

# Llanfair Times

incorporating Lloyney News

**September 2021**

**Welcome to our 22nd edition.**

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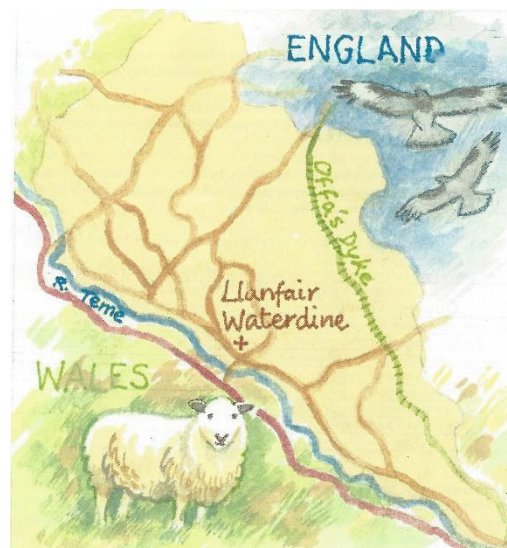
The "What's On" section is back (Page 9) and as clubs and societies get back to meeting again, please send us your events calendar and contact details so we can promote you.

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 us at;

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**Happy reading.**

**Llanfair Times Editorial Team**



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**Welcome to one of Llanfair's newest residents.....**

**Denzil the Donkey**



**Read more on page 3.**

# Wakes BBQ 2021

Having been deprived of community gatherings for nearly 18 months it was good to welcome people back to The Wakes this year. Despite all the uncertainty over lockdown rules in the weeks leading up to the event, our many helpers were ready to keep the tradition going. Good weather, good company and good food were all that was needed and we had all three in abundance.

The BBQ and bar were busy all afternoon and evening, with many coming back for second helpings of hotdogs, burgers and mouth-watering steaks accompanied by delicious home-made salads.

To entertain the young and not so young, we had impromptu space hopper racing and sack races, courtesy of Jane Watts and then a frisbee demonstration from the very talented Pearmain family.

Ben and Mark were on hand to give instruction on the finer points of boules.



There was also plenty of opportunity to browse the various stalls for cakes, produce, bric-a-brac and books and also to try your luck at either the Squares game (the eventual winner being Judith Tollman) or the raffle with 20 super prizes drawn by the children.

For those who had been perhaps a little apprehensive about gathering again, the event provided a welcome first step.

As always, these events owe everything to those who help out and those who support the day - thank you to both!

*Derek & Deirdre Beavan*

*.....and then there was the annual Duck Race & BBQ.*



**Winners; Race 1 –**

Mary Morgan, Gail Knowle, Natalie Wood

**Race 2 –**

Andrew Beavan, Ruth Davies, Hannah Williams

**Race 3 –**

Asade Matthews, Rob Lane, Susan & Christine

**Race 4 –**

Mo Bates, Llynda Morgan, Russell Williams

**Race 5 –**

Chris Martin, David Francis, Herbie Pearmain

**Children's Race with 23 ducks –**

Robin Pearmain, Eddie Watts, Jack Waters

**Winner takes half race –**

Beryl Evans, winning £42



*Derek & Deirdre Beavan*



## Old Wakes photo from last edition

The photo on the back page was taken in Everest Hall Yard, not sure of the year, but I recognise the grey bricks which covered the yard in a square from the hedge to the end of the front wall where the noticeboards are and out to the road boundary. I recognise a few folk:-

4th from the right, Marlene Hobby, Joan Hobby's step daughter, who lived at Melin-y-Groque

6th from right - Mrs Gough who lived at Melin-y-Groque Mill

7th from the right - Dolly Bufton who lived in Ladycroft, opposite Everest Hall, was a school teacher at Llanfair School and much involved in Village Life

8th from the right - I think is Margaret Worts, nee Williams, sister to Jim Williams

The lady with the hat standing in the doorway of the marquee is Miss Barnard, who lived where Steve and Juliette Gibbon live now. She was a true lady and very highly respected in our parish.

Cannot recognise anyone else but hope that is a bit of help.

*Ruth Davies*

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We would like to receive your comments, ideas, points of view.

Please email us at [llanfairtimes@gmail.com](mailto:llanfairtimes@gmail.com)

## Meet Denzil

Denzil now lives up on the Bwlch.



## Donkeys – 'Equus asinus'

Donkeys are related to horses and zebras. They are all members of the family 'equus', i.e. they are equines. The donkey is a descendant of the African wild ass, which is now rare in the wild and found in only a few remote parts of north-eastern Africa.

Donkeys range in size from the Miniature Mediterranean (under 91cm) to larger donkeys such as the rare French Poitou (up to 150cm) with its large head and ears and thick, shaggy coat. Domestic donkeys tend to be classified by their size rather than breed as over the generations breeds have been crossed and as a result, there are not many pure breeds left.

'Hands' are a measuring unit used for equines. One hand is equal to four inches.

The size categories are:

Miniature	( 9 hands)
Small Standard	( 9 -10 hands)
Standard	(10 -12 hands)
Large Standard	(12 - 14 hands)
Mammoth Jacks	(over 14 hands)

### Colours:

Although many donkeys are the familiar grey-dun (mouse grey) colour, there are many other coat shades – there are spotted donkeys, black, white,

every shade of grey and brown and albino-white. They can also be of a pink colour (light red mixed with grey-dun), more technically known as 'strawberry roan'.

#### Age:

Donkeys often live for twenty-five years or more. Some have been recorded as living to the ripe old age of sixty, although a forty-year-old donkey is considered to be elderly.

#### What is the difference between a horse, a mule and a donkey? And what is a pony?

We're here to give you a helping *hoof*!

Below are some of the *mane* differences you can spot between these four animals.

You'll *neigh* find a better explanation.

