

Llanfair Times

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September 2022



Llanfair Church Commemorative Service with a picture of 'Balmoral' by King Charles III

Jubilee Celebrations June 2022

I am sure that Her Majesty would have been very proud of the wonderful efforts made by her subjects in Llanfair Waterdine to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee with events arranged for each of the of the four days of the Jubilee weekend.

Thursday saw about a hundred people assembling on Llanfair Hill on a clear, balmy evening to witness the lighting of a magnificent Beacon, hear the Llanfair Singers performing the Jubilee Anthem and to devour the hot dogs and liquid refreshment on offer. From this vantage point we were able to see numerous beacons on the surroundings hillsides. A very special evening.

Friday saw over a hundred people gather inside and out at Everest Hall to join in a sumptuous Cream Tea with many staying on to watch the Classic Film 'Roman Holiday'.

(The **OFFICIAL PLATINUM PUDDING RECIPE** was given in the last edition of Llanfair Times and what an impressive showing from Liz Matthews! Ed.)



Saturday, even though the weather was not very kind, a happy group took part in the Parish Walk from The Pavilion Car Park of some 4 miles around the local hills, with a picnic tea provided. The evening held a live streaming of The Party At

The Palace, again at The Pavilion, with guests served Hot Pork Baps and refreshment from the Bar.

Sunday started with a Festival Service at St. Mary's which included prayers said at The Coronation and also favourite hymns of Her Majesty. Again the weather did not deter folk joining in the Bring and Share lunch in Everest Hall followed by Live Music with Tesni's Group 'As we are 'and BBQ at The Pavilion.

All in all, a wonderfully busy, happy and enjoyable weekend, attended by many people, with true community spirit and enthusiasm.

A big thank you to the Parish Council, Everest Hall Committee, The Pavilion Committee, Parish Charity Trustees and St. Mary's Church who joined together to arrange this very memorable weekend and to everyone who helped and supported.

Ruth Davies



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

Flicks in The Sticks:

Saturday 15th October: 'Belfast'

Saturday 19th November: Operation Minceat

Saturday 17th December: 'The Sound of Music'

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.

Future dates are 8th October, 12th November and 10th December.

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)



Saturday 15th October: 'Belfast'



We open with Kenneth Branagh's multi award winning film 'Belfast'. While not strictly autobiographical the film touches on Branagh's experiences growing up in Northern Ireland during the riots of 1969 and the subsequent 'Troubles'

'It's a film of formal beauty, letter perfect performances, complex and textural writing (also from Branagh) and enough comedic one-liners to make you forget that you are watching a drama about seething sectarian hatreds' (The Times)

It's a film about values and friendship and sacrifices as seen through the eyes of a nine year old boy.... captivating.

Film starts at 7.30

Interval with full range of refreshments.

Hearing Loop Audio

Blu-Ray.

Adults £5.00

U16 £2.50

Saturday 19th November: Operation Mincemeat



Saturday 17th December: 'The Sound of Music'

Re-Scheduled from Covid Restriction days....

We're up for another go at this!



Don and Kath Szmidt

Everest Hall



Things you have made possible by Supporting the Everest Hall

When our **cinema system** was installed in the Hall a number of years ago, a **hearing loop** was also installed enabling those who used hearing aids to pick up the film soundtrack. However, we were not able to use the loop and speakers to benefit the hard of hearing during meetings, concerts and other events. Now we can, thanks to additions to the system which enable radio microphones to feed sound to both the loop and the loudspeakers.

We have a handheld microphone, which can be fitted to a stand, a lapel microphone and one that clips behind the ear to be close to the mouth. This way we should be able to provide sound to the loop and through the speaker system for most events.

The system is easy to use and anyone wishing to use it should contact the committee for further information.

Thanks to all of you who joined us for **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** at our delicious **Cream Tea followed by the Flicks Film and then a Bring and Share Lunch the following day. Also thanks** for the help which is always readily available when needed as well as generous donations of food, drinks and two enormous and very tasty Platinum Puddings. The celebrations certainly kept up the good work which has always been carried out by the village in the past on every occasion. The result was a staggering amount of **£837.80** which has been donated to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal as agreed.

To celebrate the Jubilee a very kind villager who wishes to remain anonymous has donated an

Ornamental Tree (*prunus pendula Rubra*) which we have planted on the edge of the car park at the entrance gate to the Hall for all to enjoy in the coming years.

Idris and Maggie Lloyd and the Beaumont family donated to the Hall a flag pole which we were delighted with as we were able to fly our Union Jack with pride on Jubilee Day.

Once again **thanks to all the regular groups** who hire the Hall and individuals also.

