

Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

June 2022

Platinum Jubilee edition



We would like to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for September's edition is Friday 19th August.

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;

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Happy reading.

Llanfair Times Editorial Team

The Jubilee Weekend Programme

Thursday 9.45pm.

[Lighting of Beacon](#) on Llanfair Hill

[Singing of Jubilee Anthem](#) by Llanfair Singers and everyone.

Friday

4 pm [Cream Tea](#) in Everest Hall

Followed by [Classic Film](#) 'Roman Holiday'
Cream Tea £5, Film £5, children half Price
Tickets available;

Contact Flick Waters – 01547 529789

or Ruth Davies – 01547 528592

Saturday

2.30pm [Parish Walk](#) from Pavilion Car Park

5.30pm ['Party At The Palace'](#)

at The Pavilion. Live Stream on Big Screen
Hot Pork Baps available

Contact – Zoe Croose 07896 636799

Sunday

11.15am [Festival Service](#) in St. Mary's Church

Contact – Graham Trew 01547 510327

1pm onwards [Jubilee 'Bring and Share' Lunch](#) at Everest Hall, outside weather permitting, inside if wet!.

Contact – Flick Waters 01547 529789

or Ruth Davies 01547 528592

4pm [Live Music, Sports, Games & BBQ](#)

at Pavilion and on Joan Adams Charity Field. Contact – Zoe Croose 07896 636799

The intention is for any profits/donations from these events go to the DEC Ukraine fund.



LLANFAIR WATERDINE
PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

LIGHTING OF THE BEACON - 9:45PM
DRINKS & FOOD KINDLY PROVIDED BY
LLANFAIR WATERDINE COMMUNITY TRUST

LLANFAIR SINGERS TO SING JUBILEE SONG
PARKING AT THE BEACON
TURN ACROSS BY 'TRIANGLE' (SIGNS IN PLACE)
WHAT3WORDS: INSTRUCTS.WAKE.FAIRLY



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

2:30PM - PARISH WALK (FROM CARPARK)

5:30PM - PARTY IN THE PALACE
(LIVE STREAM ON BIG SCREEN)

COMPLIMENTARY HOT PORK BAPS

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

4:00PM - LIVE MUSIC, SPORTS GAMES & BBQ
COMPLIMENTARY HOT DOGS & BURGERS

BAR OPEN BOTH DAYS
EVERYONE WELCOME

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PAVILION CLOSED FRIDAY 3RD JUNE



Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine

Friday 3rd June 2022

Jubilee Cream Tea
and

Flicks in the Sticks the classic 1953 film Roman
Holiday starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn

At 4pm in the Everest Hall

Tickets: Cream Tea & Flicks £10
Cream Tea or Flicks £5, Children ½ price

Roman Holiday at 6pm refreshments and bar

Tickets available from Everest Hall committee members
or contact Flick Waters on 01547 529 789 or
Ruth Davies on 01547 528 592

All profits will be going to the DEC Ukraine fund



Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine

To Celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Platinum Jubilee

Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 5th June 2022 1pm onwards
Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine

Liquid refreshments including bar available

The hall will be open from 12 noon onwards to
receive your food offerings

Contact – Flick Waters on 01547 529 789 or
Ruth Davies on 01547 528 592

All profits will be going to the DEC Ukraine fund



Get singing!

Commonwealth Resounds

Platinum Jubilee Winning Song

'A Life Lived With Grace'

Lyrics: Lucy Kiely Music: Vincent Atueyi Chinemelu

When the world has turned to darkness
And there's troubled seas ahead
There's a light that leads the ship back home to shore.

Chorus – sung twice

**A life lived with grace. A heart filled with love.
Peace on earth and harmony in the heavens above.**

When the day is slowly breaking
And the dawn can't find its way
There's a sun that shines upon the world,
heralding a brand new day.

Chorus – sung twice

When the night has come a-calling
And the daylight starts to fade
There's a reason why the world rejoices,
singing all as one today.

Chorus – sung three times

This song will be sung by 'Llanfair Singers' at the Llanfair Waterdine Jubilee Beacon on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm, at the same time as over 500 choirs perform it within the Commonwealth. All present are asked to join in with the Chorus. *(So get there in plenty of time – Ed)*

Graham Trew

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

Queen Elizabeth II

Get cooking!

The **OFFICIAL PLATINUM PUDDING RECIPE** will take some pluck! But if mine looks anything like this I'll be more than happy.



For this recipe you will need 2 Swiss roll tins, measuring approximately 24cmx34cm/9½inx13½in and a trifle dish with capacity of approximately 3.5 litres/6 pints.

