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**Front cover: The wedding of *Mared Lois Davies and Osian Lewis Davis*
at Clydau Church on the 23rd of July**



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SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2022

4th	The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity—Green		
Llanglydwen	09.30 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
Llanwinio	09.30 am	Boreol Weddi	PH
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
7th	Wednesday		
Bro Preseli	10.30 am	Home Communion	
11th	The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity—Green		
Llanwinio	09.30 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
Clydey	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	EB/HJ
18th	The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity - Green		
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Boreol Weddi	PH
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
25th	The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity—Green		
Clydey	10.30 am	Joint Holy Eucharist	PM

EDITORIAL

Under Kathie's enlightened editorship, the Gwinwydden/Grapevine has developed into a forum for the discussion of Christian concepts and ideas as well as providing a record of church services and births, marriages and deaths in our communities. I particularly appreciated reading the articles by Richard Law and Chris Rees in the August issue, which discussed the Trinity and the Fall, and I would like to add some observations of my own, which are largely the fruit of teaching language and literature to GCSE and A Level pupils over a number of years.

Introducing contemporary students to Elizabethan and Jacobean literature is rather like inviting them to leap into cold seawater – the shock of the unfamiliar language is initially disorientating – but with the realisation that human nature hasn't changed over 400 years comes a sense of invigoration and vitality. Then come further questions: why were Catholics and Protestants slaughtering each other in the 17th century in much the same way that Sunni and Shiite Muslims are doing so now in the Middle East? How can an omnipotent (all-powerful) and omniscient (all-knowing) God allow the existence of suffering in the world? How can Christians reconcile the concepts of Predestination (Rhagluniaeth) and Free Will (our freedom to make our own moral choices)?

As a teacher, one must tread carefully in discussing these issues, I always let the students know where I am "coming from" – an orthodox Anglo-Catholic set of values – and invite debate, and indeed, disagreement. Over the last 30 years the number of students who have a basic knowledge of the Bible has declined to the point where even relatively simple concepts, such as the difference between the Old and New Testaments have to be explained carefully.



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Why, they ask, does the diabolical tempter Mephistopheles get Dr. Faustus to condemn the doctrine of the Trinity in Marlowe's great play of the early 1590s? As Chris Rees pointed out, the Holy Trinity is implicit, if unnamed, in Paul's letter to Titus, and Richard Law reminds us that it was fully formulated by Tertullian. Perhaps the best way of understanding the Trinity is in the context of time.

With our limited and imperfect understanding, we cannot hope to comprehend the true nature of God, and who stands outside of time, as time itself is part of his own creation. Indeed we shouldn't even use pronouns such as "his" or "her". This aspect of God, which we imperfectly call "God the Father" is beyond our comprehension. God the Son was God made flesh and lived, taught and suffered with us in our world for around 30 years. The third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, is with us now, and always has been for those who seek (His) help in prayer through the name of Jesus. Once again, pronouns fail us.

Chris Rees discussed the Fall in one of his articles last month. The awareness of our fallen nature, of our predisposition to do things that are selfish and injurious to others, runs through the Old Testament from Genesis onwards, certainly influencing Sigmund Freud's modelling of the human mind into id, ego and superego at the

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Eve Brennan who lost her courageous battle against cancer on the 11th of August 2022. Eve was unfailingly cheerful and very brave throughout, always managing to look fabulous right to the end. She will be enormously missed in the community and we send our sincere commiserations to her family and to her partner, Margaret.

beginning of the 20th century. It is in the New Covenant of the New Testament that we can find our liberation from the burden of guilt and sin.

I would like to end this article with two sonnets, each a meditation on our fallen nature. Firstly, John Donne addresses the Holy Trinity, “three-personed God” in prayer – the violence of his language is still shocking today, 400 years after it was written.

This is followed by Gwenallt’s great 20th century sonnet, *Pechod*, which explores our fallen nature.

