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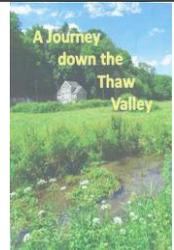
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This magazine serves them all.

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Please don't forget to pass on this edition of the magazine to people who would otherwise not receive it.

This Month's Cover

The picture on the cover is a reproduction of a painting by Louis Galloche (1670 – 1761) of the event which we celebrate on Whitsunday. In the Jewish calendar, it is the Feast of Pentecost and as recorded in the Acts:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire which separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

This has been termed "The Gift of Tongues" and enabled the disciples to go to foreign lands, preach the Gospel in the local language and thereby spread the Word, worldwide.

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.

From the Editor

Dear Friends,

As the years advance with ever increasing rapidity, memory becomes a fickle friend. You are able to recall trivia from the distant past, but have great difficulty with more recent events and promptly forget what it was that you went upstairs to get from the bedroom! You also blithely relate anecdotes to friends who are too polite to tell you that it is the fourth time that they have heard this less than riveting tale.

I am in the grip of such a moment now. I cannot for the life of me remember for certain if I have written about a certain occurrence previously or not. If I have, I hope that you will forgive my lapse and have the opinion that the subject is worth a second airing. Here goes!

How good are you at repartee? Probably you are like me and, when the occasion arises, do not have an appropriate riposte come to mind until at least 20 minutes later and the moment has gone. There is only one occasion in my life when inspiration came at the time and you can judge the rarity of it if I tell you that it happened over 50 years ago, and I still remember it clearly. The hockey team, of which I was a member, were on the way back from an away match in Ulverston and stopped off in Morecambe for an evening out. My friend Brendan and I went to the Pier where there was dancing. We went up to the bar and I made my order, "Two pints of bitter, please." The barman looked at us with an expression of contempt on his face and, with utter scorn in his voice, replied, "We don't serve pints here." Inspiration struck and I immediately responded, "All right, make it four halves then."

There are some people in this world for whom this would have been an event not worthy of note. Such a person was Winston Churchill and there are many incidents on record of his facility with words and particularly with the ability to come up with a "put down."

Another such person was Jesus Christ. He often had difficult questions put to him by unsympathetic, antagonistic people who were trying to catch him out. The Gospels relate numerous incidents where he responded with a perfect riposte. One of the best is the story of Pharisees trying to catch him out by asking if it was right to pay taxes to the Romans. Jesus asked for a coin. "Whose face is on it?" he asked. "Caesar's," was the reply. Jesus' response was perfect in the way it deflated the questioner. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Perfect!

Yours sincerely, *Eric Sparks*

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

A Prince Among Men

I am writing this on Friday 9th April 2021. This is the day when we heard the news that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, had died at Windsor Castle. Radio and television abandoned their scheduled programmes and gave all their time to broadcasting the sad news with many, many tributes of respect from a seemingly endless line of admiring people who wanted to extol the virtues of this man who died just 2 months short of his 100th birthday.

Born in Greece on 21st June 1921, and descended from Greek and Danish Royal Families, he and his family were exiled from the country when he was eighteen months old. After being educated in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, he joined the Royal Navy in 1939, aged 18. He was a brilliant cadet, passing out top of his year at the Royal Navy College at Dartmouth in 6 months where most others needed 2 or more years to qualify. He served with distinction in the Mediterranean and Pacific fleets during World War II and there is no doubt that he would have preferred to have had a career in the Navy.

He first met the, then, Princess Elizabeth in 1934 when she was 8 years old and began a correspondence with her 5 years later. They were wonderfully drawn to each other and in 1947, the King gave his permission for the two of them to be married. For the next 5 years, the couple enjoyed a form of married life which was as near normal as the Heir to the throne can manage and had two children before King George's death, in 1952, brought Elizabeth to the throne.

This, naturally, changed their lives completely and Philip had to abandon the Navy and become a consort to his wife, the Queen. He has performed this task in an exemplary manner, taking the necessary back seat at all functions but managing to make use of his talents in a wonderful way. He was Patron or President of over 400 organisations and was tireless in his public work. His keen interest in engineering, in the environment and in young people, the last leading to his renowned Awards Scheme, will serve as excellent epitaphs for a man of many talents. He was a keen sportsman notably in the field of carriage driving but his love of life and people made him popular with whoever met him. He will be well remembered in the Welsh valleys for his prompt visit to Aberfan after the dreadful tragedy there.