20 servings, however, you could always halve the recipe to serve 10.

Preparation time over 2 hours
Cooking time 30 mins to 1 hour

Ingredients

For the Swiss rolls

- 4 large free-range eggs
- 100g/3½oz caster sugar, plus extra for dusting
- 100g/3½oz self-raising flour, sieved
- butter, for greasing

For the lemon curd

- 4 large free-range egg yolks
- 135g/4¾oz granulated sugar
- 85g/3oz salted butter, softened
- 1 lemon, zest only
- 80ml/2½fl oz fresh lemon juice

For the St Clement's jelly

- 6 gelatine leaves
- 4 unwaxed lemons
- 3 oranges
- 150g/5½oz golden caster sugar

For the custard

- 425ml/15fl oz double cream
- 3 large free-range egg yolks
- 25g/1oz golden caster sugar
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 1 tsp lemon extract

For the amaretti biscuits

- 2 free-range egg whites
- 170g/6oz caster sugar
- 170g/6oz ground almonds
- 1 tbsp amaretto
- butter or oil, for greasing

For the chunky mandarin coulis

- 4x tins mandarins, around 300g each
- 45g/1¾oz caster sugar
- 16g/½oz arrowroot (2 sachets)
- ½ lemon, juice only

For the jewelled chocolate bark

- 50g/1¾oz mixed peel
- 1 tbsp caster sugar (optional)
- 200g/7oz white chocolate, broken into pieces

To assemble

- 600ml/20fl oz double cream

Method

1. To make the Swiss rolls, preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Grease and line the 2 Swiss roll tins with baking paper. In a large bowl, beat the egg and sugar together with an electric hand whisk for approximately 5 minutes or until light and pale. Using a metal spoon, gently fold in the flour. Divide between the two tins and bake for 10–12 minutes or until the sponges are lightly golden and cooked through.
2. Sprinkle some extra caster sugar on two sheets of baking paper then turn the sponges out onto the sugared paper. Peel off the paper from the underside and, while still warm, roll them both up from

the short end into a tight spiral using the paper to help. Leave to cool.

3. To make the lemon curd, place the egg yolks, granulated sugar, butter, lemon zest and lemon juice in a glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Whisk until combined and whisk continuously as the curd cooks until thickened. This should take about 15 minutes. Pour into a clean bowl and set aside to cool.
4. To make the St Clement's jelly, soak the gelatine leaves in cold water for 5 minutes to soften. Using a vegetable peeler, peel 6 strips from a lemon and 6 strips from an orange and put these into a saucepan with the sugar and 400ml/14fl oz water. Bring to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring occasionally until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat and discard the peel. Squeeze the water out of the gelatine and stir into the pan until dissolved then leave to cool. Squeeze the lemons and oranges, so you have 150ml/5fl oz of both lemon and orange juice. Stir into the pan then strain the jelly through a fine sieve into a jug and chill until cool but not set.
5. To make the custard, place the cream in a saucepan over a gentle heat and bring it up to simmer, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon. In a bowl, whisk together the egg yolks, sugar, cornflour and lemon extract, then gradually pour the hot cream into the bowl whilst whisking continuously. Immediately return the whole lot back to the saucepan and continue whisking over a gentle heat until the custard is thick and smooth. Pour the custard into a jug or bowl, cover the surface with greaseproof paper and leave to cool.
6. To make the amaretti biscuits, preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until firm. Mix the sugar and almonds gently into it. Add the amaretto and fold in gently until you have a smooth paste.
7. Place some baking paper on a baking tray and lightly brush with butter or oil. Using a teaspoon, place small heaps of the mixture approximately 2cm/¾in apart, as

they will expand during cooking. Bake for approximately 15–20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

