

Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

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Welcome to our 24th edition.

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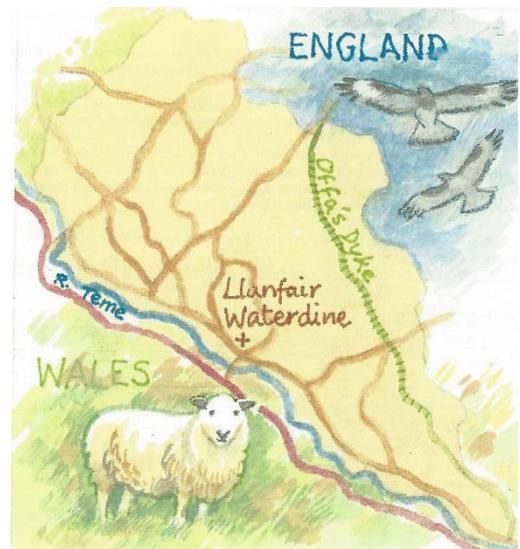
We would like to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for June's edition is earlier than usual so we can give advance notice of all the Platinum Jubilee events. Please email us at llanfairtimes@gmail.com by Friday 20th May.

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;

llanfairtimes@gmail.com

Happy reading.

Llanfair Times Editorial Team



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Local singer amongst panel that chose Queen's Platinum Jubilee Song



On June 2nd choirs across all 53 countries of the Commonwealth will be singing the same song in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Amongst the seven-strong panel chosen to select both the lyrics and the music was acclaimed local baritone and Voice Professor, **Graham Trew**. Graham was Chairman of the Association of English Singers and Speakers for ten years and for 27 years sang as a Gentleman-in-Ordinary to Her Majesty in The Chapel Royal at St James's Palace.

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Jubilee celebrations have always been occasions when communities join together and just have fun.

We know Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be no exception here in Llanfair.

The various parish organisations have got together and produced an outline plan of events for the weekend as shown below. A more detailed schedule will be produced closer to the date but please keep your diaries clear and be prepared to get involved. We'll need help erecting marquees, hanging bunting etc. Maybe getting the Christmas lights out six months early! Whatever you can do to help will be rewarding for you as well as the community. Look out for calls to arms!

Date	National event	Event in Llanfair	Lead Organisation
Thursday 2nd June	Trooping the colour		
	Beacons across the Commonwealth	9.45pm - Beacon on Llanfair Hill	Parish Council
Friday 3rd June	Service of Thanksgiving @ St. Pauls Cathedral	Afternoon Cream Tea followed by evening film @ The Everest Hall	Everest Hall
Saturday 4th June	The Derby @ Epsom Downs	Early afternoon -Community walk	Footpath Officer Graham Beadle
	Platinum Party at the Palace	Party at the Palace - live streaming @ The Pavilion	The Pavilion Management Committee
Sunday 5th June	Platinum Jubilee Pageant	11.15am - Thanksgiving Service @ St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church
	Big Jubilee Lunch & street parties	1.00pm Big Jubilee Lunch	Everest Hall
		Afternoon/Evening - Party, BBQ & Games on the Joan Adams Community field	The Pavilion Management Committee / Community Trust

Jubilee Beacon

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and Associated Activities June 2, 2022. Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons says "Building on a long tradition of lighting beacons to mark significant royal celebrations, over 1,500 Platinum Jubilee Beacons will be lit across the UK and Commonwealth on the first evening of the four-day Jubilee Weekend.

The Beacons will enable local communities to join together and pay tribute to Her Majesty as part of the official programme of events. Thousands of town criers, along with Pearly Kings and Queens, traditional and Northumberland pipers, buglers and choirs from communities across the four corners of the nation will lift up their

voices and play and sing specially commissioned music prior to the lighting of over 1,500 Platinum Jubilee Beacons, at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June 2022.

Throughout The Commonwealth, in capital cities and elsewhere, the lighting of the beacons and the singing of the song will commence at 9.15 p.m. local time. It is wonderful to see the range of support for beacon lighting which will highlight both the diversity and the unity of the nation. The Queen has lit up our lives for seventy years through her dedicated service and commitment. We would like to light up the nation and the Commonwealth in her honour.”

Timetable 2.00pm

A specially-written Proclamation heralding the lighting of the beacons will be announced by hundreds of town criers and 50 Pearly Kings and Queens.

9.35pm local time across the UK

Traditional and Northumbrian pipers and pipe bands will play Diu Regnare, a unique tune specially composed for the occasion by Piper Major, Stuart Liddell, the world’s leading piper.

9.40 p.m.

Buglers linked to local beacon lightings across the UK officially announce the lighting of the beacons with a specially written bugle call, entitled Majesty.

