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THE PARISHES LETTER...Revd Daniel Stroud

We are in the midst of harvest season, as the air cools down, the days get shorter, and the earth seems to fall asleep after having yielded her bounty. This is a significant moment in rural communities such as ours, both from an economic standpoint as well as a social one. There is another aspect that might easily fall by the wayside, however, and that is the spiritual aspect.

As we move through the season, thanksgiving is called to mind for what has grown and come in, but it presents us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. Though struggles occur and we all face challenges, they do not negate the blessings we've received any more than the blessings wipe out the reality of our challenges. Still, each of us has a great deal for which to be thankful.

So as we gather to sing harvest songs or simply to celebrate the season, why not also take a moment to remember and give thanks to God all the many blessings of our lives. Whether it is the love of our friends and family, the satisfaction of our productive labours, the recreation brought about by a hobby, or simply the incredible beauty of the place in which we live, we all have things that bring joy and light into our lives, and for each and every one of them, we offer our thanks and praise unto the Lord!

Yours in Christ,

Daniel+



Harvest Celebrations in the Bro Famau Group details on Parish News pages

Nannerch	Friday 29th September
	Combined with Patronal Festival

- **Gwernaffield** Saturday 7th October 7pm Harvest Supper in the Church Hall
- Llanferres Thursday 12th October 7pm in Church followed by light refreshments
- Rhydymwyn Friday 13th October 7pm Speedy Harvest with refreshments
- Cilcain Sunday 22nd October 11 am Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch



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WORSHIP in OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1st October	16th Sunday after Trinity				
Cilcain	11.00 Morning Worship				
Gwernaffield	11.00 Morning Worship				
	18.00 Holy Communion (Healing Service)				
Llanferres	9.30 Morning Worship				
Nannerch	9.30 Holy Communion				
Rhydymwyn	9.30 Morning Worship				
Sunday 8th October	17th Sunday after Trinity				
Cilcain	8.00 Holy Communion				
Gwernaffield	11.00 Morning Worship				
	18.00 Evening Prayer				
Llanferres	9.30 Morning Worship				
Nannerch	9.30 Family Service				
Rhydymwyn	9.30 Holy Communion				
Sunday 15th October	14th Sunday after Trinity				
Cilcain	11.00 Morning Worship				
Gwernaffield	11.00 Holy Communion				
	16.00 MESSY CHURCH in the Church Hall				
	18.00 Evening Prayer				
Llanferres	9.30 Holy Communion				
Nannerch	9.30 Morning Worship				
Rhydymwyn	9.30 Morning Worship				
Tuesday 17th October	18.30 Mission Area Eucharist				
	St James, New Brighton				

Sunday 22nd October	19th Sunday after Trinity
Cilcain	11.00 Harvest Celebration
Gwernaffield	9.30 Family Praise (in Church Hall)
	18.00 Evening Worship
Llanferres	9.30 Morning Worship
Nannerch	9.30 Morning Worship
Rhydymwyn	10.30 Family Service

Sunday29th October 19th Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday Bro Famau Group Holy Communion

10.30 St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain

Gwernaffield

18.00 Evening Worship

Mid week services

Tuesdays 9.30 at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield **Wednesdays 10.30** at St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain



Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

This is the question that Jesus asked his disciples when they were near the city of Caesaria Philippi. (Matthew 16: 13-20)

This is the place where Jesus' ministry takes on a renewed purpose, when he starts to direct his course towards Jerusalem, his last Passover, arrest, trials, persecution and death on the Cross.

The disciples' answer is wide ranging - ' Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' Jesus follows up with, ' But who do you say that I am?' And Peter replies that he is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

This discourse is Jesus opening up the question of his true identity to his closest circle and Peter appears to get it right, but without an appreciation of what it will mean for Jesus (Matthew 16: 21-23.)

