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Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News

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Times of Worship

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Medi.

2	Gweinidog	Soar (peririndod)	
9 *	Parch Iorwerth Pierce Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00
16	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30
23	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Salem	2.00
30	Parch Robert Parry	Cefncaanol	10.30

Hyd.

7	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30
14	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Soar	2.00
21	Gweinidog (C) (Diolchgarwch yr Ifanc)	Rhiwlas	6.30
28	Mr T M Ellis	Bethania	10.30

Tach.

4	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00
11	Parch E Elfyn Richards	Cefncaanol	2.00
18	Gweinidog (C)	Bethesda	10.30
25	Mr Thomas Morris	Soar	6.30

Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt *
Cymun (c)

Llansilin Parish Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00
2nd	Matins	1 0.00
3rd	Holy Communion	8.30
4th	Welsh Communion	9.00
	Evensong	6.30
5th	Family Service	10.00

Llangadwaladr Church

2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
4th	Matins	2.30

Rhiwlas Mission Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
3rd	Matins	2.30

Please contact the vicar to arrange home communion, visiting or special services

Who's Who?

Gweinidog

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Llangadwaladr Church

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Dear People of Llansilin

On writing this, I am still catching my breath after a week of hectic activity culminating in the "Feeding of the 5,000", our diocesan festival on the International Eisteddfod ground at Llangollen. Of course, for the organisers the preparations had been ongoing for months. There must have been times when they wondered if they had been tempting providence when they chose that title for the event. But as it turned out, the weather was kind and all the disparate elements came together as planned and the total attendance over the two days must have been more in the region of 10,000. The festival culminated in a communion service attended by a great throng from all over the diocese and virtually filling the Royal Pavilion. It was a wonderful experience for members of small, struggling congregations who for once could really feel the Body of Christ flexing its muscles and the Holy Spirit filling us all with the Breath of God.

Notably impressive were the banners from every parish, each one a labour of love and made especially for the occasion and paraded before the start of the communion service making a very colourful and festive display.

In the "Meet the Family" tent we were able to get a kaleidoscopic impression of all the congregations of the diocese as they displayed themselves and the work that they are doing. Congratulations to members of our congregation who ensured that we were well represented on both counts!

Now that we have got our breath back, we mustn't forget that all this activity was a "launch pad" to get up speed for the Church's response to the challenge of the new millennium. As a result, every deanery is encouraged to plan a week of follow-up activities later in the year. Our programme of events takes place during Deanery Week, 23rd of September to the first of October, and precise details of the programme will be given separately. But most importantly of course, I do hope you will come and join in.

Your vicar, Kit Carter

Diary Dates

Sept 19th Re-ordering Meeting 7pm in St Silin's Church

Sept. 23rd - Oct 1st Deanery Week

Oct 5th Harvest Service at 6.30 pm St Silin's Church

Oct 23rd Llansilin Eisteddfod

Nov 24th "Antarctic Experience" in The Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Deborah Hill-Trevor will share her impressions and memories of an unusual journey. Refreshments. Tickets £3.50 in aid of Church funds.

Llansilin Eisteddfod is a Welsh annual October event. Thanks to the new translation service, it is now possible for non-Welsh speakers to enjoy this cultural and historical event of the locality. Anyone wishing to take part in the competitions can contact Hywel Jones, tel. 600 674.



Harvest Thanksgiving will this year be celebrated jointly with Llangedwyn as their Church is undergoing extensive roof repairs. Guest preacher Rev G.E. Wilson, Methodist Minister from Oswestry, will give a traditional Methodist service in **St Silin's Church at 6.30 pm**. This will be followed by a **Hot pot supper** in the **Memorial Hall at 8pm**. Tickets available from Church members. **Everyone most welcome!**

Milestones

Mrs Kay Hughes who died last May and was buried in St Silin's Church yard was a longstanding and faithful member of the Church congregation. She also gave her time freely and cheerfully by engaging herself in many village activities, like the Mother's Union, Over Sixties Club, Women's Institute, The Hall Committee, Parish Community Council, The Llansilin Sheepdog Trials and Show Committee and The Rural Car Scheme. She is sadly missed, not only by her family and friends but by the whole community for her many good deeds.