His 74 years of dedication to his wife and this country amply merit these words from St Matthew's Gospel "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

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Life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

Father Edwin's Page



Dear Friends,

I was reminiscing recently, remembering the olden days (before March 2020), when we were able to go on holiday. On just such a holiday, a few years ago, I found myself in a charming little town in Spain. The late morning sun was reflecting off the shimmering ocean... and I was hungry and fed up! We had arrived for a week of sun, sea and sand, on a Public Holiday, and there wasn't a shop or a restaurant open anywhere. But what a difference by the end of the day: the locals were celebrating the feast-day of their patron saint and, as a procession of people carried flowers through the narrow streets, music from a brass band filled the air. Now there were stalls selling all sorts of food, and people were spilling out of the restaurants and bars as a night of real celebration got underway.

All that seems a million miles away from our current situation, with so much uncertainty about the future and with many countries still dealing with repeated waves of Coronavirus. Yet we still have 2 Bank Holidays in May, and I hope we will all take the opportunity of a step-change to our routine, to pause, relax and reflect. Of course, this year we will find a dozen different constraints on where we can travel, who we can meet and what we can do, but that should be our encouragement to be creative and imaginative.

The word 'holiday' derives from the importance of a 'holy day' that was recognised by the residents of that Spanish town. A few generations ago, the Whitsun Treat was a highlight, when children and families from churches across the land were piled into buses and trains, and went off to the seaside – down to Barry Island, or off to Porthcawl for fun and friendship together. The Whitsun Treat brought together the elements of religion and rejoicing, as people celebrated a holiday together, and yet none of us seem to do that sort of thing any more. Today's 'Holy Day' is a chance for a day off work, rather than an opportunity to celebrate the goodness of God.

This year's Bank Holidays will certainly be quieter affairs than normal, yet that can be a reminder to us all of the value of family and friends. We might experience the joy of meeting up with people from whom we have been separated for too long or, perhaps, realise how often we take those relationships for granted. There's a strong link between faith and fellowship, religion and rejoicing and between the Holy and the holiday. Even in these strange and difficult times of the pandemic, I hope we will all be able to find ways of being in contact with family and friends, whether we see them face to face or on a screen, or whether we simply take time to pause and remember them in our hearts and prayers.

With every blessing, *Edwin*

In the field of observation, chance favours the prepared mind.

Rogation Sunday

Sunday 9th May is Rogation Sunday which is one of the traditional Farming Festivals in the Church calendar. The word 'rogation' is derived from the Latin verb meaning to ask, and Rogationtide is a time when we ask God's blessing on our work, that the season ahead may be fruitful. This was originally focussed on the land and the prospect of a good harvest, although Rogationtide has a broader relevance to our local community in its wider context, as we ask God to bless us in our endeavours through the coming year.

This year, our Rogationtide Blessing of the Parish will be held at St Mary's Church in Monknaish at 3.00pm on Sunday 9th May. The service will be held in the church yard, where we can accommodate a larger group of people (up to 30) under the current pandemic regulations. If you would like to attend, please email or ring the Parish Office (01446 792439) office@ghcp.church

We are encouraging all those attending to bring a flask (thermos or hip!?) so that we can enjoy some socially distanced fellowship after our Blessing of the Parish. In the meantime, please pray for our local farmers and all those involved in agriculture along the Heritage Coast, as well as all those whose work and livelihood is based in our local community.

Annual Vestry Meeting

For a second year, the Annual Vestry Meeting for the GHCP has been held online, with the meeting conducting the formal business of our Ministry Area and reflecting on the work of our 12 churches through the difficult year of 2020.

