



Llanfair Times

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We would like to receive your articles, comments, ideas, points of view. The deadline for March's edition is 10th February 2023.

Please email us at llanfairtimes@gmail.com

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

Happy reading and Happy Christmas.

Llanfair Times Editorial Team

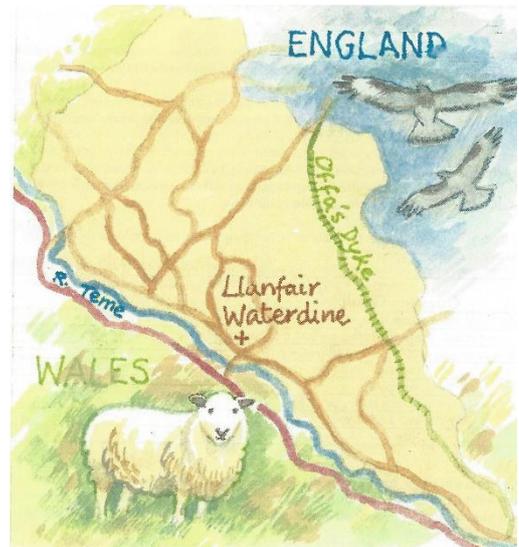
Posada

This Christmas we are able to revive the tradition of the Posada (or Travelling Crib) to undertake its way around the Parish during the period of Advent, staying one or two nights in homes where children are present.

Together with the Nativity figures is a selection of books, age appropriate, to read the story of Christmas.

There is a sufficiently large flock of lambs (21) for each child to borrow one for the remainder of Advent and then bring it with him/her to the Crib Service in St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm, a service especially for children and families.

If you would like to host the Posada please get in touch with Judith Tollman on 01547 510672 or jmtollman@btinternet.com and you will be put on the rota. We then ask you to pass the Crib on to the next



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family on the list until it reaches the penultimate resting place from which it will be brought to the Church on Christmas Eve.

A big Thank You goes to Jane Watt's mother, Sue, who has knitted new and colourful Nativity figures for us to replace our previous ones.

Judith Tollman



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)

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

Flicks in The Sticks:

The Sound of Music – 17th December

Where the Crawdads Sing – 21st January

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.

T Stop held at the Everest Hall every second Saturday of the month 10-12pm.

Catch up with friends and neighbours over drinks and biscuits.

No charge, all are most welcome.

Contact Flik email : fizzywaters@outlook.com Tel No 01547 529789

Everest Hall 100 Club Lottery. £5.00 per annum.

Contact Ann email a.harroway@yahoo.co.uk

Tel No 01547 528477

or Mary email : marybufton@btinternet.com Tel No 01547 510285

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

Relaxed informal Music Group.

Contact Ceri Pearmain email:

ceripearmain@gmail.com Tel No 01547 529491

Everest Hall Llanfair Waterdine available for most events.

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

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

Also handheld and lapel microphones.

Much, much more.

Contact for further information : email

everesthall@btinternet.com

Bookings Ruth email: ruthtemecottage@gmail.com

Tel 01547 528592

or Mary email : marybufton@btinternet.com Tel 01547 510285

Mary Bufton



It's been an interesting and varied season at Flicks so far with lots to look forward to as well.... more of that later!

It seems ages ago that we screened the delightful 'ROMAN HOLIDAY' to support the Jubilee celebrations: so much has happened in such a short time!

'BELFAST' was well supported and the feedback was really positive.

'Operation Mincemeat' is the true, tense tale of wartime deception played upon the German command during the Second World War.

'OPERATION MINCEMEAT' : November 19th.

So what more do we have for the cold winter evenings then? At last, another attempt (postponed because of Covid back whenever!) at screening 'The Sound of Music'. Yes, a chance to sing along, dust down the lederhosen and dress up!



'THE SOUND OF MUSIC':

December 17th. Film starts at 7.30.

Adults: £5

U16: £2

Goats: FREE

All the usual interval food treats and drinks

Cafe Style seating

Hearing Loop Audio

After Christmas we have 'WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING' (cert 15)



It's always going to be tough making a film from such a huge bestseller, but we reckon that this is pretty good. Based upon the bestseller by Delia Owens....

Abandoned by her family, Kya Clark, otherwise known as The Marsh Girl is mysterious and wild. Where the Crawdads Sing is a coming of age story of a young girl raised by the marshland of North Carolina in the 60s. When the town hotshot is found dead and Kya is suspected by the local townspeople of the crime there starts an un-ravelling of the complex truth.... or is it the truth?

With atmospheric cinematography capturing the haunting marshes of the Southern states and an excellent cast with Daisy Edgar-Jones as Kya, Harris Dickenson as Chase and Taylor John Smith as Tate.

'WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING'

January 21st
Film starts at 7.30.
All the usual interval treats!
Hearing Loop Audio.
Adults £5
U.16 £2.
Don and Kath Szmidt

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

Phyllis Diller



Llanfair Singers'
Charity Christmas Concert

Saturday, 3rd December, 2022

7.00pm Everest Hall,

Llanfair Waterdine, Knighton,

Tickets £10 – to include supper.

Available from: Knighton Fine Art (01547 528052)
and all choir members



St Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine

Christmas is a-coming!

so why not join us at the
Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine

Seasonal Produce
on **Saturday**
10th December
at **6.30pm**
Admission **FREE!**
Light Refreshments

Christmas Raffle
Chinese Auction
Carol Sing-along
Cash Bar

All proceeds to church funds

Please contact Rob Taylor on 01547 529706 if you have items for the produce stall, auction or raffle

Plus Llanfair Christmas Post will be open to accept your cards for delivery to Llanfair & Lloyney

KNIGHTON YFC PRESENTS

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**FRIDAY
16TH DECEMBER**

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**BINGO
NIGHT!**

EYES DOWN 7PM

RAFFLE WITH EXCITING PRIZES!

TEA AND CAKE

BAR & DJ

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**EXCELLENT PRIZES
DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**EVEREST HALL
LLANFAIR WATERDINE**

The Man in seat 61

This time of year tends to be the time when we start thinking about our holiday plans for next year. We all automatically think of cheap flight deals to our destination of choice.