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO. CYLCH LLANSILIN

Bob blwyddyn mae ieuencid yr ardal yn cynnal gwasanaeth Neges Ewyllys Da yr Urdd, a doedd eleni ddim yn eithriad. Unwyd y gwasanaeth yma gyda gwasanaeth Cymorth Cristnogol, ac fe gafwyd orig fendithiol iawn.

Hefyd bu rai o'n hieuenctid in brysur ym myd addysg, ennillodd Eifion Jones, Bwlchydongau, wobwr am y myfyriwr Ilaeth gorau y flwyddyn yn Llysfasi, cafodd Lowri Jones, Pantglas Isaf radd B.A. mewn Drama yn Aberystwyth, ac fe gafodd Robin Evans Cynnyion Uchaf, radd B.A. mewn Saesneg yn Lerpwl. Rydym bob amser yn falch iawn o'n pobl ifanc, maen't yn glod i'n heglwysi.

Ar y trydydd Sul ym Mis Mehefin y merched gymerodd yr awenau. Trefnwyd y gwasanaeth gan y Parch Stanton Evans ar y thema "Gwaith a Gorffwys"

Mai 18ed., diwrnod Cyfarfod Pregethu, Rhiwlas. Y pregethwr gwadd oedd y Parch Wil Huw Pritchard o Sir Fon. Cafwyd dwy bregeth fendithiol iawn a the bendigedig yn y festri rhwng y ddau gyfarfod.

Cydymdeimlwn yn ddwys a Mrs Sali Jones, Gobowen (gynt o Rydycroesau), o golli ei mab hynaf, Islwyn, yng Nghnada. Bu Islwynyn wael am ambell I flwyddyn, a bu farw'n sydyn ddechrau Mis Gorffennaf. Bydd gwasanaeth yng Nghefn Canol ac fe roddir ei lwch I orwedd um mynwent Hengoed.

Oherwydd y Clwy y Traed a'r Genau ni fu Cymanfaoedd Canu y capeli eleni, ac ar ol y seibiant rwy'n siwr y bydd mynd ar y canu yno.

Bendithiwyd Jane Jones a William Edwards a diwrnod braf i'w priodas a'r Fai 19eg. Edrychai pawb yn ddel a chrand iawn yn enwedig y briodferch a'I morwynion, Nia, Helen ac Eleri. Diwrnod hapus dros ben a bendith Duw fo ar y ddau.

EMYR EVANS

SNIPPETS

- ❖ Thanks to the person who provided flowers for the tubs by the village fountain. It makes a colourful show in the village. Unfortunately, the fountain has been vandalised and the Police would like information about it.
- ❖ A new visitor leaflet is now available for St Silin's Church. Many thanks to Kate and Ben Beecroft of Sam Faen who were involved with the design ideas.
- ❖ Members of the congregation are invited to request favourite hymns to be used in services at St Silin's.
- ❖ During the summer a photographic record has been made of the various war service records to be on a National War Memorial database at the Imperial War Museum in London.
- ❖ A coffee morning for the Church in July raised over £400 for Church funds. Mary Morris who organised it wishes to thank everyone for their help and support.

Flower and Cleaning Rota St Silin's

Sept 2nd Tony and Gwyneth Jones
9th + 16th Brenda Jones and Lynette Moss
23rd + 30th Sheila Ashley and Val Talbot

Oct 7th + 14th See list in porch for Harvest
21st + 28th Janet Davies and Avril Jones

Nov 4th + 11th Olive Jones and Dot Renshaw
18th + 25th Anneli Thomas and Val Burton

Donations towards altar flowers are always welcome. Anyone wishing to put flowers in Church on a particular Sunday in memory of someone is welcome to do so.