The Annual Vestry Meeting also appoints the parish officers for the year. Due to the current difficulty of bringing people together, we have asked parish officers to remain in post where possible, with Geoff Semmens and Jodie Taylor re-appointed as Ministry Area Wardens, and Alun Jenkins to serve as Chair of the Ministry Area Council. The Local Church Wardens (from east to west) are:

St Bridget's and All Saints: Joy Newton & Hazel Norfolk

Ewenny Priory: Alun Jenkins

St Mary's, Monknaish: Marie Sheppard & Sue Evans

Holy Trinity, Marcross: Sharon Evans & Jaci Harries

St James', Wick: Pennie Ayres & Lou Edwards

St Donats: Sian Roberts & Trish Bennett

St Illtud's, Llantwit Major: Eddie Williams & Tricia Lancaster

St Michael's, Llanmihangel: Sian Evans & Graham Bray

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3rd May - Llantwit's 'Annual Day'

You know that 6th November is St Illtud's Day – and of course in medieval times this was the 'holyday' for Llantwit Major townspeople. They would have the day off work as they gathered at the Pilgrim's Cross near Samson's Well (at the corner of the Old Wick Road and Castle Street), to be joined by people from neighbouring parishes, and process down to St Illtud's Church, carrying an effigy of the saint – just as they do today in Breton *pardons*, like the one in the photograph at Locildut At the church there would be a splendid High Mass – and then the partying began. A medieval fayre, games, all in honour of the town's patron saint, St Illtud.



All that would have disappeared at the Reformation in the 16th century – but the partying on St Illtud's Day seems to have been revived by the 18th century. Richard Fenton in his *Tours in Wales* written in 1806 says of Llantwit Major:

“The Saint is Illtud. His feast is held 6th Nov. Then they have revels, dancing, horse racing, etc.”

However by 1839 things had changed. Charles Redwood, a Cowbridge lawyer who lived in Orchard House, Boverton, wrote in that year about 'Llantwit's Anwyl Day' – which was held not in November but on 3 May. First he describes “this queer old place”, confessing an admiration of its women:

“The wenches of the more rustic sort are too much given to frisking and romping; but the ladies – oh! How staid, and prim, and discreet, how stately a gait they passed along of a Sunday towards church.”

However the men – “more huffing, hectoring, swaggerers, given to roistering and carousing.” And these, Redwood tells us “never were the folk to omit the due celebration of any festival; but there is one in particular, called Llantwit's Anwyl Day – the anniversary of a victory which they gained in old time over a band of Irish.”

We know that the monastic community and town's people at Llanilltud Fawr were frequently attacked by the Irish and the Vikings. The information board at the beach tells how the tables were turned then set upon and defeated. There is no historical record to verify that – but it's a good story.

They say that love is more important than money, but have you ever tried paying your bills with a hug.

It is the Vale of Glamorgan's website that tells us that Llantwit's Annual Day was on 3 May, the day the Irish raiders were defeated – and it is Charles Redwood who tells us how it was celebrated in his time.

The celebrations start in Cwm Colhuw. Someone impersonates the Irish captain, named John O'Neale, who pitches a tent on one side of the brook. The revellers taunt him from the other side calling him to "give them battle". Instead, John O'Neale sets fire to his tent and scampers off to much jeering.



Then "a Lord and Lady of high degree", impersonated by "a proper young man and a strapping wench" riding on horseback, lead a triumphal procession into and around the town.

Redwood describes the women joining the procession in graphic detail which cannot be printed in a family magazine. And, we are told, "the dogs and cats, no inconsiderable part of the population of the old place, know not what to make of the huge muster." But the celebrations give "an air of exultation even to the very walls of the old town, grey and tottering though they be."

In 1858 these wild and raucous celebrations were replaced by a service in St Illtud's and a dinner at the Town Hall organised by the Oddfellows. The Anwyll Day celebrations have been re-enacted in recent times, but it is no longer an annual event. We must remember that each village and town would have their own celebrations at this time of the year to mark May Day, the spring festival giving thanks for the resurrection of nature after the rigours of winter, and as Marie Trevelyan pointed out, this could have been Llantwit's way of doing the same.

Philip Morris

From the Registers

Burials

12th April, Eileen Gronow, aged 96 years, Barry

Autumn arrives in early morning but spring at the close of a winter day.

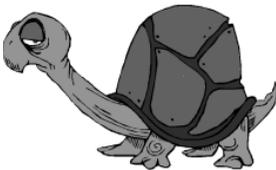
Humour

Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting to get different results, has obviously never had a computer.

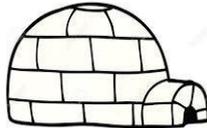
The new recruits were having their first session on the rifle range and having very mixed results. After firing his first shot, one recruit looked at the spotter to find out about his shot and received the following reply: "Well lad, I have some good news and some bad news for you. The good news is that you scored a bull; the bad news is that it was in the next man's target."

