

Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

Summer 2024

We would love to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for next November's edition is Friday 18th October

Please email us at llanfairtimes@gmail.com

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

Happy reading and let's hope summer comes soon and stays a while.

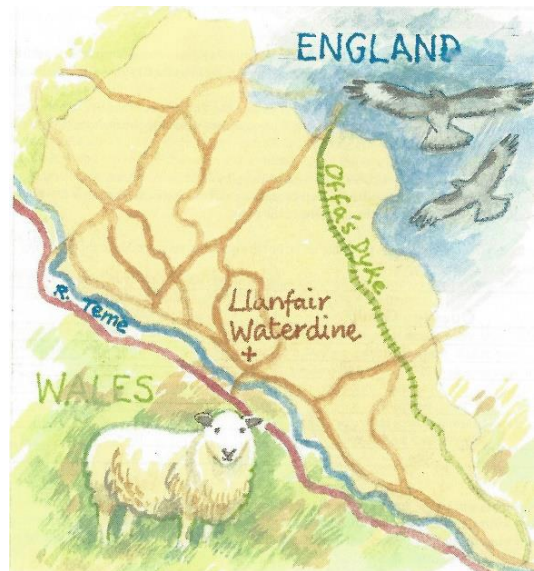
Llanfair Times Editorial Team

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Following-on from the Annual Parish meeting on 20th May a small group decided to set things in early motion by organising a Signpost Clean and Litter Pick and see what might develop from that.

Rather than waste time on discussion about a suitable name, this is the working title for a village WhatsApp group designed to complement Ruth's e mail list and the more intermittent Llanfair times as a communication network within our community.

WhatsApp is particularly useful for more immediate arrangements but obviously has its drawbacks since not everyone has a smart phone or feels comfortable using one but we have to start somewhere.



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This fledgling idea was tried out last weekend with a signpost clean in the Parish. You may have spotted the

three-vehicle convoy including Graham Beadle's cleaning mobile which made progress significantly easier. Thank you Graham. (www.raincom.co.uk)

Coffee and biscuits at Cwm Collo for attack planning preceded a very convivial and intensely satisfying morning touring round the Parish cleaning the sign posts. We hope you can spot the difference.

Please let us know of any other signs that we may have missed that could do with some TLC so we can get round to them next time.

Other issues that have come up so far are ..

- Litter. Fly tipping .
- What we might be able to do at the Triangle .
- Fencing? Picnic benches? Wildlife info?
- Moving the phone box.

If you would like to join the Whats app group that would be great so please contact

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The sign polishers...Graham Beadle, Rita Hughes, Mark Hughes, Janet Lewis, Roy Lloyd, Hannah Plumb and Sandra Thomas.

Janet Lewis



Before



After



Before



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LLANFAIR WATERDINE FUN DAY

Saturday 10th August
2:30PM until late

LLANFAIR WATERDINE PAVILION
LD7 1TU





FREE ENTRY & PARKING



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 - Stalls • Highland Cows •
 - Tea & Cakes • BBQ •
 - Treasure hunt •
 - and much more!

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llanfairwaterdinetrustees@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON

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

Regular Classes

YOGA

Monday: 10.00am – 12.00 Noon

Wednesday: 6pm – 8pm

LLANFAIR LITTLE ONES PLAYGROUP

Tuesday: 10.00am-12.00 Noon

SOCIAL EVENING

Friday: 7pm onwards

All welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 26th July– French Themed Olympics Opening Ceremony 7pm onwards.

Classic Motorcycle Show, also featuring Auto Jumble is being held at The Pavilion Llanfair Waterdine on Sunday August 4th 2024 10am till 5pm.

All Profits to Blood Bikes Wales. Contact David Barrett 07971 823017

ALL EVENTS WILL BE ADVERTISED ON NOTICE BOARDS PRIOR TO THE EVENTS AS WELL AS BEING ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

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

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

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Everest Hall 100 Club Lottery. £5.00 per annum.

Contact Mary email : marybufton@btinternet.com

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

Relaxed informal Music Group.

Contact Ceri Pearmain email:

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Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine available for most events.

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

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

Also handheld and lapel microphones.

Much, much more.

Contact for further information:

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Bookings Ruth email: ruththemecottage@gmail.com

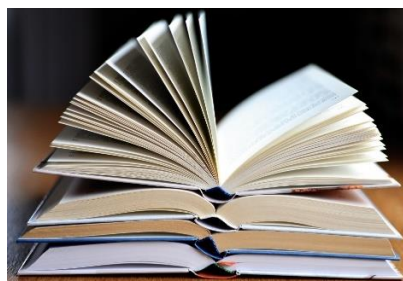
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Mary Bufton

New Llanfair Community Book Group



On Tuesday 3rd September at 6pm at The Pavilion we will be holding the first meeting of a new Book Group. Everyone welcome!

To get things started I have already chosen a book; **The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield**, a gothic suspense novel. Buy it, get it from the library, or listen to it on Audible. Whatever suits you.

The plan is to meet up at The Pavilion to see what you think about the book, have a jolly good catch-up and agree a format for the group going forwards; nothing ruled-in, nothing ruled-out.

It would be good to get an idea of numbers so if you are interested to come along email me at rita@criggin.co.uk or call me on 07539 673 715 Hope to see you then.

Rita Hughes



We are pleased to advise that we have a volunteer to operate the projector for 'Flicks in the Sticks' which will start up again in October.

It is Jim McLoughlin from Lloyney Mill.

So that we (The Everest Hall Management Committee) can plan and obtain films for the forthcoming season, it would be very helpful if we can receive details of films that you would like to see. We have always tried to show a variety of films with the aim of pleasing everyone, young or old. It is a challenging task and so your help would be much appreciated.

We aim to arrange 'Flicks in The Sticks' on the third Saturday of October and November, maybe around the Christmas period in December and then back to the third Saturday for January, February and March.

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Llanfair Waterdine
ALL PROFITS TO BLOOD BIKES WALES

Classic Motorcycle Show
Established 2021
Featuring Auto Jumble

Sunday 4th August
10am-5pm

Classic Cars Welcome!
GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT!
Camping Available!

At Llanfair Waterdine Village Halls, LD7 1TU
Signposted from Knighton, Powys

What3Words: measuring.tactical.cupcake

Refreshments including:
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And Jenny's Banging Burgers

For entries and enquiries
Call Dave on 07773 773072 or Phil on 01547 520524

Camping available on Saturday night with bar & entertainment!