New members on the rota would be most welcome. It involves about an hours work on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning arranging one pedestal of flowers by the altar, dusting polished areas (dusters and polish supplied) and hovering, usually together with another person.

If you would like to go on the rota, or talk about any of the above please contact Mary Morris tel. 791 233 or Margaret Lloyd tel. 791 472

Sidesmen's Rota St Silin's

Sept 2nd 10 am Communion TBA
9th 10 am Matins Dennis Sockett
16th 8.30am Communion Mary Morris
23th 9 am Welsh Service Vera Evans
6.30 pm Evensong Esther Milner
30th 10am Family Service Margaret Lloyd

Oct 5th 6.30pm Harvest Festival Wardens
7th 10 am Harvest Communion Sheila Ashley
14th 10am Matins Jeffrey Olstead
21st 8.30 am Communion D Hill-Trevor
28th 9 am Welsh Service Phyllis Hughes
6.30 pm Evensong Val Burton

Nov 4th 10 am Communion TBA
11th 10 am Matins Graham Moss
18th 8.30 am Communion Brenda Jones
25th 9 am Welsh Service Olive Jones
6.30 pm Evensong Gill Avery

Please arrange a substitute if unable to attend or contact Churchwarden. (Apologies to Jeffrey Olstead for the misspelling of his name in the last Newsletter)

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quoting reference VCH6

To Llansilin Newsletter

Helpmates is a local charity helping local people. We already operate in your area. You have probably seen our Dial-a-Ride minibus out and about. As well as this, Helpmates also organises a Care Service linking helpers with those who would like help. With extra funding from the Lottery, we are hoping to expand this service to help more people in Llansilin.

To be able to do this we desperately need more volunteers. Can you spare some time to become a Helpmate volunteer? Just one hour a week could make a huge difference to a member of your community.

We recently helped a bereaved gentleman in a village like yours. He did not know many people as he had retired there with his wife, to live near a grandchild who had since moved away. He found himself alone, isolated and missing company. Helpmates was able to bridge the gap with a volunteer and this has improved his situation and his outlook on life.

As a volunteer you will not be expected to attend meetings, sit on committees or do fundraising. Neither will you be asked to do housework, laundry or nursing care. We will provide you with training and support and pay you travelling costs.

We aim to link the volunteers to someone who has contacted us for help, matching like for like. As a Helpmates volunteer you may willing to go with them to do the shopping, collect prescriptions, visit and chat over a cuppa, go for a walk, drive to a garden centre etc. You will of course, be able to decide for yourselves how you spend time together.

If you would like an informal chat or more information, without commitment, please ring me Ros Slowley at Helpmates on 656882

More about volunteering

Many people believe that volunteering is for the retired, but they would be wrong there! Millennium Volunteering has been set up to introduce 16 to 24 year olds to the voluntary sector so as to benefit themselves and their community. Youngsters who carry out 100 hours of voluntary service are presented with a certificate to recognise their commitment. Those that go on to achieve 200 hours of service is presented with 'An Award of Excellence' signed in Wales by the First Secretary of the Welsh Assembly, Rhodri Morgan. Both certificates can form part of the young persons CV and prospective employers will know that this person has had hands on experience and shown commitment which may go some way towards securing employment. Interested? Please contact your local Volunteer Bureau or
*Gerry Frobisher, Volunteer Co-ordinator
Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council, Prestatyn.*

Oswestry and District Volunteer Bureau, would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in doing voluntary work. Not everyone is able or suited to work in close contact with people in need, but may be able to offer, for instance, sports coaching, conservation work to name a few. The Bureau would be pleased to assist you in finding the right slot for you. They also operate a 'Funder Finder Service' assisting organisations in finding the right kind of funding for community projects.