9.45 p.m. exactly local time

To coincide with the lighting of the beacons, community choirs across all nations will sing A Song for the Commonwealth, which has been written and composed by Lucy Keily, from Australia and Vincent Atueyi Chinemelu from Nigeria.

Graham Trew and The Jubilee Song

Under the auspices of ‘Commonwealth Resounds’, which promotes cultural links throughout the Commonwealth, a song, ‘A Life Lived With Grace’, composed by a Nigerian musician to words by an Australian lyricist has been chosen as the winning piece for The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Aspiring poets from all over the Commonwealth sent over 70 poems for selection to be the words of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Song. After careful deliberation a shortlist of three was chosen and aspiring composers, again from all over the Commonwealth, set their choice of poem to music.

There were nearly 70 entries. The other six people on the adjudicating panel were Baroness Scotland of Asthal, QC, who is the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; Anne Gallagher, Director-General

of the Commonwealth Foundation; the baritone, Roderick Williams; Judith Weir, who is Master of the Queen’s Music; Bruno Peek, Her Majesty’s Pageant Master and the composer Alison Cox, Head of Composition at the Purcell School.

Graham says “It was an honour to be asked to be on the adjudicating panel and we hope that people all over the world will be pleased with the memorable winning song. It will be sung throughout the Commonwealth on Jubilee Day, including by Llanfair Singers, which I conduct. We hope that this will be from the nearest Beacon.

The winning song will be available online in different formats and I would encourage choirs to sign-up on the Commonwealth Resounds website to join over 100 choirs from around the Commonwealth who have already committed to performing the song at the same hour on 2nd June.” **Michael Symonds**

How you can help prevent climate change at Christmas

(Many apologies to Tesni whose following article was inadvertently missed off the December edition. But only nine months to go to next Christmas, so plan ahead! Ed.)

As of today, greenhouse gas concentrations are at their highest levels in 2 million years and are continuing to rise. Consequently, the earth is about 1.1 degrees Celsius warmer than it was in the 1800s. Scientists have agreed that limiting global temperature rise to no more than 1.5°C would help us avoid the worst climate impacts and maintain a liveable climate. Yet the current path of carbon dioxide emissions could increase global temperature by as much as 4.4°C by the end of the century. Emissions must drop 7.6 per cent per year from 2020 to 2030 to keep temperatures from rising by 1.5°C.

I believe the most simple and effective way of helping to achieve this is to consume products sustainably. In 2019, transportation was responsible for 29% of greenhouse gas emissions making this sector the largest contributor to climate change. Transportation includes, cars, vans, planes, cargo ships etc. The most detrimental aspect of this is the transportation of international goods. A simple way you can help this problem is by purchasing from the UK.

Here are what I think are the most cost and carbon efficient ways of purchasing this Christmas: if you prefer to do your shopping online, instead of heading straight to Amazon which sells for large international companies have a look at a site called Etsy UK. Etsy focuses on supporting local small businesses and advertises their products on their site, when shopping on Etsy you can input your location and program the searches to only advertise things in the UK and within a certain mileage. This would significantly reduce your personal carbon footprint as Etsy is also dedicated to offset 100% of carbon emissions created by their sales from

packaging and delivery by donating money to emissions reduction projects on each sale. If you wish to purchase clothes you can look on sites such as Depop and Vinted which sell second-hand clothes in the UK, you can also sell your own clothes as well!

If you prefer to purchase in person, try and avoid the large franchise's and instead shop in independent smaller shops who source their produce from the UK. If you would like a more cost-effective alternative I would recommend shopping in charity shops, During the period between the start of October to the end of November eight members of my family have birthdays. This year I opted for a more cost and carbon efficient way of buying them all presents by spending no more than £12 on everybody combined by shopping in charity shops, I intend to do much of the same for Christmas.

With regards to Christmas dinner, check your food labels and purchase seasonal UK sourced food, supporting smaller food shops where possible.

Closer to home, I have recently started up a "Give and Take Table" in the Community Pavilion which is intended to limit wastage and help people share sustainably and avoid buying new products. You can give or take anything you would like from the table during opening hours for free, you never know you might even find a Christmas present on there!

Tesni Beavan

“It is our collective and individual responsibility...to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live.”

Dalai Lama

Poets' Corner



February

Trees stand stalwart,
skeletal, exposed.
Black branches filter wind,
claw lowering cloud.
Dead leaves, dark days
cover Spring asleep.
Woodpecker hammers
rat-tat at the door.
Robin rings a bell
with tinny chime.
Catkins wave and snowdrops stab
dark caves with points of light.
Earth heaves with molehills,
Shivers through the night.
Spring stirs, turns over,
sighs and slumbers on.