Tom was at the hospital visiting with his best friend Larry who was dying. Tom asked, "If there is football in heaven will you come back and tell me?" Larry nodded "Yes" just as he passed away. That night while Tom was sleeping, he heard Larry's voice in a dream, "Tom..." "Larry! What is it?!" asked Tom. "I have good news and bad news from heaven," replied Larry. "What's the good news?" asked Tom "There is football in heaven after all, but the bad news is you're on the team sheet for Saturday."

George went into a pub, sat down at the bar and asked the landlord for cigarettes? The landlord told him, that they had a cigarette machine. So George went over to the machine and before he even put any money in, a voice said "Oi, you're an idiot." George thought, "That's not very nice," and returned to the bar. He then asked the landlord for some peanuts. The landlord passed George a bowl of peanuts and the man heard one of the peanuts say, "Ooh, I like your hair." George said to the landlord, "Hev, what's going on here? Your cigarette machine insults me and this peanut is saying nice things. Why's this?" The bartender replied, "Oh, that's because the machine is out of order and the peanuts are complementary."



I can't wait to get my nails done.



I've had enough of this lockdown. I want to go to the pub.

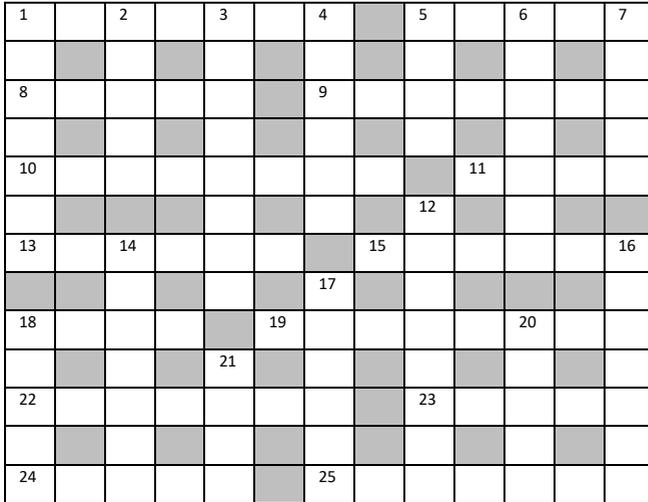


Where did you have to go to get vaccinated?

There is no reciprocity. Men love women, women love children, children love hamsters.

Puzzle Page

Crossword No 104



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| Across | Down |
| 1 Splits | 1 Intrude |
| 5 Nurse | 2 Poison |
| 8 Ligament | 3 Trim |
| 9 Defeat | 4 Puffed |
| 10 Revealed | 5 Slices |
| 11 Steers | 6 Eases |
| 13 Metal | 7 Fibre |
| 15 Mural | 12 Drawings |
| 18 Ditch | 14 Blame |
| 19 Identical | 16 Openly |
| 22 Frees | 17 Tightens |
| 23 Unfit | 18 Trousers |
| 24 Coily | 20 Adjust |
| 25 Devoutly | 21 Flower |

Answers

Across: 1 Divides, 5 Caret, 8 Sine, 9 Outplay, 10 Unmasked, 11 Oxen, 13 Bronze, 15 Fresco, 18 Jilt, 19 Selfsame, 22 Acquit, 23 Inapt, 24 Shily, 25 Sainly.
Down: 1 Disturb, Venom, 3 Downsize, 4 Smoked, 5 Cuts, 6 Relaxes, 7 Rayon, 12 Graffiti, 14 Obloquy, 15 Overtly, 17 Tenses, 18 Jeans, 20 Adant, 21 Iiv.

Mini Quiz

- Which city is the largest in Canada, by population?
- Which Norman King built Corfe castle on the Isle of Purbeck?
- Stretching over 9 countries, which is the largest rainforest on earth?
- What type of performer is also known as a 'Funambulist'?
- On 30th April 1973, who told his fellow Americans "There can be no whitewash at the White House"?

