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Church services

See pp.4 & 5 for the times of church services in July and August. Please note services are subject to change at short notice sometimes. Please check the magazine Facebook page and local church noticeboards for updates.

Church opening

All Saints Church Trefonen is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and St Michael's Llanyblodwel is open daily from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Please feel free to visit your local church to pray, reflect, enjoy the quiet, or just experience an ancient building. You are very welcome.

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From the Editor



Our cover photo shows the garden at Fron Ucha, Trefonen, and our theme this month is 'in full bloom' – meaning both the gardens and wildflowers, and ourselves! My thanks to all the contributors who engaged with the theme - this is always much appreciated. Trefonen and Bryn Offa Schools bring us news of their pupils flourishing this term (p.14 and p.34 respectively), while Trefonen WI have shared some lovely photos of their recent centenary celebrations (p.22) and the Garden Club explores gardens in bloom which we can visit (p.8). Ann Hindley remembers childhood foraging expeditions (p.46), Harriet Carty has been studying hoverflies in the summer churchyard (p.49), and the Poetry Group have chosen Adlestrop by Edward Thomas to share with us (p.16).

In Thought for the Month (p.26), Paddy Martin muses on good neighbourliness and its importance for the health of communities, Peter Woollam reminds us about the Llangollen Eistedfodd (p.29), while Pam Johnson shares the activities of the free Reader Group at Oswestry Library (p.44). In addition, we have news from Llanyblodwel village, where volunteers have been working to provide some useful amenities (pp.39 and 41). There is also a retrospective from Dom and Julie on the recent Hill Walk weekend (p.6), and an update on the Tanat Valley Curlew Survey (p.44). Puzzle and colouring pages are pp.18 and 19.

Events over the summer include: St Michael's Llanyblodwel's First Friday event on 3rd July (p.33), their Pet Service on 5th July (NOT 3RD July as stated in the post on p.37) and their Sponsored Walk on the 25th (p.42); the Garden Club meets on 16th July (p.10) and their trip to David Austin Roses is on the 22nd (p.10); the garden at Tanyfron is open on 9th August (p.10); the Community Café outing is on 18th August (p.24), and the Porthywaen Silver Band has several events for us to enjoy (p.32).

To date, we have received six offers of sponsorship for the magazine, to allow us to publish in full colour on nice silky paper every month, with more pages if we need them - these offers are about one-third of the amount we need for the year, but have enabled us to print this bumper issue in full colour, to remind you of the possibilities! If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to develop our magazine further, please let me know on trefonenparishmagazine@gmail.com, or in person if you see me 'out and about'.

Janey Fisher

Church Services in Trefonen and Llanyblodwel, July 2026

Date & Readings	All Saints Trefonen	St Michael's Llanyblodwel
Sunday 5th July Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25- end	11.00am Holy Communion Rev. John Darch K Kimber Note change of time	11.00am Pet Service Rebecca Colpus
Sunday 12th July Isaiah 55: 10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	10.00am Morning Worship June Brown	11.00am Holy Communion Rev. John Reeves With Rebecca Colpus
Sunday 19th July Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	10.00am Morning Worship Chris Kirk	11.00am Morning Worship Abie Tudor
Sunday 26th July 1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	9.45am Morning Worship Peter Wollam	11.00am Morning Worship Linda Gladman

Church Services in Trefonen and Llanyblodwel, August 2026

Date & Readings	All Saints Trefonen	St Michael's Llanyblodwel
Sunday 2nd August Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	10.00 or 11.00am* Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 9th August 1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am* Holy Communion
Sunday 16th August Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 23rd August Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 30th August Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-end	Benefice Service at Morton 10.30am No service at Trefonen	Benefice Service at Morton 10.30am No service at Llanyblodwel

*** Note: As we went to press, no details were yet available about clergy and worship leaders for the August services. Communion service times are tbc.**

Trefonen Hillwalk weekend, May 22nd--25th

Total raised: £11,316.17

What an amazing weekend we had! We are delighted with the amount we have raised for both charities this year: Wales Air Ambulance & War Child UK. This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support of everyone involved. The gallery of photos gives some idea of the wide variety of activities that went on.

We'd like to thank all volunteers, landowners, people that donated, and those that took part and supported the various events throughout the weekend.

It was lovely to see the pupils from Trefonen Primary School helping to start the weekend off by passing the school baton onto the team who took part in the 24-hour relay walk, and we'd like to thank them for all the lovely posters they designed.





Lastly, many thanks to the Hillwalk Committee for all your hard work, dedication and support.

We hope you all had a fantastic weekend; it is your kindness and community spirit that make this event so very special.