In Conversation with...

.....*Judit and Jim Grant McLoughlin*



Judit and Jim moved into The Mill at Lloyney four months ago, taking over the ownership from Kathy and Don.

I went to meet them and their dogs, of which more later, and asked the inevitable question:

What brought you to Lloyney?

Judit: We had seen a house for sale in Knighton which was lovely, but wasn't right for us. Having first looked at the house we went for coffee in Knighton and found people there to be really friendly. We had also been looking in Devon, Cornwall, Cumbria and elsewhere in Wales but having spent the rest of the day in and around the Teme Valley, we decided to concentrate our search here.

Could you say a bit about the dogs? (I had arrived to a lot of barking and tail-wagging excitement and once in The Mill and acquainted, the dogs were very friendly once they saw that Judit and Jim were on friendly terms with me!)

Judit: The dogs have been adopted from Romania where they had not had a good start in life, and both were somewhat feral when they first arrived. Since then, they have made a brilliant recovery and we named them Misha and Luka. (One is mainly a cross between a Husky and a German Shepherd and the other is somewhat smaller, an 'allsorts' sort of dog.)

What sort of work do you do Judit?

I was originally a biologist, specialising in tropical diseases, not that that is much called for in the northern hemisphere! I have been a researcher, a print art worker and then worked for the police as a finger-print officer. After having the children, I re-trained as a foot-health practitioner but most recently I was a sports massage therapist, running my own business with my own clinic in Buckinghamshire. I now spend most of my time painting and drawing.

What about you, Jim?

I work as a Creative Director for a global events agency. I work mainly from home although I sometimes go to my office which is in Bristol. I commented on the interesting art work about the room and shelves of art books. I had to say that The Mill has a history of artists living there: Wendy Davies is a well-known local artist and teacher; after Wendy and John came Marilyn and Alan Tippett. Again, Marilyn’s work is well known hereabouts and, no doubt, in Liverpool near where she now lives. After Marilyn and Alan came Cathy and Don. Don was a very good artist and a retired art teacher. Now we have Judit and Jim – great.

You have two children, one of whom I have been fortunate to meet.

Yes, the girls are now 26 and are identical twins.

What do they do?

Anna is a Graphic Designer working in events and Louisa is an engineer in the Fleet Air Arm and is part of a front-line squadron working on Merlin helicopters. She is also a qualified Olympic weightlifting coach.

Do you both have family?

Jim: I have some cousins in Scotland.
Judit: I have a sister in Hungary and a half-brother in Florida – who, like me, is an artist!

You speak very good English, Judit!

My first language is Hungarian but yes, I am bilingual and although I understand it I find Hungarian more difficult to speak now after many years here.

What do you think of The Mill?

Judit and Jim: We love it! (Both said this together!)

And the garden?

Jim: It is a really well-developed garden although it is a bit small after the two acres we had before but it is a ‘serious garden’. At our last house ‘gardening’ simply meant sitting on a ride on mower for two hours! The garden at The Mill is very well developed and there is a lot of garden management to do.

What are your hobbies?

Judit: Painting, drawing, walking the dogs. My latest discovery is the Radnor Forest near Bleddfa which is wonderful.

Jim: Tinkering with Land Rovers, off-road driving, D.I.Y. and designing and building stuff.

What does the future hold for you?

Jim: Staying put! Perhaps starting an air B & B to supplement our retirement income (whenever I find

the time to retire!). I would like to make furniture, and maybe upcycle pieces of existing furniture.
Judit: Painting, drawing, walking the dogs in the forest.....

It’s been great talking to you both. Thank you. A belated welcome and I know that everyone who knows you already wishes you well in your time in Lloyney and Llanfair Waterdine.

Richard Lewis

Everest Hall



Everest Hall – Your Village Hall

200 Club Lottery Winners

March

1st Charlotte Wood 2nd Ted Gough
3rd Kam Slater 4th Robert & Ruth Davies

April

1st Helen Henchoz 2nd Iorwerth Waters
3rd Andy Wilding 4th Jim Williams

May

1st Margaret Clugsten 2nd Kirsten Hubmann
3rd Richard Lewis 4th Pam Grounds

June

1st Steve Gibbons 2nd David Watson
3rd Joyce Stratton 4th Heather Morgan

Our next Lottery starts on December 2nd 2024 and our Trustees will be contacting members as from the 1st October. If you wish to become a member email everesthall@btinternet.com and a Trustee will get back to you. We have sadly lost a few members, but all numbers have been taken over and now increased to 218 which makes the total raised this season to £1090.00 of which 50% is prize money and 50% less expenses, printing and annual fee to Shropshire Council, towards the upkeep of (your) Everest Hall, which is very much needed in these difficult times.

Llanfair Waterdine WI



You can hire the Hall for £7.00 per session, so if you have a hobby you wish to share or you would like to form a group let us know. Our very successful T Stop, which is organized by Flik and her team (see our 'What's on'), would be an ideal time to get to know us and all about Everest Hall and what we have to offer.

The Parish Council very kindly offered us a portrait of King Charles III which we were very pleased to accept and it now hangs in the Hall for all to see.

Any enquiries everesthall@btinternet.com or any of our Trustees.

The History of Everest Hall from an article written by Mrs Nancy Cummins in 1975 **Continued :-**

Next came the horror of discovering dry rot in the woodwork at the West end of the building. This was dealt with by experts, but the plastering was done by two members of the Committee, both farm workers by trade.

Up to now the last major operation, a new floor, was laid by the then Chairman and his two sons. Now, early in 1975 the main hall has been redecorated.

The Committee is formed of elected members and representatives of all interested organisations and 'bodies – PCC WI Choir etc. The Hall is vested in the Charity Commissioners and is strictly a Village Hall. It is in constant use, not only by village organisations but also let to 'outsiders'.

The Committee is active in running dances etc. with the result that they have been able to continue with improvements and to buy extra chairs and tables, sufficient for all contingencies. They have also held several functions, the proceeds from which they have most generously given for the Church Restoration Fund.

This concludes the article written by Mrs Nancy Cummins in 1975.

We take this opportunity with respect to thank all the volunteers past and present for the support received in securing Your Village Hall over the past circa 170 years for the future.