*Batter my heart, three-personed God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise, and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
I, like an usurped town, to another due,
Labour to admit you, but Oh, to no end.
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captived, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be loved fain,
But am betrothed unto your enemy:
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.*

John Donne



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Pechod

*Pan dynnwn oddi arnom bob rhyw wisg,
Mantell parchusrwydd a gwybodaeth ddoeth,
Lliain diwylliant a sidanau dysg;
Mor llwm yw'r enaid, yr aflendid noeth:
Mae'r llaid cyntefig yn ein deunydd tlawd,
Llysnafedd bwystfil yn ein mêr a'n gwaed,
Mae saeth y bwa rhwng ein bys a'n bawd
A'r ddawns anwareiddiedig yn ein traed.
Wrth grwydro hyd y fforest wreiddiol, rydd,
Canfyddwn rhwng y brigau ddarn o'r Nef,
Lle cân y saint anthemau gras a ffydd,
Magnificat Ei iechydwriaeth Ef;
Fel bleiddiaid codwn ni ein ffroenau fry
Gan udo am y gwaed a'n prynodd ni.*

Gwenallt

Phil Higginson, Llanwinio

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Announcement

“The Bishop of St Davids is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Carol Ann Court as Priest-in-Charge in the LMA of East Landsker with primary pastoral care for the Cylch Y Frenni Group of Churches: St Clydai, Clydey; St Cledwyn, Llanglydwen; St Brynach, Llanfyrnach; St Gwinio, Llanwinio and St Dogmael, Mynachlog-ddu.

Carol is currently serving as Assistant Curate at LMA of Bro Sancler and will finish there on Sunday 18th September 2022, before moving to the Vicarage in Crymych. She will be licensed by the Bishop on Tuesday 4th of October 2022 (Venue TBC) at 7.00 pm.

Please pray for Carol as she prepares to take up her new role as Priest-in Charge in the LMA of East Landsker. Please pray also for those churches where she will serve.”

G. Williams

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all surviving and coping with the extreme heat that we have recently been experiencing. I have to confess I function better in the cold than the hot. I also hope that you may have been able to take some time off or have some planned. My own break was very much needed but also unfortunately appears to be becoming a distant memory all too quickly.

As you will see below, I will shortly be finishing giving Sacramental Care every Sunday to the Cylch y Frenni Group of Churches. Although I was asked originally to look after the five churches for six months, I have been there nearly three years! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with them and know that the Revd Carol Court will have the same enthusiastic level of support that I have enjoyed from the parishioners in those churches.

I do wish to pay tribute to the dedicated lay ministers, wardens and parishioners in the five churches in Clydey, Llanglydwen, Llanfyrnach, Llanwinio and Mynachlog-ddu for all they do, week in week out, to support the ministry and mission of the church. They are an example of what it means to practice Christian Discipleship and I know that they are representative of the many lay people across our Archdeaconry who give so much of their time, energy and resources to keep our churches open, functioning and supported. Ministry is very much a partnership between us, as clergy, and the laity we are entrusted to minister to and with.

Regularly taking services and meeting parishioners is good for me as Archdeacon as it helps to ground me and keep me in touch with what is happening at the coalface. Whilst I admit I am an enthusiastic administrator and technocrat, and although I spend much of my time in Committees and Meetings, I still have a calling to ministry



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and I find it something that helps to energise me and keeps me focused on why we do what we do.

This will mean that from the beginning of October I will be free to help elsewhere in the Archdeaconry, either to help cover holiday or where there are vacancies or even to come to any church that wishes to invite the Archdeacon. I will be offering in particular some regular support to the South West Pembrokeshire LMA who are currently two below their number of Stipendiary Clergy and also where I am resident in the Narberth & Tenby LMA, but I will also have more flexibility to help elsewhere as needed. I hope to be able to let you know more of when I am available in the near future.

In His name

Paul

Archdeacon of St Davids

Llanfyrnach

The community is mourning the loss of Eve Brennan who recently lost her battle with cancer.

Much loved and admired by everyone who was privileged to know her, Eve had lived at Ty Newydd, Llanfyrnach with her devoted partner, Margaret Ware, since the 1970's. Well known for her vivacity, style, sense of fun, generosity and culinary skills, Eve was a staunch supporter of Llanfyrnach Church and was always first in line to help organise



Owain Davies and Sarah Howells who became engaged recently.



Above: Some members of Sied Dinion Frenni Mens' Shed after completing repairs and refurbishment of the notice board at Llanfyrnach church. This work was carried out as part of a refurbishment scheme of all noticeboards and public benches in the Crymych area for Crymych Community Council.

community events and preside over the refreshments. Her door was always open to welcome old friends and new with a glass of wine and a tasty snack.