Hire of the Hall 3 hours approx. is **£7.00**

Weddings **£120.00**

(days for set up/clear up £25.00 per day)

Party or Concert small/large **£30.00/£50.00**

We do hire for many varied events if you are interested or have any ideas for fundraising we would be pleased to hear from you also if you require any information please contact :-

Ruth 01547 528592 or Mary 01547 510285

Why not call in and meet with neighbours and friends and get an update at the **'T Stop'** every second Saturday of the month between **10.00 am and 12.00** over complimentary drinks and biscuits.

Any of our Trustees will tell you more.

EVEREST HALL 100 CLUB LOTTERY

It will soon be time to renew your membership your regular Trustee will be in touch in plenty of time for the renewal date of 5th December 2022. We have 170 members and have raised the fantastic amount of £3,035.00 since we started in 2018 we missed part of 2021 due to Covid, 50% was prize money and 50% less any costs which were printing of tickets and Shropshire Council Licence went towards the upkeep of your EVEREST HALL.

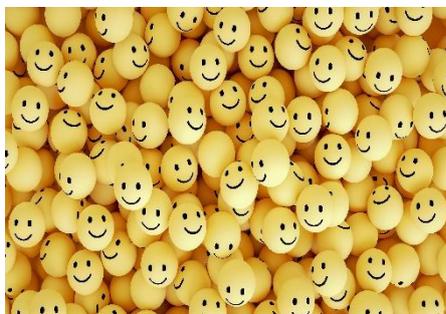
Well done, you have achieved this for just £5.00 per annum.

If you haven't got a lottery ticket please contact any of our Trustees they are listed on our Notice Board or leave your name and contact details on the list in the porch at the Hall or please call or email :-

Ann 01547 528477 a.harroway@yahoo.co.uk

Mary 01547 510285
marybufton@btinternet.com

We look forward to another successful year and please accept our thanks for your generosity and call in at the Hall when we can show you all our improvements.



They were made possible by your contributions. We do hold a second Saturday every month 'Tea stop' between 10 & 12 am when you are most welcome for a friendly get together over drinks and biscuits it is proving to be very popular.

Prizes drawn every month
1st £20.00 2nd £7.50 3rd £5.00

June	1 st	I Waters (for Jack)
	2 nd	P & J Boast
	3 rd	Anon
July	1 st	R & M Hughes
	2 nd	John Gwilt
	3 rd	Stephen & May Ruell
August	1 st	Helen Henchoz
	2 nd	Mary Morgan
	3 rd	Iorwerth Waters (for Lewie)

*Everest Hall
Management Committee.*

A few things.....

Llanfair Wakes has been a highlight in the Calendar within Llanfair Parish and the surrounding area since before the 2nd World War. There was a break during the War, re-starting in the early 1050's and has continued

every year since (an enforced break through Covid). It was originally held on the 2nd Friday in August, then moved to the 2nd Wednesday, to coincide with the change in half day closing in Knighton. In those days a specially laid on bus brought many people from Knighton to join us at The Wakes. Changes in people's life styles and commitments resulted in The Wakes being moved to the 2nd Saturday many years ago and such it has been.

Many very willing people have been involved in the organisation of the event, originally initiated by Church people celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (after whom our Church was dedicated) and as a form of fund raising, supporting the Church. Sometimes the profits were split between the Church and Everest Hall, depending on the greater need at the time.

As the years have rolled by, willing members of the wider community have joined in to help in lots of ways to maintain the event with its ever growing activities, so much so that it has been recognised as a very successful community event.

Covid brought us to an abrupt halt in 2020 with a much slimmed down version held in 2021. Sadly, all good things come to an end, The Wakes were not held this year. It seems that people would like to see the Wakes Day/ Event preserved and this gives the opportunity for anyone with new ideas to take the lead and organise some activities in the future.

What are your thoughts? If you are interested or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me 01547 528592

Ruth Davies

**"IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING, BE KIND."**

- UNKNOWN

Llanfair Waterdine WI



Llanfair Waterdine WI was formed in 1925 and due to various problems, including the Covid closure, we thought that it was time to celebrate. We had a lovely evening with a few guests. Members all brought either savoury finger bites or a dessert and the Prosecco flowed freely. We had simple entertainments and lots of chat, which we are all very good at!

Lots of work went into our entries for the Powys Radnor Federation Show which was held in Knighton. There were some excellent results and many members were able to contribute. It gave a sense of pride to look around and see what members can do. A group is now preparing our entry for Knighton Show.

An unscheduled event was a visit to Andrea's garden in Leintwardine. Andrea used to live in Llanfair Waterdine and is still an active member of our WI. She has a lovely garden which is based on an Edwardian design with brick paths and beautiful planting. There is also a fantastic view along the Teme valley. Sitting there supping tea in lovely weather was a real treat.