If you'd like to be involved in any part of the Hillwalk weekend 2027, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Dom and Julie Coles

Trefonen and District Garden Club

Last month, you may recall mention of plant hunters and the wealth of plants they brought back from their travels around the world, and how we can enjoy many of them in our own gardens. On holiday recently, we visited Ventnor Botanic Gardens on the IOW, nestled in its own microclimate some 5°C warmer than the rest of the island and the mainland, allowing many plants to survive the winter that would not otherwise do so. Here, the gardens are laid out by various regions of the world with a naturalistic approach rather than formal in design. Towering echiums, much loved by bees, were in full flower and a newly planted citrus grove, the first in the country, as seen recently on Countryfile. It was a joy to watch the native red squirrel helping itself from the feeding station, one of the remaining areas in this country where they can still be found.



In contrast, we visited Osborne House with its formal beds (see opposite), around the house, recently planted out with summer bedding and beyond parkland where trees have the space to grow to their full and unrestrained potential (left).



The garden club's annual coach trip in July is to David Austin Roses, yet another very different style in gardening. We are so fortunate in this country to have some amazing gardens to visit, so do take the opportunity this summer to visit them when out and about.

At the July club meeting on 16th July, just before the trip, Liam Beddall, Head Rosarian from David Austin is coming to give a presentation on Roses (see poster on p.10). A good opportunity to find more on growing roses, before being tempted to purchase any at the garden!



There is no meeting in August, but we are back in September when we will have the results of the potato competition and, hopefully, like last year, a great display of home-grown, beautifully displayed produce.

Chris Kirk



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July's Meeting

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Liam Beddall of David Austin Roses, home of the National Collection of Roses, talking on

Roses!

Just a few days later, on Wednesday 22 July, is the Garden Club's trip to David Austin Roses, cost just £15, picking up at 8.00am from Treflach and Trefonen, and Oswestry a few minutes later. Open to both members and non-members. Let us know your interest as soon as practical, or at the July meeting or by email to trefonengardenclub@gmail.com.

Everybody welcome at the Trefonen Garden Club.

Admission Charges at meetings: £3 for members and £4 for non-members. Call 01691 583 012 or email for further information .No Monthly Meeting in August. We meet again in September, which is the Potato Competition Meeting.

Trefonen Garden Opening

On Sunday 9th August, the wonderful garden at Tanyfron, Chapel Lane (SY10 9DR) is open from 11.00am; if the weather is dreadful, the the alternative date is Sunday 16th August. In past years there have been refreshments - I hope that will be the same this year (as they were very good!). Be that as it may, the garden itself is well worth a visit. Proceeds to various charities - Ed.

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Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	5pm-10pm
Wednesday	5am-10pm
Thursday	5pm-11pm
Friday	3pm-11pm
Saturday	12pm-11pm
Sunday	12pm-8pm

FOOD SERVED:

Monday	N/A
Tuesday	N/A
Wednesday	N/A
Thursday	5pm-9pm
Friday	5pm-9pm
Saturday (Day)	12pm-3pm
(Evening)	5pm-9pm
Sunday	12am-4pm

Please check opening times, especially for food, before arriving - these vary from month to month.

Regular Events at Trefonen Village Hall

NB *There is an entry charge for some of these events. Contact the organisers for more information.*

The Community Café is open every Tuesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30am, except on 18th August (see p.24).

Trefonen Football Club run a bingo session in the village hall every Monday evening except bank holidays starting at 7.30pm.

Trefonen & District Garden Club meets 3rd Thursday most months (see advertisement p.25).

Whist Drives take place every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Dog training classes are on Saturday morning (booking required).

The Village Hall Needs You!

I think everyone will agree that we have a very popular and well used village hall. As with many such halls, ours is a charity and requires a committee of volunteers to manage it. This involves such things as overseeing finance, bookings, cleaning, maintenance, health and safety, etc. Income is largely generated by booking fees and the profit from Flicks in the Sticks evenings. Routine cleaning is undertaken by our cleaner and by hirers. Our bi-monthly meetings last less than an hour.

However, we have a real problem – age! With several of us being real “oldies”, the *average* age of the current committee is creeping towards 80! Regular user groups each have a nominated representative on the committee, and the other members are drawn from the community. We desperately need new, and some younger, people to help run the hall – *that means some of you!* We would really like someone who could set up and manage an on-line booking form, for example.

If you are interested, please feel free to talk to me, Val Smout, Carol Pickering, or any other committee members or come to our AGM on 4th June at 4.00pm in the hall.

Bob Kimber, Management Committee Chairman (01691 679646)

Trefonen CE Primary School – In Full Bloom!