In June she and her sisters and niece spent a wonderful day at Ascot—Ladies' Day—where Eve cut a dash in a stunning red dress and fascinator. This outing proved to be her swansong - as she knew it would be - and gave her and her family immense pleasure, and made even more memories.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Margaret and her loving family, many of whom were with her at the end.

She is irreplaceable.

The funeral took place at St. Brynach's Church, Llanfyrnach, on the 23rd of August.

Kathie Dubben

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Clydau

Priodas yn Eglwys Clydai, Braint a phleser o'r mwyaf oedd cael gwasanaethu ym mhriodas Mared Lois Davies ac Osian Lewis Davies, Trewilym, Eglwyswrw ar Sadwrn Gorffennaf 23ain, 2022. Diwrnod braidd yn fwell oedd y tywydd tu allan, ond tu fewn l'r Eglwys roedd yna gynhesrwydd a llawenydd arbennig, gyda'r Tywyswyr Ifan Davies a Tomos Davies yn gwneud yn siwr fod popeth yn ei le, a Dafydd Vaughan Gwas Priodas yn sicrhau fod Osian yna mewn digon o amser. Morynion Gwen Davies a Ffion Davies oedd ar ddyletswydd o gael Mared l'r Eglwys mewn da bryd, (ddim yn hwyr), a Mabli ac Elis y Forwyn Flodau a'r Gwas Bach yn mwynhau diwrnod pwysig Dad a Mam. Yng nghanol harddwch y blodau, atseinia'r gerddoriaeth gyda Mrs Heather Jenkins wrth yr organ, a Miss Angharad James wrth y Sielydd, ac addas oedd cerdded l fewn l'r don "Can't Help Falling in Love with you", gyda'r Ymdeithgan Briodasol yn "Let it Be". Darllenwyd darn o'r Ysgrythyr yn gelfydd gan Miss Nerys Edwards a mwynhawyd gwranddo ar lais peraidd Miss Nia Lloyd fel Unawdydd y dydd,



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Dduw Dad, bendithia'r mab a'r ferch, ar ddechrau'u hoes ynghyd, ar ddydd eu priodas pura'u serch, a'th gariad dwyfol, drud.

Eglwys St Clydai was the venue for Mared Lois Davies's marriage to Osian Lewis Davis on 23rd July. The church's 2015 rearrangement of pews when the central heating was installed left us with a 120-seat capacity – which wasn't enough for Mared's guest list so we borrowed three dozen chairs from Bwlchgyroes Community Hall and still had some people standing to witness the Revd Eileen Davies joining the couple in holy matrimony. Rain – writing at a time when precipitation is a distant memory – put in an appearance, as can be seen from the umbrellas - did nothing to spoil the day.

Richard Law

Llanwinio

Congratulations to Owain Davies and Sarah Howells on their recent engagement. Sarah is the daughter of Roger and Catherine from Blaengelli, and the granddaughter of Arthur and Barbara Howells, Blaendŵr. Owain is from Rhydargaeau, but is now living with Sarah at Cilsant Farm, Cwmbach.

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Cyffig

On 18th July we were very happy to welcome to Cyffig, walkers following the Way of the Cross from St. Mary's, Whitland.

Seven hardy souls made that walk. Although not very long, it was definitely the steepest, and took place on one of the hottest days of the year so far.

The following Monday, 25th. it was our turn to follow.

Margaret James, Ivy Thomas and I walked from Cyffig to Eglwys Gymin. This epic walk culminated in Pendine Church on the 1st of August, with a Holy Communion Service at 8.00 pm, followed by tea and delicious Welsh cakes.

I felt quite pleased with my small effort, but our congratulations must go to Revd. Kingsley, and Edward who walked the whole way (64 miles), and to everyone who walked various stages and helped to link ALL the Churches in the LMA, raising over £1,000 for Ukraine. Where next I wonder!

Best wishes to all our members and friends. Keep cool!