Philippa Boast



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

Flicks in The Sticks:
West Side Story (2021)
Saturday 26th March

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.
Next one 9th April.

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)

Qualified Dog Trainer



Are you looking for help with your dog?
Advice on recall or walking nicely on the lead?
Or are you looking for a fun way to build a
bond with your dog? I am a qualified,
accredited dog trainer, now running classes in
Llanfair Waterdine!

Join me later in summer for Hoopers,
scentwork and puppy class, plus so much
more - a waiting list is now open for these
classes starting in August!

Phone: 07472 701887 or Email:

Jen@BeBrilliantDogs.co.uk

www.BeBrilliantDogs.co.uk



FLICKS IS BACK!



West Side Story (2021) Saturday 26th March Everest Hall

Steven Spielberg's highly acclaimed new version of West Side Story is a masterclass of musical romantic drama (I think I've just invented a new genre.... Mus rom dram!). Inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story is set in the late 50's in the Upper West Side of New York and revolves around the turf wars of two rival gangs; The Jets and The Sharks. So what happens when Tony spots Maria at a High School dance? Kids from two rival gangs vying for the control of the streets; it's probably not going to end well.

The acting, singing and dancing are terrific.

'Spielberg's West Side Story updates the original without losing its heart.'

Come and join us on SATURDAY 26th for the long awaited for return to Flicks!

Interval with great snacks and good wine.

Hearing Loop Audio

Doors open at 7.00

Film starts at 7.30.

Adults £5

u.16 £2

Don and Kath Szmidt

Everest Hall



Lottery Results After time out for Covid we commenced our new season of Lottery Draws with the following results:

December 2021

Ticket No. 129 Kate McClean £20, 134 Anderson £7.50
147 Mary Morgan £5.

January 2022

Ticket No. 82 Chris & Andrew Gibbs £20, 53 Felicity Waters £7.50, 164 Rob Taylor £5.

February

Ticket No. 14 Katie Lane £20, 93 Robert Davies £7.50,
130 Judy North £5.

Thank you so much to all who support us.

In February we started a new venture; The Llanfair Tea Stop. The idea being a chance to meet up with friends after so much disruption to all social activities for such a long time. Over that period we have gained some new residents so it's a chance to meet and get to know them and them to know us over a cup of coffee, tea or soft drinks and biscuits. We were delighted to welcome lots of people who were happy to sit and chat. This will be a monthly event, every second Saturday, 10 am to 12 noon in Everest Hall. No pressure, just drop in, everyone of all ages will be most welcome.

With effect from our AGM in December Mary Bufton has very kindly taken over the position of Booking Secretary. She can be contacted on 01547 510285, email: marybufton@btinternet.com assisted by Ruth Davies 01547 528592, email: ruththemecottage@gmail.com

We are now fully open for bookings. We welcome the return of loyal regulars and some new ones.

Ann Harroway

The Pavilion

We have had a fairly quiet period in terms of our social evenings since the last edition. The poor weather and dark nights meant we limited our open evenings, and Covid restrictions unfortunately forced us to cancel our planned New Year's Eve Party. We were, however, able to open that evening for an informal social and would like to thank everyone who joined us to see in the New Year. We will be returning to regular Friday Evening socials from Friday 1st April 2022 and hope the good weather and light nights will see more of the community join us for a game of Boules or a catch up.

We are looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to help on the bar during these social evenings. Training will be given and it's a great social opportunity.

Regular classes are taking place at the Pavilion with more and more interest. We currently have regular Yoga classes, Dog Training, Playgroup and now a new fitness class (Panache –see poster!).

We have purchased a TV licence, enabling us to show the 6 Nations live on a projector, a great asset for us to have for future events, too. We are also in the final stages of purchasing the new playpark funded by the National Lottery, which will be erected on the Joan Adams Community Field this spring.

Panache
DANCE FITNESS
STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

**NEW CLASS STARTING 3RD MARCH
@ THE COMMUNITY PAVILION LLANFAIR WATERDINE**

STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

Thursdays 7-7.45pm
£6 on the door/block booking discount
Booking essential

f JF-Fitness @ jessicafalldance@yahoo.com

DANCE . SING . SHINE

Please see our events page on the website www.llanfairwaterdinecommunitytrust.co.uk or Facebook page 'Llanfair Waterdine Community Pavilion' where we regularly post events, new clubs and news. We also advertise any events on the exterior notice board at the pavilion, a board at the carpark and a board opposite the Lloyney Inn.

