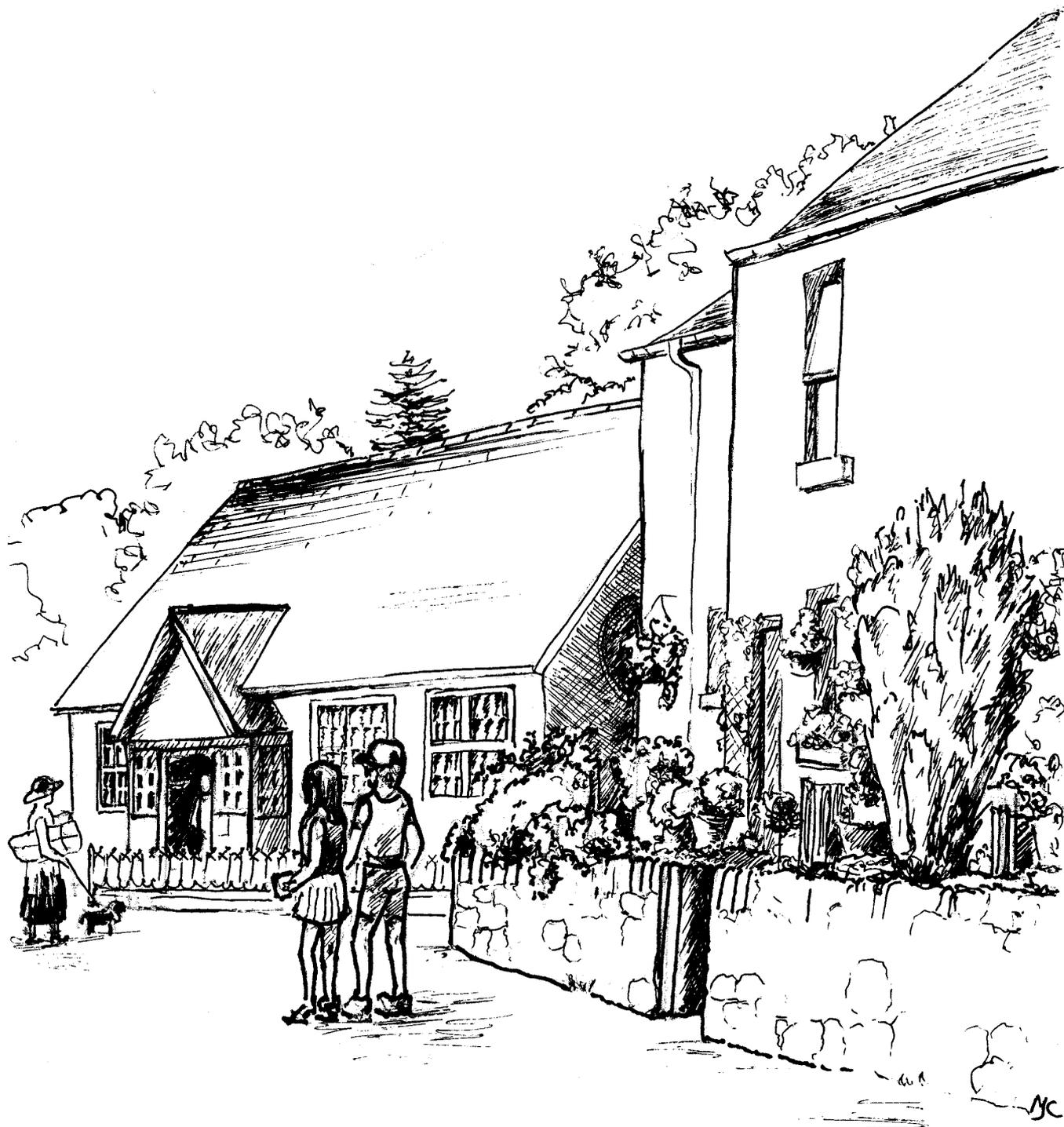


# **Llansilin Newsletter**

**Church, Chapel and Village News**



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## Times of Worship



### Llansilin Parish Church

|            |                           |         |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1st Sunday | Holy Communion in English | 10.00am |
| 2nd "      | Matins                    | 10.00am |
| 3rd "      | Holy Communion in English | 8.30am  |
| 4th "      | Holy Communion in Welsh   | 9.00am  |
|            | Evensong                  | 6.30pm  |
| 5th "      | Family Service            | 10.00am |