Thank you , The Everest Hall Management Committee

everesthall@btinternet.com

Llanfair Waterdine WI has continued to attract new members from within the Parish and further afield. Although we have our monthly meeting, we also take part in various social events and activities.

In April one of our members, Andrea, led a workshop in making Zig Zag mini books which allowed members to be creative in different ways and we all went home with a book to be proud of. The following month we welcomed Rob from Blood Bikes who gave a fascinating insight into the work of the organisation in Wales. He explained the ways the Blood Bikes voluntarily support the work of the NHS; very worthwhile and a necessary charity. Desna Mcall and her fabulous retired dog, Finlay, visited us in June to explain how Dogs for Good support people with varying disabilities including children who have autism or who are school phobics. Finlay ensured he made friends with everyone throughout the evening. Over the next few months we have a Whist Night, Circle Dancing and a visit from Mid Wales Fire and Rescue.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we visited one of our member's gardens in Leintwardine and enjoyed not only the beautiful weather but also her glorious flowers and a sumptuous tea.

The County Show in May was a huge success for us, with our entries achieving many 2nds and 3rds. The County Show is always a very interesting and enjoyable event in which to participate or just to go and view the beautiful items on display.

Future visits include a visit to the Textile Museum in Newtown which should be very informative about the weavers' home lives and working conditions in Victorian Wales. We are also looking forward to a meal out afterwards.

We are looking forward to meeting many of you at the Llanfair Trust Fun Day in August where we will be promoting the activities of our WI as well as hosting some fun competitions.

As usual, if you would like to join us for an evening to enjoy the speaker/activity and share a finger supper we meet in the Everest Hall 7pm and the speaker is at

7.30pm on the first Friday of each month. We are always pleased to welcome visitors.

For further information contact Margaret Clugston 01547 529155, Christine Chainey on 01547 519254 or Sue Lovell on 01547 520964

Christine Chainey

St. Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine - An 'Inclusive Church'



Stop Press

The PCC was **very sad** to hear and is very sad to announce that, following a recent illness, Revd. Dr. Martin Quayle has decided not to renew his licence, due to expire on September 18th. His last service in the Benefice will be on September 15th.

Martin writes: Dear Friends, I have had medical advice that I should change the pattern of life which I have at present, which means that I have to relinquish my rôle as incumbent here. It is not something I wanted to do but in this instance, I have to take the medical advice I have received.

I am grateful to those who have supported me (and Fiona) in my time here. I pray that you will flourish in the future and that the Benefice will continue to grow.

'Grass Cutting' Coffee Mornings – All welcome

11.00 am on the first Wednesday of the month. We are most grateful to the Waters family for continuing to cut the churchyard grass so beautifully.

7th August - Hosted by Richard Lewis and Graham Trew at Melin y Grogue

4th September – Hosted by Christine and Steve Chainey at Thistledown

2nd October – Hosted by Louise and Brian Minniss at Lloyney Lodge

Quinquennial Report - St Mary's Church

Robert Taylor writes: If there is a long word for it, The Church of England will use it. So Quinquennial it is and I won't insult the intelligence of readers by giving you the Plain English version!

The report is prepared after an inspection of the building and churchyard by an architect asked to do the job by the PCC, but paid for by the diocese.

So did we pass?! Overall, the answer is yes. To quote the report " The church is generally in good condition".

The present church was built in 1854, replacing an earlier structure, which, if an old print is to be believed, was a bit downtrodden, with a thatched roof. The Victorians replaced it. Today we would have "restored" it. However, enough of the background. The building is old and built of local stone, which is porous. The wrong mortar has been used in some repointing and other external repairs - with the best of intentions. It is now clear that old fashioned lime mortar and plaster along with lime based emulsion (posh whitewash) are best. They allow the building to "breathe" . We have been recommended to start replacing the "modern" with the "old fashioned".

None of us can have failed to notice a change in the pattern of weather in recent times. Whether it is climate change, El Nino, or the need to change the Met Office seaweed, it has had an impact locally. We need to adjust to these changes and the report highlights a number of issues which directly arise from the effect of the "new" weather.

Trees grow quicker, wind-driven rain erodes the outside of the building and the extra and heavy rain on the roof challenges the guttering and rainwater drainage. This is particularly true of the north elevation of the roof which has a huge area and in heavy rain the gutters are overwhelmed. The answer will be larger gutters and improved drainage. We have been advised to put in a French Drain - don't get too excited, it's only the correct name for a soakaway.

Our graveyard is still in use for burials so its upkeep is the responsibility of the PCC. Again, the weather is having an impact on the numerous headstones. These have to be checked at least once a year to make sure they will not fall over. The softness of the ground and the impact of the strong wind have increased the number of wobbly and fallen headstones.

Our paperwork and compliance with numerous rules and regulation was checked. As those who manage

public facilities and businesses know, this never gets easier.

The interior of the church building was subject to a few comments relating to patches of damp and some crazing of the plaster. No major problems were identified, but eternal vigilance urged on us to keep up the good work. The report only covers the here-and-now and we still have hopes for some alterations to make to the interior to meet our aspirations.

The report concludes with a useful list of works, some of which we are asked to complete in the next five years and others which we should try to complete if we can afford it. Some of the jobs we can do ourselves, but the majority will have to be done by competent craftsmen. Some of the jobs have "guesstimates" alongside, the others have "TBC" (to be costed). We have still to get to work on the details of what needs doing and how to prioritise and organise it, but it is going to cost money, which we have to raise. We receive no grants from public funds and what money the diocese and other charitable bodies can make available tends to go to parishes that are in greater need.

Thank you for reading this report. If you feel you have anything you can give - time, skills and money - please get in touch. The church building and churchyard are full of happy and sad memories for many families. We want to continue to provide a place for thanksgiving, reflection, silence and joy for many years to come.

Parish Giving

Some might notice that Parish Giving is placed directly under Rob's Quinquennial report, outlining future costs for our church. In order for the church to develop we also need water in the church, a small kitchen area, some side pews removed to allow space for meetings and of course, a loo. We have well over 100 people on our Church Electoral Roll, an expression of support for our church. If those on the roll who do not contribute via the Parish Giving Scheme could consider making a small donation annually, we would be most grateful. 34 people now make regular payments to the Scheme. Information and application forms are available in the church porch. Please contact me if you would like any further information. A new facet of the scheme is that by clicking on a QR code with your 'i phone' you can make a 'one-off' or regular donation. There will be an A4 size QR code in the church. As our church does not have access to the internet, there are also bookmarks in the church with the QR code on the top, which visitors to the church can take away and access later.