Anyone who would like to join our mailing list or has any queries, please email:
thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com

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

(Please contact us for details of class organiser)

Zoe Croose

**Got a slow cooker?
If not, get one, they're great!**

Slow-cooked chicken stew

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 12 large bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
- 225g pack chorizo picante, thickly sliced
- pack of 3 mixed colour peppers, cut into chunks
- 2 carrots diced
- 150g (drained weight) pitted green olives
- 300ml dry white wine (serve the rest of the bottle with the meal)
- 300ml chicken stock
- 1 tbsp tomato purée



Method

1. Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a large frying pan. Fry the onion for about 5 mins until golden.
2. Tip into the slow cooker pot (we used a 6.5-litre model), then fry the 12 large bone-in skinless chicken thighs and 225g thickly sliced chorizo picante in the same pan until starting to colour – you will need to do this in two batches.
3. Briefly fry the diced carrots in the same pan afterwards.
4. Add to the slow cooker with 3 mixed colour peppers, cut into chunks and 150g pitted green olives.
5. Tip 300ml dry white wine, 300ml chicken stock and 1 tbsp tomato purée into the pan.
6. Scrape up any bits stuck to the bottom, then tip into the slow cooker, cover and cook on Low for 6 hrs. Ready to serve!
7. Bob's your uncle.
8. Serve with some crusty bread and we also made some Patatas Bravas. Spanish spicy potatoes. Find a recipe on Google.



Freddie Hughes

***“One cannot think well, love well,
sleep well if one has not dined well.”
Virginia Woolf.***

Llanfair Waterdine WI



It is lovely to be back enjoying full and proper meetings with some excellent speakers. In December Simon Nix came to talk about his home made wines. It was fascinating to hear about the processes and the garden and hedgerow fruits that he uses. For anyone in the village, we can really recommend his excellent wines. We know this because we so enjoyed tasting them!

This is an anniversary year for us and we had plans to celebrate in January. Unfortunately, due to uncertainty about legal issues surrounding Covid regulations we had to cancel. However, we are planning bigger and better for July.

In February, we had a most interesting talk by Jane Roberts and Kay Pritchard. They run a small charity in Uganda supporting maternity care and child welfare. It was lovely to see the joys and difficulties of true rural life in Uganda.

Now to the future. In April, Helen Anderson is coming to explain the details of operating the Knighton Food Bank. May brings Ann Cummins “the Famous and the Infamous”, and for our June meeting our own member Sue Lovell is going to talk from her personal family experience about “a Journey with Dementia”. This is, to quote; “a humorous insight into life with someone experiencing dementia”.

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

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

Ann Harroway

St. Mary's Church



Grass-cutting coffee mornings – first Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am.

- 6th April - Judith and David Tollman - to be held at the Church
4th May - Sharon and Andrew Beavan – to be held at the Pavilion
1st June - Margaret and Leon Drewnicki – to be held at their home, Birches Gate

Sunday 27th March 'Mothering Sunday' Service at 3.00 pm.

Our normal Evensong on the fourth Sunday in March will be a 'Mothering Sunday' service. It will be at 3.00pm, our winter time for the evening service, before we revert to 6.30 pm in April for the summer months. Please come, with your children, if you can. There will be drinks and cakes afterwards! All being well we are looking forward to welcoming Andrew MacLauchlan and some of his family to the service and also the family of our former organist, the late Doreen Hart, who are going to scatter Doreen's ashes over the area she loved.

Easter Services

- Wednesday 13th April** – 'Reflection' at 6.00 pm. in St Mary's Church, Llanfair.
Thursday 14th April – 'Maundy Service' at 7.00 pm. in St Mary's Church, Llanfair.
Friday 15th April – Good Friday 'Stations of the Cross' at 9.00 am in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lawn.
Friday 15th April - 'Walk of Witness' at 10.30 am from St Edward's Church, Knighton.
Friday 15th April – 'An Hour at the Cross' at 2.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Bucknell.

Saturday 16th April – 'Easter Vigil' at 7.00 pm: a joint service with East Radnor Benefice in St Edward's Church, Knighton.

Sunday 17th April – Easter Sunday 'Communion by Extension' at 11.15 am in St Mary's Church, Llanfair.

Jonathan Kemp, our Reader

All at St. Mary's Church wish to record their best wishes and thanks for everything Jonathan has done for and with us, following his decision to step down from the position of Reader in our Benefice.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM was held after the 11.15 am morning service on Sunday, February 6th.

The Revd. Dr. Martin Quayle took the communion service, after which refreshments were served, before Dr. Quayle took the chair for the Vestry Meeting. Our two churchwardens were unanimously re-elected and this led on to the APCM-proper, where all members of the present PCC agreed to continue, having been proposed and seconded, apart from Mary Morgan, who decided to step down after fifty years of service to the church in various rôles. She was very warmly thanked for her work and we look forward to still benefitting from her advice and support in the future.