There have been some good speakers. We particularly appreciated 'A Journey with Dementia' when our own member, Sue Lovell, talked about her experiences when caring for her mother. She told about the difficulties but mostly the happiness and love. We all had an increased understanding of the needs of people living with this disease.

Andy Holman lives on the path of the Elan valley pipeline where it was diverted at Bleddfa. He gave us an understanding of the enormity of the engineering project and some of the history of the actual building of this structure which carries water from the Elan valley to Birmingham using only gravity. His photographs inside the tunnel gave us a real feeling of the size. And yes, he did take his canoe and navigated one section.

The next meetings are September 'A history of Social Housing in Herefordshire' with Mike Rix: October: 'Bags of Surprises' with Dorothy Symonds and in November, a craft demonstration by two of our own members Sue Fountain and Sue Lovell.

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. Please visit us. We have good speakers and lots of fun.

For further information please contact Margaret Clugston (01547 529155) or me (01547 528477).

[Ann Harroway](#)

Llanfair Waterdine Pavilion

My family has a lot of coal in it – coal miners to be precise, working underground in the collieries of North Nottinghamshire – not far from D.H. Lawrence country which is in the Parish of Greasley!

Some of you may have recently watched the BBC series 'Sherwood', which is set in and around where my family still live – Annesley Woodhouse. The story is of two shocking killings in a community that was fractured by the 1980's miners' strike. My brother (a coal miner of 10 years) was, at the time of the 'Sherwood' events, a policeman involved in the search for the killer. What is all of this to do with the Teme Valley and the Pavilion at Llanfair Waterdine? Answer: a social hub. The majority of the community (as in the 'Sherwood' series) frequented the local miners' welfare or working men's club. Annesley Woodhouse had both but only the working men's club is still going.

These were places where families went to have a drink, play bingo, attend dances and other events. Most miners' welfares had playing fields which supported football clubs, held galas, athletic events and so on. Starting to sound familiar?

The Pavilion reminds me of the above mentioned clubs. Open Friday evenings are a place for the community to meet in a superb setting. There is a small but well-stocked bar managed by volunteers, all of whom receive my sincere

thanks. There are games – table tennis, boules, rounders, football. There are fabulous facilities – immaculate playing fields, football goals, an adventure area and playground for the younger members of the community.

There is a car park which hosts push bikes, e-bikes, scooters, quad bikes and even a pony and trap. As well as good old shank's pony – all ways in which locals make their way to the social evenings.

There are events evenings – quiz nights, fish and chip nights and games evenings. As well as the Friday night social, the Pavilion hosts weekly yoga, Llanfair LittleOnes and dog training. More details, including how to book the Pavilion for your private event, can be found on the website <https://www.llanfairwaterdinecommunitytrust.co.uk/about-us>, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Thecommunitypavilionllanfair/>, or you may contact them at thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com.

The Pavilion is there for the community.

Tony Greasley

Teme Valley Tractor Run



As always, this annual and much-loved event was organised by Martin Watkins and his trusted associates. Starting at Pantycaragle Farm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Harris, and completing at Felindre Village Hall. Some locals and some who had travelled a distance, all thoroughly enjoyed their day.

The weather was warm ... obviously, so we could cherish and appreciate all the hilltop, panoramic and 'farming' views as we toured around Radnorshire. It should always be remembered and appreciated that these enjoyable runs are

only made possible by the farmers who allow access across their ground.

Some fifty-eight tractors and some one hundred-plus finished the course and some one hundred-plus finished the event with 'The Dinner'. Martin made time to thank all the sponsors who generously made donations, made cakes, gave raffle prizes and local firms who contributed. The day has raised in excess of £3000 for the DPJ Foundation.

The Organisers made a special thank you to the Village Hall who waived all costs for the event. And a special mention should be given to Carole, Elizabeth, Julie, Louise, Marion, Pauline, Rosie and Vanessa for their help.

Robert Gwilt

Woodland Management

Earlier this year, a group of local volunteers received biodiversity survey training with botanist/ecologist, Fiona Gomersall via a project being delivered by the Knighton Community Woodlands Group (funded by Natural Resources Wales). The Group manage two local woodland sites, at Beggar's Bush and in Skyborry, near Llanfair Waterdine, where volunteers gathered on 9th May to have further training on woodland flora and fern ID. We had a fascinating day in the wood finding a number of common, and some not so common, woodland plants and learning their beautiful Latin names. The plan is that we will be trained up to be able to carry out botanical surveys and monitoring of both sites into the future. Other volunteers are being trained in moth and bird surveying.

