



## VIEW OVER THE FIELDGATE

Isn't it lovely and mild, albeit damp, for the autumn. Didn't seem like it was spring just a few months ago...what was that? It's not autumn? Are you sure? I'm wearing trousers and t-shirt, plus the occasional jumper, around the house. Wellies and waterproof jackets out of the house. It must be autumn, surely? Oh, right, it's July! This isn't July which is spelt N-O-V-E-M-B-E-R? Oh, right, J-U-L-Y. Hmm, well, what a summer we're having. I expect 'summer' of us are getting pretty browned off by now and want 'summer'-thing to change soon.

To perk everyone up I thought we'd have a nice summery colour paper. And what a story there is behind that! You may notice the pages aren't quite square. I bought the A4 paper online and found quite a bargain. Two reams duly arrived a few days later...two reams of A3 paper duly arrived a few days later! A3 is twice the size of the sheets that make up this magazine so I have spent quite a few hours bent over a hot paper cutter, cutting each sheet in half! Bit more of a bargain as I now have twice as much paper as before. Hope you all like the colour; it will be in use for a while!

I hope everyone enjoyed the recent Flower Festival. It was a shame that the sun could not shine for the three days, but I think it was the best one could hope for this year. So many other events have been cancelled so we must count our blessings.

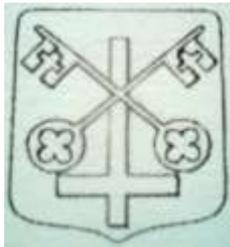
I understand there is a little sporting event taking place this summer. Think someone said it's in London. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Olympians and Paralympians the very best of luck at the London Olympics and will be backing them all the way to a fantastic medal haul on home ground.

\*\*\*\*\* **GO TEAM GBR!** \*\*\*\*\*

For the  
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Bryngwyn,  
Great Oak,  
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WOW!!! What a summer we are having! Firstly, the awful weather – rain, wind and so cold. But secondly, there have been the events, the Olympic Torch passed through the Parish, the wonderful Jubilee Party in the new village hall, followed by St Peter's Flower Festival. Thanks to everyone who prepared and organised the Jubilee Party. It was a huge success. Congratulations to the Entertainment Committee and all their friends for their hard work before and during the Flower Festival. A fabulous achievement and a great success. Many thanks also to those who helped the Church Spring Clean on 12<sup>th</sup> June, ensuring the whole building was spick and span for the Flower Festival.

On 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm, there is the Songs of Praise Service. Please do join us to sing many of our favourite hymns. Come on, you know you can make it.

Please remember Mrs Helen Hayward in your prayers. Helen is desperate for her hip operation. We trust she will not have to wait too long. Also pray for Mrs Rosemary Roberts of Croes Bychan who is receiving treatment for a brain tumour. Also Mrs Dee Robertson of Raglan who often attended our afternoon Services who is also awaiting her hip operation. I am pleased to report Mrs Olive Hilditch is making excellent progress, well done Olive.

FROM THE REGISTER – the christening took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July of Rhodri and Owen Maidment from Columbia, twin sons of Tristan and Jenny Maidment, great-grandsons of the late Maud and Will Tranter. A large gathering of family and friends, some had travelled from Columbia, filled the Church to witness and enjoy the christening Service. We wish Rhodri and Owen a long, happy and Christian life.

Do read other reports of dates of future events and please do support them and we would be delighted to welcome you to our Services.

The Church bells will be rung on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 8.12am to herald the opening of the Olympic Games. The Organisers want all the bells in the country to be rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes. Everyone is welcome to give a ring.

*Olwen Smith*

Despite the usual “British Summer Weather” The Feast of St Peter Flower Festival went ahead from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July and no-one was deterred by the conditions. It was very enjoyable and successful, raising approximately £3,700 towards Church funds. Detailed Accounts have been posted on the notice-board inside St Peter’s Church. The Preview Supper on the Thursday was delicious and was the ‘launch pad’ for the successful event.



Mrs Linda Badham, the designer and co-ordinator, and her team are to be congratulated on the superb and varied exhibits on display. Many thanks Linda and your team (not forgetting husband Phil). All the ‘blips’ and hard work were soon forgotten and in no time the Festival was in full swing. A very sincere Thank You to everyone who gave donations, cake for teas, for stewarding, selling draw tickets, loaning gazebos, etc., and for helping in anyway...not forgetting our loyal supporters.

After the Evensong Sunday Service, which was attended by a large congregation, the Festival concluded with the Grand Prize Draw at Brynawelon...thank you Olive and Andrew for your hospitality.