The last edition of Llanfair Times contained extensive news on all aspects of the Church. This information was published following the cancellation, due to Covid, of the Parish Meeting, which was to have been an opportunity for all groups to present themselves to the parish. Following from that entry it is good to report that congregations for our varied styles of service continue to rise and that more people are supporting the church by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. However, fund-raising has still been difficult during Covid and the church is faced with new costs to renew falling masonry and roof tiles. Areas that need replacing around the windows can only be undertaken by a specialist and this, plus the need for specific raw materials and scaffolding, will deplete our resources considerably. Predicted costs to do with the projected toilet and kitchen plans for the church have risen dramatically during Covid and the remains of a legacy set aside for this work will need to be supplemented with a grant, or the plans revised, in order for the work to come to fruition.

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Comprehensive plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations from June 2nd to 5th are detailed elsewhere in Llanfair Times. St. Mary's Church will

have a celebratory Sunday service on 5th June at 11.15 am.

Church Coffee Morning: Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May, Everest Hall at 11.00 am.

Robert and Denise Taylor write: "Entry will be £2 (free to children 12 and under) to include coffee/tea and biscuits. We are planning to have a Plant and Produce Stall, a Cake Stall, a Book Stall and a Bring and Buy Stall, plus a Raffle. Please come along and enjoy good company and stalls stocked with interesting and useful things. We look forward to seeing you."

Graham Trew

In Conversation With..... Fiona and Martin Quayle



RL: Thank you both for agreeing, in the weeks following your move (and any of us who have moved house will know just how taxing that is), to be interviewed for Llanfair Times. I hope that you have received the traditionally warm welcome to Llanfair church and parish.

RL: Where do you both originally come from?

FQ: I originally come from Aberdare and then Abergavenny but when I was three my parents moved to Buckinghamshire. I went to Slough High School. When I was 14 my parents moved to Hampshire where I did my 'A' levels. I went to Lucy Clayton College where I took a fashion design course. I had my eldest child, Rosie, when I was 22 and three more children in the next ten years. Rosy, the eldest, is training to be a psychotherapist at the moment; Mark is an interior designer; Daniel is a property developer, and Edward is a chef.

MQ: I was born in the South-East but grew up near the Peak District in a mining village which has become a commuter satellite of Manchester. However, I went to Woking Grammar School where I lost my northern accent in a day!

RL: What brought you here?

FQ: We came to Shropshire in 2004 when Martin got a job in a dental clinic. We both felt we needed a complete change

MQ: I had had my own practice which was a seven-days-per-week commitment.

FQ: I had been a Ward Manager (*that's a rank above a Ward Sister – Ed.*) in an acute psychiatric patient ward. I was lucky to work with a very good multi-disciplinary team and we created a therapeutic environment on the ward.

RL: So what did you do, Fiona, when you came here?

FQ: I had a post as a mental health nurse in a community team in Wellington, Telford, and then I worked in a mental health crisis team at Shelton Hospital before we moved to Yorkshire when Martin trained in the ministry. I continued to work in mental health, primarily in early intervention in psychosis, until my retirement in September 2021.

RL: And you, Martin?

MQ: I worked in the salaried Dental Health Service for Shropshire and then in the Community Dental Service in Wales, based in Llandrindod, before we moved to Yorkshire.

RL: How is the Vicarage and the garden?

MQ: It is all lovely. We've painted and decorated the Vicarage. The house is very comfortable. The front garden has been completely changed. We are digging up ivy roots, etc., and hope to have a naturalised floral meadow.

FQ: You need to be a keen gardener at the Vicarage! I luckily enjoy gardening and it is lovely to be outside. It is exciting looking at colours and contrasts. I've brought some plants from my old garden. The view along the valley from the back is wonderful. Everyone passing can see that the front garden has been cleared and is more open.

RL: What about pets?

FQ: We have a German Short-Haired Pointer who has taken to Bucknell like a duck to water. Bucknell has some lovely walks around the woods.

RL: Martin: what is your vision for us here?

MQ: I want to see a thriving Benefice, with each parish and community working out its own spiritual identity. A real plus in this Benefice is the live music in every church.

FQ: Working as a team is important. Our worshipping together has been part of our life together and is the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Participating in the Daily Offices is important. Shropshire has become our home, but we have brought much from our previous life-experiences.

RL: Thank you both for all that you have shared. I know that many look forward to having you in our midst and to helping to lead us forward, both as individual parishes and as the seven parishes together, the Middle Marches Benefice.

Richard Lewis

LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

You know what it's like – you have a long holiday, return to work and find that there is a mountain of things that are just waiting for you to do All needing to be done by yesterday! Well, after our leisurely run up to Christmas that is exactly the position that we found ourselves in as we returned for the first rehearsal in January.