For more information on Knighton Community Woodlands Group please see their webpage <http://tveg.org.uk/wordpress/woodland-project>

or email woodland@tveg.org.uk

Sarah Jameson/Gary Cowell

St. Mary's Church



'Remembering those who loved this valley'

Ruth Davies writes: A recent addition to our Churchyard is a beautiful 'Forest of Dean Sandstone' seat, given in memory of Richard and Mary Townshend by their children, Caroline, Jenny and Michael. The seat was expertly crafted by Jonathan Protheroe of Llangunllo and is situated to the right of the main path. The 'Forest of Dean Sandstone' was also used in the construction of the Bellcote in 2000. Part of the Townshend family's project includes four corner stones to denote the boundary of the 'Cremated Remains' section situated to the south of the main path.



We are delighted with the finished result and very grateful to the family for their kind generosity of a lasting memorial to their parents.

A little competition for children visiting the Church is to find a mouse and toad skilfully hidden within the Churchyard!

'Grass Cutting' Coffee Mornings at 11.00 am on the first Wednesday of the month.

September 7th – hosted by Mary and Llewelyn Morgan in the church.

October 5th – hosted by Louise and Brian Minniss in the church.

November 2nd – hosted by Kathy and James Thomas at Coed-yr-Hendre.

December 7th – hosted by Richard Lewis and Graham Trew at Melin-y-Grogue. All Welcome

Jubilee Service

On the Sunday of the Platinum Jubilee weekend a large congregation celebrated the life and service of HM The Queen.. All the organ music, hymns, prayers and readings were taken from the Coronation Service. The Platinum Jubilee flag flew from the flagpole and many repaired afterwards to the delicious Jubilee lunch in the Everest Hall.

Compline and Reflection Services - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6.00 pm

Services of Compline will be held on 14th September and then on 9th November. 'Reflections' will be held on 12th October and 14th December.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 25th September at 6.30 pm. Please come along to celebrate the work of our farming community. As last year there will, hopefully, be a variety of musical contributions from local younger people. There will be refreshments after the service.

Christmas Services – Early Warning

This year's carol service will be held on Tuesday 20th December at 7.00 pm. The Llanfair Singers will be present to lead the service. The December issue will give full details of the service times for the Festive Season.

Inclusive Church

St Mary's Church is now a member of 'Inclusive Church'. The full statement is available on the 'A Church Near You' website or in the porch.

'We believe in an 'Inclusive Church' – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.'

Church Produce Stall

Richard Lewis writes: The Church Stall is going really well. Thank you to all those of you who have donated consumables – jams, lemon curds, pickles, marmalades, fruit, vegetables, and the like and also some quality bric-a-brac. We have been going for nine weeks now, (I write this on 21 August and we calculate from Sunday to Sunday.) To date we have all raised £326.46p from the Church and Book Stalls. Many thanks to Robert Gwilt for moving the stall from Melin y Grogue to the church for us in the first place and to Gail and Steve at The Waterdine: Steve for making the stall safe and balanced on uneven ground and Gail who keeps an eye on the stall for the church on a day-to-day basis.

If you have anything at all that will sell, particularly consumables, we would be very glad to receive them. You can price what you put on the stall yourself or we will do it, or in some cases, the cost is left to those who are purchasing.

Church Book Stall

*Richard Lewis writes:*The Book Stall in the church is making a steady profit. Thanks to all those who have contributed unwanted books and to those as far afield as Knighton and beyond who have made purchases. Every little helps. If you have unwanted books, we would be very pleased to receive them. Just leave them in the church porch. Thank you!

Church Repairs and Improvements

*Robert Taylor writes:*In the last few weeks necessary work has been done to repair damage and decay. The repairs to the external tracery of the west window has seen the replacement of friable and decayed sections with new bath stone. This has been finished and all of the tracery has been repointed. The work included the use of scaffolding and this made it possible to inspect the pointing of the upper part of the west wall. It was clear the repointing was needed and this work has now been completed. As required, lime mortar has been used in this work.

Inside our church, the tower room, which provides secure storage, urgently needed work. The paint and plaster in this room, which is located at the rear of the vestry, had deteriorated badly and needed repair and repainting. At the same time, it was decided to repair the floor which was cracked and broken in places. This work has been completed using lime plaster and lime wash to repair the walls. These are the required materials and ensure the walls can breathe and stay dry.

The work was carried out by local craftsmen. We are very grateful for an anonymous donation of £5,000 which has made a significant contribution to the costs of the work and to the volunteers who cleared and cleaned the church and replaced everything afterwards, allowing for a good 'spring clean' of the vestry.