The Summer term is always a very special time for all of us at Trefonen CE Primary School, when all aspects of school life are thriving. In July, we are particularly celebrating the wonderful achievements of the past year, with the fondest of farewells to our amazing Year 6s, which included a fun filled Ten-pin bowling trip! Whilst at the same time, we are thrilled to open our doors and start welcoming our new pupils to the Trefonen school family, helping them thrive, as they begin their new journey with us.



Plants everywhere! Strawberries, hanging baskets, potatoes, tomatoes, lettuces and sunflowers are just some of the plants 'blooming' on our playground garden. These additions have brought even more colour and joy to our site.



We are delighted to finally share our new logo with you and the launch of our updated website too. These celebrate our vision: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16). This verse reminds us that every child has a unique light within them. At Trefonen CE School, we are committed to nurturing



that light and helping each child to shine brightly. The three key values, that are most important to our school community are: Kindness, Respect, and Friendship. These values now underpin all aspects of life at Trefonen C.E. School. The pupils have been sharing their creativity, enthusiasm and individuality in our 'Shine Your Light' homework projects. Every pupil is invited to design and create their own presentation or project to share with their class. Children can choose a topic that inspires them - something they love, are proud of, or would like to teach others about. These joyful projects support our

inclusive school vision by encouraging pupils to recognise their own strengths and celebrate what makes them unique. It also plays an important role in developing our oracy curriculum, giving children the chance to practise speaking clearly, expressing ideas with confidence and listening respectfully to others. An ideal opportunity for them to shine.

Trefonen is a very special community to belong to. If your family would like to join us, please contact our school as you will be warmly welcomed.

Naomi Phillips, Deputy Headteacher



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Poetry Group

The Poetry Group have contributed Edward Thomas's poem *Adlestrop* for this issue in memory of Martin Fisher, who was a keen and committed part of the group, and whom they will miss very much. They also wanted to include Carol Ann Duffy's *Virgil's Bees*, but a living author's work requires permission -- and that costs serious money, so instead perhaps you would like to read it online!

As always, if you would like more information about the Poetry Group, please contact either Carol (07946263824) or Eiluned (07539469413) .

Adlestrop

Yes. I remember Adlestrop
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat, the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop—only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Edward Thomas (written 23 June 1914)

Adlestrop village



All Saints' Church Trefonen – Upper Room for hire

Trefonen church has an Upper Meeting Room that can be let out for community use, generally during the day, Monday to Saturday. Some evenings could be available subject to Church use. The room is accessed by a staircase from the lobby. Note that the stairs are not fully accessible to anyone with limited mobility.

The room is approximately 5.8m (19 ft) x 5.8m (19 ft) at its maximum width. It has good Wi-Fi, can be heated, has a kitchen area with H&C running water, microwave, kettle, crockery and cutlery. There are ample power points around the room. There is also a WC which is accessible direct from the room.

The room has been recently redecorated and there is carpet on the floor. There are plenty of adult and child chairs and folding tables (2 sizes). A projector screen is also available. The room could be used for small meetings and various groups.

If you are interested please contact Malcolm Kirk, one of the churchwardens, at malcolm.ref1170@gmail.com to arrange a visit and find out about costs for hiring the space for a one-off or regular use either weekly or monthly.



Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for an immediate need, e.g. an emergency situation, you can ring any one of the people below. Your message will be passed to each person in the chain (who is available at the time) and we will pray for your need in complete confidence.

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Rita Mathias 657934

Chris Kirk 688595

Jill Ferguson 656456

Linda Gladman 07582 808588

We have a small Pastoral Care team at All Saints Trefonen. Members of the team are happy to offer prayer, a friendly visit, or practical support. If you, or someone you know, would welcome some help or support in this way, there is a Prayer/Visit box just inside the church (open daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm). Just write the details on one of the cards provided and pop inside the locked box. The box is checked at least weekly. Someone will then be in contact or we will pray for the need. Any queries, contact linda.jgladman@btinternet.com.

Puzzle Pages

Colouring page

A more challenging colouring page than usual - suitable for any rainy days we have over the summer ...!!



Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 to 9. Use logic to solve the puzzle without guesswork. Answer on p.51. This is a nice easy one, for solving in a deck chair in the sunshine!

(Thanks to Krazy Dad for allowing us to reproduce this puzzle. For puzzle solving tips, and more puzzles, visit

SUDOKU

By KrazyDad

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Let us give thanks for life in all its fullness

May holidays bring much needed rest and refreshment

We pray for healing where there is division and unrest in this country

Open our eyes to all that is good around us.

Amen

Heavenly Father, bring peace to the weary minded,

Hope to those uncertain of their future,

Joy to the downhearted,

Courage to carry on,

Comfort in times of distress,

And your everlasting love for each and everyone of us.

Amen.

Trefonen WI In Full Bloom!