### Llangadwaladr Church

|            |                |        |
|------------|----------------|--------|
| 2nd Sunday | Holy Communion | 2.30pm |
| 4th "      | Matins         | 2.30pm |

### Rhiwlas Mission Church

|            |                |        |
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| 1st Sunday | Holy Communion | 2.30pm |
| 3rd "      | Matins         | 2.30pm |

### Llangedwyn Church

|            |                |         |
|------------|----------------|---------|
| 1st Sunday | Evensong       | 6.30pm  |
| 2nd "      | Holy Communion | 8.30am  |
| 3rd "      | Family Service | 10.30am |
| 4th "      | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 5th "      | Holy Communion | 8.30am  |

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

### Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

#### Medi

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|----|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 5  | Parch Stanton Evans     | Rhiwlas   | 2.00pm |
|    | Pererindod (i'w drefnu) |           |        |
| 12 | Parch Harri G Parri *   | Bethania  | 2.00pm |
| 19 | Mr Moelwyn Jones        | Cefnfanol | 2.00pm |
| 26 | Mr John Rosser          | Salem     | 2.00pm |

#### Hyd

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|----|--|-----------|---------|
| 3  | Parch Stanton Evans (C)<br>(Diolchgarweh yr Ifanc) | Rhiwlas   | 10.00am |
| 10 | Parch E Elfyn Richards                             | Soar      | 2.00pm  |
| 17 | Parch Iwan Lewis                                   | Cefnfanol | 2.00pm  |
| 24 | Mr T M Ellis                                       | Bethania  | 10.00am |
| 31 | Parch Ddr Nerys Tudor                              | Rhiwlas   | 2.00pm  |

#### Tach

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|----|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 7  | Parch Stanton Evans     | Salem     | 10.00am |
| 14 | Parch John Curig Thomas | Cefnfanol | 2.00pm  |
| 21 | Miss Rhoswen Charles    | Soar      | 2.00pm  |
| 28 | Mr Thomas Morris        | Rhiwlas   | 6.30pm  |

\* Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt (C) Cymun

### Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans  
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### Organist, St Silin's

Morfydd Williams Tel: 659 369

### Communion Assistant

Margaret Lloyd Tel: 791 472

### Parochial Church Council Secretary

Valerie Burton Tel: 791 274

### PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

Graham Moss Tel: 791 528

### Bellringing, St Silin's

Tower Captain, Eric Avery Tel: 791 298  
Steeple Keeper, Chris Burton Tel: 791 274

**Ringing practice** on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

### Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans Tel: 600 228

### Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans Tel: 791 471

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## The Vicar's Viewpoint

The clergy are living too long! Sad, but true. The fact that so many people are enjoying a healthy and active old age is naturally a source of satisfaction, but it is a major factor in the financial crisis which has overtaken the Church in Wales. Combined with a drop in revenue from investments, it means that the Church will no longer be able to subsidise the dioceses and make a substantial contribution to clergy stipends. Within a very few years they will be reduced to operating as just a pension fund – a fact which makes me feel rather guilty as I look forward to my impending retirement. In the wake of a recent review of the situation commissioned by the Governing Body, we can no longer do so. Bluntly, we have been living beyond our means and drastic economies are essential. The number of full-time paid clergy is likely to drop by a third within the next few years and our deanery of Llanfyllin, which now has a full complement of six, will be lucky to keep four and there is now no certainty that I will be replaced when I retire next year. In addition, the quota will continue to rise so that you'll be paying more to get less.

However, the future is not all "doom and gloom". The diocese intends to retain all or most of the present clergy houses, though they may now be occupied by clerics who will be working outside the parish as well, or by semi-retired people on a "house for duty" basis. More importantly, what happens from now on will depend on the spirit in which ordinary church people respond to the crisis. The debate on the future in this year's diocesan conference was entitled "Challenging Times", emphasising that we need to think in those terms rather than reacting to a threat, evolving new patterns of ministry in which paid clergy will provide advice and specialist backup, while most of the "leg-work" is done by unpaid clerics and lay people. Fortunately, we in Llansilin have already made a good start in this direction, much of the work of the church council being delegated to working parties led by members, but we need to share resources within the deanery as well. The diocese is giving each deanery £1,000 to promote mission, and we are proposing to use ours to hire in outside advice on how best to restructure the deanery for more effective outreach and service to the community, enabling us to meet the challenge head-on, rather than having piecemeal changes imposed on us from above. The bishop at his recent visitation seemed to like this idea and I rather hope that God will approve too. After all, what was the

mission of Jesus but a huge gamble challenging us to think the unthinkable in order to achieve the impossible?