Parish Giving

The churchwardens and PCC are most grateful to all those who make regular contributions to the church through the Parish Giving Scheme. The 'thermometer' on the wall inside the church has reached £15,000, which has been of tremendous help to the church during and since COVID, when we have incurred several unforeseen building repair expenses. A small amount given over a monthly, quarterly or yearly period soon mounts up and I would ask anyone interested in joining the scheme, or willing to consider doing so, from far and near, to contact me on 01547 510327 to talk about it and to get an application form. Looking forward to a time in the not too distant future, when decisions are made about the future of our church, numbers participating in the scheme and numbers on the Church Electoral Roll will play an important part. £5 per year is the minimum amount to

offer to increase the membership so do please consider supporting your church in this way.

Graham Trew

Joan and Jimmy Rhodes

Joan and Jimmy Rhodes moved into the Red Lion (now The Waterdine), Llanfair Waterdine in 1974 with two of their three daughters, Anne and Shauneen, coming to England from Northern Ireland where they had been hosts of 'The First and Last' Pub in Millisle for many years. They very soon became an intrinsic part of our village and neighbourhood, running a very warm and welcoming hostelry, with Jimmy as a jolly, friendly host behind the bar and Joan producing delicious home-made bar and restaurant meals seven days a week. Both Anne and Shauneen helped their parents until they married and moved away. Susan their elder daughter remained in Ireland.

Many happy hours were spent by many people enjoying the excellent hospitality at The Red Lion. Jimmy was a skillful handyman and well known practical joker, many of us were recipients!! Joan was a very talented flower arranger and needlewoman. In addition to running their successful business and taking part in all local events, she hosted parties (often riotous and late), coffee mornings, family gatherings and so much more.

They retired to The Coach House in 1988, sharing with Joan's parents, Ed and Gladys McMorran, continuing to join in all village events until 2006 when they moved to Bucknell. Sadly Jimmy died some eighteen months later. Joan eventually moved to an apartment in Whitchurch Shropshire in 2012 to be near to her daughter Anne. She was soon busy taking part in the community life of her apartment block, happy and enjoying her new surroundings. Joan passed away, peacefully in her own home on March 18th 2022, shortly before her 94th birthday.

Joan was a very good friend and neighbour and will be much missed.

Ruth Davies

Notices

Welcome Louie Alfred Croose

Born in Knighton on 19th August at 6:10AM
weighing 9 lbs 1 oz



Ben Thomas has been awarded a new contract with Ludlow Town U10s. Ludlow are part of the Shrewsbury Town Academy and Ben has already been part of some presentations at The Montgomery Waters Meadow. Matthew Thomas has re-signed for Bishops Castle U12s. The club play in a local league but come under the Shropshire and the Shrewsbury Town 'umbrella'.

Knighton Show Success

Congratulations to **Cerys Matthews-Jones**. Cerys collected the prestigious Roy Williams Cup in the Cookery Competition. Judged over three disciplines, Cerys was awarded two 'golds' and one 'silver' ..especially impressive.



Football Reports

Congratulations to **Owen Matthews-Jones**. Owen who 'stars' for Shobdon U12 s, played a central role in their Hereford County Cup triumph. Played at Edgar Street, Shobdon defeated Ross 4-0! All the more impressive when you consider Ross were previously undefeated all season. Owen is playing in the group above his years and is possibly the youngest to win the Tony Cole Cup.



Congratulations to :

Eddie Watts - awarded the Super Skills Swimming Certificate. Believed to be the youngest ever to achieve this distinction! Gained as a Year 5 pupil, the test is normally reserved for the pick of Year 6 pupils. So especially impressive .

Tom Griffiths . Felindre's Golden Boot Winner Season 2021-22

Robbie Hodnett . Felindre's Young Player of the Season 2021-22

Sam Beavan, Lewis Beavan, Robbie Hodnett, Elizabeth Swancott and Tom Swancott who all represented Radnor YFC (and the Teme Valley) at the Wales National Stock Judging Finals. Lewis and Tom gained the top three places ... again especially impressive.

Sophie Ruell .who represented Radnor YFC (In a selected team of three) at the All Wales Public Speaking.

And possibly leaving the 'best till last', congratulations to **Grace Licence-Law**. who won the coveted Radnor YFC Junior Member of the Year 2022 Award. especially impressive and some!

Robert Gwilt

Small Ads

We are looking for labourers and a general handyman to help with repairs to an old farmhouse and buildings on the outskirts of the village. In particular first aid roof repairs before winter sets in.

We are also looking for flexible childcare in the local area- our home or yours - to help look after an 18 month toddler.

Please call Hannah on 07977134979

Llanfair Boules Club – “The Open”

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th Sept.

Open Invitation for Doubles Teams.



Including Juniors competition.