Our June meeting in the village hall was very unusual; the bunting was up, the tables were decorated and the fizz was flowing!

Our summer centenary party for current and former members was in full swing. We were delighted to see so many old friends, enjoy delicious food and sing along with Gabriela and her ukulele.

On the basis that a picture is worth a thousand words – here's a flavour of this very special, once-in-a-hundred-years party.





Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd July when we will learn about the Music of the 50s and 60s with Tony Wright. Visitors and new members are always welcome at 7 o'clock in Trefonen Village Hall. For more details please contact Victoria [07773364992 v.gemmell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:v.gemmell@hotmail.co.uk)

The Community Café

Trefonen Village Hall

Tuesday mornings, 10.00–11.30am

A place to meet with friends and enjoy a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee and homemade cakes.



If you have never been before or are new to the area we would love to see you.

Community Café News

Annual Outing to Llandudno

Come and join us on our Annual Outing which is on Tuesday 18th August 2026. Coach leaves at 09.15 from Trefonen. The cost is approx. £12.00 and is free for children 12 years and under. For further details contact Carol on 07946 263824.

From the Registers

St Michael's Llanyblodwel

23rd May. Julian John Taylor. Burial of Ashes

All Saint's Trefonen

11th June. Martin John Fisher. Funeral (burial at Westhope Green Burial Ground, Craven Arms)



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Thought for the Month: Good Neighbour

I have lived in many different neighbourhoods in my life: seaside cottage, post-war semi, 18th-century city centre terrace house with basement, 1998 new build.

No matter what the age of house, site or location, you were always aware of your neighbours and tried to get on with them. Sometimes unforeseen problems could occur. During the Second World War, we were one of the few Protestant families in a Catholic village in Ireland. No trouble; until one Christmas Eve our dog appeared bearing a ham he had purloined from the priest's doorstep next door. At midnight, my mother was out in the garden digging a deep hole to bury it. (If my father had been with us and not away as padre with the Eighth Army, the crime probably would have been confessed.)

Over the last twenty years, I have become aware of a worrying number of new housing developments which avoid their neighbours. It seems the new development does not want to be associated with the existing neighbours, so the side fronting the access road is firmly walled off. In one case, a wall was built into the middle of what was really one development to cut the poorer houses off from the more expensive ones.

We have probably been aware of the biblical concept of a 'good neighbour' since first meeting the Good Samaritan in Sunday School. It is one of the first parables we become conscious of. Our modern world is able to bring even the surface of the moon into our living rooms. Our favourite soap operas are based in neighbourhoods which become familiar to us, even if some of the problems they explore are rather unlikely to face us!

However, modern media often brings us face to face with terrible problems faced by others in our world. Where are our neighbourhood limits? When can we say, 'No! It is not my concern'? It is a problem we must all face and answer in a way our consciences can accept as not 'passing by on the other side'.



Paddy Martin, Worship Leader

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Blessed is a world that sings....

Blessed is a world that sings. Gentle are its songs.

Recognise the above motto? No, I didn't expect that many would. Maybe the shield to the right will give you a clue. The gryphon (representing nobility, courage and determination) and harp are surrounded by the original Welsh version of the words. The shield also appears at the centre of the stage in the photo on the next page.



Got it yet? This is about the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod this year, taking place from 7th to 12th July. Most of you will have heard of it, and you might think you know something about it. But how much do you really know, and have you ever been?

The Welsh National Eisteddfod is the largest cultural festival in Europe and can trace its roots back to 1176. The 1944 National at Llandybie opened with an international concert on the Saturday before Eisteddfod week, an initiative that came about after representatives of the governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Russia and Yugoslavia who were in exile had attended the 1943 festival in Bangor. The audience was stunned by, amongst others, a Polish Army choir and a piano soloist from the USA. Coedpoeth-born Harold Tudor, a member of staff at the British Council, saw an opportunity to foster international relations and assembled a small team that included musical director Gwynn Williams of Llangollen to pursue the idea.

The first stand-alone international festival was held in a hired marquee in Llangollen in 1947, when 33 choirs came from 11 countries. In addition to the four UK nations, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the Irish Republic were represented. There were late cancellations from Belgium, Switzerland, and Spain. Dancers from Seville and San Sebastian gave performances on the stage and then took them into the town's streets, starting a colourful tradition that continues to this day. There were three full days of competition, and the choirs sang their national anthems before the test pieces. The evening concerts featured mainly the choirs and some guest soloists, concluding on the Sunday with the Halle orchestra under Sir John Barbirolli; they played Weber, Dvorak, Mozart, Delius and Richard Strauss. The singing went on for hours in local houses, hostelries and hotels.