It's good to be popular, though, and we have been busy learning and rehearsing a wide range of music not least for **our biennial concert with the Stour Valley Singers (from Suffolk) on Saturday 28th May in St Edward's Church Hall. Tickets for this event are priced at £10 each available from Knighton Fine Art (01547 528052) or from choir members.** This is always a wonderful concert and, not surprisingly, always a sell-out event, so you will need to be quick. Each choir performs their own repertoire as well as singing some items together. As you would expect from any Llanfair Singers event, there will be wine and nibbles afterwards

(first glass included within the ticket price.) Yet another good reason to book your tickets quickly!

One may think that that was enough to rehearse for on its own. Fortunately, however, the cancellation of our Christmas concert meant that the repertoire that we had been working on, together with some new pieces, will be polished to perfection by the time May 28th comes along. This has left time to learn the music for all our Easter bookings which, like London buses, all came along at once – hence that post-holiday workload! However, it has been a real joy to learn and rehearse so much delightful music in readiness for those Easter services, and we very much hope that you will be able to join us for some of them.

Thursday 14th Apr Maundy Service - St. Mary's, Llanfair (7.00pm)
Saturday 16th Apr Easter Vigil- St Edward's Knighton (7.00pm tbc)
Sunday 17th Apr Easter Sunday at St. Mary's, Llanfair (11.15am)
(Hallelujah Chorus to be sung)

After all this I sense that we're going to be in need of another long holiday!

In the meantime, Happy Easter.

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

Michael Symonds

"He who sings scares away his woes."

Miguel de Cervantes

**"The only thing better than singing
is more singing."**

Ella Fitzgerald

QUIZ!

Rob Gwilt just keeps on quizzing us....

- 1 .Who is believed to be the last local to have played Competition Polo ?
- 2 .Name the local who is a past British Gymnast Tumble Champion.
- 3 .One J. Mowbray-Green played Tennis at Wimbledon, once reaching the second round and was an English Doubles Champion. So what is their close connection to Llanfairwaterdine ?
- 4 .Bert Hobby (late of Melin y Grogue) is a past National Cycling Champion. But for which Country ?
a.. Scotland b.. Spain c.. Wales
- 5 .Name the local who played Rugby for Wales ,at FULL international level. Congratulations .
- 6 .Name the local who is a past Worcestershire Badminton County Select.
- 7 .Name the local who had trials with Glasgow Rangers.
- 8 .Les Davies and John Gwilt played for which local football team , "back in the day" ?
- 9 .Name the local who is a Wales Basketball International and now plays for The Bristol Flyers.
- 10 Name the local farmer who played Rugby for Leicestershire.
11. Name the local who competed in the British Circuit Road Racing Championships. Raced Brands Hatch, Silverstone and on the Continent and was "clocked" at over 180 mph on the Factory Suzuki.
12. Name the local who played Rugby for the British Army RLC.

Robert Gwilt

Answers to December's Quiz questions;

1. 1950, 2. 1971, 3. 2018, 4. 1927, 5. 1979, 6. 1919, 7. 1972, 8. 1888, 9. 1982, 10. 1997.

Bonus question -Tony Greasley.

ROMA EDWARDS



Introducing one Roma Edwards, Moto-Cross sensation and the grand-daughter of Ann and Trevor at Beguildy Shop.

Roma is a daughter of Tim Edwards who was a leading A.M.C.A rider during the 1980s, contesting the U.K Nationals.

Racing in New Zealand, (Tim and his wife Lisa emigrated in 2004) she is contracted with the Blue Wing Honda Team.

Previously with Yamaha, she was a teammate with Courtney Duncan who is now the 2021 WMX World Champion and is trained by Ben Townley, a former World Champion.

Roma's progress towards the World Championships was slowed by a freak accident resulting in breaking both ankles. She has now returned to winning ways. Thanks to her desire and talent she won the WNZ Grand Prix, the NZ Cup and the Taupo MX FEST, all in late 2021.

It is now planned (finances allowing) that Roma will race the WMX World Championships in 2022, which are contested predominately in Europe. So look out for the name and results. Or call in at Beguildy Shop and have a chat with two (rightly) very proud grandparents.

Robert Gwilt



Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year

How time flies! Christmas is already way behind us.

Give Your dahlias an early start by potting the dormant tubers in large pots or trays and placing them in a frost-free greenhouse to start them growing. They can be planted out in late April or the beginning of May, when all risk of frost has passed.

Cut buddleia back hard to two lower shoots per branch after the last frost.

If you haven't already done so, it is time to cover rhubarb to encourage tender stems. A mulch of farmyard manure around the base of the plant will help produce more stems.

