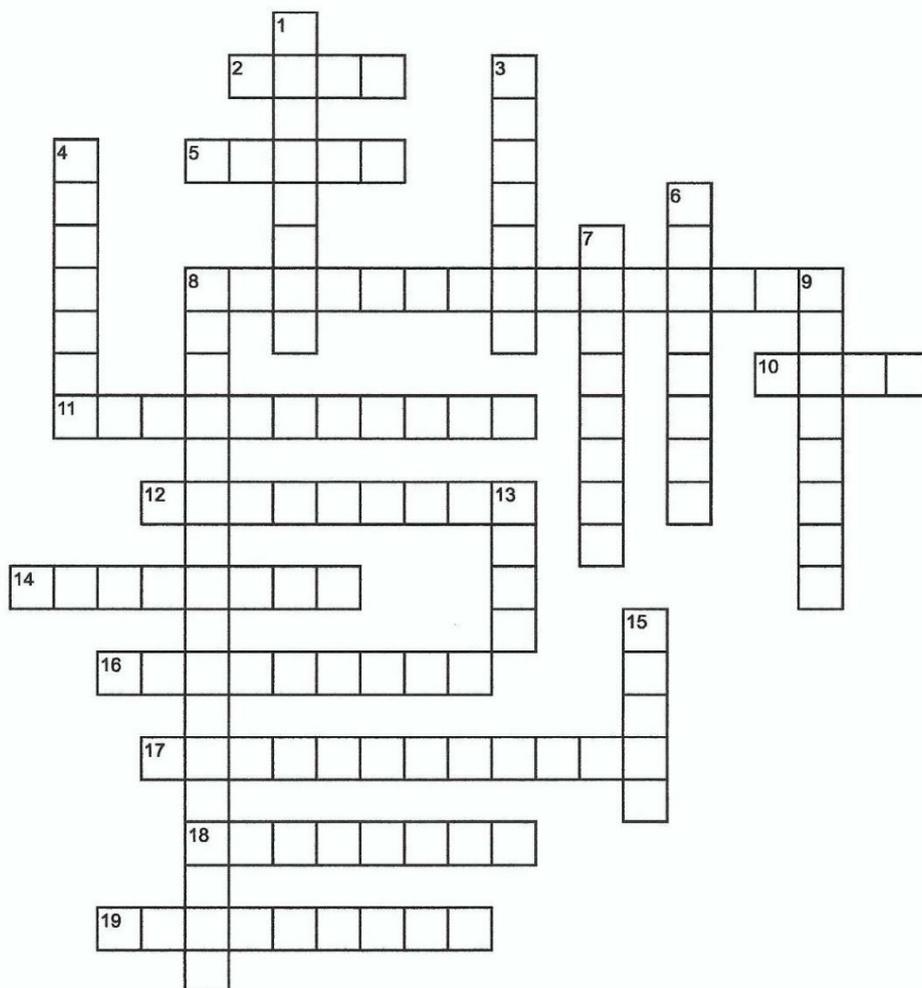
<https://www.llanfairparish.co.uk>

Have you seen the Parish Council website? You can read Llanfair Times, reports from the Community Trust, Parish Council Accounts, Minutes & Agendas and more! Sign up on the site to receive Email Alerts for the latest news, notifications of planning applications and events.

**Please contact the Clerk for more information. Maggie Brown, 07398 222 310 or [llanfairparishclerk@gmx.co.uk](mailto:llanfairparishclerk@gmx.co.uk)**

## Llanfair Waterdine Cryptic Crossword

A challenging cryptic crossword of local knowledge



### Across

- 2 Strange balm for Larry. 4  
 5 A bit of fig wilting for our quizmaster. 5  
 8 Angry Hoyles tilt at random on the long, fast road. 7,8  
 10 Back in tow, developed the field. 4  
 11 Rocky currency north of the parish. 11  
 12 Famous local ban on scout. 5,4  
 14 Sounds like a steep call for this June task. 8  
 16 Chalk and ball game at your holiday destination. 5,4  
 17 Hamlet; 'Ere muggy lion confuses!' 5-1-5  
 18 Strange crack due in river spectacle. 4,4  
 19 Peter having bet on the farm. 9

### Down

- 1 One big cat after a small meringue at the Vedw. 8  
 3 Hardest losing head for Jerry, say. 7  
 4 14 pounds of Berry's in church. 2,5  
 6 Board member on the town. 8  
 7 Instrument up on the Dyke. 8  
 8 Somehow Alan airlifted wren from the parish. 8,9  
 9 The juvenile gets this farm. 3,5  
 13 Some extortionate measures for the river. 4  
 15 Comes to in August, traditionally. 5

**For those of you who enjoy the mind games of cryptic crosswords.  
 Answers in next edition.**

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