*Kit Carter*



### August (end of the month)

- 28 Produce sale, Church gate 10 am to 12 pm
- “ Local sheep dog trials 2 pm
- “ Show and trials anniversary hog roast at the Wynnstay 8 pm to 12 midnight
- 30 Village show and open trials all day
- “ Church Gift day 2 pm to 4.30 pm

### September

- 5 St Silin's Day 10 am Holy Communion
- 11 North Wales Association of Bell Ringers quarterly meeting and striking competition
- 12 Coach to St Asaph for choral evensong: 1.30 pm from Llangedwyn; 1.45 pm from Llansilin
- 14 PCC meeting, 7 pm, Church
- 17 Study course, 7.30 pm, Vicarage
- 18 Concert in the Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
- 24 Concert by Esther Milner's pupils, Church 7 pm

### October

- 1 Harvest Festival service
- 2 Produce sale, Church gate 10 am to 12 pm
- 12 PCC meeting, 7 pm, Church
- ? Harvest supper, Llangedwyn (date to come)

### November

- 6 Produce sale, Church gate 10 am to 12 pm
- 9 PCC meeting, 7 pm, Church
- 14 Remembrance Sunday, Llangedwyn

### Looking ahead to early December

- 3 Llansilin Plygain at 7.30 pm
- 4 Final special produce sale, Memorial Hall 10am

## St Silin's Goes Fair Trade

The Diocese has asked all its churches to use as many Fairtrade products as possible. So, we can enjoy our Fairtrade food and drinks at church events even more, knowing that we are not exploiting some of the poorest people in the world who simply want the chance to earn a decent living for themselves and their families.

*We have received a donation of £60 in answer to our plea for help to fund this issue of the newsletter. We are most grateful to our generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.*

**CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GIFT DAY:  
Monday, 30 August**

**WHY A GIFT DAY?**

- ◆ Gift Day is the start of the public appeal for funds for an exciting extension project at St Silin's
- ◆ The enclosed leaflet describes the extension and its benefits for Church and Community
- ◆ Gift Day is the ideal opportunity for local people to support the project directly

**IS THE APPEAL THE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS?**

- ◆ No, of an estimated project cost of £150,000 we already have £95,000 in hand or pledged
- ◆ No, we have further grant applications and fundraising events in the pipeline
- ◆ But, the Appeal is a very important component of our fundraising effort

**WHO ELSE IS GIVING?**

- ◆ PCC members personally have already given or pledged a total of over £10,000
- ◆ St Silin's has allocated £26,000 from parish funds
- ◆ The trustees of the Maud Yearde Bequest (St Asaph Diocese) have allocated £58,000

**WHEN WILL WE SEE SOMETHING HAPPENING?**

- ◆ November 2004 will see the start of a six-month phase 1, if everything goes to plan
- ◆ Tenders will be invited in August for phase 1 (foundations, services, walls, roof, windows and external doors) and phase 2 (the rest!)
- ◆ Phase 2 timing depends on the success of the appeal and other fundraising actions

**HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION TO GIFT DAY?**

- ◆ Complete the form enclosed and place it in an envelope with your donation (unless you are making a pledge for a future donation, which is an option if you are unable to give now)
- ◆ Drop the envelope off at the Church on Gift Day from 2.00 to 4.30 pm, or send it to me, Graham Moss, Treasurer, at Bwlch-y-Rhiw, Rhydycroesau, Oswestry SY10 7PT
- ◆ Gifts can be anonymous or recorded in the planned Donors' Book, as required
- ◆ Please make cheques payable to Llansilin Parish Church Reordering Fund
- ◆ Thank you, from the Treasurer, who will acknowledge gifts unless requested otherwise

**Neuadd Goffa Llansilin Memorial Hall  
CYNGERDD MAWREDDOG/GRAND CONCERT**

**CÔR GORE GLAS**

featuring

**Aled Wyn Davies – Tenor  
Meilir Wyn Jones - Baritone**

**Nos Sadwrn/Saturday, 18 Medi/September  
7.30 pm**

**Tickets £5 (children £3)  
Phone 791346 for tickets**

**Proceeds in aid of Memorial Hall**



**P A L S (Players At LlanSilin)**

The group had hoped to put on an evening of one-act plays this summer but, sadly, has been unable to do so due to a lack of people prepared to tread the boards. We are lucky enough to have a venue (Llansilin Memorial Hall) with a stage, lighting and sound equipment, together with people happy to work backstage and help with props; and others to prompt and work front of house. What the group is short of is enough people willing to try going on stage and having some fun. It doesn't matter if you have never done it before – there always has to be a first time!