Answers

1 Toronto, 2 William the Conqueror, 3 Amazon, 4 Tightrope walker, 5 Richard Nixon.

Children's Word Ladder

Go from one word to the next by changing only one letter. The first three words

CORN	MAIZE
CORE	CENTRE
SORE	TENDER
	TYPE
	HARBOUR
	MAIL
	PRICE
	BIRD
	FOOTWEAR
	SHIP
COAT	GARMENT

CORN, CORE, SORE, SORT, PORT, POST, COST, COOT, BOOT, BOAT, COAT.

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Come, see the place

It was one of those rare defining moments of awe, respect and wonder when we felt that history was being made, as I stood just outside the main door of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with Anne Hughes, my churchwarden, and looked at the uncovered tomb of her ancestor, Phillip D'Aubigny.

He joined the Fifth Crusade in about 1222, and was said to be a brilliant engineer, probably helping with the building of Jerusalem, falling to his death there in 1236. His tomb lies in the courtyard, to the right of the main entrance, and was protected with a wooden cover which was removed for Anne to see where her ancestor of 22 generations ago lay.

In 1810, when all the other Crusader tombs were desecrated, this one escaped destruction as it was hidden by a stone bench, now long since removed, so we were able to see it in 1995, during the third pilgrimage to the Holy Land for me to lead.

After this remarkable experience we were able to join all the other pilgrims inside the church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is not what you would expect inside a church, unless you had been warned.

First there is the noise, as it is nearly always crowded with pilgrims from different countries, each with their own leaders as guides trying to make themselves heard. Then there are the multitude of chapels, each belonging to different Christian bodies, Coptic, Greek and Russian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, vying for space within the vast building, and in the past sometimes even fighting over it.

The present church was rebuilt by the Crusaders after recapturing the city from the Muslims in 1099, and inside the building two flights of steep stone steps lead up to Calvary, its floor being level with a cube of rock left when the original church was built in the fourth century.

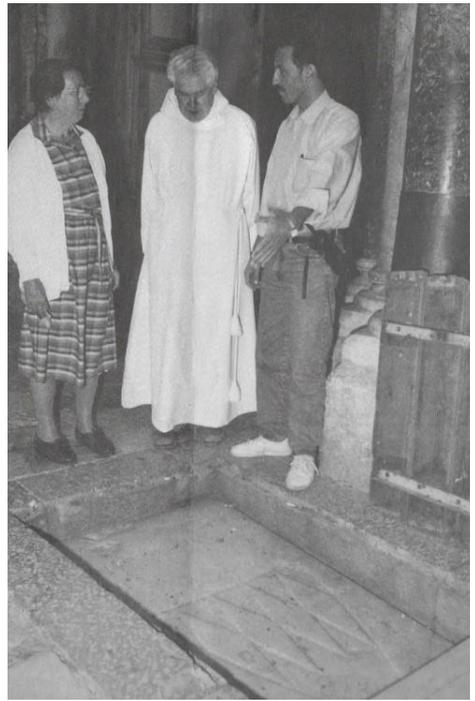
There are two chapels here, one belonging to the Roman Catholics and the other to the Greek Orthodox, both said to be built over the actual site of the crucifixion. If you go into the Greek Chapel and kneel down partly under the altar, you can reach down through a hole in the paving and touch the rock in which the cross was thought to have been set.

Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.

Some Christians will be moved profoundly, even if it can't be proved that these are the actual sites of such antiquity and veneration; feeling that they are sacred places where pilgrims have come and prayers have been said for so many centuries; and have their faith strengthened by the visit.

Others will find that a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre does nothing for their faith, and the idea of kneeling down to touch what might have been the site of the cross quite abhorrent; something about which I warned each group whenever I led a pilgrimage.

In the end we have to remember the message of the angels to the women when they went to the empty tomb on Easter Day: He is not here - He is risen.