Church Entrance

The area outside the Waterdine is going to be tarmacked. The PCC is most grateful to Gail and Steve Knowler who offered to extend the work to include the area up to the church gates.

Fifth Sunday Services

Revd. Dr. Martin Quayle took the Holy Communion Fifth Sunday Benefice Service in Llanfair Waterdine on Sunday 30th June. 33 people attended with representatives from five of our other Benefice churches. Coffee and cake were served afterwards. We are most grateful to Martin for his work over the last three years to promote these and other communal events, in addition to supporting the three churches, (so far), in the Benefice, Llanfair Waterdine, (the first), Stowe and Bucknell, which have become 'Inclusive Churches'.

Reflection and Compline

The next Compline service will be on 11th September at 6.00 pm.

The next Reflection Services will be on 14th August and 9th October at the same time.

Reflection and Commissioning Services



Richard Lewis writes: After the Reflection Gathering on 12th June, at which there were 45 people in attendance, an exciting new venture began. Fiona Quayle, Debbie Pope (Bucknell's Church Warden) and Janet Tudor from Chapel Lawn, were made Butty Van Chaplains. They have been running the Butty Van initiative, which brings together farmers for a butty, a coffee and conversation, on various local farms for some time and on 12th June, as a result of their hard work, they were commissioned as Butty Van Chaplains. Fiona, Debbie and Janet can be seen above with Revd. Martin, who has been made a Borderlands Rural Chaplain, and Revd. David Gwatkin, who is the Team Leader of Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy and who comes from a long line of Herefordshire farmers. Revd. David came to St Mary's to give a talk relevant to the initiative and was accompanied by Paul Trenberth, who is the Borderlands Project Manager.

Many congratulations to Fiona, Debbie, Janet and Martin.

Afterwards, there was a supper of superb food at Everest Hall for all who could attend. As those who were there will know, this was a special and very enjoyable occasion.

Annual Church Coffee Morning



Richard Lewis writes: The annual Coffee Morning was a very enjoyable occasion with a range of stalls, constant refreshments and a raffle of some very fine prizes who were won by the following: Ruth Davies, Philippa Boast, Sue Rogers, Jean Gardner, Mary Morgan, Margaret Drewnicki, Mark Hughes, Barbara Carter, Susan Woods, Felicity Waters and Denise Taylor. A magnificent sum of £465 was raised. Many, many thanks to all those who ran stalls, made refreshments, donated items, and attended. Roll on next year's Coffee Morning!

Pilgrimage of Song



The 'Pilgrimage of Song' Group, led by Revd. Annie Ballard and Geoff Weaver, led an evening service at St. Mary's Church on 31st May. The singers, numbering 35 members, combined music, readings and prayers into a most enjoyable whole and it was a pleasure to be part of their three-day walk.

From our vicar

I have just listened to the reporting of the calling of a general election. We all knew that it had to come and so it was not a surprise, although the timing was uncertain until earlier today. The last election which was held in July was in 1945. The nation, with its recent victory in Europe, voted for a change, although the new Prime Minister had been part of the War Cabinet. Recently Fiona and I watched a play about Nye Bevan and his struggle to establish the National Health Service, which was one of the reforms which had been promised to the country by the incoming administration. It changed the life of the nation and the lives of countless people from that time to the present. At the time, the biggest call on the new NHS was for spectacles and false teeth. This was what many people needed to improve the quality of their lives.

Our Health Service today is something which many of us look up to. It provides a level of care which means that cancer is not necessarily a terminal diagnosis for those who receive such news. Acute illness, whether it is by infection or physical disorders can be treated successfully, and many of us at some time have received care which has either restored us to health, or has relieved something which has rendered us unwell or disabled.

I have worked and still work within the NHS, and I am the first to point to difficulties and problems within the service. And yet all of us use it, knowing that without it we would have to pay extraordinary fees to stay alive and well. For some of us, the fees of private healthcare would be affordable. For others, we would face difficult choices.

Our relationship with institutions is complex and sometimes difficult to fathom. At one and the same time we require the institution to be 'there', and we use it, because there is little choice. However, we often harbour grievance and resentment about when in our experience, things have not gone well for us. Last week we heard a report about the state of maternity service and this week we have had to reflect on the lessons of the contaminated blood products which have blighted the lives of so many. Life, and in this instance, life and death, are complex and difficult issues which provoke questions which we struggle to address, understand or answer. Although for most of us, our engagement with the Health Services is positive and of great benefit, for some, their experiences are painful and damaging.

We all should remember that institutions are not just organisations. They are social structures which may comprise buildings, traditions, equipment and economic power. But the most telling component are people. People with all their strengths and fallibilities. Many of us will have watched today astounded as Paula Vennells wept at the enquiry about the post office scandal. We know that the justice, compassion and humility which we would expect a public servant to show towards those under her care, and that of her colleagues went missing. The essential human quality of doing unto others what we would have done unto us is an imperative for all of us, whether we are serving or seeking help. We should all look forward mindful of the need for these qualities in our communities and nation. Regardless of how we may vote, or what we seek, the quality of care is needed as much as ever.

Martin Quayle

THE TRACTOR TUG



'Kitch' would like to write a sincere "Thank You" . To everyone who turned out in their numbers, to support and enjoy his Tractor Tug. To see so many was a delight and was re-assuring.



The weather, thankfully, was agreeable and as so many have commented, the Pavilion always offers such a lovely setting for such an event. With three generations involved there was no let-up in the day, the farmers and the wider rural community could

all appreciate the Tractor Tug, the 'hospitality' and the 'social' (drinking). Conversations, of course, reflected on "the lambing", farming, mechanical issues, tractoring and all the local news (gossip).



Special shout-outs to Andrew Powell and Robert Gwilt, who supplied the Tractors and Sean Tranter who supplied the ropes. We especially wish to thank Steve (C), Christine, Gail, Steve(K), Felicity, Liam, Mark and Rita. Their co-operation, help, insight and understanding ensured the day was a success. All so professional, understated and agreeable, whether front-of-house or behind-the-scenes, something that is too easy to overlook but something that should always be appreciated. They made our day memorable. We believe nearly two hundred burgers were enjoyed ! and the Bar had to be replenished on more than one occasion! As previously mentioned 'with three generations involved there was no let-up in the day'.