The Eisteddfod is very proud of its association with Luciano Pavarotti, who sang here on two occasions. In July 1955, aged 19, he joined his father in a competing choir from his hometown of Modena. They won the male voice competition by

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some distance! Forty years later, in 1995, he returned to give an evening concert in the Pavilion during Eisteddfod week. You can gauge the value placed on this by the permanent mural on the hillside that now overlooks the Eisteddfod field.



The event has been held continuously, save for the Covid lockdown years, since the beginning. Competitors have come from, literally, every part of the globe, with most being accommodated in the homes of supporters in villages in the local area – I've been told that Trefonen has played host to groups in the past. A permanent 1500-seater pavilion was first used in 1992, capacity being increased by 3,000 with an additional temporary structure for Eisteddfod week, and the permanent facility used for other events during the rest of the year.

Competition winners in recent years have come from such places as Jersey, Northern Ireland, Singapore, Wales, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Sardinia, Kurdistan I could go on.

Daytime admission to the ground will cost £15–£20 this year. For this, you can roam anywhere in the field to take in the atmosphere and (usually) find a seat in the rear area of the pavilion (see photo below). These are not reserved and can fill up during the most popular competitions. Tickets for evening concerts range from £30 to £97. The programme (very, very briefly):

- Wed 8th July Children's choirs Global Rhythms: Made in Wales
- Thurs 9th Instrumental ensembles; Folk dancing Orchestral Qawwali Project
- Fri 10th Folk song choirs & soloists; Musician of the future Emeli Sandé with The Absolute Orchestra



- Sat 11th: Dance, Community bands An evening with Michael Ball
- Sun 12th: Choir Day (male, female & mixed voices) Choir of the world competition

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Parking is remarkably well managed – there's a huge, well-signposted field set aside close to the pavilion (£10.50, and you can pre-book). Don't even think about trying any of the town car parks. The A5 gets very busy, and the traffic lights, main street and Dee bridge get gridlocked. I always choose to go via Froncysyllte, down over the packhorse bridge to Trevor, and into Llangollen on the Ruabon road.

There are food, drink and ice-cream outlets on the field and a less than 600 metre walk to the town centre ... what's not to like!?

If you've never been, there's no excuse not to give it a try. It doesn't matter if you're not particularly interested in music and dance - this is a truly remarkable and accessible event right on our doorstep, and you can't fail to be engaged by the atmosphere. For sheer spectacle, Saturday probably has the best offering, but it is the busiest.

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Music in the Air: Porthywaen Silver Band Summer Updates

A reminder of our July and August programme:.

Sunday, 28 June:

Music in the Park at Cae Glas Park from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Friday, 10 July:

The Youth band will be performing at the **Porthywean Bandhall** in **Shrewsbury** at **7.30pm**

Saturday, 8 August:

Catch us at **Llanfyllin show** from **1.00pm**.

Brett Baker in Concert

The centerpiece of our year is a very special collaboration with world-renowned trombone soloist **Brett Baker**.

Sunday, July 19th, Hope Church, Oswestry, 3.00pm

In addition to the afternoon concert, Brett will be leading a workshop in the morning at the band hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for musicians of all levels to learn from one of the best in the business — all are welcome to attend and participate!

Get in Touch

Whether you are interested in attending the workshop, booking the band, or learning more about our non-contesting community ensemble, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact the band directly via Facebook,

<https://>

www.porthywaensilverband.co.uk/ or secretary.porthywaensilverband@gmail.com.



The poster is for a Summer Concert by the Porthywaen Silver Band. It features a red and white color scheme with a yellow diagonal stripe. At the top is a logo of a stylized treble clef with a red and white design. Below it, the text reads "PORTHYWAEN SILVER BAND". The main title "Summer Concert" is in large, bold, black letters. Below that, it says "With Special Guest Soloist" and "Dr Brett Baker" in bold. A photograph of Dr. Brett Baker, a man in a suit holding a trombone, is shown. To the right of the photo, the date and time are listed: "Sunday 19th July", "Start 3pm", "Hope Church", and "Oswestry". At the bottom right, the ticket prices are listed: "Adults £10", "Under 18s £5", and "Under 12s Free". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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Bryn Offa CE Primary School: Where Learning Blossoms

As we prepare to close the doors on another successful year here at Bryn Offa, our school continues to be very much *in bloom*. Far from winding down before the summer holidays, we are continuing to pack in a wide range of learning opportunities, activities and marvellous experiences.

As I write, we are preparing for Sports Day and our family picnic, which the children are very excited about. We always value welcoming families into school, whether through open class sessions, events or collective worships, as we know how important it is for families to be involved in their child's learning.