Lynn Werrett

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Here's an amusing little poem by James Reeves (1909--78)

Rabbit and Lark

*"Under the ground
It's rumbly and dark
And interesting,"
Said Rabbit to Lark.*

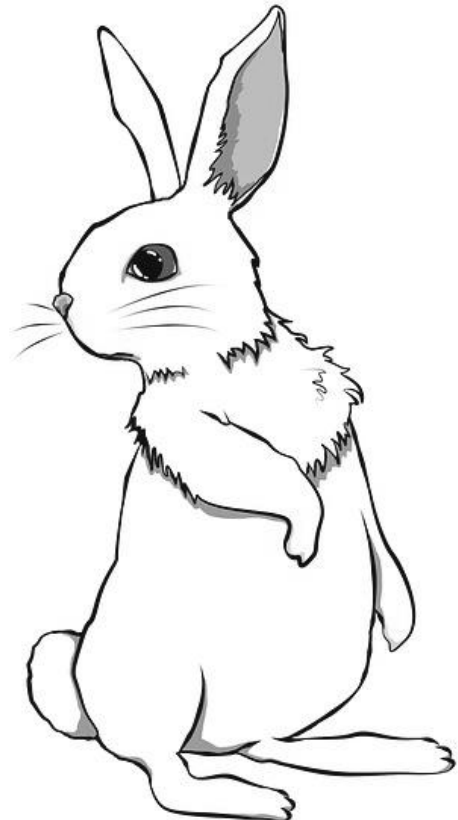
*Said Lark to Rabbit,
"Up in the sky
There's plenty of room
And it's airy and high."*

*"Under the ground
It's warm and dry.
Won't you live with me?"
Was Rabbit's reply.*

*"The air's so sunny.
I wish you'd agree,"
Said the little Lark,
"To live with me."*

*But under the ground
And up in the sky,
Larks can't burrow
Nor rabbits fly.
So Skylark over
And Rabbit under
They had to settle
To live asunder.*

*And often these two friends
Meet with a will
For a chat together
On top of the hill.*



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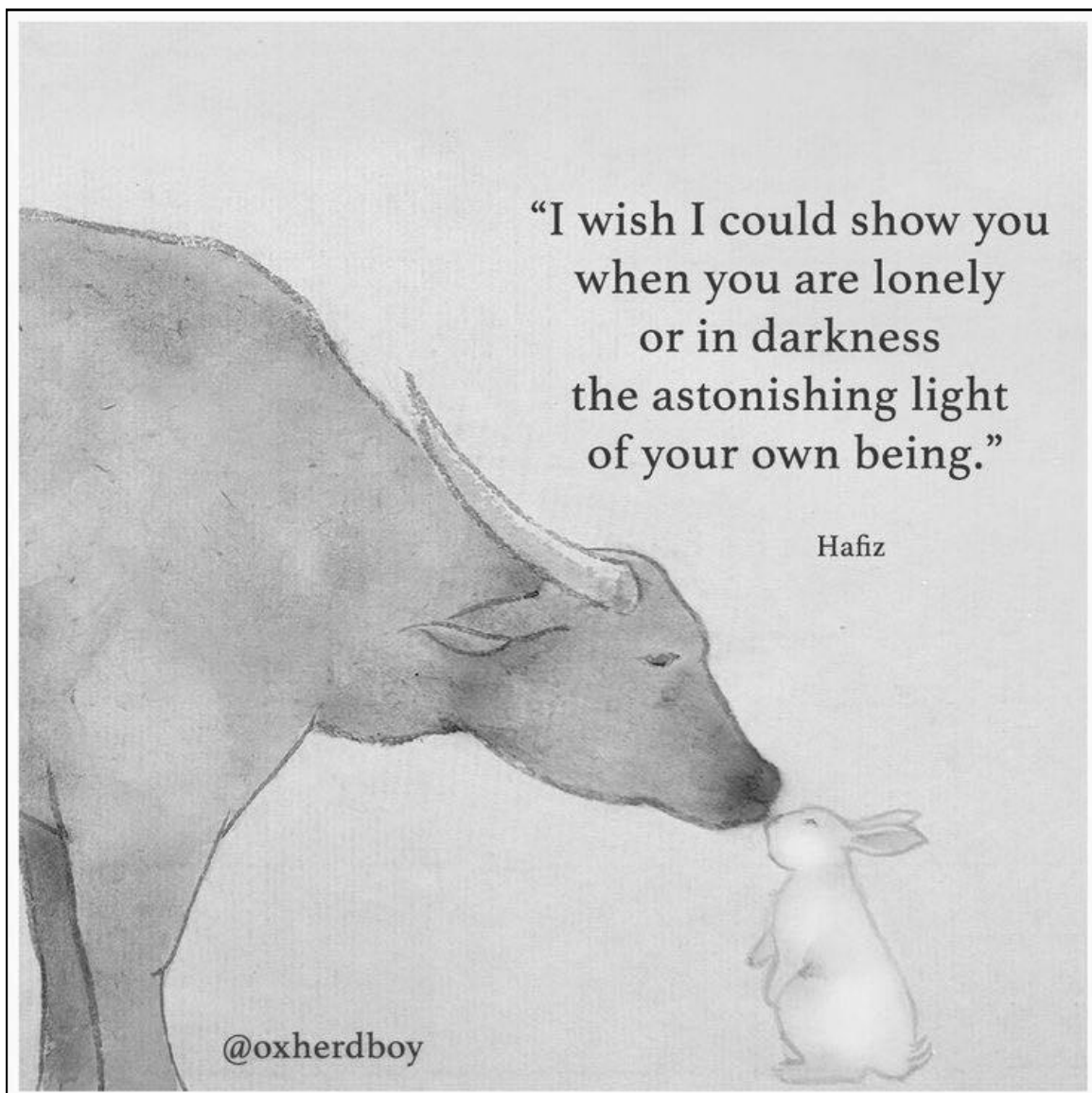
Jazz trumpeter James Copus, grandson of one Jonathan Copus, has been awarded the prestigious title of Associate of the Royal Academy of music (ARAM). This is not a diploma such as the LRAM, but an honour conferred on selected people who have distinguished themselves in the profession of music.