8. To make the chunky mandarin coulis, strain two tins of mandarins. Discard the juice and put the fruit into a saucepan with the sugar and heat gently until broken down. Remove from the heat. In a small bowl, slake the arrowroot with 2 tablespoons cold water then add to the warm mandarins. Add the lemon juice and mix well before pouring into a large bowl. Strain the remaining two tins of mandarins and add the fruit to the bowl then leave to cool completely.
9. To make the jewelled chocolate bark, if the peel feels wet or sticky, roll in the caster sugar to absorb any moisture. Melt the white chocolate in a bowl sitting over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Pour the white chocolate onto a baking tray lined with baking paper and scatter over the mixed peel. Leave to set then break into shards.
10. To assemble, unroll the cooled Swiss rolls and spread with the lemon curd. Roll back up again and slice one into 2.5cm/1in slices and place upright around the bottom edge of the trifle dish so the swirl is visible. Slice the other Swiss roll into thicker pieces and use these to fill the bottom of the dish, ensuring the top is roughly the same level as the slices that line the edge. Use off-cuts of sponge to fill any gaps.
11. Pour the St Clement's jelly over the Swiss roll layer and set aside in the fridge to completely set. This will take approximately 3 hours. Once set, pour over the custard then arrange a single layer of amaretti biscuits, keeping a few back for the top. Pour over the mandarin coulis. In a large bowl, whip the double cream until soft peaks form then spoon this over the coulis. Crumble over the reserved amaretti biscuits and decorate with the chocolate bark shards.

Recipe Tips

As a shortcut for this recipe, you can use ready-made versions for most of the components and just make the Swiss rolls and mandarin coulis from scratch.

For the lemon curd, use 300g/10½oz ready-made lemon curd. Instead of the St Clement's jelly, use 1 packet of lemon-flavoured jelly and follow the packet instructions to make 568ml/1 pint.

For the custard, use 500ml/18fl oz ready-made custard.

For the biscuits, use 100g/3½oz ready-made amaretti biscuits.

Instead of making the jewelled chocolate bark, you can finish this trifle by scattering over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and 50g/1¾oz white chocolate chunks.

Mark Hughes



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

Flicks in The Sticks:
Roman Holiday
Friday 3rd June

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.

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)



On Friday 3rd of June at 6pm at Everest Hall in Llanfair Waterdine the Flicks Team is running a special screening of the classic 'Roman Holiday' starring the iconic Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck.



Telling the tale of a young princess who bumps into an American journalist who pretends not to know her true identity..... Ah.... Rome, Romance, Scooters!

Expert direction from William Wyler and stunning Oscar winning costumes, 'Roman Holiday' is a timeless 50s romantic comedy classic and is a perfect treat to put us in the 50s mood.

Date: 3/6/22

Time: 6pm

Venue: Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine

Adult ticket price: £5.00

U16: £2.50

Interval and Bar

Hearing Loop Audio

Re-Mastered Blu-Ray.

Don and Kath Szmidt

MEMORIES. By Brenda Davies (nee Jones)

I am now in my nineties
A lifetime ago
The years have passed quickly -
Tho' at the time they seemed slow.
The war years seemed endless,
And hard to endure.
No sweets for the children
No sugars or fat.
No petrol for shopping ,
For the few who had cars,
Just "Owens Motor Buses"
Knighton could have been on Mars !

After schooldays were ended at
The age of fourteen,
School friendships vanished as friends
Were never seen.
They may have met briefly in Chapel or Church,
Or at Harvest time in the hayfield,
As the hay cocks were dispersed.

Life was boring for teenagers then,
Mainly "work and no play" was the
Order for each day.
Then " out of the blue" -
A ray of sunshine shone thro'.
Some ones great idea became a fact

And lessened the boredom which,
Was then so intact.
Someone, somehow and somewhere,
In our countryside, took the view ,
That countryside teenagers -if only a few -
Deserved to "meet up" and have fun days and nights,
Whilst together they lived, learnt and laughed.

LLANFAIR-WATERDINE YFC was formed.

In Llanfair our meeting place was always the school.
Used for concerts, whist drives, wedding parties and pool.
Meeting were always alternate Tuesdays.
Our first meeting, I think, was in summer 1944.
I was sixteen and Jocelyn was fourteen, with
"Exams looming at our door".
We were both now pupils at Presteigne Grammar School,
Having passed the "Eleven Plus" a few years before.

Our first elected "Chairman" was a Land-Girl , who had
Been posted to Cwm-Brain. Miss Dorothy Tyldesley, who
Understood the ritual a Chairman needed.
The Vice-Chairman was a farmer from Pentrusco, Heyope.
Westall Price, who poor boy, had to take over the "Chair" as
The war ended in 1945 and the Land Army ceased to exist.
I was elected Club Secretary, to my mother's disapproval, as
I was due to sit my school certificate that year, and should be
"Swotting". Not arranging YFC affairs, including many YFC
Dances , with our local Dance Bands. A Mr Wilf Gough
,
(Panpwnton) and his "Scarlet Troubadours" , also
Miss Nesta Price and "The Bucknell Dance Band".