Many vegetable seeds can be planted outside from the end of March including parsnips and peas. Sweet pea seeds can be planted indoors for planting out at the end of April.

Cut the dead flowers off amaryllis bulbs and continue to water them and feed with a potash fertilizer until the leaves die down naturally and then store them in a cool place until next autumn when they can be watered and started into growth to flower again.

Lift and split any herbaceous plants which are getting too large and replant the pieces to increase your display.

Prune Spring flowering shrubs, such as forsythia and flowering currant, just after they have bloomed. This will encourage new flowering stems to grow for next year.

Sow the seeds of tomatoes in April and pot into 9cm (3") pots when they have two proper leaves and are large enough to handle. Keep on a warm windowsill or in a heated greenhouse until May when they can be planted into Growbags or greenhouse borders.

Repot any houseplants which have outgrown their pots and include some slow-release fertilizer in the new potting compost.

Chitted potatoes can be planted out at the end of March. Earth them up to keep the light off the tubers as they grow and prevent them from going green.

Plant some parsley seed in a small pot and just cover with compost. Pot on into a larger pot as it grows and it can be placed outside by the kitchen door within easy reach when cooking.

If you grow broad beans, keep an eye out for blackfly. You can usually reduce their damage by pinching out the tip of each plant just above the top flower.

If you have space in your heated greenhouse, you can plant up summer pots and hanging baskets ready to go outside when the risk of frost has gone.

Di Bailey

NATURE NOTES

February fill the dyke
Be it black or be it white
But if it be white
It's the better to like

The rhyme refers to heavy rain which is black or snow white, filling the ditches in wintertime. I thought it appropriate, again.

It is February 22nd after the three storms and I have just returned from a gentle walk along the lanes around Melin Y Grogue. The hedges have been swept clean revealing bedraggled nests that I could not find last year when the hedges were in full leaf. I spent a few minutes throwing back over the gate, turnips, that the force of the water had washed into a heap from the field into the lane but the sheep didn't seem too bothered. I did, however, notice that a rabbit was taking advantage of this plentiful supply of food.

There are buds on the Honeysuckle, the Wild Gooseberry and if you look hard enough at the Blackthorn, tiny pimples of pinkish white

blossom to come. The snowdrops have been magnificent and seem to have spread since last Spring in gardens and wild places. Many of the Hazel catkins have been dashed to the ground by the gales but many others are still hanging on so there will be hazel nuts aplenty come the Autumn

Last week, that is before the storms, I was so pleased to see a pair of Dippers by the bridge at Melin y Grogue over Crochen Brook, there was a small beach of pebbles from which they bobbed up and down and the water was clear and shallow.

I have been troubled by an errant mole who seemed to have taken up permanent residency in my garden but this pales into insignificance when I see the hundreds of molehills in the fields. Not to mention the grey squirrels whose numbers seem to have multiplied. I am also aware of increased badger activity along the lane which is lined by their latrines.

I am hopeful that later in the Spring the boggy field at Melin y Grogue will be pink with Ragged Robin as it was in 2021 but not in 2020 when the field was too dry. Last year it was a sea of pink and definitely something to watch out for.

Well, I have saved the best till last! I have mistletoe growing on one of my apple trees.



I had set about a dozen seeds years ago on various apple trees marking each one with a piece of string and had given up looking. Walking through the garden last week I was so surprised to notice a small clump. I have yet to discover whether it's male or female but I think however it will be many years before there are bunches for sale at the Christmas Auction.

Judith Tollman

Young Farmers hedge-laying



Since the end of lockdown, Knighton YFC officer team has organised an exciting programme of events for their members, based on learning more about rural skills and agricultural production in the area. As well as recent visits to local businesses FM Caine and Son, a local pig-growing unit run by an ex-member of the club and an evening of sausage-making with Tom Pugh, members have been learning the traditional craft of hedge-laying.

On this whole-day course, run by Richard Clarke of Really Rural, hosted by Andrew Beavan at the Vedw Farm, and funded by CPRE, Young Farmer members, some as young as 14, got the chance to learn the basics of managing a hedge by laying. This involved part cutting tall stems at their base and laying them on their sides around supporting stakes, filling any gaps with cut material, and binding the tops. Members learned that hedges are dynamic systems needing constant but changing management to ensure their health and long-term survival. It was hard work but a very enjoyable day – and who knows, Knighton YFC may just have inspired the next local hedge-laying contractor!



Knighton YFC welcomes young people from the area between the ages of 10 and 28 to come and join our youth led organisation. We now have over 25 regularly attending members. You don't have to be a farmer but if you enjoy the rural area in which you live, want to learn new skills, and make new friends then come along to a meeting! Look up our Facebook page or contact Chairman Sam Beavan 07807 126370 for more details.