Donkeys are slower and less powerful than horses but they are extremely intelligent animals. They have a strong sense of survival and if they deem something as dangerous they simply won't do it, hence they would not make steeplechasers or three-day eventers! They are particularly patient and persistent animals and as a result make excellent pack animals.

Horses and ponies are native to lush grassland regions. Donkeys however, are adapted to marginal desert lands and therefore their food needs are much less than that of a horse. Donkeys do not have natural 'waterproof' coats like horses and so must have access to shelter.

Donkeys require just as much care and attention as horses. For example, their feet must be trimmed around every 8 weeks.

Horses are flight animals, i.e. in times of panic or danger they will run away, donkeys, however, will simply freeze when frightened. Donkeys evolved in rugged desert terrain and fleeing in times of danger simply wasn't possible.

Donkeys do not have a flowing tail like a horse but a tufted tail more like that of a cow.

Donkeys were likely first bred around 5,000 years ago in Egypt or Mesopotamia.

**A mule** has a donkey father and a horse mother.

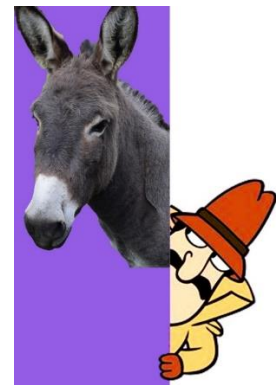
A mule born from a donkey mother (called a jenny or a jennet) and a horse father, on the other hand, is called a **hinny** and they tend not to be as strong as mules.

**A pony** is a horse of a small breed below 14.2 hands.

*Mark Hughes*

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## Detect Denzil



For our younger readers, Denzil will be hiding somewhere in the pages of Llanfair Times. If you can detect him, tell us where he is and the first person to email us with his whereabouts will be invited to meet Denzil and feed him his favourite food.

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## Everest Hall

The Everest Hall is now **open!** and ready to welcome back all our supporters. We reopened on 16<sup>th</sup> August with necessary Covid awareness in place.

We have put this period of closure to good use. The rear of the building has been rendered and looks like new. The electrics have been tested and brought up-to-date and are fully compliant with all regulations. Lastly, the front porch

entrance has been renovated and is now a pleasing and welcoming space.

Sadly, due to Covid shut-downs, we were unable to sell the Lottery tickets this year, having fully completed all last year's draws. Congratulations to all those who won. We will be resuming the lottery this autumn with the first draw due to take place in December. We hope you will continue to support it as generously as you have in the past.

Flicks in the Sticks will be back for the Autumn, so keep the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December available. It will be a varied programme so keep those dates free! Other organisations are resuming their activities. Everyone is enjoying some sense of normality.

The Management and Trustees are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and seeing the Hall once again become the vibrant centre that it has always been.

For further information or if you feel able to help in any way please contact Iorwerth Waters on 01547 528155 [Ann Harroway](#)

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### From your senior sports correspondent;

**Llanandras 2-3 Felindre.** Millers back to winning ways after a hard-fought win. Felindre twice came back from behind to claim the win. A very experienced CP side pushed The Millers all the way in a great pre-season encounter. Felindre scorers; Bill Reynolds, Will Deakins (2). Man of the Match; Robbie Hodnett.

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## Notices

### Congratulations to;

**Isaac Weaver & Kelsea on the birth of their baby son, Alfie, on 11th April 2021**

**Lorna Roberts & Byron on the birth of their baby son, Brae, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

### **Iorwerth & Dilys Waters celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary** on 10th July this year.

A surprise party in Sandbanks, Bournemouth, was arranged by the family with a meal at The Shell Bay Restaurant on the edge of Poole Harbour, followed by a seven mile coastal walk in glorious weather in Swanage.



The happy couple said "Ten years ago we celebrated our Ruby Wedding Anniversary, again with a surprise party at the Everest Hall, attended by about 100 friends and neighbours."

[Iorwerth & Dilys Waters](#)

## WHAT'S ON

### **A welcome return of social activity!!!!**

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

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

Saturday October 16th - Dream Horse

Saturday November 20th - Yesterday

Saturday December 18th - Sound of Music

These films are provisional bookings and will happen as long as they are available.

**Real Wine Company Spanish Wine and Paella Evening** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets £15 a head from Rita or Mark Hughes Tel 510341

**Christmas Auction and Supper** - Saturday December 11th





## Flicks-in-the-Sticks returns to Llanfair Waterdine. Welcome Back!

On behalf of Arts Alive and the Flicks Team we would like to share our early plans with you.... so diaries out!

On **October 16th** we intend to screen '**Dream Horse**' based on the true story of the small Welsh town which clubs together to raise their horse so that it can compete with the best.... all the way to The Welsh Grand National!

Doors open at 7.00pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served.



Seating will be in a 'cafe' style to allow for safe grouping .



'Flicks' is an important part of our village social life for many of us and it's so much more than just a film screening: a chance to catch up and chat, meet new people, and to enjoy films on a big screen.... It's great to be back!

Finally, a massive thanks to David and Judith Tollman who have handed over the Llanfair Flicks reins to us: David and Judith have ensured that Flicks has been part of village life for more years than they may wish to admit! Massive thanks!

*Don and Kath Szmidt*

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



Fri 17th Sept - Live Music  
Fri 8th Oct - Bev's Beer Fest  
Sat 30th Oct - Halloween Party  
Wed 8th Dec - Wreath Making (Booking Required)  
Fri 31st Dec - NYE Party (Limited Tickets)

*More details in Llanfair Times & on our Facebook page.  
Friday social evenings will also continue from 6pm*

## The Pavilion

The Pavilion Committee was delighted to be able to open for our first public event on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> following the easing of covid restrictions in England.

It was wonderful to see so many people attending and showing their support to the volunteers who worked to build this lovely building either to sit on the patio area with a drink and chat to friends or test their skills at playing boules.

Friday evening socials have since become a regular event with many people turning up each week, either on foot, bicycle, car and even a horse and cart.