Twelve years have passed very quickly since our first Flower Festival and we all look forward to seeing you again in 2020 at the next one!!!

The Harvest Lunch will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in Crawley Hall after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11am in St Peter’s Church. Tickets are £8.00 each for adults (children under 14 years £4.50) and are available from mid-August from Olwen (01291 690836), Kay (01291 690324), Helen (01291 690607) or the usual sellers. A slight change in menu this year – soup, Harvest buffet and pudding. Looking forward to meeting old and new friends for lunch.

*Helen Hayward*

*(From Fieldgate – there are a selection of photographs from the Flower Festival to be found on page 5)*

# COFFEE BREAK



## WEATHER JOKES

What is a king's favourite kind of precipitation? Hail!

What's the difference between a horse and the weather? One is reined up and the other rains down.

What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks? "Fowl" weather.

What's worse than raining buckets? Hailing taxis!

What do you call two straight days of rain in Bryngwyn? A weekend

What is a queen's favourite kind of precipitation? Reign!

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**A return trip to the Tower,  
and a single for my wife**

A selection of photographs from the 2012 Feast of St Peter's Flower Festival





On June 23 members celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The President, Diane Watkins, read a poem about being the Queen and we all agreed we would not like her "job". Nibbles and punch were on the decorated tables and some members dressed accordingly. A Royal Quiz had been compiled by Diane and a relaxing evening was enjoyed by all. The Committee had provided delicious desserts with Carolyn Clode and Anke Jones acting as

hostesses.

The garden on the entrance to the Church had proved a challenge and Jill Fletcher was thanked for keeping slugs and rabbits off the newly planted garden for the duration of the Flower Festival.

Cakes were made for Usk Open Gardens and they were snapped up and a healthy profit for WI funds. A kettle had been purchased for Crawley Hall and Gail Wiltshire was congratulated on making beautiful curtains. It was agreed to make up our donation to Associated Women of the World to £20.

July saw members meet in Usk for a tour around Usk with Jonathan Edwards. Members learned many interesting facts and Jonathan said "the tour could have lasted two day" obviously Usk has a lot of history. The evening concluded with a meal at the Cross Keys Pub and we were very fortunate to have a fine evening.

Carolyn Clode, Carole Tranter, Sue Womack and Diane Watkins visited Llantilio Crossenny WI to hear the young singer, Molly, and all agreed she was a pleasure to listen to.

Orders were taken for diaries and calendars.

On a personal note this is the first time my husband has not mowed grass in June for fifty years. He did start farming at a young age!!!!!!

Sorry I was not going to mention the weather but I think it might be improving hopefully.

See WI members on Thursday 6 September for a talk on Home start – Help for Young Families

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This edition's Tales of Olde Bryngwyn has been kindly submitted by Fred Sutton and makes it Tales of Ye Current Bryngwyn!

Fred attends agricultural shows nationwide with Frank Sutton's Longhorn cattle. Despite the recent bad weather which resulted in a number of shows being cancelled, Fred and Frank have had quite a bit of success with their Longhorn bull, Parc Grace Dieu Tin Horns



So far in 2012 Tin Horns has won First Prize, Male Champion and Breed Champion at The Three Counties Show and after travelling to Yorkshire in terrible weather conditions, won First Prize and Reserve Champion at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Back in 2011, he won at The Three Counties, Royal Welsh, Burwarton and Monmouthshire Shows.

Congratulations to them all.



# Tales of Olde Bryngwyn

## DATES OF NOTE

2012

August 5<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 Songs of Praise  
 September 16<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 Harvest Festival Service & Lunch  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 Animal Blessing  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 All Souls  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 Armistice Service  
 December 7<sup>th</sup> – Plas Hendy  
 Coffee and Carols  
 December 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Peter's  
 Candlelit Carol Service  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> – St Peter's  
 Christmas Day Service

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### CHURCH SERVICES & ROTAS

	Date	Time	Readers	Flowers & Cleaning
August	5 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	H Hayward; O Smith	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	S Inglefield; S Vaughan	I Richardson, A Powell
	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	N Saunders; K Spencer	& J Norman
	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	O Saunders; B Fletcher	
September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	H Hayward; Sian	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	O Smith; D Inglefield	S Van, J Jones
	16 <sup>th</sup>	11am	S Inglefield; C Davies	& H Saunders
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	J Fletcher; H Saunders	
	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	B Fletcher; O Saunders	