Congratulations to the winners - **Team Tortoriello** - and Well Done to the runners up - **Knighton YFC** -.



We hope to do it all again in 2025 and we hope to see you all again.

Lisa Kitchen



Robert looking to gain some competitive advantage.

A bit of history

The Tractor Tug saw several devotees clustered around the tractors and I caught a few snippets of history which made me want to find out a bit more. Thanks to The Ulster Transport Museum's website for much of the information below.

Henry "Harry" Ferguson was a Northern Irish mechanic and inventor, best known for developing the three-point linkage system for the modern tractor, which revolutionised agriculture globally.

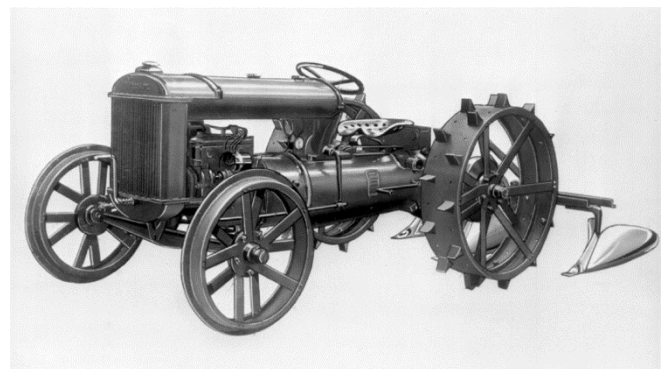


In 1902, Harry began working with his elder brother, Joe, in his bicycle and car repair shop. The brothers had a reputation for accuracy and quality and used the latest equipment. It was while working as a mechanic that Harry developed an interest in aviation, visiting air shows in his spare time in the UK and Europe.

Captivated by the newly emerging human flight technology and influenced by key players in the industry, particularly the Wright brothers, the American aviation experts who made their first flight

in 1903, Harry persuaded his brother that they should attempt to build a plane in their Belfast workshop. He set to work using his own research and notes from air shows that he attended. By December 1909, Harry had built his first aircraft, the Ferguson monoplane. After a few failed attempts, Harry flew the monoplane 160 yards on 31 December, making him the first Irishman to build and fly his own aeroplane.

In the early 1920s, he turned his attention to agriculture, recognising the need for more efficient farming tools. Traditional tractors were cumbersome and often dangerous, with implements attached in ways that made them prone to tipping over. Ferguson envisioned a safer, more efficient system, The Ferguson System. This was, a revolutionary three-point hitch mechanism. which allowed the tractor and its implements to work as a single unit, vastly improving stability and efficiency. The three-point hitch used hydraulics to transfer weight from the implement to the tractor's rear wheels, enhancing traction and reducing the risk of the tractor tipping over. This system not only increased safety but also improved the effectiveness of the implements.



In October 1938, Ferguson made the famous "handshake agreement" with Ford, the beginning of a fruitful partnership which saw Ford manufacture tractors using Ferguson's patents, including the Ford-Ferguson 9N and the Ford-Ferguson 2N. Their agreement was terminated in 1947 by Henry Ford II, Ford's grandson, following unsuccessful negotiations. Ferguson was left without a tractor to sell in North America and sued the Ford Motor Company in 1948. After a legal battle which lasted 4 years, Ferguson accepted an out-of-court settlement of \$9.25 million in 1952 and Ford agreed to stop using his patents.

Ferguson became involved with Massey Harris, a large agricultural equipment producer in the Canada. Massey Harris Ferguson was established in 1953, later renamed Massey Ferguson, as a multi-national manufacturer of agricultural machinery.



Spotted in a field in France in June!

Ferguson resigned as Chair of Massey Ferguson in 1954 and spent his remaining years devoted to the development of car design. He was the first to develop a 4WD system which he employed in his racing car, the P99. This was very successful on the Formula 1 circuit, notably when driven by Stirling Moss when he won the Formula 1 Oulton Park Gold Cup in 1961.

Ferguson's journey from agricultural machinery to automotive innovation is paralleled by other notable figures in the tractor industry. Two such pioneers are Ferruccio Lamborghini and David Brown, both of whom transitioned from manufacturing tractors to developing high-performance sports cars.

Ferruccio Lamborghini, born in 1916 in Italy, started his career by manufacturing tractors from surplus military equipment after World War II. His company, Lamborghini Trattori, became one of the largest agricultural equipment manufacturers in Italy. Despite his success in the agricultural sector, Lamborghini harboured a passion for luxury sports cars.

In 1963, Lamborghini founded Automobili Lamborghini with the goal of creating the perfect grand tourer to compete with established brands like Ferrari. The result was the Lamborghini 350 GT, a car that set new standards for performance and design.

David Brown, born in 1904 in Huddersfield, was another prominent figure who made significant contributions to both the tractor and automotive industries. Brown's company, David Brown Ltd., initially focused on manufacturing gears and gearboxes.

In 1936, the company expanded into tractor production, and the David Brown tractor brand quickly gained a reputation for quality and innovation.

In 1947 Brown acquired Aston Martin, then a struggling British sports car manufacturer. Under his leadership, Aston Martin flourished, producing iconic models such as the DB2 and DB5 (James Bond's car in the film "Goldfinger").

Harry Ferguson died on 25 October 1960 but his inventions and influence live on, having changed the face of agriculture globally forever.

Mark Hughes

FOOTBALL

THE B.J. MID-WALES CUP 2024. FELINDRE 1 WATERLOO ROVERS 0

History was witnessed on a warm, sunny evening at the famous old Llansanffried ground as Felindre FC won their first trophy since they reformed and their first trophy in almost sixty years.

Waterloo (Welshpool) went into the game as the clear favourites. They looked confident, almost complacent. However, right from the whistle Felindre 'flew out of the blocks' and were rightly rewarded inside the first few minutes, when Jake Meredith raced onto a through-ball, drew the goalie and finished into the corner. Never in doubt. More than one commented the finish was Earling Haalandesque!

The Felindre supporters, who had travelled in their numbers, erupted... and the Waterloo fans looked stunned... as did their players.

Felindre continued to push, control the game and dominate possession. They could and should have added to the one goal, but for 'an unlucky bounce' (the pitch needed watering) and the Waterloo defence benefiting from some lucky deflections.