The first question is ambiguous as it is phrased. It could mean, who do you think the divine figure called the Son of Man in the book of Daniel 7: 13,14 is? Alternatively, Jesus asking who the people think he is, because most often in the gospels, he called himself the Son of Man. Bible scholars mostly say it is the second, because the same discourse is reported in the gospel of Mark, except the question there is, ' Who do people think that I am?' (Mark 8: 27-30)

I have the temerity to disagree. The reason is, the disciples first mentioned John the Baptist as the identity of Jesus, but he certainly was alive at the same time as Jesus, even though he died before Jesus. If it is indeed the case that Jesus' question referred to the figure in Daniel, Mark misunderstood his meaning, but that is not altogether impossible since he was reporting a conversation that had been told to him, probably by Peter, who as we know had a human propensity to get things wrong.

Really, it makes little difference to the outcome of the discussion, which was that Peter had been told by divine inspiration that Jesus was this holy and kingly figure who would rule eternally. But if it is correct that Jesus was asking about the figure in Daniel, it directs our attention towards that being, with whom Jesus associated himself.

For Jesus and his disciples their Bible was the Hebrew Scriptures. It was acknowledged by Jewish scholars that they contained prophecies of God's intentions for his people and the wider world. Most important of these were those relating to a Messiah who would come to redeem God's people and thereafter rule eternally. In divine form the Messiah would receive power to do so from God, and this is described in the passage from the book of Daniel referenced above, and in the book of Enoch. (The book of Enoch is not included in our Old Testament perhaps because it is very long, but it can be read on-line nowadays)

If Jesus asked us the same question he asked his disciples would we say, 'You are the man who went around the Holy Land doing good 2,000 years ago, or, You are the divine being to whom God has given authority to rule the world forever?' He is both of course, but I think his chosen title, 'the Son of Man gives us a lead to answer the second in the full knowledge of his full character that Peter did not have until later.

When I read Daniel 7: 13,14, I must say it makes my hair stand on end, or it would if I had some.

If you read this passage in the NRSV Bible please substitute ' one like a Son of Man' for ' human being ' since it only then connects with what Jesus called himself. This is allowed for in the footnotes.

The passage from Enoch 48: 2-4 is equally evocative and reads:

In that hour was this Son of man invoked before the Lord of spirits, and his name in the presence of the Ancient of days.

Before the sun and the signs were created, before the stars of heaven were formed, his name was named in the presence of the Lord of spirits. He shall be a staff unto the righteous and the holy whereupon to lean, without falling. And he shall be the light of all nations.

He shall be the hope of those whose hearts are troubled. All, who dwell on earth, shall fall down and worship before him; shall bless and glorify him, and sing praises to the Lord of spirits.

John Foxlee

Gwernaffield Church 82 Club Reunion

2017 is the 35th anniversary of the founding of the 82 Club and the 30th anniversary of the first of three 82 Club canal holidays.

A re-union evening for former members and leaders will be held on 14th October 2017 at 7.00p.m. in Gwernaffield Church Hall.

We are attempting to contact as many former members as possible. If you would like to attend please contact John Thelwell 01352 750962 or at john.thelwell@btinternet.com

I FROM THE REGISTERS I **Baptisms:** I 3rd September, Cadance Stacey Pauline Schofield Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield I I I I 10th September, Lewyn George Williams St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain I I 17th September, Thomas Alexander Mitchell Toyne I I St Michael and All Angels, Nannerch I I I I

JUST A REMINDER - IF YOU NEEDED ONE!

The old "round pound" is to stop being legal tender on Sunday October 15th

PLEASE spend them before that time and do not give the church treasurer yet another headache!!





Afternoon Tea

Despite the pouring rain on Saturday 9th September, we ventured forth to Pontblyddyn to support CREW at their Afternoon Tea in aid of SHARE. What a treat we had. Faye, our hostess, showed us to our table which was set out with a china tea service. A Tea pot was quickly brought, followed by a delicious selection of sandwiches and after wards more tea and many cakes of excellent quality.