But...have you heard of the Man in seat 61?

This award-winning website shows you how you can make the same journey by train, showing you the alternative routes, timetables, candid reports of the journey experience and even photos of the carriages and the sort of food to expect en route. He tells you where and how to get tickets, how to get the cheapest ones and even the best way to get across Paris or Brussels.

Yes, it will be more expensive than an easy jet flight and yes, it will take longer.

However, if you factor in the interminable check in times when flying, the distance and time to obscure out of town airports and the restrictions to luggage, your legroom and general comfort I would argue that the train option suddenly becomes a lot more attractive.

The train journey itself becomes part of the travel adventure rather than just being a means of getting from A to B , incorporating a city break or two along the way. Paris? Turin? Furthermore, you have a much better sense of where you have been and where you are going as you can see it out of the window.....while sipping a cool beer and planning all the delights that lay in front of you.

So far we have been to Poland and southern Italy twice entirely by train (sometimes from Knucklas) once returning over the Swiss alps, ...delicious... and can highly recommend it. So at least give this website a look before booking your next cramped flight.

<https://www.seat61.com/>

Janet Lewis

The Pavilion

The Pavilion has been quite busy, with many events very well attended by our community.

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank residents of the parish who very kindly put up with our firework display on Friday 4th November. For those of you that didn't attend, I hope it did not disturb you too much. This event was a huge success bringing in many of our parishioners, and also people from Knighton and beyond. We were well fed with our hot dogs and a brownie stall, well-watered with the bar, had a brilliant show of fireworks followed by sparklers for all the children

Friday night fish and chips are also very popular, which we are trying to arrange regularly. They always seem to taste better when delivered to the pavilion and washed down with a beverage.

We have also had several children's parties along with a 30th birthday celebration, too.

Yoga is thriving, so much so that there are extra Saturday evenings booked for 'Yin Yoga'. This is a very relaxing form of yoga, which gets booked up very quickly. Contact Kat if you are interested.

Llanfair Little Ones are also proving to be very busy with more grandparents attending with their grandchild/children when parents or carers cannot attend.

You may have noticed the new goal posts purchased by funds raised from social evenings. Thank you to

everyone who has contributed to them. These are a great asset to the parish used by the children and latterly a walking football club on Sunday afternoons. Sadly the weather is stopping play but never fear we have the table tennis table in the dry to help top up your energy levels.

We had a very competitive boules competition organised by Ben Eastop in September over 2 days with lots of participants. After a very nerve-racking final, Roy and Louise Lloyd lost to Gail and Steve Knowler, who were awarded the winner's trophy.



It has been great to see many new faces in the pavilion. We hope we can look forward to seeing you again soon. We aim to be open most Fridays and it is always warm and very welcoming. Our committee work well together trying out different things to suit the parish. We have a quiz night on 2nd December and we will be open early evening on Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve), so please come along and wish all our friends and neighbours a prosperous New year.

Please note we will not be open on Friday 30th December.

As with any organisation we are always pleased to gain new committee members with new ideas. If you would like to join our team, please contact any of our members or email the pavilion at thecommunitypavilionllanfair@gmail.com

Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sharon Beavan – Chairman

Everest Hall



Everest Hall - Your Village Hall

What an eventful time we have all had in the past few months, with the death of our dear Queen Elizabeth II, may she rest in peace, and the succession of her son and heir to the throne King Charles III. God Save the King.

It is the end of the financial year for Everest Hall and we are very pleased to report that it has been a very successful one with turnover up, a very good recovery after Covid.

We organize three fundraising events every year to raise extra money to cover overheads. which are as follows:-

The 'T Stop' every second Saturday of the month at which you call in between 10-12 to catch up with friends old and new over tea, coffee and biscuits. This meeting has always been popular and we do average 30 persons, so plenty of topics to cover. No charge but donations are always welcome. The **December** Tea Stop will have a **Christmas Theme** to it as there will also be mince pies as well as a free fun quiz with prizes for all the family to be won. All are welcome. Cheers Flik. Contact email: fizzywaters@outlook.com

Flicks in the Sticks which is a pleasant evening entertainment and also very popular with café style or original seating, with refreshments and we also have a bar. Further information under a separate heading including. future films, etc.

100 Club Lottery which is drawn monthly at our Committee meeting the first Monday in the month at 7.30 pm when we have three prizes this year were 1st £20 – 2nd £7.50 - 3rd £5.00. Prize money of course depends how many members we have. This year we

had 170. The new season starts on 5th December 2022. The last three months' winners are as follows :-

September : 1st Harding Family
2nd Hilary Howcroft
3rd Iorwerth Waters
October : 1st Helen Henchoz
2nd Leon Drewnicki
3rd Mary Morgan
November : 1st Alan Henchoz
2nd Bern & Vi Dodds
3rd Effie Rowlands

Seven end-of-year Bonus Prizes: Liam Waters -
Chris Gibbs – Terry Williams – Pat Brookes –
Karen Wilding – John Gwilt – Rob Taylor.

Congratulations and well deserved to one of our long-serving Trustees Ruth Davies, who has received the Order of St Ethelbert from the Diocese of Hereford for her long leadership roles in our local village Church, St Mary's.

The History of Everest Hall from an article written by Mrs Nancy Cummins in 1975.

Llanfair Waterdine Church of England School was built about 1850 of local stone with a high pitched slate roof. It consisted of a rectangular main room, about 60ft by 17ft with a small lobby or extra classroom on the north side near the east end.

Attached to the East end of the main building was a three bedroom Head Master's House.

Between the North wall of the school and the road was a playground. About 1900, an extra classroom was thrown out at the west end, divided from the main room by sliding glass and wooden doors.

About 1947 came a threat of closure. A few years later, the number of pupils having been greatly reduced by all the "over elevens" being transferred to Knighton "Secondary Modern" or Presteigne "Grammar" Schools, Llanfair Waterdine became a one teacher school. In 1960 the school finally closed.

The school was the only meeting place for all the village functions and in August 1960, a public meeting was called to decide what could be done. We had hoped that the building would revert to the village, but we were told that if we wanted it we would have to pay £200 for it, a large sum in those days for such a small community to find.