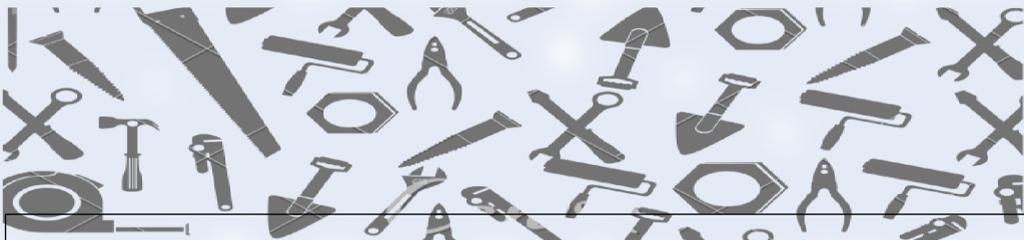


The Funeral

We learn that the Duke of Edinburgh planned his funeral down to the very last little detail and how impressive it was. From the use of an olive green LandRover as a hearse, to the sounding of "Action Stations" as the coffin was lowered into the vault, it was very moving and surely brought a tear to many an eye. One detail, which may have escaped notice, is the choice of the hymn. "Eternal Father" has the obvious connection in that it is the sailors' hymn. What is less obvious, is that the tune to which it was sung is called "Melita" which is the original name of the island of "Malta" (Acts 28 v1 AV) where the Duke and, the then, Princess Elizabeth were stationed for two happy years at the start of their long marriage.

During WW2, Buckingham Palace was bombed, and it was well reported at the time that, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother said that she was glad! She explained that the event would enable her to look the heavily blitzed East Enders in the eye, as they now had something in common. It was with a similar motive that the Queen did not seek any softening of the current Covid regulations at the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral and sat on her own with no more than 29 other mourners present.

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.



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Lateral Thinking

Q1 George made a bet with his pal Arthur. George said that he could jump out of the window of a ten storey building on to the concrete path below without sustaining any injury whatsoever. Arthur took on the bet for £100 confident that that George was certain to be injured if not killed, but George proceeded to do exactly what he said and won the bet being completely unscathed. Explain how he did it.



Q2 In five years time, Michael will be three times as old as he was three years ago. How old is Michael now?



Q3 Derek is kidnapped by a slave master who has two sons. One of the sons is called Thomas the Terrible and other is called Albert the Awful and the slave master says that Derek will be a slave to one of his sons. Not unnaturally, Derek wants to escape this punishment and persuades the slave master to allow him to make a statement. If this statement is true, Derek will serve Thomas the Terrible, if it is false, he will serve Albert the Awful. Derek makes his statement as a result of which the Slave Master has to release him. What does Derek say?



Q3 Derek's statements is: "You will make me the slave of Albert the Awful." If the Slave Master does make him serve Albert the Awful, the statement will have been true but the true statement should have made him slave to Thomas the Terrible. If the Slave Master makes him serve Thomas the Terrible, his statement will have been false and should have made him serve Albert the Awful. The Slave Master cannot carry out his threat so he has to release Derek.

Q2 Seven years old.

Q1 George jumped from a ground floor window of the ten storey building.

I never forget a face, but in your case, I'll be glad to make an exception.

So what happened next?

On the Sunday after Easter three years ago I launched part one of the history of the Parish Magazine; the last page of which left the Vicar preparing the first issue for 1972. So what happened next?

I had thought that the lockdown last year would give me plenty of time to answer that question, and I looked through the next few years to see what was of note, with finally writing the first page on 14th October. But that, alas, was as far as it went, for the rest of that horrendous time was spent in just keeping alive.

So now, with restrictions easing and having had my two doses of vaccine, maybe this is the time to start again, just picking out highlights, as follows.

February 1972.

Because of his poor eyesight, in mid-January the Vicar would have written this issue in daylight ready for printing, as people would have been using candles in the evening.

January had hardly begun before the miners all came out on strike, and the Government had had to declare a State of Emergency, which meant a total blackout for nine hours every day, and for most people their only recourse was to use candles or go to bed early.

This was not a good start for the Silver Jubilee of the Magazine, which was now in its 26th year of publication, and had little hope of fulfilling the “Happy New Year” title of the first issue.

As the strike did not end until 28th February, he was able to comment on its effect on the country in the March issue, under the title. “Side Lights in the Black-out”.

The strike of the coal miners and the power cuts have great implications for the life of the nation, but they also highlighted, if one can use this word on such a dark subject, two characteristics of our so-called way of life. One was that the amount of shop-lifting shot up, especially in the big stores, to record levels. It may have been expected, but it says little for the honesty and decency of so many of our people who could exploit a situation in which many people were suffering much hardship. The other, more cheerfully, was that some families found again the pleasure of talking to one another-they had to, or just go to bed. A father said, “You know, I really enjoyed the late night black-out. For the first time in years the family sat around and talked; we really had conversation and it was great.” No comment is needed.