James studied Jazz at the Royal Academy from 2012, graduating in 2016 with a BMus. He formed his own band and released his first album *Dusk* in 2020, having composed all the tracks. It can be found at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dusk-James-Copus/dp/B08778SXKL>.

He and his band were the headline act at the world-renowned *Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club* in Soho on 2nd August this year.

Picture on page 21.

Jonathan Copus



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Services in September

Sunday 4th Trinity XII

10.00 am	United Service	St Mary	KT
10.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Tysilio	PM
11.00 am	Matins	St David	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach	JP

Sunday 11th Trinity XIII

11.00 am	Matins	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Holy Communion	Cyffig	KT

Sunday 18th Trinity XIV

9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Tysilio	KT
11.00 am	Matins	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Brynach	KT

Sunday 25th Trinity XV

11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Evensong	Cyffig	KT



Above:

Tim Jenkins's oil painting of his interpretation of a reconstruction of Whitland Abbey

Right:

Jazz trumpeter James Copus, grandson of Jonathan Copus, who has been awarded the prestigious title of Associate of the Royal Academy of music (ARAM).



The Way of the Cross Grand Tour

We have achieved everything we set out to do and so much more. We walked from church to church and covered all 15. The support we had from everyone was tremendous; the welcome we had in each church was marvellous and the companionship along the way as more and more people joined the walks was a lot of fun. The generosity of people was outstanding and we raised over £1,200. And the service we had in Pendine at the end of it all everyone enjoyed. I cannot thank you all enough for everything.

Kingsley

News from Llanboidy

An exciting time last month in Llanboidy with folks preparing for the return of the Carnival on August 13th, and, what a fantastic time was had by all of us! Starting with a decorated float carrying the Carnival Queen and Prince Charming and all their little attendants leading the parade through the village, followed by an entourage of old and young all dressed up in host of outfits - green hulk man, mermaid, bat-man, pirates, princesses, fairies and Hawaiian dancers, to name but a few .

Then back to the social club for delicious food, stalls and live music.

It was great to see many of the local community out together and enjoying themselves and having catch-ups and all the children excitedly playing and dancing and laughing.

Well done Jeff Kedward and Llanboidy Sports and Social Club!



Congratulations to Jayne Evans for qualifying as a level one time keeper for Welsh athletics!

Jayne is now working on next level 2 and has been timekeeping for the u20 international match England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The picture shown was taken at Newport u20, u17 & u13 Welsh championships.

Its great news, Jayne, and we wish you all the best as you work towards Level 2.

Report of the 732nd meeting of Llanboidy Women's Institute

Meeting held on July 14th 2022 in the Market Hall, with President Denise Harris in the chair. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, and signed by Denise.



Matters Arising:

Next group meeting, to be held in the autumn.

Various suggestions were received for possible activities and formats, but the consensus of opinion was that it is too soon to know what will be the state of the virus in the autumn, and most members were unwilling at the moment to meet in a small hall.

The County Show

Llanboidy did well this year. Norah was awarded a blue ribbon for literature; Denise got a first with her wine (which we were all able to taste!); Val came second with her limerick, and overall Llanboidy was third in the points table for a WI with under 20 members.