To be continued in the next edition to find out what happened in 1961.

Do come along and see for yourselves if much has changed. We have tried to keep all the old values of past Trustees, their hopes and ours for the future. Thanks to our regular groups and a huge thank you to the new ones for giving us a try and if there is anyone who has a hobby or a talent they wish to share please contact us and we will help to form a group.

Thank you The Everest Hall

Management Committee

email : everesthall@btinternet.com

Warm Space Hub

Everest Hall Management Committee has received a request from Shropshire Council to consider providing a Warm Space within our Community for people who may be finding it a struggle to afford heating, to spend some time in warm surroundings and amongst company.

A meeting was held on November 8th in The Pavilion attended by representatives from the Parish Council, Parish Trustees, St. Mary's Church, The Pavilion Management Committee and Everest Hall Management Committee to discuss the matter. After much discussion about the need for, the practicalities and feasibility of setting up a Warm Space, we felt that perhaps there was no need at the moment, in view of local events being held where people can meet up. However it was felt that the opinions and needs of the wider public should be sought.

If you have any thoughts about this subject, please make contact with Gail Knowler or Ruth Davies Your comments will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

Email addresses:- Gail.stevak@gmail.com
ruthtemecottage@gmail.com or Telephone Number 01547 528592

Those present at the meeting Graham Trew – Church Warden, John Lane – Parish Councillor, Steve Knowler – Parish Charities Trustee, Iorwerth Waters – Chairman Everest Hall Management Committee, Gail Knowler – Member of The Pavilion Committee, Flick Waters – EHMC, Ruth Davies – EHMC, Dilys Waters – Parishioner

Ruth Davies

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.

Winston Churchill

Llanfair Waterdine WI



As usual we have had some very good speakers and demonstrators. The September meeting was "A History of Social Housing in Hereford" with Mike Rix. This was a fascinating history of social building in Hereford and many of the trusts still remain. His talk was supported with photographs by our own member Andrea Moore. The distinctive architecture is still to be seen on estates in many areas of the city.

Moving on into November we enjoyed a wonderful talk by Dorothy Symonds entitled "Bags of Surprises." Her work with fabrics is amazing and she created a wonderful display which she encouraged us to handle. Her ideas and explorations of materials were really exciting and her love of her materials shone through. She has such enthusiasm it inspired us all.

We have now had our AGM. Sadly our President of five years has felt the need to stand down for family reasons. We thank her for her leadership through a very difficult few years. She is not going to get out of the hard work as she is still on the committee! We are all pleased to welcome our new president Louise Home and look forward to a busy year ahead.

After our meeting we got creative with Sue Fountain and Sue Lovell helping us to make some Christmas decorations. They had a recycling theme which is an agenda that we are all trying to follow.

Our next year's programme is in the process of being finalised so watch this space! We are starting off in January with a meal out. So no January meeting. Our meetings are usually held in the Everest Hall, Llanfair Waterdine on the first Friday of every month and we are always pleased to welcome guests at 7.30pm to share our speaker and our supper.

Please visit us. We have good speakers and lots of fun. For further information please contact Ann Harroway (01547 528477)

A Happy Christmas to you all from Llanfair WI

Ann Harroway

St. Mary's Church



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

December 7th - hosted by Richard Lewis and Graham Trew at Melin-y-Groeg Farmhouse

January 4th - hosted by Ruth Davies at Teme Cottage

February 1st - hosted by Denise and Rob Taylor at The Derrells

Christmas Services

December 20th – 7.00 pm Carol Service, with Llanfair Singers

December 24th – 3.00 pm Crib Service

December 25th – 10.30 am Christmas Communion

Unfortunately, Martin, our Vicar, cannot be with us on Christmas Day and we will miss him. However, in his place we have the former Archbishop of Wales, Bishop John Davies, coming to take our service.

Bishop John is travelling some distance to be with us so please come to welcome him and to help celebrate on this special day.

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

Services of Compline will be held on January 11th and then on March 8th. 'Reflections' will be on 14th December and then on February 8th.

Thank you

Llanfair Waterdine PCC is most grateful for the support given to our church. 22 attended the last Compline and the previous two Reflection services both had a congregation of 40. 73 people came to Harvest and 25 to Remembrance. I am sure there will be many at the Christmas services. A working day was

held recently when a surprise gift for those attending the Christmas services, was made. We are trying to find ways of using the church in less structured ways for people to drop in, but are restricted by a lack of comfortable, communal seating, water and a toilet. At present, there is a service every Sunday, apart from fifth Sundays, plus extra weekday services. We hope that this can continue.

The Diocese now wants all 'lay' people who lead services to undergo DBS checks, safeguarding training and a certificated course in 'lay service leading' This will be time consuming and may not be possible for all.

Christmas Post

It has been decided to re-start the local Christmas Card delivery service. There will be a post-box by the entrance to the Everest Hall from December 3rd, the Llanfair Singers' Concert – to 20th, the annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church. It is suggested that a voluntary donation of 10p per card be placed (in an envelope marked 'Donation', if possible, please) in the box. The donations will be forwarded to charity. Considerable amounts have been made in past years. Post will be collected regularly and two deliveries made. Please see below under Everest Hall.

Church Stalls

Richard writes: The Church Stall, next to Gail and Steve's garage, (by kind permission of them), and the Church Porch Book Stall are doing well. Thanks to all those who have contributed and purchased items. To date (13 November) the stalls have raised £736.63 in the first 21 weeks. Please put donated items on the stall, priced if possible, and books, including children's books, in the church porch. (There is a notice there indicating the price of books which is £2.00 for hardbacks and £1.00 for paperbacks.)

'Christmas is a - Coming'

The second Saturday in December (10th December this year) would usually be the annual Auction night but it was felt that Covid conditions are still not right to guarantee the usual successful fundraiser. However, we would like to invite you to celebrate the Christmas Season with a carol sing - along, a cash bar, teas, coffees, soft drinks and seasonal refreshments plus a local produce stall (contact Rob Taylor 01547 529706 if you have items for this) and a Grand Christmas Raffle. If you would like to donate objects of good quality, please bring them on the night and we will hold a Chinese Auction with those present making sealed bids during the evening.