We met for Carol Singing evenings, when we walked
from Llanfair to
Lloyney singing - not always very melodiously - at
most households.
We gave the money collected to Cancer Research.
We attended County Meetings of Shropshire YFC.
Us Girls cooked, stitched and sewed , whilst the
Boys judged, shored or mowed.
Our talents were judged highly.
We also had lessons in Country Dancing, and because
we were so good,
We were asked to dance before the now Queen, in
Shrewsbury, at the

West Midland Show in 1950.

We had a good tutor, who came from Shrewsbury and
a highly graded pianist,
Who helped us perform before the then Princess
Elizabeth.

Our boys had days of hedging and many other farming
tracts, whilst us
Girls had days of cooking and other kitchen facts.
Food and petrol were still rationed, and so was
clothing too.
But most people walked or cycled and most each
other knew.
Every-one was friendly and very helpful too.
No water piped to houses - unless your house was
new.
Some villages had a water pump, from which water
could be got,
Then used sparingly, with not too much in the pot.
Radios were fuelled by batteries, which needed
charging each week.
TVs were unheard of, for electricity came much later
or it was new.
Our Churches and our Chapels had two services each
Sunday.
Each had a large congregation, some from several
miles away.

New inhabitants made us famous,
Have only just thought of that
John and Joy moved to our parish
And "put us on the map".
John was in the Army and so
"For safety's sake" Joy moved from London
With "four toddlers still in her lap".

She joined our YFC and became a leader too,
Got us involved in acting, which to us was very new.
We put on plays and danced and sang
In neighbouring villages too.
Llanfair became quite famous. which to us was very
new.

Yes, to-day life is much easier in so many ways.
Most people live longer,
Their prescriptions rule their days.
In my nineties I can look back to teenage happy years.
Many friends have departed,
But we will meet again one day.. and reminisce.
We were all country people, in the Teme Valley ,born
and bred
Who knew and helped each other
And so .. what more can be said.

Brenda Davies (nee Jones)

The Pavilion

The clocks have changed, the weather is lovely, and the socials are back in full swing every Friday night. It is lovely to see so many people coming to enjoy a drink on the patio whilst the children play safely and happily in our new play park

.As mentioned in the last edition of LT, we were in the final stages of purchasing the play park. This is now erected and fully functional with a secure fence to keep children safe and dogs out. The popular boules game is also going very strong with some quite competitive players. The boules pitch can be used any time, not just during socials, as can the play park.

We have now purchased some soft seating chairs and small round tables which gives a more comfy and friendly feel to the pavilion. The committee are very pleased to announce we have three new people who have come forward to join the committee or help run the socials and other events. You will see their new faces behind the bar over the next coming weeks.

The committee is now in the 'Queens Platinum Jubilee' mode, getting ready for a busy weekend of events which include a live stream of the 'Party in the Palace' along with complimentary hot pork baps on Saturday and Live music, Sports & complimentary BBQ on Sunday evening. Please see our Facebook page 'The Community Pavilion Llanfair' and notice board for this event and any other events in the future.

The pavilion is used on a regular basis for yoga (twice a week), dog training and play group which all provide a great service on our doorstep for the community, however, unfortunately due to low attendance, the panache dancing is no longer going ahead.

We would also like to thank Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust for installing Wi-Fi at the pavilion, which will be available to the public to use at any time and all users of the pavilion.

Please see our events page on the website www.llanfairwaterdinecommunitytrust.co.uk or Facebook page 'Llanfair Waterdine Community Pavilion' where we regularly post events, new clubs and news. We also advertise any events on the

exterior notice board at the pavilion, a board at the carpark and a board opposite the Lloyney Inn.

As ever, we are always happy to have new members, so if anyone would like to join, please contact us at;

thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com

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Zoe Croose

Llanfair Waterdine WI



In March we had a wonderful talk from one of our own members, Andrea Moore. I think that we all discovered a new world of Japanese Art. The power point presentation showed us the journey of Hiroshige as he recorded his pilgrimage in Japan through woodcuts which were not only full of character and humour but also showed the social history of the period. Thank you, Andrea: it was a treat.

April was a presentation by Helen Anderson of the Knighton and Presteigne Food bank. We know what an essential service it provides but it was good to hear it explained in detail and to understand who and what they actually support. I think that we were surprised by the need for baby products.

May was presented by Ann Cummins, a graphologist, who showed us the handwriting of some famous and infamous personalities and

explained how their handwriting shows the characteristics of their personalities.

At the moment, members are busy preparing exhibits for the Powys Radnor Federation County Show which will take place on 18th June. It is open to anybody to visit and there are always wonderful craft and cooking exhibits. It takes place in Knighton Community Centre which means it is very accessible to everyone who receives this magazine. Please pop in.