## A Sporting Life

The bar is run on a voluntary basis. Profits from sales have already gone a long way towards paying for the outdoor furniture.

We have already incorporated a very popular quiz night and we have a varied calendar of events for everyone to look forward to this Autumn for all ages and abilities.

Llanfair Little Ones is thriving and well-attended each week. Other recent regular bookings include yoga, starting in September with two sessions a week.

A recent acquisition by the committee members is a chiller box that was once used as a Tesco delivery lorry and we are going to use it to securely store and keep cool beverages off the premises.

As we are now having regular events held in the pavilion, we have decided to take on a paid cleaner to keep the rooms looking at their best for all users.

Graham Lloyd has now built a safety handrail on the steps to improve access to the field.

The committee is hoping to provide goal posts and a children's play area in the future and looking into possible grant funding to help with this.

To keep up-to-date with events follow us on Facebook - The Community Pavilion Llanfair, email us to be added to our mailing list [thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com](mailto:thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com), or check our notice board which is updated regularly.

We are always looking for volunteers to join our Management Committee so please contact us if you think this is something you would like to be part of.

**Sharon Beavan**

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Sport has always been part of my life and from a young age I was running, throwing and catching a ball but most of all kicking one and that's where it all began.

Football has been and continues to be a regular activity for me. As a child I would play football for hours before, during and after school. I joined a local football team and was the only girl, but this didn't bother me or my team mates, especially when I started scoring lots of goals. This led to me being the first girl in Presteigne Primary School's football team.



I was very lucky to have the support and encouragement of family and my teacher Mr Jenkins, as a girl playing football was unheard of.



However, my talent got noticed and I was offered a scholarship for an American team whilst still at primary school. I stayed local and eventually ended up playing for Hereford Untied Ladies.

At high school, my running continued with me becoming a good sprinter and I played netball and hockey, a sport that I fell in love with. I captained the team. After having county trials for athletics (100m and 200m), netball and hockey, I chose to focus on hockey. I was top goal scorer a few times but for me it was being part of a team that I loved and the buzz I got every time I played. After a few injuries I decided to hang up my stick but I miss playing this great sport.

When playing hockey and football, I would love to get the ball and run at defenders. I played centre- forward in hockey and in football I was a striker wearing the no.9 or no.10 jersey and had the ability to play with both feet.

Today, I continue to be involved with sport, I am assistant coach/player for Bishops Castle Ladies football team but most of all I am very proud to watch and support Iwan and Lily in Rugby and Athletics.

*Felicity Waters*

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World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Llanfairwateridine  
is back on a slightly reduced scale

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1030 until 1230  
at Graig Cottage**

Coffee, cake, biscuits and chat  
and, of course, raising money for Macmillan

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## Llanfair Wateridine WI



Having kept things ticking over quietly through lockdown, through the use of the ubiquitous zoom and telephone calls, we finally met up in a member's garden in July. Andrea Moore kindly invited us to her lovely garden in Leintwardine for what was going to be tea and biscuits. However, Andrea said "This is WI. It must be homemade cakes", so we indulged in some very good baking!



There was certainly plenty of chat as we all had a lot of catching up to do. Sadly, Andrea is not in the photograph as she was behind the camera. We are going to hold our first proper meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which will be a get-together in the Everest Hall, to discuss our future programme and exchange news.

We always hold our meetings on the first Friday in the month at the Everest Hall at 7.00pm. We usually have a speaker and always a get-together afterwards. The social aspect of our group is one of our main delights and we enjoy receiving guests.

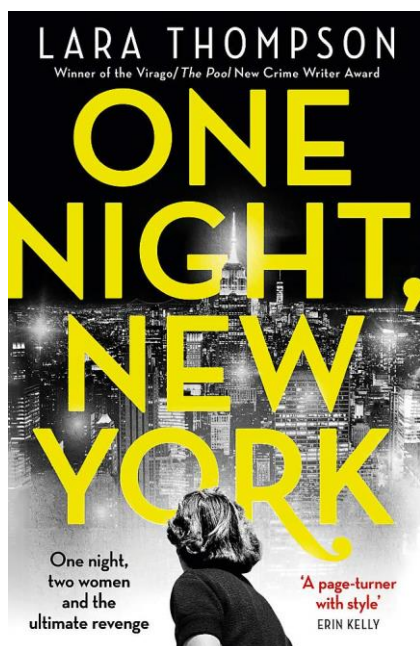
For further information please contact Margaret Clugston, President (01547 529155) or me, Ann Harroway, Secretary (01547 528477).

*Ann Harroway*





**“One Night, New York”** is the debut novel of **Lara Thompson** daughter of Jeanette and the late Larry Thompson, formerly of Ladycroft, Llanfair Waterdine. Even before it was published it won the Virago/The Pool/New Crime Writer Award.

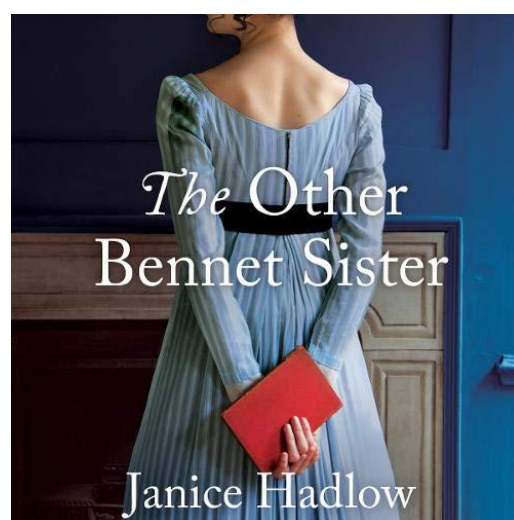


The book was distributed beyond the membership of Llanfair Waterdine Book Club, so we have a broader opinion than normal. “One Night, New York” is set in 1932. The main character is Frances, a farmer’s daughter from the “dustbowl” of America looking for another life and the author provides a sense of location and time in a New York that is rapidly expanding with all the blackmail and bribery that went with it. The book begins slowly and hesitantly and uses time switches which are confusing to begin with, but that all improves the further you read. There are interesting photography themes (Lara lectures on films) and the main characters were interesting and well developed. There is violence in the story, often against women, which turned some of our readers away from the book.