Then Felindre were forced into an early and unplanned substitution as their influential captain, Bertie Jones, was the victim of a late and ugly foul. The Waterloo midfielder was rightly booked, as Bertie limped off to warm and sympathetic applause.

Felindre, with strength in depth, rearranged and continued to play the better football. The coach, Sam Morgan, never afraid to change things up to maintain momentum, was on top of the game and at half time player-manager Goalkeeper, George Morgan, had not been troubled.

Felindre kicked off the second half without their talented left-back Bertie Brock who was feeling the effects of some late tackles throughout the first half. The Felindre crowd all agreed that the Waterloo players were guilty of some 'over the top' tackling and were pleased the Referee was seen to be clamping down on that tactic.

Felindre continued to look good but that deserved and reassuring second goal did not materialise, so naturally, the last fifteen minutes proved nerve-racking. 'The Lads' are 'so close yet so far'.

Understandably, the team retreated some, to protect the narrow lead - it always happens. Waterloo sensed an opportunity; their fans found a voice for the first time and their manager became animated.

This was to be the real test, and Felindre, to a man, stood tall. 'Bodies on the line', last ditch tackles, blocks, tracking back, pushing the Waterloo wingers wide, towering headers and each welcomed clearance cheered like it really mattered - which it did. Felindre, from where we don't know, remained calm and resolute. They maintained their concentration and shape as the corners, crosses and centres seemed never ending. One goal line clearance by Lyndon Bevan was unbelievable, as was George's dramatic point blank save from the Waterloo forwards shot ... from inside the six-yard box!

The midfielders and forwards never stopped working, continuing to 'chase lost causes', 'occupy the Waterloo defenders' and 'hold the ball up' whenever possible just to relieve some pressure which seemed never-ending.

Then the final whistle blew and the Felindre players, officials and their supporters could all celebrate. History had been made! Some of the older fans were a little emotional as they could recall the last time Felindre lifted a trophy, while the younger fans believe this is only the start.

Whatever happens in the future, those who watched the final will always cherish the memory and we will always conclude that the inspiration behind the club and player-manager GEORGE MORGAN has written himself into the Marches and Felindre Football folklore.

Robert Gwilt

Congratulations to a couple of young ones with close personal connections to Llanfairwaterdine.



Owen Matthews-Jones (right) and Kai (left)

Owen Matthews-Jones. Selected for the Powys Cross-Country Squad competing in the Welsh National Championships, held near Brecon. Especially impressive when you consider that there are at least ten secondary schools in Powys and only twelve runners who are selected.

Plus, Owen plays his club football for Presteigne and is a regular for Hereford FC U13 s.

Kai Jones. A star winger for Presteigne... possibly the outstanding forward in the league (?) and a regular for Hereford FC U13 s.

Robert Gwilt

There's two times of year for me: Football season, and waiting for football season.

Darius Rucker

LLOYNEY CHAPEL

Lloyney Chapel was converted into a home in the early 1970s and has now been our home for 7 years. We'd love to hear from any readers who can remember the Chapel. We have seen the exterior images in the local "Llanfair" book but are curious to learn more about its interior and services held here, etc.

We can be contacted on 01547 428521 or email louiseminniss@yahoo.co.uk

Brian and Louise Minniss

Eating Out

It's not every day that someone says "Come out to eat in Wigmore to celebrate my 70th birthday". So it was "Yes please" without hesitation. There were six of us in the party and we met beforehand at the friend's house for a glass of something very bubbly, which, incidentally, had been purchased from 'The Real Wine Company', the owners of which live in the parish (Rita and Mark). We then all sauntered to The Oak which was looking very festive and inviting.

I had been to The Oak before but many years ago. This time I couldn't have been more impressed – with the welcome, with the very attentive and jolly service and with the food. I would have to say that for me, not having a bottomless pocket, this is a place for special occasions.



Everything that was tried, and we had varied starters, was pronounced first rate. This included 'Pig's Head Sausage Roll with Burnt Apple Ketchup' (£7); 'Smoked Salmon, Lime Slaw, Coriander and Ginger' (£7); and I had 'Cucumber Gazpacho (Gazpacho being a summer

favourite of mine), Yoghurt and Ginger Oil' (£6.50) which was very good, particularly for a warm evening, one of the few which we have hitherto experienced in 2024.

The mains were all beautifully presented and done, as the company agreed, to a turn. They included 'Grass Fed 9oz Rump with Red Wine Jus' (£25); 'Hake, Fennel and Bouillabaisse Sauce', (£20); 'Duo of Venison, White Cabbage, Elderberry Jus, Beetroot Ketchup', (£22) (my choice); 'Venison Lasagne', (£18); and 'Cod Dog, Lettuce, Tartare, Brioche Rolls and Pickles', (£16).

There was one vegetable to go with each of the main meals but if you want more they were £5 each. They included 'Triple Cooked Chips'; 'Polenta Chips'; 'New Potatoes with Wild Garlic'; 'Charred Hispi Cabbage with Miso Butter'; 'Spring Salad with Orange and Dill'; 'Grilled Asparagus, Gran Moravia and Walnuts'; 'Roasted Spring Carrots, Fennel Seeds and Honey' (my choice); or 'Spring Greens, Shallots and Broccoli'. There were some delicious and waist-expanding desserts: 'Dark Chocolate and Tonka Bean Financier and Brown Butter Ice Cream'; 'Salted Caramel Panna Cotta, Popcorn and Peanut Butter Fudge'; 'Disaronno and Tia Maria Tiramisu' (my choice); 'Three Cheese Selection, Olive Oil Crackers and Chutney' and 'Beenleigh Blue, Fruitcake and Late Harvested Sauvignon Blanc'.

The food was very special indeed as the prices indicate. I am not sure what my host does in the saving for meals but my humble hot tip, which works for me, is to save £2 coins. Mine are put into a giant but Smarties-less Smarties tube. It works a treat because you don't notice the odd (they seem not to be so common these days) £2 going away and about twice a year there is the money for a great meal for two or more.

I would strongly recommend 'The Oak' for special occasions, such as that of my host, who was celebrating three score years and ten. There is parking just below the Oak, by the way, on the back road from Wigmore to Ludlow.