It would be a shame if PALS had to close down because of lack of acting support, so please have a go. The group is taking a break at the moment but hopes to start again in the autumn, meeting on Tuesday evenings in the Hall. If you are able to join please ring Alison Beeston on 791262.

**Christian  Aid Week Raises £618**

Christian Aid Week in May was again very successful. The coffee evening, with a bring and buy and a most interesting talk with slides by Dr Emyr Owen, raised £203. The collection from the united service was £82; Rhiwlas £51, Cefncanol £72; and there was an individual donation of £25. The house to house collections raised £31 in Llangedwyn; £40 in Moelfre; Rhiwlas £51; Llansilin £60. Our grateful thanks to the collectors, Sarah Hughes, Dorothy Bullard, Diana Hutchinson, Margaret Lloyd, Olive Jones and Rhiannon Lewis.

Rhiannon, district secretary, and John Jones, treasurer, wish to thank everyone who gave so generously to such a worthy cause.

## ***"State, Church and Chapel"***

***"State, Church and Chapel – Boundaries Challenged – Borders Changed"***, the new book with Llansilin and Rhydycroesau at its heart, is now out. Handsomely produced, it lives up to its promise of being richly illustrated and is a fund of information about changes in this border area. Those quick off the mark have enjoyed it and comments made so far include:

*"Not what I expected but surprisingly different and good."*

*"I have lived here most of my life but still learned much about the area, Excellent."*

*"Its standards bring credit to the area."*

*"Brilliant."*

*"Dad bought it yesterday and hasn't put it down since."*

Published by Llansilin Local History Society, the book costs £5. Income will first be used to offset publication costs and any surplus will benefit local organisations. It is on sale at the Christian Book Shop in Oswestry, the garage shop in Llansilin or from Charles Stiles (tel: 791393), who has led the project on behalf of the Society.

### **TWINNING WITH MONTGOMERY**

Twinning is a lovely new idea whereby members of other parishes can get together to share problems and successes. In May parishioners from Montgomery came here for the first twinning visit. At St Silin's visitors were greeted with ringing of the bells, refreshments and a talk about the history of the church. This was followed by a sunshine picnic at Llangedwyn Mill and culminated with a short service at St Cedwyn's.

In June over 20 members from St Silin's and St Cedwyn's went to Montgomery for the return visit. There, after a lovely afternoon tea, the Vicar's wife recounted the history of the church. There was a tour of the town while three of St Silin's bell ringers, the Vicar, Eric Avery and Christine Williams, joined others for a bell ringing session. Before departing, a short service was held and a vote of thanks was given by our Vicar over tea and cakes.

### **Good news!**

An induction loop and sound augmentation system has just been installed in the church – a surprisingly big job with "miles" of cabling! There will now follow a period of trials and familiarisation for the operators. We hope that the loop will be beneficial to hearing-aid users, who should switch their aid to the "T" position.

## **News from Ysgol Bro Cynllaith**

There have been 3 highly successful fund-raising events recently. The sponsored bike ride on 27 June was lucky with the weather and raised £500. The Fun Ride raised £629 and the concert in Pant Glas £500.

At the Leaving Service at St Silin's children from year 6 were given pencil pots commissioned by the PTFA and the best wishes of all the school. The House Trophy was won by Cynllaith this year and there were some good results in both the field and track events in the Area Sports. On an enjoyable trip to Conwy we walked the walls and climbed to the top of the towers.

To end on a less happy note, there have been several incidents of vandalism lately. The Police have been informed but, if you see anything or know who the culprits are, please let us know so that we can put an end to it. A lot of hard work has gone into the grounds and it would be a shame if they were spoilt by an unruly few.