Our future speakers are: June - 'A Journey with Dementia' - Sue Lovell; July - 'A Fibre Artist' – Lynn Kisey; August – 'Canoeing the Pipe' - Andy Holman, and in September – 'A History of Social Housing' - Mike Rix. We like to have speakers who cover a wide variety of interests.

In the immediate future we are looking forward to supporting the Everest Hall with their plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and are organising our own special event on 2nd July to celebrate our 90th Anniversary.

Our meetings are held in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine, on the first Friday of every month and we are always pleased to welcome guests at 7.30pm to share our speaker and our supper. The exception is June when our meeting is on Wednesday 1st, due to the Bank Holiday.

Please visit us and find out what we are all about. For further information please contact Margaret Clugston on 01547 529155 or me on 01547 528477.

Ann Harroway

When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.
Queen Elizabeth II

St. Mary's Church



'Grass Cutting' Coffee Mornings all at 11.00 am

June 1st hosted by Margaret and Leon Drewnicki in their home, Birches Gate.

July 6th hosted by Ruth Davies in the church.
All welcome.

Easter Week

Easter Day saw us welcome the former Archbishop of Wales, Bishop John Davies, to take our service. We were pleased to welcome him although sadness had been expressed that we couldn't have our own Vicar for our Easter Day service. However, Martin was already at two other churches that morning and we did have him with us at Christmas. In addition, Martin has been more than generous with his time since then.



Bishop John conducted a wonderful service. It was attended by 67 local people: more than on Easter Day for some time. Llanfair Singers contains many who are churchwardens where they live. It also has five organists, so, it being a special day which could not be missed in people's 'home' church, Llanfair Singers was a smaller group than usual. However, the performance of 'Hallelujah Chorus' at the end of the service, with a spell-binding accompaniment from Sean Farrell, made the service far from ordinary (and also his 'going out' voluntary at the end, except no-one went out: everyone listened). Afterwards, and after the applause, we all had coffee and cake outside, it being a lovely spring day. Our three Holy Week services were attended by a total of 134 people, which must be a record.

'Pilgrimage of Song'

On the afternoon of Saturday 14th May, St Mary's Church welcomed the 2022 'Pilgrimage of Song' led by Revd. Annie Ballard and Geoff Weaver. The choristers rehearsed in the church and then held a service of words and music based on 'Pilgrim's Progress'. The group had held a service at Heyope in the morning and then walked to Llanfair Waterdine. This occasion was incredibly moving. It was good to be able to host Pilgrimage of Song this year as COVID had forced a cancellation in 2021.

Church Library

We are hoping to set up a church library with books for sale as follows: hardbacks - £2.00 and paperbacks - £1.00. Watch this space!

Photo Postcard of the church.

When David Morgan floodlit the church at Christmas Michael Symonds, a PCC member, took a photo. The photo is now available in the church for 50p and can be used as a postcard or greetings card. It is beautiful. Many thanks to Michael for donating the cards and for spotting the photo opportunity in the first place.

Operation Hedgehog

Exciting news! We have a hedgehog in our churchyard. It looks as if it is finding peace and quiet and a convenient place to make a home. It has its special house, into which predators cannot go and also a box into which dog food is placed

two or three times each week and which disappears!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We hope to offer shoeboxes for people to fill with small, inexpensive toys. The shoeboxes will be available from the church. By offering the boxes now there will be no rush to fill them at the last minute. Please phone me for a box. The boxes go to young children for whom presents from parents can be impossible, especially this year.

Annual 'May-Day Church Coffee Morning

The **May Day Church Coffee Morning** raised well over £500. Many thanks to all who came, to all those who set up the hall and looked after the stalls and coffee and to Denise and Rob Taylor for their organisation.

Raffle prizewinners were Sue Lane, Brian Minniss, Barbara Carter, Beryl Evans and Brenda Wood.

Everest Hall 'Tea Stop' This is held monthly on the second Saturday morning from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon, so in June this will be the 11th. Please come and enjoy a drink and a social get-together.

The next **'Reflection' Service** will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th June.

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Comprehensive plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations from June 2nd to 5th have been detailed fully in the March edition of Llanfair Times and on the Parish Council website. Llanfair Singers will sing on June 2nd at 9.45 pm at the Parish Beacon near the Turbary Field. Along with over 500 Commonwealth Choirs, performing in their own countries at the same time, Llanfair Singers will sing the winning song in the Commonwealth Resounds competition, 'A Life Full of Grace'.