Richard Lewis

A man says a lot of things in summer he doesn't mean in winter. Patricia Briggs

THREE LINES of WHIPS IN LLANFAIR

At the beginning of March I spent a very happy morning helping to plant a new hedge at Cwm Collo - joining in with a dozen or so regular volunteers (including our own Janet Lewis) who have been planting hedges at various sites in Shropshire.

Hannah and James at Cwm Collo were the latest to benefit from the CPRE Hedgerow Heroes project. It was a delightful combination of physical exercise and lots of chatting in a beautiful location, as well as contributing to Nature Recovery. The biscuits were good too.



Hannah and James also recommend looking at F.I.P.L. (Farming In Protected Landscapes) grants.

More information is available on GOV.UK and the website that James recommends is: www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk (the new name for AONB). Contact Helen.Oliver@shropshire.gov.uk. If you would like to hear more James is happy for you to email him on james@jamesplumb.co.uk .

Jane Thomas

Sarah Jameson, " the Hedge Fund Manager " (hehe) explains the Hedgerow Heroes scheme below:

CPRE Shropshire has secured funding for a fourth year of its Hedgerow Project which means we are now seeking suitable sites for hedge creation in the area. If you own land and are keen to have a new native, mixed species hedgerow planted this winter with free whips (sourced from Bucknell nursery) plus protection (guards/canes) if required, please contact Sarah Jameson at admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk or 01547 528546.

We plant with the help of volunteers (not contractors) and the planting season would be December 2024 to

end February 2025. There are some criteria involved and we cannot plant in domestic gardens/drives etc. We are happy to plant on farms and smallholdings or community spaces. We hope to hear from you! We will also be running hedgelaying training, coppice management and biochar workshops and art/creativity sessions; more info and updates at www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project

Sarah Jameson

Highland Heifers come to Llanfair

Myself and my girlfriend Annie have recently purchased two pedigree Highland heifers together from a breeder in Llangadfan to graze on Llan-y-vidy. We plan to show them and breed them expanding our herd.



They are 17 months old currently and their horns are already growing well !! They're a tough breed, with a thick coat for all weathers and like to eat the taller grass. If seen anywhere other than the field please let us know !!!!

Graham Lloyd

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Hedgehog News

There is some hedgehog news this year. We are glad that people in Llanfair Waterdine village are nurturing the hedgehogs which have been seen to be living in several of the gardens. Hedgehogs are also living in the churchyard where there is relative peace for them and where people sometimes leave cat food for them in the evening.



Hedgehogs are nocturnal. Seeing one in the day is not a good omen and usually means that the hog is unwell or diseased. However, their nocturnal habit means that they are easily run over by cars, so please, everybody, look out for them trying to scuttle out of the way as you drive at night. Baby hogs are vulnerable too, as they try to follow their mother, sometimes veering into the path of oncoming traffic.

For hedgehog safety, if you have a garden pond, please make the hedgehogs exit from the pond easy by putting a plank in the pond or putting stones in one corner so that the hogs can easily get out: they are not good at climbing! Garden ponds are notorious for causing hedgehog deaths by drowning.

On a happier note, many, many, thanks to all those good people who look out in their gardens for these fascinating creatures who, as you will know, do our gardens an immense amount of good by eating our slugs!

Richard Lewis on behalf of all the Llanfair hedgehog watchers, feeders and fans.

In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer. Albert Camus

Pi & Pie

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Fresh cherries are on sale in greengrocers and laybys across the country so make a cherry tart!

Ingredients

For the pastry

200g [plain flour](#)

25ml [semolina](#) (to give extra crunch)

100g [unsalted butter](#), diced

1 tbsp [caster sugar](#)

1 [egg](#), beaten

For the filling

140g [golden caster sugar](#)

140g [ground almonds](#)

140g [butter](#), melted

1 [egg](#) plus 1 egg yolk

2 tbsp kirsch or Armagnac

500g [cherries](#), stones removed

2 tbsp cherry conserve

[crème fraîche](#), optional, to serve

Method

STEP 1

To make the pastry, process the flour (or flour and semolina, which gives it extra crunch) and butter, then add the sugar, followed by the beaten egg and just enough water (about 2 tbsp) to form a dough. Shape into a disc, wrap in cling film and leave to rest in the fridge for 20 mins.

STEP 2

Meanwhile, to make the filling, place the sugar, ground almonds, butter, egg and egg yolk in a bowl and mix to make a creamy paste. Stir in the kirsch or Armagnac. Chill for at least 20 mins.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Roll the pastry out onto a floured surface and use to line a 23cm loose-bottomed tart tin. Fill with lightly greased foil and baking beans and bake for 20-25 mins, removing foil after 15 mins, until golden. Spread the almond paste onto the base of the pastry and bake for 25 mins until golden and crisp. When the tart comes out of the oven, arrange the cherries on top in a single layer. Heat the cherry conserve with 1 tbsp water until smooth, then brush over the cherries. Leave to cool

before removing from the tin. Cut into wedges to serve, adding a spoonful of crème fraîche if you like.

Thanks to Good Food Magazine for this recipe.

But what if your tart tin is 26cms, like mine?

Remember O-level maths?

The area (A) of a circle is $A = \pi r^2$

The quantities in the recipe are for a tin with an area of $\pi (3.1416) \times (11.5 \times 11.5) = 415$ square centimetres.

But mine is a 26 cms tin, so; $\pi (3.1416) \times (13 \times 13) = 530$ square centimetres, 28% bigger.

I therefore need to multiply each ingredient by 28%. Simple! (except 1.28 beaten eggs could be challenging, but you can't win everything!)

Mark Hughes

Llanfair Singers Chairman's Diary

Llanfair Singers take Bristol by storm!

How can four months pass so quickly? The answer is simpler than you may think – keep busy! In the case of the choir, making sure that we had properly learnt all of the music that we needed for the Bristol Cathedral trip has kept us fully occupied.



The opportunity to sing Evensong at Llanfair in the weeks ahead of our Bristol trip proved to be invaluable and highlighted those few little bits which needed perfecting before our Cathedral Evensong. Our sincere thanks to St Mary's congregation for their support in enabling us to do that. Thank you. The result was a perfect performance in Bristol - praised by all who were present.

A photo of the choir at Bristol Cathedral following the service features elsewhere in this publication -with apologies to our Director of Music, Graham Trew, and

our organist, Sean Farrell, who were on either end of the line but seem to have been expunged by the kind member of the congregation who took the photograph – a heinous error for which, I'm sure, he would apologise if only we knew who he was!