On being questioned in my survey of their opinion of “One Night, New York”, some of our readers had not read the book yet, others had read a few chapters and put the book down, but some had definitely enjoyed the book and said

that they thought Lara would develop as a writer as she writes more.

The book I want to tell you about is entitled **“The Other Bennet Sister”** written by **Janice Hadlow**.



This is for Jane Austen fans and will not disappoint as it continues the story of the character Mary, the middle daughter of the Bennet sisters in “Pride and Prejudice” and the writing continues in the spirit of the original novel. I think Miss Austen would not complain. Although the story moves on in events and years it is written with a great regard of the spirit of Jane Austen’s writing and nothing is out of place. However there is much more explanation of the way the characters are feeling but it is done in a very gentle manner, and to my mind, is not out of place.

Should you wish to compare this book with other pastiches of Jane Austen, may I suggest **“Longbourn”** by **Jo Baker** which re-imagines the story of “Pride and Prejudice” and allows modern ways and language to creep into the story. The second book is by **Val McDermid** called **“Northanger Abbey”**, set in modern times and which I thought very clever and enjoyable in the way that the author has treated the story without losing the spirit of the original.

*Helen Henchoz*

## Colin & Leslie Davies's Bank Holiday Fun Horse Drive

A lovely, sunny August Bank Holiday saw six horse-drawn carts leave Cwmarirog for a trip round the parish.



You might have seen them if you'd been around Cwm Collo, Black Hall, Quabbs, or Knighton.



*Colin & Leslie Davies*

***"When you love someone, you love the person as they are, and not as you'd like them to be."***

**Leo Tolstoy**

## St. Mary's Church



**St. Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine**

At the time of writing, all restrictions regarding church visits and services have been lifted. It is left to the individual to decide on attendance with regard to their own circumstances. Hand-sanitiser will still be available and it would be prudent for all visitors to sign the visitors' book and leave a contact number.

Since the last issue of Llanfair Times, St Mary's Church has welcomed priests, from far and wide, who have led our communion services. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June our new Archdeacon of Ludlow, The Venerable Fiona Gibson, preached to a large (socially distanced) congregation of 38 people. It was good to see so many coming to welcome the Archdeacon.

On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, another full church witnessed the Baptism of Ted, son of Bethan and George Gough, during our communion service. The Revd. Mike Plunkett was unable to attend at the last moment, having had to isolate, and we were all very grateful to the Revd. Robert Payne who deputised for him.

The Revd. Neil Patterson, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands, led our Communion service on 18<sup>th</sup> July. He had just been present at the ordination of Lawrence Gittins, whom many will know as a previous head of Newcastle School and a tenor who sang with Llanfair Singers.



In August, the 11.15am Communion Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was led by Revd. Martin Quayle. It was heartening that so many came to welcome him and to socialise with him after the service. We had just heard that Revd. Martin had been appointed, for a minimum period of three years, as the Benefice interim minister, following his introduction to us at Bedstone Village Hall and approval from the PCCs from the seven churches of the Benefice. Revd. Martin will be licensed at a service to be held in St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford, at 6.00pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please attend to support him if you possibly can – lifts can be arranged by phoning me on 510327.

Revd Martin also attended, as a member of the congregation, the 'Reflection' Service on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August when, again, 38 attended – a marvellous show of support for our church, especially in the holiday month of August! It was wonderful to be able to attend a service with no masks, no social distancing and to being able to sing!

I would emphasise that the part-time appointment of Revd. Martin is an interim measure. It is up to us and indeed each of the churches in our Benefice, to show that they are well-supported and able to pay their way. This is why the Parish Giving Scheme is so important, where people who support the church, but are rarely able to attend, can give a regular amount. The churches will be monitored for three years and then decisions will be made about their future. It was reported at a recent Deanery Synod that the 'Clun Forest' Deanery of 27 churches is 'bottom of the league' as far as the annual 'Parish Share' is concerned and this has been made worse by COVID. St Mary's has always managed to make a reasonable offer, but we have had to pledge less this year having had little income last year. Signs of support from the parish are essential during this three year period.

We have decided to hold our Harvest Service on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. We are now

free to sing the traditional Harvest hymns with gusto, and sherry and nibbles will be served afterwards which could lead to more hymns! The service will be child (and adult) friendly, so please come along.

The next Compline services will be at 6.00pm on Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> November and 'Reflection Services' will be on Wednesdays 13<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Members of the PCC are discussing the possibility of other forms of service. Perhaps offering a specific 'quiet time' when music might be played as well as periods of silence and allowing anyone to 'drop in' and add to leaves on the prayer tree or sit quietly. Please let us know if you have any other suggestions. This would not change our regular service pattern.

Details of our services are in the church porch or on the 'A Church Near You' website.

The 'Wakes' was held on 14<sup>th</sup> August in reduced form around a central Barbeque as planning a full event was not possible with COVID rules changing all the time. The weather was kind and allowed all who attended to sit and to socialise, something we have not been able to do for many months. Thanks are due to Deirdre and Derek Beavan for persevering, with a small group of helpers, to produce a 'celebration' event. St. Mary's Church has had little opportunity for fund-raising since 2019 and we are very grateful to the 'Wakes' organisers for deciding to allocate 100% (of what will be reduced profits) to the church this year and return to giving a charitable donation after a, hopefully, full programme of events next year.

Plans for the alteration of the church to accommodate a toilet and kitchen area and more space for free-standing tables and chairs, where the side pews are at present, are progressing. Detailed drawings will be sent to the Diocese for approval and then tenders for the work will be sent out.