The coming weeks are full of excitement. Children are preparing for our class "Bryn Offa Has Talent" competitions, giving them the chance to share their gifts and talents. Our Year 6 children are also busy rehearsing for their end-of-year production, which will be a wonderful celebration of confidence, creativity and teamwork.



We have also enjoyed many rich learning experiences. Key Stage 2 have visited the Shropshire Hills as part of their history work, chicks have come to visit school, and children have been learning important messages about online safety through Be Internet Legends.

We were also pleased to welcome our local MP, Helen Morgan, who joined collective worship to hear this important message first-hand.

Our children have represented Bryn Offa brilliantly on the sporting field at Queensway, competing against neighbouring schools. We were incredibly proud of their achievements, but even more so of the sportsmanship and respect they showed.

It has also been lovely to begin welcoming our new starters. Year 2 visited Llanymynech for a teddy bears' picnic and story time with younger members of our community, and we look forward to welcoming those joining us in September for transition days in early July.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of families seeking places at Bryn Offa, with waiting lists now in some year groups. A few



spaces remain in some year groups, so if you are looking for a school place, please do come and visit us. We would be delighted to show you around, introduce you to our wonderful children and staff, and give you a feel for the warmth, care and opportunities that make Bryn Offa such a special place to learn and grow. Call us on 01691 830 621 or email admin@brynoffa.shropshire.sch.uk to organise your visit.



As this school year draws to a close, we give thanks for all that has blossomed: the learning, the friendships, the confidence, the creativity and the many talents of our children. We look forward to the final weeks of term and to celebrating all that our wonderful school community continues to achieve.

With warmest wishes, Celine Keleher, Headteacher



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In August we will focus on Robin Mark. He is a Northern Irish Christian singer and songwriter based in Belfast where he is the worship leader in his church, Christian Fellowship Church in East Belfast.

known best for 'Days of Elijah', 'Revival', 'Jesus, All for Jesus', 'The Wonder of The Cross', and 'Not by Might', amongst the many songs he has written and which are sung throughout the world. He has released thirteen albums in total, with sales of over two million worldwide.

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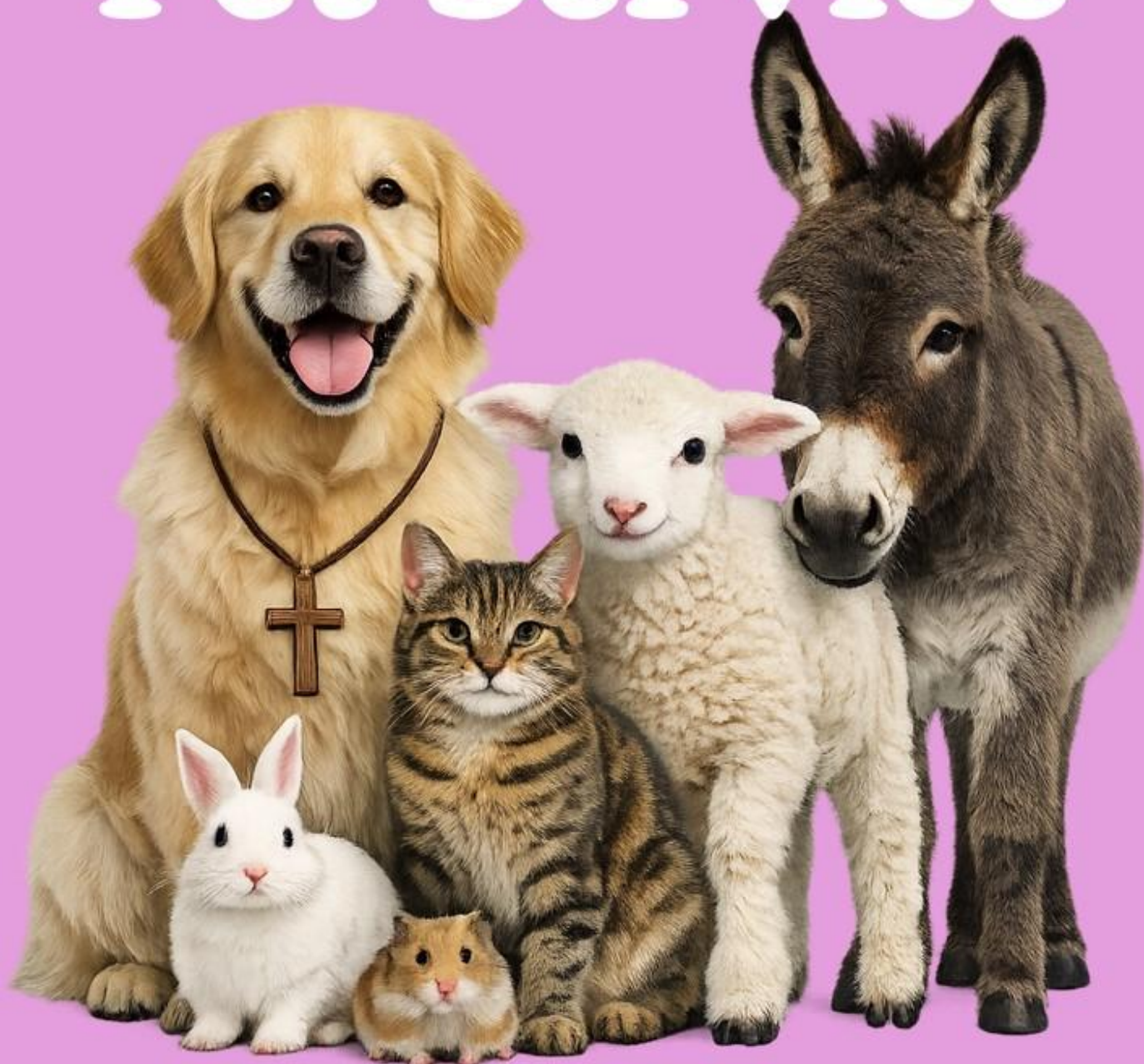
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News from Llanyblodwel.....