Inevitably, we have two more concerts ahead of us this year and the visit of the Stour Valley Singers for our joint concert next year, so much new material is being learnt at break-neck speed.

Our Christmas charity concert will be another occasion for your diary (14th December, Everest Hall) and we look forward to seeing you all there – as always there will be fabulous food and wonderful wines to complement the stunning singing.

Have a wonderful Summer – we're all off to enjoy the choir party!

Michael Symonds

COMMUNITY TRUST

Land Management

The ELS/HLS agreement has been going through some changes to allow this to be extended for 5 years. As one of the largest incomes for the LWCT it is essential that we have this finalised soon to allow us to manage the land parcels efficiently and in line with the agreement. This will ensure the income we receive is maintained to be utilised for the general benefit of the parish. We also will be starting the work on the triangle, so we look forward to making positive improvements to the area.

Pavilion Committee

The committee has had some new members join and has many new events planned throughout the year. Please take a look at the notice board at the entrance to the Pavilion for all contact details and monthly calendar of events and activities going on.

Dave Barrett will be organising a Bike Event again in August to support Blood Bikes. This is always well attended and meetings and organisation is ongoing to ensure minimum effect to the community with regards to noise and traffic.

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

Finally, thanks to all for supporting the Pavilion on Friday nights, it is good to see some many people enjoying themselves and catching up.

Best Wishes,

[Llanfair Waterdine Community Trustees](#)

[Matthew Croose, Steve Knowler,](#)

[Will Rogers, Liam Waters](#)

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Report 20th May, 2024

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council began the year with only five Councillors, meaning it had two vacancies to fill. It is pleasing that recently we were able to fill one of those casual vacancies. Hannah Plumb joined the Council in March and was welcomed by Councillors.

Another rôle of the Parish Council is to select Nominated Trustees to Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust, and in November we were able to carry out an interview in which Liam Waters was successful. The Trust is now at full strength in terms of Parish Council nominees.

In the summer the Parish celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, and the Parish Council presented coronation mugs to each child in the Parish. More recently, the Council was offered a free Portrait of the King, which has been received and passed on to Everest Hall committee for display.

General business has continued as Parishioners would expect. We have studied various planning applications and decided to support on each occasion. We have also reported to Shropshire Council on various matters relating to highways and rights of way. Sadly, it is noted that while urgent repairs and work have been undertaken at our request, we know that a number of sections of highway are now in desperate need of overlaying. However, unfortunately

Shropshire Council does not seem to be progressing with this work. We once again applied and were successful in getting an Environmental Maintenance Grant of £400 which we match fund. Drainage work was undertaken during the winter months by local contractors, and there was a slight underspend of the budget during this year.

The Parish Council supported Newcastle School when it was threatened with Closure, the SpArC centre in Bishops Castle with refurbishment (£100 donated), and Newcastle Parish Council with its aim to Purchase the Crown Inn as a Community asset.

In January, and after much deliberation, the Council decided that it had no choice but to increase the Precept to £5,500 for 2024/25. This costs around an extra £9.22 on a band D property.

Recently Maggie Brown, our Clerk of four years, resigned from her employment and Councillors were unanimous in thanking her very much for her work on behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish as a whole. We have since been very fortunate in attracting, interviewing and then employing a new clerk, James McVicar from Clun. We hope he will enjoy his employment by the Council, and will be fully supported by Parishioners in his rôle .

Andrew Beavan (Chairman).

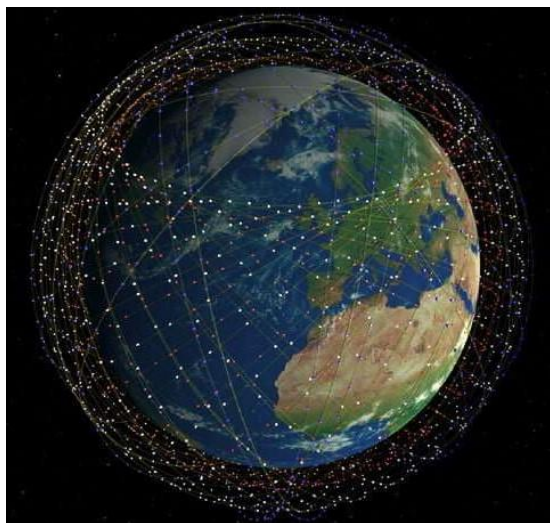
Since writing this report, Darren Knipe has been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, and by the time readers receive this copy we will have a new Government, or will be about to get one.

My first and most worrying observation is that we have had a very turbulent period of politics in our country and worldwide over the last ten years. I often think that all of the things that we humans decide to do to manage ourselves, and other life on the planet, are really just experiments: we do not know if they will work or not in the long-term.

At the moment, at first glance, it seems odd that all the main parties are focusing on wealth creation, which is naturally then followed by rampant consumerism. Odd because surely this accelerates global warming, which if we believe some of the latest reports we have only five years left to control. Actually not odd, because massive consumer spending is what puts a huge amount of money in the Governments pot. That's grand until we all fry. If the animals and birds are chattering to each other, they are probably saying, " We always knew humans were a bit odd, but we didn't realize they were that stupid".

[Andrew Beavan](#)

Fibre Broadband – There seems to be no prospect of a fibre solution in sight for outlying properties in the parish, so “Broadband” has therefore been removed as a standing agenda item from the PC agenda, but a solution does exist.



Starlink www.starlink.com is Elon Musk’s network of satellites offering high speed broadband. As at June this year there are 6,146 of them up there bouncing signals around.

If you can fix the receiver anywhere with a clear view of the sky you can get high speed broadband so it’s a solution for those of us not in the 98% of UK coverage promised by various governments.

It’s not cheap - £200 set-up and we’re paying £75 a month, but it’s worth it for us and allows us to work from home which we couldn’t before. We enjoy between 100-200 Mbps We have also got wifi-enabled mobile phones so have ditched the BT landline which was costing £25 a month.

Happy to chat through our experience of Starlink if anyone wants.

Mark Hughes

Potholes – Fix my street.

The best and quickest way to report a pothole is directly on SCC’s website;

<https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk>

If you use the “What 3 Words” App you can tell them exactly where it is.

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. James McVicar at llanfairparishclerk@gmx.co.uk



British Summer?