There is an opportunity to put your local Llanfair Christmas cards into the Village Hall postbox for which a voluntary donation of 10p per card is suggested.

Admission FREE

Parish Giving

Regular giving through gift-aided direct debits in the Parish Giving scheme, which began before Covid, has raised £16,000 for the church to date, over a three year period. Although this is a substantial amount it is set against an annual payment to the Diocese of around £6,000, before any other heating, grass cutting and repair bills, etc., are taken into consideration. Please consider joining this scheme. The minimum amount is £5 per year. That amount, or any amount larger, is more than welcome.

All involved with St Mary's are delighted that Ruth Davies has been made a Member of the Order of St Ethelbert by the Diocese for her long, unstinting and dedicated service to our church.

On behalf of Robert Taylor, our Deputy Wardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer and the other members of the PCC may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Graham Trew

Rev'd Martin writes

We all know something of the Christmas story. On a dark night, in a place far from home, a young mother, isolated from those who had previously surrounded her with love and comfort, gave birth to a baby. They were so impoverished that the baby was wrapped in the crudest and most basic of cloth, and was laid to rest and sleep in an animals' feeding trough. Not only did the child have to survive unsanitary conditions, but later in its' infancy, soldiers rampaged through the town where the family had taken refuge and slaughtered each male infant they found. The family had fled, and like so many peoples who risk death in journeys as migrants, they sought shelter in another country. Eventually they returned and settled with family, but doubtless, were unable to forget their time of fear and terror.

LLANFAIR SINGERS CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

The Christmas story is retold year after year in nativity plays, readings, carol services and stories are told to children in homes and beds, bedecked with presents and decorations. We are often told that Christmas has its origins in pagan festivals which celebrated the return of light. Light, which has lessened through the last months of the year, and which perceptibly begins to return, heralding the beginning of spring and the return of greening nature. Light is both important in a real physical sense, and also metaphorically. Not only is it a symbol of faith and belief, but it is symbol of love. The love which is pure and devoted, like that of a mother towards her baby.

Love endures all things, we are told in 1 Corinthians 13, believes all things, and keeps no account of wrongs. Love persists, when logic and reason say 'turn away'.

Christmas can be almost unbearably painful for many people. Memories of seasons past can haunt, just as reminders of lost loved ones, or of love that has gone, can numb even the minds of even the most cynical or hardened of characters.

When I think of light in this context, I am reminded of the sight as I drove back to the Theological College where I trained. It was on the other side of the Pennines, and as I drove along the M62, we would look over towards the towns of Halifax, Bradford and Huddersfield, and see hundreds and thousands of lights. Street lights, lights from houses and factories, and car lights, and I wondered what the ratio was of lights to people. Vast areas were defined by so many lights, shining in the darkness.

This year may be terribly hard for many people. As communities and as a society we now have an opportunity to demonstrate a real sense of love and compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves. Although many of us are and have been generous, now is a time to be more generous, if many are to remain warm and fed.

I wish all a happy and blessed Christmas, to both those with plenty, and those who are without.

Martin Quayle

I don't know about you, but for us the last three months have just flown by as we not only learn new music (vast quantities!) but have also fulfilled some lovely singing engagements: a wedding in Halford; Choral Evensong in Stowe and at the closing ceremony of the Arts & Literary Festival in Knighton and now, suddenly, the Christmas season is upon us with its joyous round of carol services and, of course the choir's annual Charity Christmas Concert.

With lockdowns now a distant memory we are, once again, able to hold the concert with a full audience, a great programme of music and, of course, the usual sumptuous supper – not to mention the well-stocked bar!

The date for your diary:
Saturday 3rd December, 7pm, at the Everest Hall
£10 per ticket (including supper)
available from choir members or from
Knighton Fine Art (Tel: 01547 528052).

This is always a special night for the choir and what makes it so special is the fabulous support that Llanfair gives us. Inevitably this Christmas will be tough for many families and, hopefully, the money we raise may help to bring some cheer to them.

With barely time to draw breath we are onto the round of carol services starting at Heyope on 18th December and ending at Llanfair on 20th December. A short season! Again, it would be lovely to see many of you at one or other of those services.

On behalf of the entire choir, it just remains for me to wish you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a happy (and uneventful!) 2023!

Michael Symonds

***I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
but if the white runs out, I'll drink
the red.....***

Hedge creation at Tregodfa, Llanfair Waterdine

Tuesday 13th December, start 9am

Come and help us plant 300m of new native, species-rich hedgerow up in the hills at Tregodfa Farm.

A chance to do something positive for nature and the landscape with like-minded people. All tools provided and if you have not planted trees or hedges before, guidance is available on the day. We expect to be finishing around 1pm.

Exact location <https://what3words.com/freely.either.pass>

Let us know you are coming!

Contact Sarah Jameson on 01547 528 546 or admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk, speak to Barry Swancott or sign up at <https://treesforshropshire.org.uk/volunteer>

CPRE Shropshire is very grateful for funding for this site from the Severn Rivers Trust.

Want to help us plant new hedges this autumn/winter? We are looking for volunteers to help us! Training given. There will also be opportunities to learn hedgerow surveying and hedgelaying. Sign up to our mailing list to get the latest information and dates! www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedge-project



Contact: Sarah Jameson, CPRE Shropshire
www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project
Email: admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk

In Conversation with.....

Di Cook and Andrea Evans



RL: Thanks, both, for agreeing to see me for this conversation for LT. I wanted to begin by asking how long it is that you have lived in Llanfair.

AE: It is two years last month (October).

RL: What brought you to Llanfair? You were living abroad weren't you?

DC: We had been watching property online and liked the rural look of Llanfair. Nothing else had come up which caught our eye.

AE: We were stuck in Portugal and about to be homeless, having looked for property there. We couldn't get the flights out and had a dog, four cats and three parrots! We came up with the bright idea that we would charter a private jet! It was an AMAZING experience. We were in our glad-rags and everyone was looking at us as we were treated royally and escorted to the aircraft. No hanging about, either. The aircraft took off within ten minutes. We landed in Bristol and went to stay in Swansea, my home town, although after the seamless flight the hire-car failed to materialise. However, the flight from Portugal was an experience that you couldn't make up!