There were stalls with knitted items, bags, craft and jewellery. We were so pleased that their efforts were rewarded with a sum of £530 being raised

Building Committee

The newly formed Mission Area Building Committee has had its first meeting at which it accepted its Terms of Reference. In order to familiarise themselves with the Mission Area churches, the committee will visit Cilcain and Rhydymwyn first.

Mission Area Worship

October will be at St James's, New Brighton at 6.30pm on 17th October and will be a Eucharist service.

November will be at St Michael and all Angels, Nannerch at 7.00 pm on November 14th and will be a Eucharist service

December will be at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn at 7.30 on 13th December and will be an Advent Carol Service

Mold Mission Area Facebook Page

Have a look at the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/moldmissionarea



MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar Julv until was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (auess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

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All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

- 1. Odo
- 2. Olaf
- 3. Osyth
- 4. Oliver
- 5. Olympias
- 6. Odilia
- 7. Omer
- 8. Oudoceus
- 9. Osburga

10.Ouen



Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

Word Search for October

William Tyndale

This month we remember both the 500^{th} anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and Bible Sunday, so it is a good time to pay tribute to William Tyndale (1494 – 1536). William Tyndale was an English priest and scholar who was the first to translate the Bible into English, and thus give the common person direct access to the Word of God.

The Roman Catholic Church and King Henry VIII were furious, and Tyndale fled England for the Continent. Here he completed the Bible, but was finally betrayed, arrested and imprisoned. He was condemned to be strangled and burned at the stake near Brussels.

His dying prayer was that God would 'open the eyes' of the King, and sure enough – two years later King Henry commissioned the Great Bible for the Church of England – which relied heavily on Tyndale's version.

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PRAYER DIARY for October 2017

ON THESE DAYS OF THIS MONTH LET US GIVE THANKS AND PRAY FOR.....

- 1 Holy Communion in St Michael's Church Nannerch this morning
- 2 Bellringers in our Mold Mission Area
- 3 Cilcain Show AGM in St Mary's Church this evening
- 4 St Francis of Assisi, Friar, AD1226
- 5 Mission Area Executive meeting this evening
- 6 William Tyndale, Translator & Martyr, AD1536
- 7 Diocesan Conference at St Joseph's school, Wrexham, Harvest Supper in Gwernaffield Church Hall
- 8 Thanks for the Harvest, which will be celebrated in various ways in our villages
- 9 St Cynog, Abbot, 5th century
- 10 Caring for God's Acre at All Saints Church, Southsea
- 11 Bishop's Staff meeting in St Asaph
- 12 Harvest service at Llanferres this evening
- 13 St Edward the Confessor, King, AD1066

Speedy Harvest at St John's, Rhydymwyn

- 14 Youth Workers' Breakfast at Gladstone's Library St John's sponsored walk this morning
- 15 Messy Church in Gwernaffield Church Hall

- 16 Daniel Rowland, Priest & Preacher, AD1790
- 17 Bench of Bishops meeting at Hawarden today and the next two days
- 18 St Luke, Evangelist
- 19 Dementia friendly meeting at Christchurch Pontblyddyn this evening
- 20 St Teresa of Avila, Teacher, AD1582
- 21 Those going to football matches today
- 22 Family Service at St John's Church, Rhydymwyn

Cilcain Harvest followed by "Bring and Share" Lunch

- 23 St James of Jerusalem, Bishop & Martyr, brother of the Lord
- 24 Carers in our Bro Famau
- 25 Lewis Bayley, Bishop & Writer AD1631
- 26 Alfred, King, AD899
- 27 Teachers, pupils, parents and support staff in the four schools in our Bro Famau
- 28 Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
- 29 Joint service in St. Mary's Church Cilcain; clocks going back marks the end of British Summer Time
- 30 Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher, AD1600
- 31 Catholic & Protestant Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation

AROUND THE PARISHES

CILCAIN Cilcain Show

Cilcain Show was once again a huge success, with beautiful weather attracting large crowds of people. There was an extra field in use again this year, as well as the Waen & the Church grounds. The refreshment tent was kept busy, and had a wide variety of food on offer.