At the back of the church there are now 79 photographs of those who help in any way at St Mary's. We are grateful to the person who has undertaken this task and also for updating the lists of vicars and organists. Richard Lewis and Lindsay Bayles are at present compiling an historical list of church wardens to complement those lists already in place.

The Eco-areas of the churchyard are developing and we are grateful to those who have donated wildflower seed. The area will be tidied for winter, to allow for new growth in 2022.

There will soon be a new stone seat placed near to the area containing the cremation inscriptions which have been raised and tidied. This is due to a generous legacy from Mary Townshend, arranged by her family, and we are most grateful to them for their support.

Just before the deadline for submitting this report, news has come of the death of Cicely Tortoriello of Garbett Hall. Her funeral will have taken place on August 31<sup>st</sup>. For those of you who keep all back issues of Llanfair Times, Cicely was the subject of 'In Conversation With.....' in Issue 4. All at St Mary's Church send their condolences to Cicely's family at this time.

*Graham Trew*

**The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -Nelson Mandela**



**Rob Gwilt just keeps on quizzing us....**

## **History Quiz – Name the Year**

### **1.**

1. Michael Tippett's opera 'The Midsummer Marriage' is premiered at The Royal Opera House.
2. Ruth Ellis is found guilty of murder and is hanged. The last woman to suffer this fate.
3. The British Formula One Grand Prix is won by Stirling Moss. The first British winner. The race is held at Aintree.
4. Rosa Parks makes headlines for refusing to give up her bus seat.....
5. And Chelsea win the football league. For the first time in their history. The team included one Seamus O'Connell, an amateur. His full time work? He was a cattle farmer... Players, as a bonus, each received a suit, how times have changed...

### **2.**

1. Mark Cahill becomes the first person in the U.K to receive a hand transplant.
2. Andy Murray wins Wimbledon.
3. Alan Turing, the WW2 computer pioneer is given a posthumous Royal pardon.
4. Prince George is born on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
5. And Swansea City lift the league cup. The first major trophy in their history. Their 5-0 victory versus Bradford City is still a record result.

### **3.**

1. King Kong starring Fay Wray premiers in New York.
2. First 'sighting' of the Loch Ness monster.
3. Ronnie and Reggie Kray are born this year.
4. The One Penny coin from this year is, possibly, the most famous rare coin.
5. And Walsall defeat Arsenal 2-0 in possibly the greatest upset in the history of the F.A. Cup? Arsenal were in the process of winning the football league three times in a row. Walsall was a lowly division three (North) team. And the Guardian wrote 'it will be the joke of the day if the league leaders are beaten...'



#### 4.

1. Tim Peake conducts a spacewalk, stepping outside an I.S.S airlock.
2. Land Rover cease production at Solihull, after 68 years.
3. Rod Stewart is made a Knight Bachelor.
4. The U.K votes to leave The European Union.
5. And Leicester City win the Premier League. Having been 5000/1 'outsiders' at the start of the season. And "Dilly Ding-Dilly Dong" became a well-known phrase...

#### 5.

1. Red Rum wins a third Grand National.
2. The Queen celebrates a Silver Jubilee.
3. The world loses Elvis.
4. Virginia Wade wins Wimbledon.
5. And Liverpool lift the European Cup for the first time in their history. They had already won the Football League but, sadly for their fans, lost the F.A Cup Final.

#### 6.

1. The Old School in Llanfairwaterdine is refurbished...("Done Up" in local speak) re-named The Everest Hall and officially opened by Sir John Hunt on 22<sup>nd</sup> July .....
2. Led Zeppelin make their debut.
3. Dads Army is first aired on the BBC...31<sup>st</sup> July.
4. The Mexico Olympics.
5. And West Bromwich Albion lift F.A. Cup 1-0 after extra time with Jeff Astle scoring the winner.

#### 7.

1. The first manned flight is completed by the Wright Brothers.
2. Marie Curie is awarded the Nobel prize.
3. First Tour De France.
4. 'Call of the Wild' (Jack London) is published.
5. And Bury win the F.A Cup for the second time. Their 6-0 'demolition' of Derby County still remains a record (equalling) result.

#### 8.

1. The Berlin Wall is erected.
2. Barack Obama is born this year.
3. The World Wildlife Fund for Nature is founded.
4. Films at the cinema this year included 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'.
5. And Tottenham Hotspur complete the legendary double, winning the football league and the F.A Cup. The first time this century.

#### 9.

1. Tracy Emin exhibits 'My Bed' at the Tate Gallery.
2. The London Eye is unveiled.
3. The Midland Bank adopts the name H.S.B.C.
4. 'The World Is Not Enough', starring Pierce Brosnan and Sophie Marceau is the latest James Bond movie.
5. And Manchester United complete 'The Treble' winning The European Cup, The Premier League and The F.A. Cup.

#### 10.

1. The World Sheep Shearing record is 'broken' by Stuart Conner. He shears 872, over nine hours on 28<sup>th</sup> July.
2. The Tokyo Olympics.
3. Debenhams closes its final store after 240 years in business.
4. Liverpool loses its World Heritage Status.
5. And Brentford is promoted to the Premier League. After an absence of 74 years (!) and they win their first match, defeating Arsenal 2-0 in front of capacity crowd.

#### 11.

1. The first Graig Scrambles.
2. The M1 is opened.
3. The Barbie Doll is introduced.
4. The Mini car is launched.
5. And Wolves are the Champions of the football league for the third time this decade.

#### 12.

1. Pink Floyd release the album 'Dark Side of the Moon'.
2. The U.K. enter the European Economic Community.
3. Jackie Stewart wins his third Formula One World Title.
4. "The three day week electricity consumption reduction measure" is announced on 31<sup>st</sup> December.
5. And Sunderland lift The F.A. Cup. They defeat Leeds United 1-0 in possibly the most memorable and exciting cup finals ever (?) Ian Porterfield's goal, the Jimmy Montgomery save and Bob Stokes famous impromptu jubilant run....