One of our sisters, who knew we were looking for another home, had viewed Ladycroft for us and then we came to see it but another offer had been put in on it. However, those people withdrew and the agent contacted us again. We loved this house and went for it. Six weeks later we moved in.

DC: We like Llanfair Waterdine and the peace. We get on with everyone and enjoyed having neighbours and friends for a barbeque on 3 September. It wasn't a bad evening, weather wise, and everyone seemed to have a good time. There were about 40 people, all told.

RL: It was a great evening and a lovely mix of people. I fell for the baked bananas with cream floating in Tia Maria!

RL: You've done such a lot here.

AE: We've had the drive dug out. Iorwerth did a fantastic job – he's a good lad. We have had a new kitchen; shower room; heating system; wood burner; raised beds; paving and drainage. We, and Iorwerth, have been busy!

RL: What were your previous occupations?

DC: We were both police officers. I did 30 years and six months. We were in the Metropolitan Police. It was a busy job and an eventful one. I was a dog handler and an advanced driver. My work included finding people, property and human remains.

RL: Wow!

AE: I was on the beat in the Croydon area of south London. We would never be surprised by anything: the police force opens your eyes!

RL: So what of the future here?

DC: We want to do more to the garden, opening it all up more. There is more work to do, too, to get everything completely under control.

AE: I like all my sports and particularly the parish sports. I am involved in boules, walking football and rounders. My main ambition is to stay alive.

DC: I agree with that. I enjoy life!

RL: Thanks again for letting me see you; for this insight and for the coffee and biscuits. It was great of you to spare the time and, when December LT comes out, for sharing some of your life story with local folk. Do you think that there will ever be any more creamy bananas, swimming in Tia Maria? Very much hope so.

Richard Lewis

PLENTY FROM ACROSS THE TEME

Apple Juice – Plenty

This autumn KCCLP members and supporters, from Knucklas and round about, picked their apples and assembled a great heap of apple bags. As a result of this generosity and, despite a panic over getting them juiced, we have had 290 bottles for sale, each full of green-gold juice. The bottles have an eye-catching label, a painting of “Radnorshire East Wales” by Lois Hopwood of Castle Hill Arts. Try a glass of the juice and you are certain to want more.

In the face of sharply rising glass prices, the price will be held at £3.50 – the same as last year.

Delivery is possible in and around Knucklas and Knighton but not much further.

Many thanks to Lois for her picture and to Adam Davies of Skyborry Cider for juicing.



2023 Calendar - Plenty

We also still have calendars, diverse and beautiful representations of Knucklas Allotments and what grows there through the seasons, all by local artists in Knucklas, along with a unique recipe for each month. So you get a calendar and a small cookery book's worth of recipes for the price of a calendar. £12 each plus £2.50 p&p (for one).

Other Stuff - Plenty

In addition to calendars and juice more things will be on sale at the Knighton Market (Knighton Community Centre) on 17th December: ceramics, cards, books, needlefelt, wood-carved spatulas, dibbers, butter knives, wreaths etc.

Apologies for undisguised commercialism in a quality magazine. Proceeds from the distribution of all this plenty will go towards acquiring Knucklas Castle Hill, the woods allotments and the orchard for the local community. We still have to raise £9,000 out of £87,000.

January

Planned events for January include a Wassail on 14th January and a Burns Supper/Ceilidh on 28th January.

To secure your supplies please email knucklascastleclt@gmail.com or phone 01547 520263.

Jamie Ritchie,

Knucklas Castle Community Land Project

NOTICES



**Happy 100th birthday Oliver Potter.
12th November 2022**

Congratulations to

Alfie Hoyle ..in his second year studying Law at Oxford Brookes Uni.

Such is his talent he has been teaching the year one students.

Iwan Waters ..in his first year studying Law at Cardiff Uni and has been invited to tour South Africa with the Uni. Rugby Squad.

Lily Waters.. complementing her running, Lily has been selected at Centre for the Hereford Netball Team.

Robert Gwilt



Rob Gwilt just keeps on quizzing us....

1 ..**Name the local** who won The Welsh Two-Day Trial in 1982. (for the second time)

2 ..**Name the personality** with close personal ties to Llanfairwaterdine who played cricket for Somerset (Youth) And still sometimes associates with Sir Ian Botham and Sir Viv Richards.

3 ..**Name the local** farmer who during their career played against Liverpool and Man Utd.

4 ..**Name the local** who competes in Triathlons . And has medalled in Midland regional events, which will include sponsored and semi-pro athletes.

5 ..**What annual event** held in Radnorshire in 2022 attracted over 500 entries (!)

Competitors drawn from the Home Nations, across Europe and some from the Falkland Islands (!)

6 ..**Name the Royle** who on one occasion only kicked off the FA CUP Final.

7 ..**Formula One** V.I.P tickets, with hospitality and access to the Paddock Areas are a much sought after 'item'. Very expensive and very exclusive. So, name the local who, 'back in the day' enjoyed these 'privileges' and experiences.

8 ..**Felindre FC** play in which League ?

9 ..**During the 1980s** locals Rob Morgan, David Powell and Keith Tortoriello were all awarded which accolade ?

10.. **Sheep -Shearing** is occasionally featured on TALKSPORT and RADIO 5 LIVE. So name the one local farmer who shore over 400 in a day and a second local

farmer who shore over 500 in a day (!) 'In a day' means inside eight hours.

11.. **Ellen White** is a famous England International, a member of the Lionesses Euro' 22 winners squad. Name the local who was part of Ellen's coaching at youth level.

12..**Name the personality** with close personal ties to Llanfairwaterdine , who captained his team to success in 2022. Winning the prestigious Somerset County Cricket Cup. (Somerset still boasts in excess of 350 teams and on the day 'our man' had a great game.)

13.. **Llanfairwaterdine** once had a Tug of War team. True or False?

14.. **Name the local** who, back in the day, competed in Rallying. Sometimes in Mid Wales and sometimes in the South East. Competing in a BENTLEY (!)

15.. **Name the personality** with close personal ties to Llanfairwaterdine who played Table Tennis in The Premier South-East League.