St. Mary's Church will have a celebratory Sunday service on 5th June at 11.15 am. The Platinum Jubilee Flag will be flying from the Church flagpole.

Graham Trew

Back to the Future

As some will know, our Easter service was conducted by the former Archbishop of Wales, Bishop John. He was pleased to be asked and the congregation was pleased with the service. However, some will not know how this one Easter service echoed some thinking from the 1980's. At the moment our Electoral Roll is pleasing, with record numbers; those attending services is pleasing. But what is not pleasing is the feeling, thought or fear that, despite this, the hierarchy within the Hereford Diocese might seek to close our church. So, possibly, we should recall that in the 1980's one especially enlightened and far-sighted Vicar believed we should align with the likes of Beguildy and the Church in Wales. It was agreed this made sense given our geography, our social lives, schools and auctions. It was agreed that we have much more connection with the Teme Valley than Hereford.

What many will not know, or remember, is that some services and weddings were taken by the Rev. Martin Davies, Vicar of Beguildy. Sadly, for some, the 'thinking' was lost, possibly through lack of imagination or discussion. So, the photo loaned by Sarah Stainthorpe, nee Cummins, could be an illustration of a 'lost opportunity'? : a wedding in 1987 with, as guests will recall, Rev. Martin Davies instrumental in the proceedings. Some will remember that it was not the only service or wedding he conducted in Llanfair Waterdine. Now, some thirty years plus later, possibly with our church under threat, should the congregation of St Mary's Church and the parish of Llanfair Waterdine revisit the discussion of aligning with Beguildy and the Church in Wales?



Back to the future.

'A Parishioner'

For me, heaven is likely to be a bit of a come-down.

Queen Elizabeth II

LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

As you read this we will have just said farewell to the Stour Valley Singers whom we hosted for our joint concert in Knighton. Over the years the support of the Llanfair community in attending our concerts has been incredible and we do thank you for that. It has enabled us to donate over £10,000 to charity. There are also times when you have supported us in raising funds to purchase additional music – a very wise investment since no-one wishes to hear the same songs every time!

I am sure that we shall have enjoyed the same warmth of support this time – even though, on this occasion, we were the wrong side of the border.

I was surprised to learn that some people think that we only sing religious music – probably because they have been in church and heard us sing, or they have seen our photos in the press. We are certainly very lucky that our reputation for choral singing is such that we are regularly invited to sing in both Churches and Cathedrals around the country – from St David's to St Paul's and as far North as Durham.– **BUT, NO**, it is definitely not the only sort of music that we sing.

It is the variety of music that our Directors of Music, Graham Trew and Richard Lewis, present us with that keeps us all enthused and happy. If you've come to our concerts you will have heard us singing every sort of music – songs made famous by Sting, Elvis Presley, Queen, the King's Singers, Flanders and Swan, George Shearing, Jerome Kern along with a host of others. However you look at it, that is a very diverse selection of music.

Some people wonder why they never see all sixty members of the choir singing together – It's probably because they haven't come to a concert – or a rehearsal!

Concerts are amongst the few times that you can hear the whole choir because, in churches and even Cathedrals, the available seating limits the numbers that can attend – which means that sopranos and altos can be rotated and have time off - but for our 4 Tenors and 5 Basses there is no rest (and wickedness has nothing to do with it!)

You may wonder why the Llanfair Singers is so large? Because it's such fun and we all enjoy it so much. I don't know what you do between 7.30 and 9.30pm on a Thursday night (*maybe I'm better off not knowing!*) but **we** have a great time -enjoying singing; enjoying learning new music and new skills, enjoying each others company – enjoying our coffee break - the motto of the choir is friendship through music and that is what we live by. Real fun; Real fellowship; a great social life and a common interest.

We may be a large choir – but there is always room for more. If you are interested just let us know. You won't regret it – sixty of us can't be wrong!

Further information on events and on how to join the choir can be found on www.llanfairsingers.co.uk

Michael Symonds



Rob Gwilt just keeps on quizzing us....

- 1.. Name the local who was Tref-y-Clwydd Players Player of the season 2022
- 2.. Cousins Michael Beavan and Sam Beavan play for which rival football clubs?
- 3.. Name the local who is Captain of Knighton FC.
- 4.. Traditionally, in what month are Knighton Races held?
- 5.. Name the local who played Hockey for Wales at full international level. Congratulations.
- 6.. The I.S.D.T sometimes passes through the Teme Valley. Some will know film- star Steve McQueen was a competitor! .. But what does I.S.D.T stand for?
- 7.. Name the local who played football with Spurs and England legend Martin Chivers.
- 8.. Some locals will have entered The Truck and Trailer Open. A midland and marches regional competition held in Shropshire. But what is the sport?