Congratulations to all our winning members!

Correspondence

The start of the village carnival had been put back to 4.00 pm, to encourage people to stay on for the evening BBQ and entertainment. This means we had less time to sell teas and cakes, but members still agreed to go along with this.

NB We are asked to supply a list of ingredients because of allergies.

The County Quiz was answered and the news-letter discussed.

We briefly talked about having an outing - everyone was in favour of waiting until September.

Jan had received a letter from the Sports and Social Club thanking us and the craft group for the bunting and cakes given as part of the Jubilee celebration day.

Jan also read out the letter sent by our rep who attended the AGM of the NFWI on our behalf, giving details of motions carried forward and decisions made.

Our speaker for the evening was Cathy Lee.

Cathy lives locally, she started arranging flowers in 1972 and has been doing it ever since. She is a member of two flower arranging clubs - one local and one in Worcestershire - and she is also a member of the National Association of Flower arranging Societies. Cathy has also demonstrated internationally.

She trained first as a florist, then to become a floristry teacher; she taught for 18 years.

While she was talking to us she began her first demonstration, and made a hand-tied posy, then a formal, modern arrangement using a few flowers but incorporating leaves too.

Her third arrangement used a wire netting as an alternative way to hold the flowers, and was very pretty and delicate, using feverfew, hostas, mallow and scabious.

Her final arrangement was a large one, using sunflowers, amongst other flowers. It was very formal and needed the right place to display it.

Cathy brought with her three hand-tied posies which she had done at home, so in total we had 6 arrangements which she very kindly said we could raffle, so we had 6 very happy members that evening.

Cathy was thanked first by Denise then by Jan.

Our next meeting will be on Sept 8th, when Debbie Hewitt will talk to us about the Mencap Garden at Stackpole.

The competition will be for a patchwork cushion, and tea hostesses are Denise and Jan.

St Brynach's Church:

Mrs. Lyn Kendall has spent a few weeks in hospital, she is home now and we wish her and her husband Ken better health.

There has been a lot of illness in our community recently and we wish all parishioners who are not very well, suffering from covid or any other adversity, a rapid recovery.

Church Services:

Sunday, August 4th at 11.00 am with Jenni officiating - Holy Communion

Sunday, August 18th at 4.00 pm with Kingsley officiating - Holy Communion

Keep well and safe everyone and enjoy what we all have which is a beautiful and friendly area in which to live - and remember a problem shared is a problem halved, so please ask for help if you need it, or just want a friendly ear to listen to you, and we will certainly try and help you

That's all for now –

Please, please, please let me, Sue Jones, have any Llanboidy news for the next edition of Grapevine and I will forward it to Kathie, our Editor.

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St. Clears and District Walking Group



On Wednesday the 3rd August we walked from Blackpool Mill to Slebech Hall, starting from the Minwier wood car park. There was a short stretch along a quiet lane to Blackpool Mill and then a track across Blackpool bridge. Then we followed the Eastern Cleddau river to Slebech Hall (this is now a hotel) through trees with glimpses of the river estuary at times, especially at the mid point.

Walks usually take place on every other Wednesday and are about 3 or 4 miles long. There is often a 'Stroller's Walk' which is shorter and easier.

For more information please contact Kathie on 01994 484404

Llangynin Gardening and Nature Group

How time flies... Wednesday August 3rd and the last of this summer's Llangynin's Gardening and Nature Group's garden visits. The day started with a visit to Llangolman Nursery, an Aladdin's cave of hardy perennials and bedding plants (some of which found new 'forever homes').

The group then travelled the short distance to Caffi'r Sgwar in Maenclochog for a tasty lunch and then headed off to Glyn Bach Gardens in Efailwen where everyone enjoyed a relaxing afternoon exploring the diverse NGS garden and being treated to a delicious home-made tea. The day was made special by the hospitality of staff at Llangolman Nursery, Caffi'r Sgwar and Carole and Peter Whittaker from Glyn Bach, and our thanks go to all of them.



Gardening Group members are now looking forward to their monthly programme of autumn/winter meetings at Bryn Hall in Llangynin, starting with a talk on Tuesday September 13th about practical ways to deal with climate change and greater extremes of weather. New members are always welcome – please contact Barbara (01994 448256) or Anita (01994 484711) for more information.





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When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must—but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit

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