The main draw will take place live at The Pavilion on Friday 23rd Sept at 7.30 pm but if you can't be there, please contact Ben on 07803 725 706 to put your name down.

LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

I hope that you have enjoyed an excellent summer. “Excellent Summer” might well seem like an oxymoron in the UK but this year it definitely was not; of course that was after we had recovered from the earlier floods and prepared for the hosepipe bans!

The last three months have been surprisingly full: we enjoyed a very successful concert with the Stour Valley Singers (our thanks to the Llanfair residents who had the courage to traverse the border). Prior to the concert we hosted a wonderful welcome dinner for their choir in the Everest hall - with grateful thanks to our catering manager and her team for the organisation of the food and decoration of the hall.



As regular readers know, the role of catering manager for this choir is probably deemed the most important (certainly in the eyes of the members) and our thanks to Dorothy for fulfilling that role so well. It will come as no surprise, therefore, that we enjoyed a fabulous choir party hosted on one of the hottest days of the year.

Billed as a bring-and-share luncheon the food was, predictably, both plentiful and mouth-watering and the chilled drinks, along with the ice machine, were in



Rob Gwilt just keeps on quizzing us....

constant demand. It was a great way to end our first year back after the challenges of lockdown. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our Directors of Music, Graham Trew and Richard Lewis, for restarting choir rehearsals in September and encouraging everyone to return. Without their insistence there is no doubt that, like so many others, many would still have been suffering from *FOGO* (fear of going out). As it was we have had a wonderful year of singing, giving concerts, singing at Carol services and enjoying parties. In recognition of all that Graham, Richard and our accompanist, Mary Porter, have done for us, for our mental health and for our well-being, they were presented with a token of our appreciation.

We are always delighted to welcome new members and particularly tenors and basses. For those of you who are interested but have been hesitating, the start of the choir year is the ideal time to join. This is the moment when we start to learn lots of new music. Don't be shy – all you need is the ability to sing along to tunes on your radio (wireless if older; airpods if younger) – we'll do the rest to help you become an accomplished singer! The new year starts with our AGM on Sept 15th at 7.30pm in the Everest Hall (lasting approximately 35 minutes) and will be followed immediately by the first choir rehearsal. Our first concert of the year will be the annual Christmas Charity Concert held in the Everest Hall on December 3rd followed by the usual round of Carol Services.

If you need a final tempter – you don't get to come to any of our parties without either being a member (or having a partner who is a member!)..... Just keep thinking of the food, the drink, the good times..... and, the singing will come naturally!

I look forward to seeing you next month!

Michael Symonds

1. Name the local footballer who has played in the Montgomery Cup, the Radnorshire Cup and the Shropshire Cup. Congratulations.
2. Fishing is featured on TALKSPORT. So name the local who has won fishing competitions both in the UK and in Europe.
3. Name the local who it is believed, was one of only two women to play representative cricket in their county fixtures.
4. Kevin Hitchcock is a former Chelsea and Premier League goalkeeper. So name the local who scored against him.
5. Name the local who has organised - run - coordinated the Knighton and District Dominoes League for over forty (40) years. Congratulations.
6. Name the local who represented Hertfordshire in a National Swimming Competition.
7. Name the local who has scored centuries playing in the Marches Premier Cricket League.
8. Name the local who played Rugby Union for the Army.
9. Ballroom Dancing is on occasion discussed on TALKSPORT. So name the local(s) who have competed in the National Superdance League, are County Winners and won Silver medals at National Championships. Congratulations.
10. Joey Barton is a famous and controversial former England footballer and now a famous and controversial manager. So name the personality with close connections to Llanfair Parish who had Joey as his Assistant- Manager (!)
11. Which local (Radnorshire) sporting venue has had and still attracts International competitors. From the USA, China, South Africa and across Europe.
12. And now for one really unexpected 'teaser' ... According to some presentations included during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Her Late Majesty The Queen is said to have supported which football team ?

Robert Gwilt

Answers to June's Quiz questions;

1. Mark Tortoriello 2. Felindre Newcastle 3. Jack Hoyle
4. May 5. Andrea Evans 6. International Six Day Trial
7. John Lane 8. Darts 9. John Beavan 10. Graham Trew
11. Sam Hoyle 12. Radnorshire

The War in Ukraine

When the Russian Forces invaded Ukraine everyone was alarmed. All wanted to "stand shoulder to shoulder " and help the people under threat. Chris Thomas , Bryndreynog, acted immediately. He donated an In-calf Heifer to be auctioned at Knighton Market. She was sold for £2,000 and bought by Tom Harris, another local farmer. McCartneys agreed to waive all costs.

This fine example has been repeated on a couple of occasions by others since, but Chris set the precedent, so when you meet him please congratulate him.