There were lots of colourful stalls, and competitions for crafts, baking, garden produce, flower arrangements, & photography. We had lots of four legged friends competing in the Fun Dog Show. Rev'd Daniel even won first prize for the Dog that looked most like it's owner. Well done both of you..!!.

There were lots of entrants for the Mountain Race & junior Fell Race, as well as none stop Demonstrations & Various Entertainments in the main arena, field, Church & Village Square. Mrs Emma O'Neill, Head Teacher at Ysgol Y Foel was guest of Honour at the Show. There was indeed something for everyone. Many thanks to all for the planning and hard work that went into this event, and to all who helped whatsoever on the day. A very big thank you also, to everyone who came and supported us once again (and the Red Arrows fly past)

Quinquennial report

Following the Quinquennial report the minor repairs have been completed, spouts and drains cleaned out and the beautiful sash windows between the North & South Aisles are now all repaired and back into operation again. Many thanks to our Local Handyman, Jed.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving this year is to be on Sunday 22nd October followed by a "Bring and Share" meal. All donations received to be given to the Mold Food Bank

GWERNAFFIELD Mothers' Union

New members are always welcome – we meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please telephone Mrs Gaynor Morgan (secretary) on 01352 741515 for more information.

Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be the popular Hot Pot again. It will be held on Saturday 7th October from 7.00pm in the church hall, and tickets cost \pounds 5.00 including hot pot, apple pie and entertainment by local singer Angela Parker (\pounds 2.50 for children). Please contact Carole on 01352 740550 to purchase tickets

<u>Lego</u>

We urgently need small Lego bricks for Messy Church activities. Do you have any which you no longer need lurking in the attic or garage please? They can be passed on to John Foxlee or anyone at Gwernaffield Church - thank you

THANK YOU!!!

On our FIFTH ANNIVERSARY: A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO OPENS OUR CHURCH. Thanks to you, our volunteers, we are able to have our lovely church open 365 days of the year. What a splendid achievement! We have many positive comments in the Visitors' book and the church is also used by many local people who wish to go in to pray, reflect or be silent

Gwernaffield Village Carnival

Thank you for everyone who helped and supported us at the village carnival – despite the terrible weather, there was a great turnout and our bric-a-brac stall raised £92.00 towards church funds

Whist Drive

This will take place on Saturday 23rd September at 7.00pm in the church hall. Entrance is £2.50 (including refreshments), please phone Carole on 01352 740550 for further information.

Strawberry Tea

We are pleased to announce that the strawberry tea and car boot sale held over the summer raised a fabulous £410.00 towards church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this

Facebook Page

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to Peter Green who has kindly volunteered to post Events etc. for Holy Trinity Church on our Facebook page. If you have anything of interest to be included, please contact Peter on his email address as follows:- trawsfynydd@yahoo.com

LLANFERRES St Berres' day

Come and learn about and celebrate our patron saint Saint Berres on his actual anniversary day on Sunday 19th November at 9.30am, a special service followed by a glass of wine.

<u>Harvest</u>

The church will be decorated ready for Harvest on Wednesday 11th October at 2pm – any helpers would be much appreciated whatever your level of skill! The Harvest Service this year is to be held on Thursday 12th October at 7pm, with light refreshments in Church after. Please come along. Any food donations will go to the Flintshire Foodbank.

Change in opening of church

The Church will continue to be open to visitors during the day until the end of the month.

Defibrillator

Llanferres are lucky to have won a defibrillator from Arrhythmia Alliance which, once we have a cabinet to house it, will be situated on the outside wall of the village hall by the entrance. We have the first of our Community Life Support Training Sessions on 23rd September which is fully booked. When used alongside CPR a defibrillator can improve the survival rate after Sudden Cardiac Arrest to around 50%. It is important that there is quick access to the defibrillator so please note that the gate between the graveyard and the school field is locked so as not waste any time trying it!