Sam Beavan

COMMUNITY TRUST

This period has been a time of change for the Trustees after two of the long-standing members have come to the end of their terms. We previously thanked Bob for his 4 years of service to the community last October and now it is time for us to thank Andrew for 16 years of hard work. It is fair to say that Andrew has been involved with some brilliant work over this time period and can truly be proud of what he has achieved with the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust. I know many of the local community are aware of what value-adding activities that have been, suggested, implemented and maintained during his time on the Trust and we hope to continue in the same vein.

The Trust has two new members following successful interviews by the Parish council. We welcome Steve Knowler and Will Rogers to the CIO and it is fair to say that we have acquired two very capable and proactive members.

It has been a very busy period in a lot of ways since the last report in the Llanfair Times, we have worked very closely with the Pavilion Management committee and now have the capability of showing the Six Nations following the purchase of a TV licence as well as carrying out some general internal improvements to the facility. We have reviewed all the land parcels managed by the Trust and identified areas of improvement to ensure the land is suitable for our graziers.

We are also delighted to highlight that three successful grant applications have been reviewed and approved by Trustees all under the following target area: "Bursaries to young people to help them broaden their experiences and accomplishments." As a Trust we are delighted that so many of the local community are getting in touch with us and would also encourage anyone else who would like to come forward to do so. Our target areas are shown on our website:

www.llanfairwaterdinecommunitytrust.co.uk,

For those who do not have access to the internet **applications will be considered for:**

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

In addition to the above, the Trust has also applied for 3 different grants listed below:

1. Community Pilot Scheme – Shropshire Council
2. Conservation Scheme – Shropshire Hills
3. Community Foundation Scheme – Lottery Funded

All of these have the target of improving the facilities and local environs for the general benefit of all parishioners.

We look forward to the year ahead and, as ever, we encourage everyone to get in touch with us either via our public email address:

llanfairwaterdinetrustees@gmail.com, or by using our post box situated on the gate outside the community pavilion.

*Trustees of Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust
Matthew Croose, Byron Ford, Steve Knowler & Will Rogers*

PARISH COUNCIL

Work under the Environmental Maintenance Grant scheme has been carried out again this year. The scheme allows for some highways maintenance under local parish control. We can identify the areas that need attention and deal with them ourselves. It is a match-funding scheme so we allocate £400 from the precept and receive an extra £400 from Shropshire Council. It does not cover potholes! Iorwerth Waters and Graham Lloyd have been clearing ditches, uncovering drains and generally helping to keep our lanes in better order. Please contact the council if you want to highlight any work that looks like it needs doing and we'll add it to the list.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sadly cancelled due to Covid concerns last year, the date for the next meeting is **Tuesday 10th May**.

Parish Council Website

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

Have you seen the Parish Council website? You can read Llanfair Times, reports from the Community Trust, Parish Council Accounts, Minutes & Agendas and more! Sign up on the site to receive Email Alerts for the latest news, notifications of planning applications and events. **Please contact the Clerk for more information. Maggie Brown, 07398 222 310 or llanfairparishclerk@gmx.co.uk**

From the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mark Hughes

Western Mail October 1914



“In Wales, some 4,500 refugees were accommodated, whilst Lord Bute offered to find homes for 3000 refugees in Cardiff and on Rothsay. Towns including Cardigan, Aberaeron, Lladysul, Lampeter and Barmouth all invited Belgian refugees. The Davies sisters of Gregynog (the daughters of David Davies the entrepreneur who developed Barry Docks) recruited 91 of what they termed “a better class of refugee”, mainly artists and musicians, and set them up in Aberystwyth and Barry, hoping to enrich the cultural life of Wales, with a degree of success. The Western Mail ran a column in Flemish and a Belgian primary school was set up at 9 Richmond Road.”

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council

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To all residents of Llanfair Waterdine Parish

21 March 2022

Dear Resident

Invitation

You are invited to an Open Meeting on **Tuesday 10 May 2022 from 7pm** in The Pavilion, Llanfair Waterdine.

Groups / organisations active in the area have been invited to give a short presentation, after which you will have a chance to ask questions, and find out more!

The Parish Council recognises that with so many financial pressures and a changing world, we need to do more to support one another, and we hope you can help by being part of the discussion.

This Annual Parish Meeting is to give **you** the opportunity to hear what is going on in the area, to ask questions and make suggestions.

Refreshments will be provided. In order to help with arrangements, please let the Clerk know how many of your household will be coming.

If you are a member of a local group or organisation, and would like to have a display or give a presentation, please get in touch with our clerk, whose details are at the bottom of this letter.

The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hughes

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