9.. Name the local who was Tref-y-Clwydd Managers Player of the season 2022.

10 John Lloyd is a former British Tennis No 1. Name the local who played him in a South England Regional Tournament.

11 Name the local who scored 4 (four) goals in the Knighton v Presteigne derby 2022.

12 Isaac and Sam Weaver played Darts for which County?

Robert Gwilt

Answers to March's Quiz questions;

1.. Jim Cummins, 2.. Toby Ross, 3.. Joy Hunt, 4.. (A) Scotland, 5.. Andrea Evans, 6.. Alex Ross, 7.. Bob Bailey, 8.. Matthew Croose, 9.. Emily Powell, 10.Robert Davies, 11 Simon Nix,12 Felindre



Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year

Summer is on its way. With the risk of frost now less likely it is time to put out tender plants.

It is time to plant out lettuce seedlings, courgette plants and runner and French bean plants, pumpkins and butternut squash.

Sow radishes and spring onions. If you do not have a greenhouse try planting ridge cucumbers.

Continue to deadhead daffodils and tulips unless you wish them to seed themselves around.

Plant out dahlias which have been growing on indoors. Put supports around tall dahlias and if you see pieces have been nibbled out of the

flower petals put a small flowerpot stuffed with straw on one of the supports. This problem is probably caused by earwigs which can be removed from the flowerpots and destroyed.



Hanging baskets can now go outside if you have been growing them on in the greenhouse. Tender bedding can also be planted out now. Keep an eye out for slugs and perhaps make a slug trap with a basin buried to within one cm or half an inch of the rim and filled with a mixture of beer and water. Put a raised cover of perhaps a tile over the top supported on stones just over the basin. Check frequently and empty and refresh contents regularly. Do not use slug pellets if at all possible because a hedgehog could eat the dead slugs which could possibly kill the hedgehog.

If you have not done so, it is time to pot on your tomato plants and sweet peppers.

Earth up your potatoes to prevent those near the surface from going green.



June is the time to plant out brassica plants such as sprout, kale, cauliflower and broccoli, also leeks.

Plant sweetcorn in a block to help the windblown pollen to set the seeds in the cobs.

Sow wallflower seeds for putting into pots for next spring's displays.

Keep on top of weeding which competes with your plants for nutrients.

Sow more radishes, spring onions, lettuce etc. as soon as the first sowing is up and growing well.

Cut back whippy shoots on wisteria in July and prune properly in February next year.

Sow hardy biennial seeds like foxgloves for planting out in the autumn.

In August, keep cutting sweetpeas to keep them flowering for longer. Cut back lavender after it has flowered. Keep pots and hanging baskets well-watered and deadheaded regularly to keep them going.

Enjoy your garden.

Di Bailey

COMMUNITY TRUST

As you may already know there are a few new faces on the Community Trust. We would again like to thank the outgoing Trustees for their extreme dedication and hard work. There are certainly some big shoes to fill.

There are currently a number of awards that the Trust is working on. The awards cover a variety of areas and will provide financial support to young people to help them broaden their experiences and accomplishments. These awards will not only benefit the individuals/families they are awarded to but we hope they will benefit the community as a whole. All recipients have agreed to share

their experiences with the community, whether that is writing about their experiences or showcasing the skills. We welcome any members of the Llanfair Parish or environs to write to us for support if they wish to apply for an award in the following target areas:

Applications will be considered for:

- 1.** Grants to individuals, families or groups on the basis of exceptional or challenging circumstances.
- 2.** Bursaries to young people to help them broaden their experiences and accomplishments.
- 3.** Partnerships with groups seeking similar goals to our own.
- 4.** Sponsorship of projects that will be of sustainable benefit to the community.

With regard to the land management, we are pleased to say all grazier's agreements have been signed and also the payment schemes have been submitted for this year. With the reduction in traditional payments the Trust have applied for and been successful in receiving a conservation grant for 'The Triangle.' This is a well-loved piece of land that can be enjoyed by all, it is situated next to the Offa's Dyke Path, The Turbary and is in situated near to nesting locations for Lapwings and Curlews.