NANNERCH

St Michael's Bell Tower

Acting on instructions from Robin Wolley in our Quinquennial Report, two intrepid souls (Ken Benison and David Wright) cleared out our bell tower. It was expected to be knee deep in bat droppings, but no! the jackdaws had spent the ten years since it was last cleared building their nests in there. The twigs were in some places a metre deep and when they were all removed (watched by one intrepid bat), they filled our porch. The bell mechanism was oiled and the floor swept clean.

The removal of the twigs revealed (in the north wall) a carving. No-one seems to know anything about it, so a photograph was sent to Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust. It was passed on to Robert Sylvester (President of the Medieval Settlement Research Group), who suggests that it is a sepulchral slab that once covered a grave, and perhaps it is 14th century in origin. It may be a lady, but the inscription at the side is very eroded and fragmentary.

More investigations are going on, so we will be very interested to know the results. Robert is going to visit us and venture into the bell tower.

The jackdaws will not be pleased that their access is now blocked, but there is still ingress for the bats.

Mothers' Union

Nannerch and Rhydymwyn Mothers' Union will meet on Tuesday 17th October at 2pm, Kevin Weston will be our speaker . He will talk on 'The Work of Lupus UK'.

The meeting will be at NANNERCH.

Family Service at St Michael's, Nannerch by Caitlin Moore aged 10

I love the Family Services. They're so informal and inclusive. I love reading prayers and enjoy that everybody can read in church, no matter what their ability. You can ring the bell from 9.15am to 9.30am and children can take the collection during the last song.

I like how there are some jokes said during the service. Sometimes when I'm at my grandparents, I go to church with them with them at Bodelwyddan and that is formal and unlike Nannerch, only adults are allowed to read. If you go to the local school you might be asked to read by Mr. Wright during Croeso Pawb.

I absolutely love the music. It is often music sung at the school and everyone knows it. I enjoy how the readings are explained to me and particularly when everyone came and had breakfast and we were asked questions like, 'Do you think you're a Christian?'

At the end of every service you can stay for refreshments, talk to your friends and their parents and if you want, give a donation for your drink, biscuits or cake.

Please come to the Family Service, you'll enjoy it a lot.

RHYDYMWYN Speedy Harvest Service.

This annual service will be held on Friday 13th October at 7pm. Members of the Kids Club will take part and there will be refreshments, which usually include doughnuts, after the service. Everyone welcome

Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored walk, a very sociable occasion, is on Saturday 14th October, leaving church at 9.30am. Come and join us!

Rhydymwyn Craft Club

Rhydymwyn Craft Club have been busy knitting and sewing in preparation to have a stall at the Mold Mission Area Youth Crew afternoon tea at Christ Church Pontblyddyn, which is reported in this issue on the Mission Area News page. The afternoon was a great success and we are glad to have been involved with this enterprise, which will send a container full of relief goods to the war-torn people of Syria.

If you would like to know more about the Craft Club, please ring Sue on 01352 741921, and for the Youth Crew, Mel on 01978 762709.

Course on the Psalms

Robin Brereton of Cilcain intends to run a course on the Psalms. At the time of writing the details are not worked out, but if you are interested in having more details, please contact John Foxlee on johnfoxlee@outlook.com or tel. 01352 810677.

Do not forget clocks go back



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS PREVIEWED

Please use these introductions to prepare for worship. If you are a reader at home who is unable to come to church, you might like to use these pages, with your Bible, to join the congregation on a Sunday in the reading of the same passages.

Sunday 1st October - 16th after Trinity

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 It was proverbial in Israel that God punished children and even grandchildren for their ancestors' sins. Not so, says Ezekiel. The Lord is not like that. Every person carries their own destiny, and everyone who turns away from sin and turns to God will be given life.

Philippians 2: 1-13 Paul is in prison, glad of opportunities to speak of Jesus to his guards. He still feels intimately linked to the Christians in Philippi, and his own humiliating circumstances inspire him to a much - loved reflection on the humility of Christ in coming to share human experience in order to unite us with God.