16.. **Which former England International** (Football) has been seen on holiday in Llanfair Parish?

a .. Neil Cutler ex. Aston Villa

b .. Neil Webb ex. Man Utd

c .. Neil Ruddock ex. Spurs

17.. **Name the personality** with close personal ties to The Teme Valley who was crowned British WMX Champion 2022. Congratulations.

18.. **Llanfairwaterdine** once had a Football Team. True or False?

19.. **Name the local** who was a teammate of Tessa Sanderson and Linford Christie.

(and it is believed only injury prevented their inclusion in the GB Olympic Squad in 1992)

20.. **And to finish** .. one really unexpected question. The Kray Twins are infamous characters from the 1960s. Possibly less well known is the fact they were successful ABA fighters. So, name the local who 'spent time' with Reggie Kray in Lewes Prison (!) (We have sought and secured permission for this question from 'the local')

Robert Gwilt

Answers to September's Quiz questions;

1 .. Sam Morgan

2 .. Leon Drewnicki

3 .. Di Bailey

4 .. Freddie Hughes

5 .. Colin Evans

6 .. Sue Lane

7 .. Matthew Croose

8 .. Leon Drewnicki

9 .. Steve & Chris Chainey

10 Joshua Keene

11 Cwmythig Hill (mx venue)

12 Arsenal (!)

ROAST TURKEY TIPS

My go-to place for any recipe is The Guardian website and Nigel Slater's guide to making the perfect turkey dinner is summarised below. It's what we will be doing come the day!

"I choose a smaller turkey, one under 5kg in weight. Such a bird will feed 10.

I, somewhat controversially, use goose fat, smearing the breast and legs generously, then basting regularly with hot fat and juices from the roasting tin as it cooks. The argument that I am using a fat from a different bird rather falls apart when you note that butter doesn't come from a turkey either, and anyway, the result – a bird of supreme savour and succulence – is worth it. I do stuff my bird, but only enough to half-fill the cavity; the rest of the stuffing is cooked separately. And yes, cranberry sauce, gravy and roast potatoes are essential, cooking the latter round the bird if there's room, in a separate tin if not. Little sausages, wrapped in bacon, are a delicious extra.

For the stuffing

sweet potatoes 1kg

light open bread, such as ciabatta 200g

pancetta, in the piece 250g

olive oil 2 tbsp

banana shallots 350g

sausage meat 500g

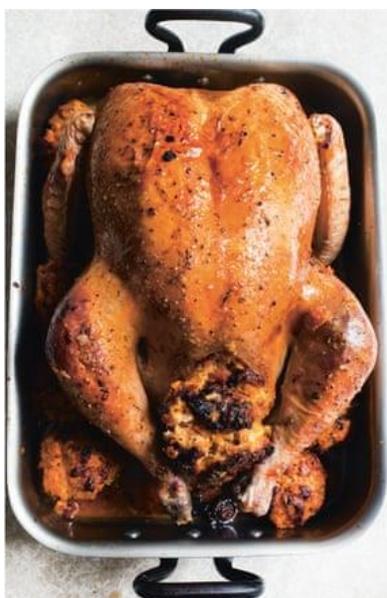
thyme leaves 2 tbsp

sage leaves 6

For the turkey

turkey 4.5kg

goose fat 6 tbsp



Set the oven at 200C/gas mark 6. Peel the sweet potatoes, cut them into large pieces, then steam, in a steamer basket or a colander over boiling water, until very soft and crushable – 25 minutes or so. Tear the bread into postage-stamp-size pieces, scatter over a baking sheet and bake until dry and pale gold.

Cut the pancetta into 2cm cubes. Warm the oil in a frying pan, add the cubes of pancetta, and fry until fragrant and the fat has turned golden. Peel and finely chop the shallots. Remove the pancetta as soon as it is ready, then add the shallots to the pan. Break the sausage meat up, stir briefly into the ingredients in the pan, then set aside.

Mash the sweet potatoes roughly with a fork, then add the dried bread and the pancetta, the shallots, the thyme leaves and the sage, finely shredded. Season, mix thoroughly, then shape half the mixture into 16 balls, each slightly bigger than a golf ball. Stuff the remaining half of the mixture into the turkey, pushing it deep inside the body of the bird.

Let the turkey rest. Don't skip this, no matter how everyone pleads for their dinner

Place the turkey in a roasting tin, baste it generously with the goose fat and roast for 25 minutes. Lower the heat to 180C/gas mark 4 and continue roasting for a further 2 hours. Baste the breast of the turkey twice with the cooking juices from the roasting tin during this time. (Be quick, so the oven doesn't lose any heat.)

Halfway through roasting, when the bird has been cooking for about 75 minutes, turn it over and place the remaining balls of stuffing around the sides. Alternatively, and this is what I often do, bake them in a little goose fat in a separate baking tin.

Remove the turkey from the oven and let it rest for 35-45 minutes. Don't skip this, no matter how everyone pleads for their dinner. I cannot emphasise this enough."

So, we should all have no problems, eh?

Mark Hughes, with due acknowledgement to The Guardian



Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year

December is here already after what has been an extraordinary year. The summer weather was really memorable and, apart from the continual watering of pots, it was very pleasant not to have continuous cloud cover.

Now is the last chance to plant tulip bulbs for Spring flowering. It is also time to give the grass it's last cut for the winter this will also pick up any leaves that may be laying on the lawn. These can be added to the compost heap. Remember to avoid walking on the lawn when it is covered with frost.

Time to check hyacinth and other bulbs in pots which are being forced for early blooms.

Cut back a quarter of the old stems from blackcurrant bushes. It is also time to cover rhubarb to force young pink stems. Old rhubarb clumps which are large can be split and the younger outer portions replanted. Autumn raspberry canes which fruited this year can be cut down to ground level, making sure not to cut down new growth from summer fruiting varieties.

Cut back old perennial stems down to the ground and tidy up borders. Mulch around the plants.

Cut off old leaves from hellebores which have black spots to stop this disease spreading to the flowers.

There is still time to plant garlic and shallots.

Lily bulbs can be planted in pots in January to fill the garden with fragrance in the Summer.