### **THANK YOU. EVERYONE**

The organisers of the recent church fundraising events would like to thank everyone for their contributions, support and help to make them so successful. A special thank you to Erica Moss, June Meagre and Barbara Molesworth for a thought-provoking and entertaining Girls' Night Out, which raised over £400. Another special thank you to Dan and Glenice Jones for allowing us to hold the Strawberry and Sparkle Evening at their home, when over £600 was raised.



### **Competition in the Belfry**

We are privileged to host the North Wales Association Striking Competition on Saturday, 11 September. From 2 pm bands of visiting ringers will be competing in our tower till about 4.30 pm, after which they are invited to refreshments in the village hall, where the results will be announced! It is usual then to offer open ringing till about 7.30 pm.

### **Fountain Flowers**

The summer flowers in the tubs at the side of the fountain are looking lovely. Our grateful thanks to Dot and Bill Renshaw for making sure there is a colourful display throughout the year.

## Llansilin Community Council

At the May meeting Cllr D Sockett thanked Cllrs Mrs J Williams and R Ellis for distributing the housing needs questionnaire. The Powys Rights of Way Officer had agreed to repair the Bryn Dentyr stiles. The threatened closure of the village public toilets would be discussed at a later date. The funding agreement for the local youth club was signed and donations agreed of £150 to the Churchyard Maintenance Fund and £25 to Hope House Planning applications were supported for:

- two dwellings in former bus yard (renewal)
- boiler house demolition and extension at St Silin's church
- two-storey extension at 5 Maesyllan, Llansilin
- agricultural dwelling at Tynllyn, Moelfre (outline)

The following complaints were reported:

- opening off the B4580 Llansilin-Rhydygroesau road
- remedial work to Vron Ucha road not yet completed
- footpath sign to Sarnfaen required above Cefn-y-Braich
- open ditch near Bryn Celyn

At the AGM in July, retiring chairman, Cllr D Sockett, welcomed members after their success at the recent election, particularly the new member, Cllr Carol Foulkes. He thanked them for their support and co-operation and congratulated the clerk, H Hughes, on his re-election to Powys CC and his appointment as chairman of the Shire Planning Committee.

Cllr Mrs Marjorie Evans was elected chairperson and she thanked Cllr Sockett for the excellent way he had carried out his duties. Cllr D W Davies was appointed Vice-Chairman. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Joan Williams who had not sought re-election. The chair, vice-chair and Cllr E O Evans were appointed to the Planning sub-committee. Cllrs Mrs Evans, Mrs Foulkes and E O Evans were elected to represent the council on the Youth Club Committee.

A planning application for an extension at Tyddyn Maen, Llansilin was supported. It was agreed to renew membership of Clwyd Community Chest and to become members of "One Voice Wales". The annual audit would be on 5 August, Mr W Peck to be invited to act as internal auditor. The clerk was requested to report the following complaints:

- mirror at the top of the village needs re-aligning
- water on the road in Moelfre
- pot holes on Hafodig road
- new stiles not yet erected at rear of Bryn Dentyr
- defective stiles between Maesyllan and Peniarth
- overgrown right of way adjacent to 14 Maesyllan
- culvert by Lledrode
- damaged fence around children's play area
- increased cost of meals on wheels

**At the next Council meeting on 14 September David Tomlinson from Powys CC will attend to discuss the response to the housing survey. As always, the meeting will be open to members of the public.**

## CHURCH GATE SALES



The new monthly venture by ladies of the church is proving very successful. Up to date over £350 has been raised for church funds. We are very grateful to everyone for supporting us by contributing produce, preserves, cakes, plants etc, and also for coming to buy. The stalls will continue until December when we shall be organizing a "special one" in the village hall. If anybody would like to order cakes or bara brith, please telephone Margaret (791472). **PLEASE NOTE the September stall will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Broadband Update

BT have duly released dates for the remaining 1200 exchanges to be converted to broadband. It's good news and bad news again. Good news that we now actually have a date for "Ready for Service"; bad news that it is as late as 18 May, 2005. So, nearly a year still to go, but we are not the last in the country. Nearer the time, we will have the latest information on how to order your broadband connection. Then your fun will begin, with routers, switches, hubs, modems, firewalls and a whole new learning curve!