Volunteering leads to

- new friends
- new skills – free training in a range of nationally recognised qualifications available
- improved career opportunities
- a sense of fulfilment

Further details from *3Queens Buildings, Oswald Rd, Oswestry* tel. 67 00 21

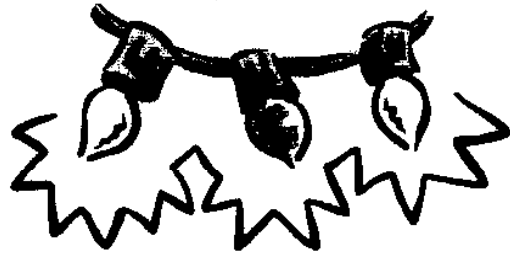
NHS Direct Wales

**Bilingual, confidential 24 hour information service
on health issues given over the phone by
experienced nurses
Dial 08 45 46 47**

Where have all the pictures gone.....?

More precisely, the ones that hung on the walls in The Institute before the renovations. Anyone who knows of their whereabouts, please get in touch with Arthur James tel. 791 346

Tree of Light for Christmas

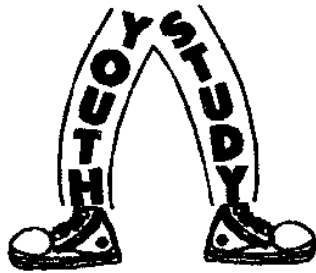


There are plans to have a lighted charity Christmas Tree in the Churchyard this year. The idea is that people sponsor a light in memory of someone they wish to remember especially at Christmas time. The lights will be switched on between the first Sunday in advent until Twelfth Night. If you would like to reserve a light at £2 each, please get in touch with Margaret Lloyd, tel 791 472. The money raised will be donated to The Shropshire and Mid-Wales Hospice.

New Village Craft Project

The Welsh Council for Voluntary Action is providing funding for a community project due to start this autumn. It will take the form of a RUGRAG WALLHANGING for the Memorial Hall and the technique used is suitable for children and adults alike. Tuition will be given and taking part is free. If you want to take part or are able to provide some materials, please contact Dot Renshaw tel 791 279.

Other regular craft classes will run in the village this winter, see notices in shop and on notice boards or contact Pam Johnson tel. 791345



**St Asaph Diocesan
Youth Council**

*The new Diocesan Youth Officer, Malcolm Evans can be contacted at the Diocesan Resource Centre, 20 Rhosnesni Lane, Wrexham. He will be happy to assist on any matter concerning youth activities in the parish. Youth Resources are available for loan from the centre.

*Weekend House Party at Llanfair TT on September 21st - 23rd for ages 12 and over. £30. Details from The Rev'd Rex Matthias tel. (01745) 720 273

*ROCK THE CATHEDRAL again this year on October 12th. Ear splitting stuff! Details again from The Rev'd Rex Matthias.

**A
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in
Christian Youth Work,
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with a progression to a final year full-time (or two years part-time)
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Details from
Dr Andrew Dawson,
Centre for Christian Ministry
Dept of Theology and Religious Studies
Chester College
Parkgate Road, Chester CH1 4BD

Tel 01244 375 444 trs.youthwork@chester.ac.uk

Sheila Ashley and Olive Jones would like to welcome children of all ages to Sunday School which will start again after a break on the first Sunday in September at 10 am in The Institute. Telephone 791 283 for details.

**Llansilin Playscheme
and
Community Group**

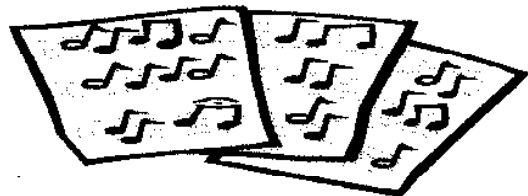
The third annual 'Festival of Play' which was held in August was a happy occasion for over 150 people, despite the wet weather.