The aim is to enrich the area creating a more biodiverse land parcel, which is not jeopardising existing habitats. The Trust are pleased to report that Shropshire Hills AONB have provided a grant of £1,000 to aid improvements and a professional assessment of this area by an Ecologist to provide a mini-management plan. The Trust are looking to involve as many of the local community in the project and would ask anyone interested to get in touch via our Trust email address: llanfairwaterdineTrustees@gmail.com .

Anyone without access to email, please use the post box situated at the entrance to the Pavilion and we can look to respond accordingly.

There are still some ongoing developments as we hope to further support the Management committee with the improvements at the Community pavilion. A new children's play area is now built with a picket fence surround and is being enjoyed by many of the local families in the community. There is now also Wi-Fi available in

the Pavilion, this is a huge asset for the community and will allow a wider range of events to be held here as well as allowing the methods of communication to be improved in a rural area.

Finally, we look forward to the many Jubilee celebrations that are being hosted by our community groups, we encourage everyone to get involved and support the events and we hope to catch up with you there.

Best Wishes,
Llanfair Waterdine Community Trustees

Matthew Croose
 Byron Ford
 Steve Knowler
 Will Rogers

PARISH COUNCIL

.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

Seventy years of trivia

1952	Top Ten Baby Names - Linda, Mary, Patricia, Deborah, Susan, James, Robert, John, Michael, David
1953	Stalin dies
1954	Food rationing ends in Great Britain almost 9 years after the end of the war
1955	Ruth Ellis hanged
1956	Suez crisis
1957	Editor of Llanfair Times born.
1958	Manchester Utd Munich air disaster
1959	Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba
1960	Team GB wins 2 gold, 6 silver and 12 bronze medals in Rome Olympics
1961	UK applies for membership of the EEC
1962	First Beatles single "Love Me Do" released
1963	France vetos UK's application for membership of the EEC
1964	First showing of "Top of the Pops" and "Jackie" published
1965	Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs escapes from Wandsworth Prison.
1966	England wins the World Cup
1967	Sandie Shaw Puppet On A String three weeks at No 1
1968	Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr
1969	The first B&Q DIY superstore was opened in Southampton
1970	Concorde makes its first supersonic flight at 700mph
1971	Decimalisation
1972	Watergate started...
1973	Pink Floyd - The Dark Side of the Moon
1974	Three-Day Week and two general elections
1975	First episode of Fawlty Towers
1976	Cod War and "Phew what a scorcher!"
1977	Virginia Wade wins at Wimbledon. Elvis died...or did he?

1978	Louise Brown - world's first test tube baby born in Oldham
1979	Trevor Francis signs for Nottingham Forest in British football's first £1 million deal
1980	First episode of "Yes Minister"
1981	Charles & Diana marry
1982	Falklands War
1983	One pound coin introduced
1984	Torvill & Dean win gold at Sarajevo Olympics
1985	Sinclair C5 launched
1986	"Freddie Starr ate my hamster"
1987	Lester Piggott jailed for tax evasion
1988	Final episode of "Crossroads"
1989	Tiananmen Square
1990	First episode of "Mr Bean"
1991	Terrt Waite freed after over four years as a hostage
1992	Annus horribilis
1993	Beanie babies first go on sale
1994	Channel Tunnel opens and first draw of The National Lottery
1995	1% of the UK population now have internet access
1996	BSE
1997	Katrina and the Waves with "Love Shine a Light" - last time UK won Eurovision Song Contest
1998	Good Friday Agreement
1999	First elections for Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly
2000	Tate Modern opens
2001	Foot and Mouth
2002	Moors murderer Myra Hindley dies
2003	Sir Mick Jagger!
2004	Dame Kelly Holmes did her big eyes
2005	Dr Who back on the screen after 16 years
2006	Daniel Craig new James Bond
2007	Smoking ban in public places
2008	Woolworths close
2009	British film "Slumdog Millionaire" wins Oscar for Best Film
2010	LibDem/Tory coalition
2011	England win the Ashes down under
2012	Andy Murray wins the US Open, the first British man to win a Grand Slam since 1936
2013	Nelson Mandela dies
2014	Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 disappears
2015	Libby Lane becomes the Church of England's first female bishop
2016	Team GB finish second with 27 golds, 23 silvers, and 17 bronze medals at the Rio Olympics
2017	Grenfell Tower fire
2018	Salisbury Poisoning
2019	UK comes last in Eurovision Song Contest again
2020	Covid
2021	Emma Raducanu wins US Open Tennis
2022	Top Ten Baby Names - Emma, Amelia, Olivia, Ava, Luna, Noah, Liam, Oliver, Elijah, Mateo.