## Llansilin Play Scheme and Community Group

Several projects were run last year: one supporting children with learning or behavioural difficulties and their families; free guitar and drum lessons for primary age children; NVQ levels 2 and 3 and work placements. There will be summer football in Llansilin. Although the organisation currently has no project funding for community development work, Renee Springett (791371) is willing to assist with advice and help if anyone wants to get a project started. She is also prepared to take up with Arriva their plan to stop the local bus service to Oswestry if people will let her know their views.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Powys Mobile Library visits the area on Mondays every other week:

|                              |         |            |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Llansilin, by the church     | 1.30 pm | to 2.30 pm |
| Moelfre layby                | 2.40 pm | to 3.00 pm |
| Llangadwaladr, by the church | 3.15 pm | to 3.25 pm |
| Rhiwlas at the kiosk         | 3.45 pm | to 4.00 pm |

The library stocks a wide range of books, including children's, and you can request any other titles, making this a valuable service to the community. For more information, contact Roger Foulkes on 01938 553001.

## GWEINIDOGAETH BRO CYLCH LLANSILIN

Mis y Cymanfoedd Canu yw Mis Mai, ac fe fu ambell un yn y cylch. Yng Nghapel Seion, Croesoswallt, oedd cymanfa'r Methodistiaid, a phlant Ysgol Sul Rhiwlas agorodd cyfarfod y prynhawn yn rhagorol iawn.

Eto eleni fe drefnodd Y Parch Stanton Evans wasanaeth Neges Ewyllys Da ar gyfer y ieuenctid. Gwasanaeth a gynhaliwyd yn Rhiwlas gyda'r ieuenctid yn gwneud eu gwaith yn raenus iawn.

Diwrnod braf a heulog oedd Dydd Mawrth, y 18ed o Fai, a diwrnod i'w gofio i Mrs Laura Jones, Henblas. Diwrnod prud yr anrhydeddwyd hi a Medal Gee. Medal yw hon am oes o wasanaeth i'r Ysgol Sul. Yng ngapel Berea Newydd, Bangor bu'r gwasanaeth gyda the wedi ei baratoi yn Ysgol Friars.

Y Parch Harri Parri, Caernarfon, oedd y pregethwr gwadd yng nghyfarfod pregethu blynyddol Rhiwlas, ac yn ôl ei arfer cafwyd dwy bregeth ardderchog ganddo, ac yn ôl yr arferiad yn y Rhiwlas roedd te bendigedig wedi ei baratoi rhwng y ddau gyfarfod.

Sul dan ofal y chwiorydd oedd y Sul cyntaf ym Mehefin. Er bod y Parch Stanton Evans i ffwrdd ar ei wyliau, roedd wedi paratoi yn drylwyr ar gyfer y gwasanaeth. Braf oedd cael croesawu un o gyn aelodau Capel Cefn Canol yn ôl i bregethu. Fe symudodd Gwilym a Myfanwy Jones o Cynynion Uchaf i lawr i Sir Gaerfyrddin ambell i flwyddyn yn ôl erbyn hyn, ac fe ddaeth cynulleidfya deilwng iawn i wrando ar Gwilym yn pregethu y Sul olaf ym Mis Gorffennaf.

Yn ôl ar y 15ed o Fai, fe gawsom noson i anrhegu Y Parch Stanton Evans ar ei ymdeoliad fel ein gweinidog bro. Bu'n weinidog arnom am dair blynedd ar ddeg. Ar ran yr holl aelodau cyflwynwyd dyfiriw o'r chwe capel a siec o werthfawrogiad iddo, gan yr aelod hynaf, sef, Mrs Myfanwy Jones, Y Fodwen. Hefyd derbyniodd Mrs Iola Evans dusw hardd o flodau. Cafwyd eitemau gan Hywel Jones, pedwarawd Llansilin, a phenillion wedi eu hysgrifennu gan Mr J.W.Jones, Plas Moelfre a Huw Thomas, Nant Ganol. Mrs Edith Ellis a Mrs Rosemary Edwards fu'n gofalu am y bwyd ac Emyr Evans lywyddodd y noson. Noson gartrefol a chwbl haeddiannol.

### **Welcome to Peter and Sheila**

Peter and Sheila Wilks have now taken over from Bethan at the Post Office. They only moved to Cae Eglwys, School Lane, a few months ago and, on their first visit to the Post Office, they saw that there was a vacancy, applied and were accepted! We wish them well.