Age doesn't matter unless you are a cheese, a wine or a whisky.

In Brief:

In St. Donat's Notes the Vicar welcomed the Revd. David Lewis as Priest in Charge of Wick, Monknash and Marcross, which meant that the people from those parishes would now leave worshipping at St. Donat's. He also commented on the felling of most of the trees in the cwm leading down to the church by the Forestry Commission, saying it had the appearance of great devastation and much mud, but had proved necessary as many of the fine looking trees had overgrown and had severe rot. He hoped that in the long run it should lead to improved appearance.

David G. Brunning

Llantwit Major Mother's Union

I hope that members have all been enjoying the new MU "Connected" magazine. It is packed with interesting and thought-provoking articles and news of what our fellow members all over the world are doing.

As we turn our thoughts to May, when we would normally have been having our Deanery Festival we miss those opportunities we normally have to meet up with our fellow members. MU centrally will be sharing their "*Thy Kingdom Come*" service on May the 14th at 2.00pm on their Facebook group and also on You Tube. Details will be in our weekly email news.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement. It is an open invitation to Christians around the world to pray from Ascension Day to Pentecost each year that more people will come to know Jesus. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen and further their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 of their friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

The MU You Tube channel is at MothersUnion - YouTube

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Both these pages have many interesting links to explore.

Many of us will be joining the service online and we hope that others will too.

Sue Beetlestone – Branch Leader for Llantwit Major

To find a fault is easy to do better may be difficult.

Saint of the Month

3rd May: Henry Vaughan, Poet

Those who follow Rhian's daily Church and Community blog, <https://rhianprime.wixsite.com/churchinthecommunity>, may remember that back in the summer, one of the Friday videos featured the Welsh poet Henry Vaughan. This was one of three videos Sheila and I made originally for the Ewenny Arts Festival but of course that had to be cancelled last year. The other two also featured Welsh poets – George Herbert and Ann Griffiths – in a series we called *Poets in their landscape*.

Henry Vaughan's landscape was the Usk Valley in Breconshire. He was born near the village of Llansantffraed in 1622 and died there in 1695; his grave can be seen in the churchyard.

Henry Vaughan was the major Welsh poet of the Commonwealth period in our nation's history. He began studying law at Oxford before returning to Llansantffraed when civil war broke out between Parliament and Charles I in August 1642. Vaughan became a cavalry lieutenant in the King's army and fought in a battle near Chester in 1645. On his return to Llansantffraed in 1646, Vaughan underwent a spiritual awakening, which he attributed to the 'holy life and verse' of George Herbert. He published a number of collections of poems and prose, a mixture of devotional writings and reflections on the countryside around Llansantffraed that he loved so much, especially the river Usk. In fact Vaughan called himself 'Swan of Usk'.

Henry Vaughan lived through turbulent times with the Civil War. One of his most famous poems was set to music by Hubert Parry during another turbulent time in British history, the First World War. In *My soul there is a country* Henry Vaughan directs us to a country where a winged sentry stands guard --the winged sentry that awaits us is Peace herself. The lines of battle, the soldier in ranks and files, are no longer commanded by military men but by one, "born in a manger." All are invited to draw near to the flower of Peace, a "rose which never withers.

To see our video on Henry Vaughan with more of his poems, go to https://youtu.be/n5ZNMQ_IEqE



Philip Morris

The Meaning of Whitsun

Jesus was crucified, He died and was buried and rose again from the dead after three days. These events are celebrated at Easter. After His Resurrection, Jesus continued to teach his eleven remaining Apostles for a further forty days and then ascended into Heaven.



The Feast of the Ascension is on a Thursday and is followed ten days later by Pentecost which means "the Fiftieth Day". Pentecost was a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. It is now observed in the Christian Church to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church."



People now, more often, call it Whitsun derived from "White Sunday" Whit was the occasion for varied forms of celebration. In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks still take place at this time. Typically, the parades include brass bands and choirs and the girls attending are dressed in white. The intention is to have a demonstration of faith and witness to Christ. Traditionally, Whit fairs, sometimes called Whitsun Ales took place. Other customs such as Morris dancing are associated with Whit, although in many cases they have been transferred to the Spring Bank Holiday.



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