The Youth Club, which meet in Llangedwyn Hall on Monday evenings led by Youth Leaders Paul Huggins and Gill Harpur, can look forward to a very full programme for the weeks ahead. (see list in garage shop) A trip to Alton Towers is arranged for Sunday 2nd September.

After School Clubs will start again the second week of September. New this year will be six weeks of taster sessions, 'Music with Val', who is a qualified and experienced music teacher.

A free one day Basic Food Hygiene Certificate course will be held in The Memorial Hall in September and there are a few places left. Later this autumn, there will also be a free First Aid course, probably a three day one, and therefore more in depth than basic first aid.

The Community Group would like to know if people are interested in using a Voucher Taxi Service Scheme. This would be in addition to the present Rural Car Service and would extend beyond medical visits. If a need is identified, funding will be sought and the scheme implemented by the issuing of vouchers of a certain value to be used for taxi rides in conjunction with a local taxi firm. Please contact Sian tel. 791 371 for further details on any of the above issues.



ST. SILIN'S is indeed the envy of all the dioceses in the Church in Wales because it houses a unique organ. Built during the 1820's by John Nicholson of Palace Road, Worcester, it was initially designed as a house organ, most probably for use in one of the great manor houses in the district in private worship. It moved to St.Silin's sometime in the 1840's and was located in the gallery where it remained for fifty years before being brought down into the Church and placed in its present position.

Its uniqueness has nothing to do with its size, as it only has one console, a limited range of twelve stops and a full sized pedal board. No, it is coveted so much because all of the original mechanism is in pristine condition, wonderfully preserved and maintained during the last century with any modernisation having been very sensitively carried out.

If anyone would like the chance of trying out this magnificent and historical instrument please contact me on tel. 659 369. If anyone is interested in taking formal lessons in playing the organ, they can contact Esther Milner tel. 791 323

Morfudd Willimas, Church Organist

Congratulations to Cor Llansilin Choir who competed at The National Eisteddfod in Denbigh this summer.

Neuadd Goffa Llansilin Memorial Hall

The Hall Committee has been fortunate enough to obtain a grant of £4,765 from the Community Fund (formerly known as the National Lottery Charities Board) through their scheme *Small Grants for Small Groups*. The grant will be used to rectify a severe condensation and natural ventilation problem that exists in the toilets and the main hall ceiling. Work will also be undertaken to upgrade the finish of the toilet walls with ceramic wall tiles

The intention is to carry out the work during the school summer holidays so as to minimise the disruption to both the school and the community activities. Hopefully, by the start of the next school year, everything will be back to normal
Arthur James

Cyngor Bro Llansilin Community Council

Road repairs in the area that had been on the books have now been completed including improvements at Rhiwlas and Cefnfanol.

Recommendations to adopt a draught agreement between the Community Council and Powys County Council for joint funding of the Youth Club for twelve months initially was passed. This has now been successfully operating with a good attendance.

Members agreed to renew membership of Clwyd Community Chest as many local organisations benefited. The sum of £50 was also donated towards printing costs of Llansilin Newsletter.

Following complaints by village residents, notices displaying penalties for fouling of public areas by dogs are now in place following consultation with the Environmental Officer who located six sites.

A response from the Boundary Commission explained that for parliamentary purposes the parish was in Clwyd South West but in Powys for local government purposes. This is common in many areas and would not be changed in the foreseeable future.

The council's views were sought on listing of place names in the parish to ensure that Welsh names were spelt correctly. This was found to be the case. The Llanrhaeadr YM sign by the Church gate needs attention.

A planning application for extensions to Chapel House was supported.

Oswestry and District Helpmates have obtained a substantial grant, which will enable them to operate community transport in the Cain and Tanat valleys. The council accepted an offer to make a presentation regarding the service.

Information about the limited opening of rights of way was received from Powys County Council.

Please note that members of the public and the press are welcome to attend Council meetings.



Question: What is the benefit to a charity (Church, Chapel) of a GWADD (give with a direct debit) compared with a one-off donation under Gift Aid?