Keep dead heading winter pansies to keep them flowering and to stop them producing seed.

Check stored fruit and vegetables for rot which will spread quickly to adjoining produce.

Buy your flower and vegetable seeds early so that you have plenty of choice and buy the varieties you prefer.

This is my last "Seasonal Tips for the Gardener's Year". I have enjoyed writing my article for the Llanfair Times and I would now like to wish the readers a Happy Gardening Year for 2023.

Di Bailey

The Sheepdog

*After the very bright light,
And the talking bird,
And the singing,
And the sky filled up wi' wings,
And then the silence,*

*Our lads sez
'We'd better go, then.
Stay Shep. Good dog, stay.'
So I stayed wi' t' sheep.*

*After they cum back,
It sounded grand, what they'd seen:
Camels, and kings, and such,
Wi' presents - human sort,
Not the kind you eat -
And a baby. Presents wes for him.
Our lads took him a lamb.*

*I had to stay behind wi' sheep.
Pity they didn't tek me along, too.
I'm good wi' sheep,
And the baby might have liked a dog
After all that myrrh and such.*

U. A. Fanthorpe (courtesy of Jane Thomas)

Llanfair in the snow

by Janet Lewis



COMMUNITY TRUST

It has been a positive few months for the Trust since the last update. We firstly would like to congratulate Trustee Will Rogers and his wife Roxy on their new arrival - "William 'Archie' Rogers". We are glad to hear all the family is doing well and that Aeron is happy to be a big brother.

Warm Hub

A meeting was held between a number of parish organisations to discuss the possibility of a "warm hub" in Llanfair. The feedback from the meeting was to discuss this further between the wider community. As a Trust, we would like to confirm we do have a category in which we can support groups, families or individuals who are in need due to exceptional or challenging circumstances. Therefore, we would just like to reiterate that people can reach out to us and we will endeavour to do what we can within our remit to support those in need.

We welcome any members of the Llanfair Parish or environs to write to us for support if they wish to apply for an award in the following target areas:

Applications will be considered for:

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

Conservation Grant:

The management plan is in full swing. From a landscape conservation perspective, the broader area would have historically been heathland due to key features present. Ongoing and future management of The Triangle site should aim to enhance these features so that the site will continue to be of high biodiversity value in the landscape, both for nature conservation and visitor- enjoyment.

What makes The Triangle special?

Existing key features to enhance:

Diverse mixture of vegetation types, including heathers, gorses, grasses, some flowering plants, some tree cover and areas of open or bare ground. This mosaic of flora supports diverse number of birds, animals and insects.

Site survey in summer 2022: small area of bilberry halfway along the roadside which is most likely a remnant of the original moorland hilltop. There were small areas of bluebell and a few other acid grassland plants such as tormentil and heath bedstraw.

Variety of bird life

It is a valuable site for birds, providing cover for feeding and nesting.

Site survey in summer 2022 – range of species observed: Whitethroat, Chiffchaff, Stonechat with young, Bullfinch, Wheatear, Great tit, Blue tit, Redstart, Chaffinch and Meadow pipit.

We look forward to making a start in spring 2023.

Phonebox:

We would like to raise a question to the readers of the Llanfair Times. Recently it has been noted and shared with us that the Phonebox purchased by the Trust is starting to look "weathered" and is at risk of becoming a health and safety issue.

As a Trust we will be reviewing what to do next with the Phonebox as at the minute it is not benefitting the community in any way. If any parishioners can come up with a suggestion we would recommend either speaking to us in person, emailing us or posting a letter at the Community Pavilion for what you think the Phonebox could be used for. If we cannot find a suitable use for the Phonebox we may be forced to dispose of it.

Trustee Vacancy:

We still have a Vacancy for a 4th Trustee available. If you know anyone who would like to apply, please put them in touch with us or the Parish Council to find out more.

LWCT Email: llanfairwaterdinetrustees@gmail.com

Best Wishes,

Llanfair Waterdine Community Trustees

Matthew Croose

Steve Knowler

Will Rogers

PARISH COUNCIL

From the Chairman of the Parish Council

This article will aim to cover some of the various things that the Parish Council has been involved with recently. I am firstly pleased that at our level of the political system (the very bottom), everything seems to be calm. For some time now we have had a full Council working well together, and kept nicely in order by our very efficient Clerk, Maggie Brown

I recently drove down to the village from Llanfair Hall end, and it was pleasing to see the two new dwellings with lights on. Both have been built under the Affordable Housing policy, which was strongly promoted a few years ago by the Parish Council. Well done to the new homeowners for persevering with the whole process and getting a great result. These homes will always be kept affordable, and should they ever be sold, will also go to people with local work and or family connections. These homes are an asset for the community which should be appreciated by all.

As we all know, 'Highways' is always a topic for us at our meetings. The Parish Council has been keeping up pressure on Shropshire Council to get potholes filled, and I'm pleased to say that recently quite a few have been repaired. However, we continue to push for overlaying, as we are conscious that we have roads that have been patched for several years and these are only temporary repairs. We will keep up the pressure but acknowledge that budgets are tight at the county level.

Now for broadband. Prior to our July meeting this year we had asked Airband for an update on the 'Fibre to the Premises' promised for all the remaining 70 odd homes in the Parish. We received a letter stating that Airband would have the whole system built by the end of August this year. The end of August arrived, and we had seen no action at all on the ground. The Clerk again wrote for an update, and we were informed that they had gone back to Shropshire Council to renegotiate the contract, due to a hike in costs. The Parish Council is very concerned about this and has written a strongly worded letter to both Airband and Shropshire Council. I can well remember when Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council began to actively push for better broadband, recognising just

how important it is. We will not give up, but we have certainly been let down with a great many false promises from both Shropshire Council and Airband.

One job that the Parish Council is tasked with is appointing Trustees to the Community Trust as required. We have been unsuccessful recently with posters and news alerts and had decided to advertise in the local paper. However, the cost was over what we had budgeted. Please would all readers consider whether they might like to join this very worthwhile community organisation. You would be part of a team managing mainly land assets and helping the community, in line with the mission statement and constitution. Please note, there are no restrictions as to where you live.