Brand New Play Equipment for Local Families

Llanyblodwel Parish Council has unveiled brand new play equipment in Brynmelyn, Llynclys, Nr Oswestry. This project was financed by the National Lottery Community Fund and the local Community Infrastructure Fund for Llanyblodwel Parish Council.



Peter Shellard, Bethan Cross and Rebecca Colpus (Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk of Llanyblodwel Parish Council, respectively), together with local residents Lynne and Bryn Jones, witnessed Spencer Jones enjoying the new equipment for the first time, accompanied by his mother, Amy Jones.

The residents are delighted with the additional play equipment, as the newly equipped playground will act as a catalyst for children to get together and play safely, and also provide an opportunity for all the community to spend time with their neighbours, friends and family.

(More news on p.41)





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GOOD NEWS! – a new lease of life for the red telephone kiosk at Llanyblodwel which now has a New Life-Saving Mission.

Local residents, in conjunction with Llanyblodwel Parish Council, have transformed the iconic red telephone kiosk, (on the B4396 at Llanyblodwel (what3words: appraised.stretcher.enjoy), into a 24/7 public access defibrillator station (see below). This life-saving resource is now fully operational and available to everyone in the locality, and is registered with 'The CIRCUIT' – the national defibrillator network.



Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. When it strikes, every single second counts. Without immediate treatment, the chances of survival drop by about 10% with every passing minute. Installation of this Heart Hero Elliot defibrillator vastly improves the odds of survival, in these situations, for those living nearby.

A Community Effort

This project is a testament to what a community can achieve when we look out for one another. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in restoring the kiosk, securing the funding, and completing the installation.

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The charity has more than 420 Shared Reading groups across the UK and 850 volunteers. Research shows that Shared Reading can improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and help build stronger, more supportive communities.

To find out more about Shared Reading come along to Oswestry library any Monday afternoon or visit www.thereader.org.uk New members are always welcome.

Curlew Survey



The Tanat to Perry Community Wildlife Group has been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since late March, in our area that extends from Oswestry in the north to Kinnerley in the south, and eastwards from the Welsh border to Ruyton-XI-Towns: from the Tanat to the Perry.

We have looked for Curlew nests this year, to protect them with an electric fence, and two have been found and fenced

If you've seen or heard any of these species, please don't assume we know about them. Please report all your observations, especially any Curlew (the most important bird conservation priority in the UK) to Leo Smith 07791 901732, leo@leosmith.org.uk.

Results of the Survey will be published in the autumn.



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Foraging

How many of us remember going foraging when we were young? (and it may still happen now, when we're not so young!) We always used to search for the free fruits of the earth when they were in season or 'in full bloom!' - Growing up in our family meant a family expedition into the wild to seek the things we could eat raw, cook, bottle, pickle or drink safely!

Of course, the most common would be blackberries, made into jam, delicious pies and cordial. We would trail over the fields for hours, clutching buckets, coming home with purple fingers, stained clothes, scratched and prickled but very satisfied with a great haul! I remember once commandeering my



Auntie's plastic concertina rain hat to collect blackberries when we'd set out without any collecting apparatus! Remember those foldable hats we all carried in case of a sudden rain shower???



Grandad's walking stick was always a useful addition to our equipment as we could use it to hold back the brambles very effectively. We didn't realise how many miles we walked over the fields, either, and when we returned home, we had to wash and sort the berries ready for the next stage of their journey towards our stomachs!!