Matthew 21: 23-32 Jesus speaks with more authority than any prophet of former times, and more than John the Baptist. And his message in this gospel is much the same as theirs, and the same today: every person who turns away from sin and turns to Christ will be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

Sunday 8th October - 17th after Trinity

Isaiah 5: 1-7 The image of the vineyard is a common one in the Bible. God's people are those he plants, feeds, prunes, renews, and brings to a fine harvest. Isaiah is here warning that because of the people's unfaithfulness and bad leadership, Jerusalem and Judah are about to be over-run by Assyria: it is sometimes the will of God to allow his vineyard to be ruined.

Philippians 3: 4b-14 We have been hearing week-by-week Paul's reflections in prison. Now his mind turns towards the future. No worldly advantages compare with knowing Christ - that is, a deep experience of his renewing power - and Paul longs to know more and understand more, even though in this life such knowledge can only be partial.

Matthew 21: 33-46 Jesus takes the familiar metaphor of God's vineyard, and turns it into a castigation of those with responsibility for tending it. All those whom God sent to guide and direct, even his own son, were reviled and rejected.

Sunday 15th October - 18th after Trinity

Isaiah 25: 1-9 This reading underlies Jesus' parable about the banquet of the kingdom. The prophet sees that although Jerusalem will be laid waste, within the divine plan of salvation the land will be restored, suffering and death will come to an end, and God and humanity will feast together in joy.

Philippians 4: 1-9 Our weekly readings from this warm and affectionate letter come to an end with some personal messages, and a resounding call to constancy in prayer, to mutual love, and to an intense dedication to all the best things in life within God's peace.

Matthew 22: 1-14 In Jerusalem, Jesus' parable is a lesson for those who oppose him, and for all who do not accept his invitation to join him in feasting in his kingdom.

Sunday 22nd October - 19th after Trinity

Isaiah 45: 1-7 The Bible always encourages us to think that God's work can be done even through those who do not know him, and that any government may be his agent for good. Isaiah teaches that God will work through Cyrus, the foreign and pagan king of Persia, to free and restore the Jews.

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 This is probably the earliest of all New Testament documents. Silvanus and Timothy had been with Paul on the mission to Thessalonica, and he now reflects on how marvelously the converts' lives had been changed as the Holy Spirit touched them.

Matthew 22: 15-22 We continue to read Matthew's account of Jesus challenged by religious authorities. Here, it is a trick question about secular authority, and where the primary loyalty of a religious person should be directed.

Sunday 29th October - 20th after Trinity Bible Sunday

Leviticus 19: 1-2. 15-18 When Jesus was challenged, as we will hear, about keeping the Commandments, he quoted the two great positive laws we are never to forget. Love God with all your heart and , as Moses told the Israelites in this reading, love your neighbour as yourself.

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 This reading continues from last Sunday, in Paul's earliest letter. It reminds the Thessalonians that his mission to them had not been like other preachers who did it for profit, but under the gentle compulsion of the free Word of God.

Matthew 22: 34-46 In these conversations with Sadducees and Pharisees we find Jesus turning their arguments upside-down. It was a radical challenge to their authority and to the respect they normally enjoyed. This passage includes the two great commandments of love, which Jesus quotes from the Hebrew Scriptures.



Every 3rd Sunday in the month. **4pm - 6pm Gwernaffield Church Hall Next event** 15th October 2017



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Two real ales are always served, with an occasional third, plus craft lager from Great Orme brewery, and other local/big name beers. Opens 6pm Tuesday to Saturday, and 12 noon Sunday (closed Mondays).

Pub grub is served Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 6.30pm until 9pm, and Sunday lunch from 1pm.

With two real fires, we guarantee a warm welcome.

BT Sport for sports fans!

Families are welcome in the lounge area, dogs are welcome in the tiled floor bar.

For any enquiries, please call 01352 741464 and leave an answerphone message, or 07745 082197 anytime

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