Each of the teams featured in this quiz are mentioned because, at least one local, looks out for their results. Award yourself a bonus point if you know who supports.....Leicester City.....

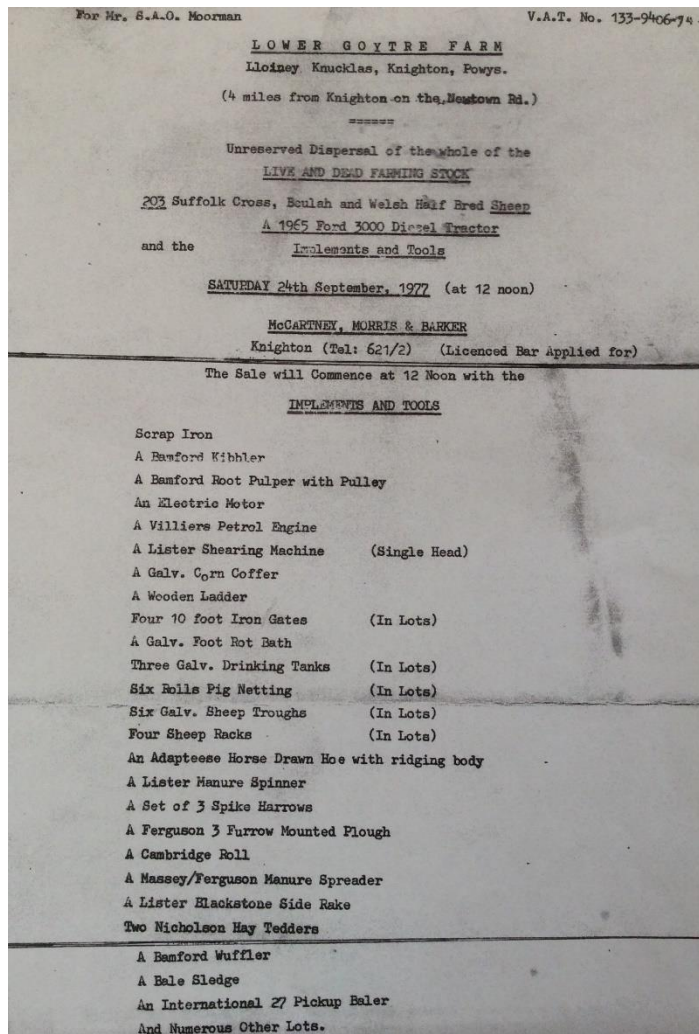
**Robert Gwilt**

## Answers to June Quiz questions;

1. The Red Lion
2. 2018
3. Jane Watts
4. C
5. Ian Pearmain
6. C
7. True
8. True
9. One Shrewsbury Town fan.
10. Skyborry

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**Some more from Rob Gwilt's store of archives.....just for interest.**



## Poets' Corner



### To Be a Dad

My heart is singing, my mind's a whirl  
Would you believe I've got a girl  
The best news I've ever had  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Happy, smiling, wrapped in lace  
Little dribbles down her face,  
Changing nappies ain't too bad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Is she gaining the right weight?  
Must eat everything on her plate  
Messy eater but can't get mad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Soon she's teething, this can't be right  
Lots of tears, awake all night  
But then it's over and we're so glad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Now she's crawling and walking too  
Places to go and things to do  
Things get broken, can't be sad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Then comes that first day at school  
My tears flow, feel quite a fool  
Comes home at night, says "school's not bad"  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!



## LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

School fees come, it's quite a shock  
Suddenly realize that we're in hock  
Grin and bear it, can't be a cad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Boyfriends start to arrive at home  
Pin through nose, never seen a comb!  
Then someone special, he's a nice lad  
I'm so pleased to be a Dad!

Then wedding bells are ringing loud  
They look so happy and we're so proud  
Then special news and we're so glad  
I'm so pleased to be Grandad!

*Bob Bailey*

### Keep Llanfair Tidy

Exercise helps, the doctors say,  
to keep us fit. So every day  
take time to cycle or go to the gym  
or run or walk to keep in trim.  
Whatever our age, shape, size or weight  
just make the effort before it's too late!  
I like to think a gentle stroll  
may be enough to reach this goal  
but a motive is needed to get me out  
of my comfy chair and travel about.  
I could visit a friend or post a letter,  
I could walk my dog or even better  
with self-satisfaction in no small measure  
and bag in hand I could gather treasure!  
Bottles, plastic and cans, all things that  
won't perish  
are hiding in hedgerows for pickers to  
cherish  
and rescue with care for the sake of the  
planet,  
to carry all home and hygienically bin it.

*Philippa Boast*

Last time we were looking forward to finally being able to meet up with a 'Start of year Bash' and it happened. It finally happened! And what a 'Bash' it was! We had a great time, thanks to the generous hospitality of Allan and Helen Henchoz aided in no small measure by the excellent culinary skills of choir members. I think that it is widely acknowledged that the Llanfair Singers have a strong interest in anything food-related.

The 'Bash' also proved to be a great opportunity for potential members to meet the choir, not just as a group of Singers but as a group of individuals and good friends. I am delighted to report that, as a result, we now have four new members joining our ranks – including two tenors – which is marvellous news for the tenors! We still need two more basses to join the three stalwarts so that they don't always have to sing full volume to balance out the sopranos, altos and tenors!

Many of us did have an opportunity to sing, albeit at an event tinged with sadness: We were invited to sing at former choir member the Rev Canon Emeritus, John Greaves's funeral. The two anthems that we sang were composed by John himself and despite the inevitable sadness of the event it was a wonderful celebration of his life.