My Dad particularly liked dandelion wine, which used to mature for months in the shed until ready to drink large buckets of dandelion petals gathered in summer in readiness for a Christmas Wine tasting!!

The bottles stood in rows along with Elderflower wine, which had been perfected in the Spring months. We didn't know it then, but Elderflower wine has been compared to a Sauvignon Blanc – but in those days we didn't actually BUY wine, we only made it!! Needless to say, we had to grow up a bit before we were allowed to sample the contents of the bottles!



As the Summer ended and Autumn descended, field mushrooms were our target. As there was plenty of farmland around us, there were plenty of these tasty treats available, but it was best when we got up early, when they'd just begun to emerge, as they'd dry out during the day. Why did we never complain about getting up early?

Because the reward of a tasty omelette was worth the effort!

Wild Strawberries, when picked young, are so sweet, and as they are quite small, you do need to pick quite a few before you have enough for a dessert! We did look for them on our walks, though, as it is such a great feeling of satisfaction to find something so good and for free!



Imagine what our ancient ancestors thought? They didn't have shops and supermarkets; they actually relied on foraging for free food to stay alive. I do wonder how many of us would find enough to sustain us if we had to do the same!?? Food for thought??

Our house and particularly the kitchen were always full of lovely smells of something, cooking, fermenting, boiling or just maturing! Sadly, although we do still go blackberry picking, we don't have the same enthusiasm for collecting 'freebies' as we used to. I guess it's much easier to make a shopping list! Good memories though!

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Taking a Look at Hoverflies

Why not take time out on a sunny, calm July day and sit down in your local churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery next to a flowering plant such as hogweed, yarrow or knapweed. After a while you may notice that there is a wealth of variety amongst the various bee-like insects who are visiting the flowers. Whilst bees meander from flower to flower at a fairly constant speed, you'll also spot another group of insects, similarly banded in yellow and black, which dart quickly and then hover, staying quite still, like a miniature hummingbird. These are hoverflies and there are an amazing 280 different species in the UK, found in a wide range of habitats.

Hoverflies often look quite like bees or wasps, with stripey, sometimes furry bodies. They do not sting however but this mimicry discourages predators as the yellow and black stripes spell danger! Look closely and you'll see two large eyes and a single pair of wings, characteristics of flies (bees and wasps have two pairs of wings). The hoverfly beats these wings up and down several hundred times per second to stay stationary.

Hoverflies are a true friend to the gardener: the adults are important pollinators and nearly half of our hoverfly larvae feed on aphids and other plant sap-suckers. Others eat fungi, yeasts, micro-organism and general detritus found in the soil, in deadwood and in stagnant water. They are key decomposers and recyclers.

(Continued on p. 50)





Many gardeners encourage hoverflies by planting suitable flowers for them. Open flowers such as alyssums, yarrows, daisies and marjoram will all provide a good source of nectar. Many of the wildflowers found in churchyards are great for hoverflies too. Do you have cow parsley, chervil or wild carrot (or any of the umbel family), or how about daisies, yarrow, dandelions and hawkweeds? Hoverflies have mouthparts that dab at the flowers rather like a sponge so they choose flat, open flowers.

Hoverflies are an example of an insect group which is often overlooked, as they are easily passed off as a bee until you look more closely. They are an important part of our ecosystem however and, like butterflies, are sensitive indicators of environmental change. As well as letting some grassland grow long so the wildflowers can bloom, how about planting suitable flowers if you have beds or planters? Creating a deadwood pile in a shady spot is great for hoverflies as well as so many other species and leaving some leaf litter and woody debris under tree canopies supports pupae or, in some cases, overwintering adults, ready to emerge in the spring.

So have a look for hoverflies this summer and, if you are patient, photograph them hovering and feeding. This can help to identify what you have seen.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*,

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Puzzle Answers

Sudoku

The completed Sudoku puzzle on p.19 should look like this:

SUDOKU Answer

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4	7	3	9	8	5	2	1	6
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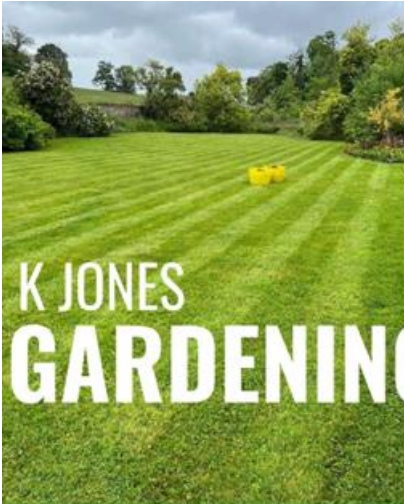
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More beautiful flowers in the Fron Ucha garden, Trefonen.