Robert Gwilt

The Reluctant Restaurant Reviewerand so to Monkland.....

Ever been to Monkland? You are through it and into Leominster if you blink. But – having turned left as the road to Hereford crosses the Brecon to Leominster road, the A44, and gone towards Leominster for about a mile and a half, you probably won't miss a pub on your right called 'The Monkland Arms'. Almost opposite, there is a turning down a quiet lane to the left to a great little find, during a motor out on a fine day.

Remember that word 'motor' used as a verb? Gran and Grandpa used to fit in 'going for a motor' on a Sunday afternoon, driving sedately about to look at already well-known attractions. Grandpa always took the wheel. Don't ask me why. I reckon Gran, who had gone to France at a tender age in World War 1 to tend the wounded, had driven everything short of a tank, but the Sunday afternoon motor was when this man, at least, was in charge of the vehicle, no question. Times (thankfully) move on and so must I. This is not about how to fill a Sunday, and who takes the wheel, but a recommendation for A1 refreshment.

Karen and Mark Hindle have been running their

cheese-making establishment, shop and cafe for 27 years. There is a photo on the wall of them with The Prince of Wales at Highgrove, at a reception. You see, Prince Charles is the Patron of The Specialist Cheese Makers and thus in 1999 Karen and Mark were there and presented to HRH. You can still see the special framed invitations from him to them.



Monkland Cheese Dairy is a working dairy "producing local artisan cheeses". In addition to the dairy there is a cheese shop and tea rooms. The aim of this establishment is "simple local fare made well" and that is something of an understatement. As you sit with the paper, the deliveries continually arrive from the house about 20m away.

Everything is made by Karen, Mark and their staff: bread rolls; home-made soups; cheese scones; cakes.....I often go for their superb coffee and with it have the apple cake (the recipe for which is contained in the in-house recipe book) which comes with Little Hereford cheese.

The portions of this strong and tangy cheese are whopping: so generous that if I am with a friend and we both order it, we share one piece of the cheese and one of us takes the other piece home for later. That is not to say that I don't buy from the cheese shop: I buy every time as the cheeses from here keep well and there is a wide range, from their own to those from further afield.

Let's Get cooking!

Chickpeas....my latest food fad!



Also known as garbanzo beans, chickpeas have been grown and eaten in Middle Eastern countries for thousands of years and they are a rich source of vitamins, minerals, protein and fibre.

The protein and fibre in chickpeas may help keep your appetite under control by working together to slow digestion, which helps you feel full, rather like having porridge for breakfast.

Chickpeas are incredibly easy to add to your diet. They're affordable and widely available in both tinned and dry varieties. They are versatile and can be added to a variety of dishes, such as salads, soups, or sandwiches and also they're the main ingredient in hummus, which is made from mashed chickpeas, tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and garlic.

But most importantly, they are delicious and here's my most recent favourite recipe lifted from The Guardian;

Chickpea, black pudding and spinach ragu

Soak **Overnight** (if using dried)

Prep **15 min**

Cook **1 hr 30 min**

Serves **4**

300g dried chickpeas, soaked overnight **or 2 x tins**

75ml olive oil or rapeseed oil

2 red onions, peeled and finely sliced

The star attractions for me, other than the apple cake and Little Hereford cheese, are the cheese scones which come generously buttered, and the soups. My particular soup-favourite is the Tomato, Lemon and Thyme. Now that is some of the best soup I have ever tasted. I haven't had a Ploughman's here but I have seen it and know I've got to have one next time.

Karen and Mark's gardens have about half a dozen tables and plenty of chairs. This is a lovely place to sit on a dry day. Plenty of people take their dogs, too, and water is provided for them. The barking contests are few and far between so even the dogs take a deep breath, relax and seem happy.

There are other opportunities here: Karen and Mark give Tours of the Dairy on certain days and there are also Cheese Experience Days. Another attraction is a great plant stall to the side of the shop during spring and summer.

This is a five-star establishment, only my own rating I know, which, although not on the doorstep for Llanfair Waterdinians, is dead handy as a stop-off if you are on your way to or coming from Leominster or Hereford for a hospital visit or going to our local Morrison's. Set out for a 'motor' and see.

Seating for 65 inside and upstairs; additional seating outside and plenty of parking space, too. Great place. Great people. Wonderful staff.

Enough said.

Monkland Cheese Dairy, Shop and Café (open 10.00 am until 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday.)
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1 leek, finely sliced
Salt and black pepper
3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
2-3 fresh bay leaves (if you've got them)
1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes
150g black pudding, roughly chopped
¾ tsp ground cinnamon
1 heaped tsp smoked paprika
2-3 tbsp sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar
150g baby spinach
Lemon wedges, to serve

Drain the soaked chickpeas, then cover with plenty of cold water and bring to a boil. Simmer for 40-50 minutes, until tender, then add half a teaspoon of salt to the water, stir and leave to cool. (If you haven't had time to soak them overnight, add one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda to their cooking water, and simmer for approximately 80 minutes, until tender.)