## **Mountain Biking down the Gyrn**

The Gyrn has proved attractive to yet another adventure sport this summer. On the May Bank Holiday the village was buzzing when competitors and spectators gathered at Moelfre Hall for the National Point Series of downhill mountain bike riders. It was an especially exciting event for Llansilin as three of the competitors live in the parish. Brothers Dan and Gee Atherton and their sister Rachel live with their mother at Allt y Rhiw. Dan had designed the course on the Gyrn, which saw the bikers hurtling down in less than 2.5 minutes. Rachel, who was in the middle of her GCSE exams, came first in the ladies' section, while Dan and Gee were runners up to the world champion. All three are professional mountain bikers and compete all over the world. This season's schedule covers virtually every country in Europe as well as Canada. The team travels with its own mechanic as repairs to the bikes, as well as injuries to the riders, are not uncommon. Let's hope that they all have a successful season this year.

### **Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's**

#### **September**

5 & 12 Valerie Burton and Lynnette Moss

19 & 26 Anneli Thomas and Val Talbot

#### **October**

3 & 10 Joint decorate for Harvest Thanksgiving

17 & 24 Dorothy Jarvis and Dot Renshaw

31 Sheila Ashley

#### **November**

7 & 14 Brenda Jones and Margaret Jones

21 & 28 Janet Davies and Avril Jones



### **Llansilin Playing Fields Association**

Insurance costs for the playground have risen dramatically, from £148 in 2001 to an expected £530 next year. We are very fortunate in Llansilin to have a dedicated band of recycling enthusiasts – without you there would be no playground. Proceeds from recycling is a very creditable £480 a year, but this still leaves a shortfall and one which gets bigger each time the fence boards are kicked down. To echo the plea from the school, PLEASE do everything you can to prevent this vandalism. A very big thank you to the volunteers who have been fixing the boards, weeding and mowing the grass.

*This issue has been full of thanks - which just goes to show what an extraordinarily loyal and generous community we live in. Last, but certainly not least, our thanks to Mary Cunnah for giving us yet another lovely drawing of the village to grace our front cover.*

# Village Activities

*and other useful bits of information*



**Bowls Club** 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall on Mondays. Contact Ray Deney ☎ 791 434

**Community Council** meets every second Tuesday on alternate months 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Harry Hughes ☎ 657 972

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

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

|                    |                  |                |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Garage Shop</b> | Monday to Friday | 8.30 am - 6 pm |
|                    | Saturday         | 8.30 am - 1 pm |
| Closed for lunch   |                  | 1 - 2 pm       |

**Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation Group**  
Comments and questions regarding any aspect of medical care and practice to Rob Ellis ☎ 791 214

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

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

**Local History Society:** contact Chris Burton ☎ 791 274

**Meals on Wheels:** contact Olive Jones ☎ 791 363

**Memorial Hall and The Institute:** Secretary and Booking Clerk Arthur James ☎ 791 346

**Mobile Library:** every other Monday at Llansilin Church at 1.30 pm, then Moelfre layby 2.40 pm, Llangadwaladr 3.15 pm, Rhiwlas 3.45 pm. ☎ 01938 553001

**Mothers Union** meets in the Institute every third Thursday at 2.15 pm. Contact Glenice Jones ☎ 791 296

**Over 60's Club** meets alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Institute. Contact Sarah James ☎ 791 346

**PALS** (Llansilin Drama Group) meets most Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Alsion Beeston ☎ 791 262

**Parochial Church Council meeting:** every second Tuesday monthly at 7 pm in Church

**Playgroup:** 9.30 am to 12.30 pm term time on Mondays and Thursdays in the Memorial Hall. Contact Menna Ashley ☎ 791 517

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|---------------|---------|---------------|
| <b>Police</b> | Welsh   | 0845 607 1001 |
|               | English | 0845 607 1002 |

|                    |          |                    |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Post Office</b> | Tuesday  | 8.30 am - 2.30 pm  |
|                    | Thursday | 8.30 am - 12.30 pm |

**Rhiwlas Community Centre:** contact Will Thomas ☎ 680 451

**Rhiwlas Gardening Club** every third Wednesday in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Contact Debbie Taylor ☎ 600 329

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

**Shopping/Mobility Bus** every Friday £1 return. Leaves Llansilin 10.30 am and returns from Oswestry at 1 pm. Suitable for wheelchair user. Contact Border Community Transport ☎ 01938 556 281

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

**Women's Institute:** every second Friday at 7 pm in the Institute. Contact Tanya Jones ☎ 791 580

**YFC:** contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

**Youth Club** meets Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm in the Hall. Contact Youth Leader, Elena Jones ☎ 780 315

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