Since then we have all been allowed to sing in church with masks off! A real joy – no longer coughing on the dust from the masks! What is so good to see is that everyone is being sensible: thinking not only of their own welfare but also the welfare of others.

Optimism is officially in the air and we now have the date for the first full choir rehearsal writ large in all our diaries: **23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021** (7.20pm, Everest hall), a red letter day indeed..... barring any more variants, waves and lockdowns, of course. All being well that means the Christmas Charity

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Concert will be taking place again this year..... fingers crossed.

Singing as a group is a wholly exhilarating experience and one that we have missed for so long - it will be wonderful to finally be back.

*Michael Symonds*

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### **Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year**

Summer is drawing to a close. This can be a sad time of the year but if you look through bulb catalogues and choose bright tulips, daffodils etc. it can be a time to plan for next Spring and Summer.

Bulbs will be in the shops and garden centres now. Sort out what bulbs you want to flower at Christmas time and plant them in pots at the end of September. Keeping them in a dark place and watering them occasionally until they are about 5cm (2") tall. They can then be brought out of the dark. Hyacinths are always beautiful and Amaryllis are really worth giving a go. Tulips and other bulbs can be planted out in the borders from October.



If you grow vegetables, now is the time to plant out Spring Cabbage. Garlic cloves can be planted in November/December for harvesting next Summer. Keep picking runner and French beans to keep them going until the first frost. Parsnips, leeks and winter cabbages will be getting near to the first harvest in October.

Deadhead dahlias and other border perennials. Sunflowers, teasles, etc can be left for the birds to forage in the Winter. Lavender should be cut back after flowering but do not cut into older wood.

Hedges can be trimmed now the birds have finished nesting. Cut them narrower at the top to enable the light to get to the bottom of the hedge.

Rake up fallen leaves and compost them. Increase your strawberry plants now by potting up runners. Place small pots of compost under each runner and peg it down. Once it has rooted it can be cut from the parent plant and used to extend your strawberry patch.

Remove any shading from your greenhouse later in September. Pick any green tomatoes before the first frost can damage them. They may ripen on a sunny windowsill or make green tomato chutney.

Firm the soil around Brussel Sprout plants to avoid them blowing over.

Harvest courgettes, marrows, squashes and pumpkins before the first frost. Pumpkins can be placed in the greenhouse or frost free shed window to finish ripening.

Why not plant a tree to help global warming. If you choose an apple or other fruit tree they can be planted between November and March. If you do choose apple or pear trees you must grow two which are from the same pollination group.

There are trees to suit all size gardens. Rootstock M9 is a dwarf apple suitable for a small garden but needs good soil conditions and will grow to about 3m (10 feet). Dwarfing rootstock for pears is Quince C. Other taller ornamental trees suitable for the garden are rowan (mountain ash)



crab apple, dwarf acers, prunus (flowering cherry)  
pink Crataegus (flowering pink hawthorn).

Enjoy your garden.

*Di Bailey*

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## Llanfair Waterdine WI



Having kept things ticking over quietly through lockdown, through the use of the ubiquitous zoom and telephone calls, we finally met up in a member's garden in July. Andrea Moore kindly invited us to her lovely garden in Leintwardine for what was going to be tea and biscuits. However, Andrea said "This is WI. It must be homemade cakes", so we indulged in some very good baking!



There was certainly plenty of chat as we all had a lot of catching up to do. Sadly, Andrea is not in the photograph as she was behind the camera. We are going to hold our first proper meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which will be a get-together in the Everest Hall, to discuss our future programme and exchange news.

We always hold our meetings on the first Friday in the month at the Everest Hall at 7.00pm. We usually have a speaker and always a get-together

afterwards. The social aspect of our group is one of our main delights and we enjoy receiving guests.

For further information please contact Margaret Clugston, President (01547 529155) or me, Ann Harroway, Secretary (01547 528477).

*Ann Harroway*

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## A spot of foraging?

Autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and time for a spot of hedgerow foraging. The lanes criss-crossing Llanfair Parish are often groaning under the weight of berries and nuts. So what can we expect to find?

### Blackberries



What's better than a Crumble?! We like this Hairy Biker recipe

#### Ingredients

- 3 eating apples, peeled, quartered and cored
- 2 Bramley cooking apples, peeled, quartered and cored
- 2tsp cinnamon
- 100g demerara sugar
- 300g blackberries
- 175g plain flour
- 1tsp cinnamon
- 140g soft brown sugar
- 35g porridge oats
- 180g cold unsalted butter

#### Method

- Put the quartered apples in a bowl and shuffle them around to mix them up a bit. Mix the cinnamon with the sugar in a

separate bowl. Put half the apples in an oven dish and sprinkle with a third of the sugar mixture. Add the blackberries and sprinkle with the second third of sugar mixture. Cover with the remaining apples and add the remaining sugar and cinnamon mixture.

- To make the crumble topping: Put the flour and cinnamon in a bowl and mix well, then stir in the sugar and the oats. Cut the butter into small cubes, add to the mixture and rub it in with your fingertips until the mixture is the texture of breadcrumbs. Lay the crumble mixture on top of the fruit.
- Preheat the oven to 170°C, gas 3 and bake the crumble for about 40 mins.

### Sloes



#### How to make sloe gin

We make sloe gin almost every year. Delicious on its own after a meal or we add it to all sorts of puddings.

- **Sloes** 500g / 1lb
- **Sugar** 250g / 9oz
- **Gin** 70cl

#### Method

- Pick over your sloes to remove any stems and put them in the freezer overnight. This splits the skin.
- Find a clean, airtight jar. You'll need something that comfortably holds 1.5 litres. Pop the frozen sloes into the jar. Add the sugar. Pour in your gin.
- Keep your jar in a dark place, but for the first week or so bring it out and turn the jar over a few times before replacing it. Once all the sugar has dissolved, leave it in the dark for as long as you can bear, three

months at the very least. Traditionally, it was cracked open on Boxing Day.