Warm the oil in a wide, deep pan over a medium-high heat, and add the onions and leek. Season generously, and fry gently for a few minutes before turning the heat down to medium and cooking until the vegetables soften, about 10 minutes.

Add the garlic and bay, and cook for another few minutes, then add the tomatoes, black pudding, cinnamon, paprika and two tablespoons of vinegar. Break up the black pudding with a spoon, then cook for 15 minutes, leaving the ingredients to bubble away together gently.

Drain the chickpeas, reserving a cup of the cooking water, then fold into the sauce. Taste, and adjust the seasoning, then continue to simmer for another five to 10 minutes, allowing the flavours to mingle. Add a little cooking water if the sauce looks too dry, and the remaining vinegar if it needs more sparkle.

When you are ready to eat, stir in the spinach and cook for a few minutes, until it has wilted into the sauce. Serve in bowls with lemon wedges, a slosh of olive oil and bread to mop up the sauce.

Mark Hughes



Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year

At last the weather is cooling down a little and Autumn is on its way. Try and loosen the soil surface to enable the rain to go into the soil and avoid runoff.

Cut back perennials that have flowered, unless you wish to save the seedheads for decoration or for wildlife. New perennials can be planted now while the soil is warm and they can get established before winter. Deadhead dahlias and chrysanthemums.

Bulbs for forcing for Christmas such as hyacinths and paperwhite narcissi can be planted at the end of September and put in a cool dark place. Check for water occasionally and if they are in the garden shed, protect from mice. Tulips can be bought now while there is a good choice but they do better if planted outside in late October.

Last year's Amaryllis can be brought inside now and watered to start it into growth. A little liquid fertilizer will help it on its way.

Plant out wallflowers and Sweet Williams to flower in the Spring

Keep picking runner and French beans until the first frost unless you wish to save their seed for next year.

After the leaves have fallen from the trees, rake them off the borders and put them into the compost heap or make a separate heap to produce leaf mold.

In November bare roses are available for planting out. They are slightly cheaper than roses sold in pots.

Tie up climbers and shrubs against walls which may get damaged in bad weather. Before pruning shrubs check whether they flower on last year's growth before cutting them back otherwise you will not get any flowers next year. Mulch borders and vegetable patches with well-rotted manure or garden compost. Cover the

vegetable patch with cardboard to keep the light out and stop weeds germinating. The ground will be clean and ready for seed sowing in the Spring. Plant fruit bushes such as red and black currants, raspberries etc.

Plant a tree to help climate change. A small tree like acer palmatum will not take up too much room.



You could go for a crab apple, mountain ash, or evergreen magnolia. Even a dwarf apple or plum tree but check whether it is self-pollinating otherwise you will need two compatible trees to get fruit.

Happy Gardening.

Di Bailey

COMMUNITY TRUST

August 2022 update

The last few months have been very positive and a lot has been achieved.

But sadly our first update is to announce that trustee Byron Ford has resigned from his post on the Community Trust, we thank Byron for all his hard work and input since February 2021.

CONSERVATION GRANT UPDATE – ‘The Triangle’

An environmental survey has been carried out by an ecologist and recommendations have been made to enhance the wildlife and planting.

Recommendations to remove bracken periodically (not in one fell swoop) and planting of some low growing species which provide food and cover such as Goat willow, Rowan, Birch and Holly.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist with bracken clearing in September. Primarily at the north and south ends and perhaps to allow the small area of Bilberry to regenerate.

Anyone interested to get in touch via our Trust email llanfairwaterdineTrustees@gmail.com

For anyone without access to email, please use the post box situated at the entrance to the pavilion and we can respond accordingly.

PURCHASE OF NEW GOAL POSTS

New goal posts have been purchased and placed on the Community Field. The funds have been generated through the supporting of the social evenings on a Friday night. These are for all the community to use. Whether that be six-a-side, walking football, a general kick about with friends, whatever takes your fancy. We hope many of you will make good use of them.

The Pavilion is still open every Friday from 7pm, all are welcome and it would be fantastic to see old and new faces.

Finally, Thanks to all for supporting the Jubilee celebrations, it was good to see some many people and a variety of events supported by all the community groups and parishioners.

Best Wishes,

[Llanfair Waterdine Community Trustees](#)

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Byron Ford

Steve Knowler

Will Rogers

Parish Council Website

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

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