Readers will see that the Parish Council is conducting a survey with this December edition, to help them to formulate the most useful future for Llanfair Times. This seems sensible after six years, given the considerable effort and cost in producing and distributing the publication. Please take part in this process, as the more views received the better the result can be. A decision may be taken after discussion in our January meeting.

It would be encouraging to see members of the public asking the Clerk, or any Councillor for items to go on the agenda, attending meetings and making use of the public speaking section at the beginning of each meeting we hold. Alternatively, why not just email the Clerk with any comments you may have on what the Parish Council is doing.

Andrew Beavan

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**

DIRECTORY

Regular Events Round-About

| When | What | Where | Contact |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Ev. Mon 10.00 am | Yoga | Pavilion | Kat 07968 819 123 |
| Ev. Tues & Fri 10.00 am | K'ton Food Bank | K'ton Bapt Ch | Helen Anderson 07731524058 |
| Ev. Tues 10.00 am | Llanfair Little Ones | Pavilion | llanfairlittleones@gmail.com |
| Ev. Weds 6.00 pm | Yoga | Pavilion | Kat 07968 819 123 |
| Ev. Thurs 9.30 am | Leg Club | K'ton Comm | Dist. Nurses / 521270 Jo Davies 520367 |
| Ev. Thurs 7.30 pm | Llanfair Singers | Everest Hall | Annie Pearson 520734 |
| Ev. Fri 7.00 pm | Social | Pavilion | llanfairpavilionbookings@gmail.com |
| Ev. Sun 3.00 pm | Walking Football | Community Field | Flick Waters 529789 |
| 1 st Fri 7.30 pm | Women's Institute | Everest Hall | Ann Harroway 528477 |
| 2 nd Mon 7.30 pm | T. Valley G'ners' Cl | Knucklas Comm | Margaret Clugston 529155 |
| 2 nd & 4 th Tues 1.30 pm | K'las & D'ric | | |
| | Craft Grp | Knucklas Comm | Margaret Clugston 529155 |
| 2 nd Sat 10.00 am | Tea Stop | Everest Hall | Flick Waters 529789 |
| Monthly Sat 7.30 pm | Flicks in the Sticks | Everest Hall | Kath & Don Szmids 528842 |
| 4 th Sun 3.00 pm | K'ton and District | | |
| (not summer months nor Dec) | Concert Society | St Ed's Hall K'ton | Becky Sherman 530530 |
| Varies 7.30 pm | Mig's Band | Everest Hall | Ceri Pearmain 529491 |
| Varies | K'ton and D'ric | | |
| | Refugee Supp't Grp | K'ton Bapt Ch | Lawrie Stevens 529989 |
| Varies | K'ton YFC | Everest Hall | David Morgan 520033 |

DIRECTORY

One-Off Events Round-About

| When | What | Where |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 2 Dec 7.00 pm | Special Event Quiz Night | Pavilion |
| 3 Dec 7.00 pm | Llanfair Singers Concert & Supper | Everest Hall |
| 3 Dec 3.00 pm | Post Box goes up | Everest Hall |
| 7 Dec 11.00 am | Coffee Morning | Melin y Grogue Farmhouse |
| 10 Dec 6.30 pm | Christmas is a-Coming | Everest Hall |
| 14 Dec 6.00 pm | Reflection | St Mary's Church |
| 16 Dec 7.00 pm (eyes down) | K'ton Young Farmers Bingo Evening | Everest Hall |
| 17 Dec 7.30 pm | The Sound of Music (film) | Everest hall |
| 18 Dec 3.00 pm | Carol Service with Llanfair Singers | St David's Church, Heyope |
| 20 Dec 7.00 pm | Carol Service with Llanfair Singers | St Mary's Church |
| 20 Dec 9.00 pm | Post box comes down | Everest Hall |
| 24 Dec 3.00 pm | Crib Service | St Mary's Church |
| 25 Dec 10.30 am | Christmas Morning Service | St Mary's Church |
| 4 Jan 11.00 am | Coffee Morning | Teme Cottage |
| 11 Jan 6.00 pm | Compline | St Mary's Church |
| 21 Jan 7.30 pm | Where the crawdads sing (film) | Everest Hall |
| 1 Feb 11.00 am | Coffee Morning | The Derrells |
| 8 Feb 6.00 pm | Reflection | St Mary's Church |

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Llanfair Times Feedback Survey. Deadline for submission 31 Dec 2022

Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council, as the body that oversees the content of Llanfair Times and ensures it complies with the constitution as written, would like to invite Parishioners to take part in this survey following a decision taken at the July meeting.

The cost from the precept of printing the current 4 editions per year is around £1,100. The environmental impact of both printing and distributing is also a consideration. A decision on future issues will be taken in January 2023 following a review of survey responses received.

If you wish to continue receiving the Llanfair Times, please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey (1 per household).

It can be completed online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/S8XOYD/ or hard copies can be posted to Llanfair Parish Clerk, The Quern, Chapel Lawn, SY7 0BW.

Please note, all data will be kept confidential and destroyed after it has been analysed *

1. Household Name (please print)

2. Do you think the Llanfair Times is a useful newsletter and would you like to continue receiving it? *

Yes, I love it and would miss it. No, I hardly / don't read it. I don't mind.

3. In line with declaring a climate emergency, we are looking at the option of becoming paperless. If the Llanfair Times were only available online, rather than a hard copy, would you still be able to access it? *

Yes, I would be able to access it online. No, I would not be able to access it online.

4. If you do have online access to read the Llanfair Times, what would your *preference* for reading it be? *

Online Paper copy I cannot access it online

5. How many editions a year would you like to see? *

4 editions – one every 3 months (as current) 3 editions – one every 4 months
 2 editions – one every 6 months Once a year.

6. Which topics do you enjoy – please tick all that apply:

Parish Council Report Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust Report
 Flicks in the Sticks St. Mary's Church
 The Community Pavilion Everest Hall
 Gardening Tips Recipes
 WI Book Club
 Quiz What's On
 Llanfair Singers In Conversation with
 Poets Corner Other (please complete box below)

7. Articles or Information you would like to see in the Llanfair Times