Answer: The advantages of GWADD go beyond generating 28p per £1, namely:

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- Provides a regular income to the receiver for budgeting of resources
- The tax refund is paid out monthly and not once a year or for a minimum of £100
- Very little parish administration is involved once set up.

Of Course, a one-off gift is still very welcome.

But remember, GWADD and Gift Aid is only appropriate if the giver is a tax payer.

Graham Moss tel. 791 528 or Carys Evans tel. 791 240 will be happy to discuss, with complete discretion, the type of giving that suit you

God Given

When God gave out brains, I thought he said trains, and I missed mine.

When God gave out looks, I thought he said books, so I didn't want any.

When God gave out noses, I thought he said roses, so I asked for a big red one.

When God gave out chins, I thought he said gins, so I ordered a double.

When God gave out legs, I thought he said kegs, so I asked for two fat ones.

When God gave out heads, I thought he said beds, so I asked for a soft one.

Boy, am I in a mess!

Village Activities



& other useful bits of information

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth, from September on Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm in Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel. 791 240

Bowls Club 7.30 pm in Memorial Hall on Mondays. Contact Sharon Lee tel. 831 431

Community Council meet every second Tuesday alternate months 7.30 pm in Memorial Hall. Contact Harry Hughes tel. 657 972

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin (Welsh Cultural and Literary Society) September to April in Memorial Hall on Mondays 7 - 9 pm. Contact Sarah James tel. 791 346

Drawing and Painting for all, Rhiwlas Community Centre Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon. Run by the North Shropshire College.

Exercise to Music Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm Memorial Hall, £2 per session. Contact Marion Hood tel. 791 277

First Llansilin Guides meet in The Institute Tuesdays at 7 pm term time. Contact Alison Beeston tel. 791 262

Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation Group Comments and Questions regarding any aspect of medical care and practice to Rob Ellis tel. 791 214

Llansilin Mixed Choir practice weekly in the Memorial Hall. Contact Henry Evans tel. 791 410

Llansilin Playscheme, for after-school activities in sport, drama, arts and crafts. Contact Sian on tel. 791 371

Local History Society, Contact Chris Burton tel 791 274

Memorial Hall and The Institute. Chairman and Booking Clerk Arthur James tel 791 346

Mothers Union in The Institute every third Thursday at 2.15 pm. Contact Glenice Jones tel 791 287

Meals on Wheels Contact Olive Jones tel. 791 363

Over 60's Club meet alternate Tuesdays from September at 2 - 4.30pm in The Institute. Contact Nesta Morgan tel. 791 219

Police	Powys 648 222
	West Mercia 0345 444888 (local rate)

Playgroup on Mondays and Thursdays during term-time, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Carol Foulkes tel. 791 326

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Contact Will Thomas tel. 680 451

Rhiwlas Gardening Club every third Wednesday at 7.30 pm in The Community Centre. Contact Dorothy Bullard tel. 791 373

Rural Car Service for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Contact Christine Williams tel 791 563 between 8 - 9 am and 6 - 7 pm unless in an emergency.

Shopping Bus to Oswestry every other Friday leaving village 10.30 am. £1 return. Contact Sian 791 371 or Rosemary Edwards 791 203

Sunday School every first Sunday during term-time 10 - 11 am in The Institute. Contact Sheila Ashley tel. 791 283

Whist drive every second Wednesday September to May, 7.30 pm in The Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel 791 240

Womens Institute meet every second Friday at 7 pm in The Institute. Contact Pam Johnson tel. 791 345

YFC, contact Richard Evans tel. 600 228

Youth Club meet Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Youth Leader Elena Jones tel. 780 315

Garage Shop Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 6 pm
Saturday 8.30 am - 2 pm
Closed for lunch 1-2 pm

Post Office Monday 8.30 am - 2.30 pm
Thursday 8.30 am - 12.30 pm