- Then strain the mixture through some muslin and into a clean bottle, and it will be ready to serve.

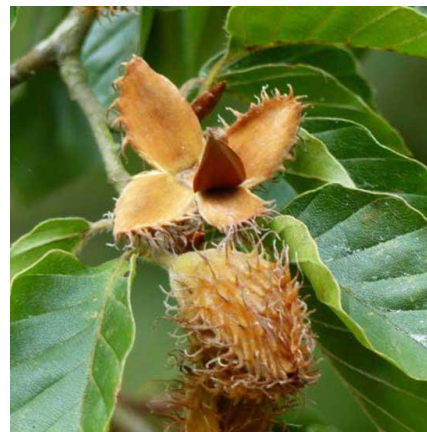
### Cobnuts



They should be harvested when the husks begin to turn yellow around late September. Store the nuts in a dry, airy room or shed in slatted boxes in shallow layers or in net bags hung up. They need to be turned regularly to ensure they are drying evenly. Once they are dry remove the husks and store as before.

Cobnuts are delicious fresh on their own. They can also be eaten with other ingredients, such as **in a salad**; some people like to eat them with a little salt. If they are to be chopped, this is best done shortly before eating them, as they do not keep well once they have been chopped.

### Beech Nuts



Each beech tree produces a bumper crop of nuts, also known as beech masts, every 4-5 years. When you find them they could be abundant,



though squirrels, badgers and birds may have got there first.

**How to use it:** the nuts make a tasty raw nibble when you're out and about. Scrape off the outer brown skin to reveal the triangular seed. They can be used in a similar way to pine nuts, sprinkled on salads and risottos. Roast in the oven then place between two tea towels and rub to remove shells. ***Beech nuts can be slightly toxic if consumed in large quantities due to the tannins and alkaloids.***

### Hawthorn Berries



The leaves of hawthorn are traditionally known as 'bread and cheese' which usually refers to their very basic culinary qualities.

**How to use it:** generally haws are not consumed raw due to the large stone and dry, starchy flesh. They are much better when cooked and go well in jams, jellies, vinegar and ketchup. For a hedgerow tippie try hawthorn schnapps.

### Rosehips



**How to use them:** the hips have a fleshy covering that contains the hairy seeds. The irritant hairs were traditionally used by naughty schoolboys to

make itching powder. The outer layer is packed with vitamin C and they are renowned for helping stave off winter colds. They are good in wines, jellies, jams and can be used to make a delicately flavoured rosehip syrup for cordial or pouring onto ice cream or pancakes.

### **Ingredients for Rosehip syrup**

- 1kg wild rosehips , washed and roughly chopped
- 350g caster sugar

### **Method**

- Put the rosehips in a big pan and pour on 2 litres of boiling water. Bring the water back to the boil, then turn off the heat and allow the rosehips to infuse for 15 mins. Strain the mixture through a jelly bag or a double layer of muslin, squeezing out as much liquid as you can, then set aside.
- Tip the pulp back into the pan, pour on 1.5 litres of water and bring to the boil. Then turn off the heat and allow to infuse for 10 mins. Repeat the straining process, then throw away the pulp that is left in the muslin.
- Pour all the strained rosehip liquid into a clean pan and boil rapidly until reduced to about 1 litre. Skim off any scum that comes to the surface, then stir in the sugar until dissolved. Pour the syrup into sterilised bottles, ready to serve. The cordial will keep for up to three months, stored in the fridge.

***Rita & Mark Hughes***

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***The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.***

***-Walt Disney***

## Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust

Trustees have had a little respite this summer from what has been an intense workload for the past four years with the organising and delivering of the whole project on the Joan Adams Community Field.

It was wonderful to see the successful use of all facilities on Wakes Day, and to hear the enjoyment and appreciation of everything now on offer. This follows from the Friday evening socials which are also being enjoyed by so many people. It is clear to see that with the loss of the Red Lion Pub, The Waterdine and The Lloyney Inn, people are really appreciating somewhere to meet regularly on an informal basis.

As with any new venture, some very minor teething problems have been identified, and these continue to be worked on and resolved. We have a tap that spins the wrong way and is debated at length on Friday evenings, and the outside toilet is somewhat lacking in privacy. We are also liaising with the Management Committee to ensure complete compliance with licence conditions to the satisfaction of all. We are currently setting up a chiller to allow alcohol to be stored securely and served up at the perfect temperature. The Trust must benefit the whole community and cannot simply bow to any minority opinion. The whole progression of this community venture will evolve over time and it will continue to be led and shaped by the Trust who will always gather and consider the views of all the people within its area of benefit.

The Trust continues to look for opportunities to help individuals and groups with funding in line with its Mission Statement. Please refer to our website for details of how to apply.

With two younger Trustees joining the team this year, the Trust has succeeded in: creating a website, setting up online banking, creating a whole Trust Email address, creating a cloud-based directory of all the Trust's documents and information, and improving our accounting and reporting process. Lots of work done.

## What a great time to join!

Well guess what ... you could .... In October Bob Bailey will end his four-year term, and In January Andrew Beavan will end his. Please look out for the Parish Council adverts for these positions. You could join the team, helping to continue the forward progress of the Trust's work for the benefit of the Community in which we all live.

All Trustees can be contacted by email:  
[llanfairwaterdinetrustees@gmail.com](mailto:llanfairwaterdinetrustees@gmail.com)

*Bob Bailey, Andrew Beavan, Matthew Croose, Byron Ford . Trustees of Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust*

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Broadband in the parish, or lack of it for most of us, has been an ongoing thorn in the side. At the next PC meeting, on 16<sup>th</sup> September, Clive Leworthy, Airband's Community Ambassador will be presenting Airband's plans for connecting many more of us to the internet highway. Please come and listen to what he has to say.

Meeting to start at 7pm

## Parish Council Website

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

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

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

*From the Chairman of the Parish Council,  
Mark Hughes*