

Times of Worship

St Silin's, Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion in English	10.00 am	
2nd "	Matins	10.00 am	
3rd "	Holy Communion in English	10.00 am	(alternating with St Cedwyn's)
4th "	Holy Communion in Welsh	9.00 am	
	Evensong	6.30 pm	
5th "	Family Service	10.00 am	

St Cadwaladr's Church, Llangadwaladr

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

Rhiwlas Mission Church

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

St Cedwyn's Church, Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30 pm	
2nd "	Holy Communion	8.30 am	
3rd "	Holy Communion	10.00 am	(alternating with St Silin's)
4th "	Holy Communion	10.30 am	
5th "	Holy Communion	8.30 am	

Please contact churchwardens to arrange home communion, visiting or special services

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Maw

5	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Chwiorydd
12	Parch John Curig Thomas	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
19	Mr David Barker Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
26	Mr John Ellis	Cefncanol	10.00 am	

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2	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
9	Parch Ddr Nerys Tudor	Llansilin	10.00 am	
16	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	Sul y Pasg
23	Parch Ddr D Ben Rees *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
30	Mr C Hywel Evans	Llansilin	2.00 pm	

Mai

7	Cyfarfod gweddi	Cefncanol	10.00 am	Cymanfa Ganu, Seion
14	Mr John Rosser	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
21	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	10.00 am	Sul Ieuencid
28	Mr T M Ellis	Cefncanol	10.00 am	

* *Pregethwr o Seion, Croesowallt* (C) *Cymun*

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Dear Friends

As I write this letter, I reflect on the year 2005 and take this opportunity to thank everybody who has worked so hard to make it a wonderful, never-to-be-forgotten year.

The vicar's retirement supper on a beautiful evening in May was a great success. The vicar, retiring after 25 years ministry here in Llansilin, will be greatly missed. During his time here he brought about unity between the church and the chapels, breaking down the barrier that separated us and enabling us to worship together in unity, for we all worship one God. We wish the vicar a healthy and happy retirement, able to fulfil all the things he's promised himself to do!

In July we had the highly successful pageant, thoroughly enjoyed by the whole community. It was a great achievement and a credit to all those who took part and to those who worked so hard and gave so much of their time and skills to make it a memorable event. "We did what we could", they sang, but I think that you would agree that they all excelled themselves. When Mary said in a meeting, "Let's give the vicar a good send-off, something that he'll always remember, let's have a pageant," she never in her dreams visualised how it would grow into such a splendid event. Well done, Mary!

The vicar's last service in September was well attended and, I felt, quite emotional – 25 years is a long time. Through your generosity and the help of various grants, we reached the target needed to build our Parish Room. We had hoped to consecrate it on 29 October, the vicar's birthday, but it was not to be. At the end of December our much-loved Honorary Member of the PCC, Mr William (Bill) Richards passed to a higher calling.

Now, as we step into a new year, there will be changes. We expect that a priest will be appointed on a part-time, house-for-duty basis. We look forward to the consecration of the Parish Room in the near future, which will both benefit the community and serve the church. The church wardens thank the clergy, lay readers and you, the parishioners, for your invaluable support in maintaining the smooth running of the church and parish during the interregnum: it is greatly appreciated.

Diolch i bawb am eich cefnogaeth.

God bless,
Esther Milner
Vicar's warden

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). For information about time and place of meetings, contact Alison Beeston ☎ 791 262

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

Playgroup in the Institute: Wednesday and Friday free education for over 3's 8.45 am to 11.45 am (over 2½ welcome for £3 a session). Ti a fi Monday 9.30 am to 11.30 am (£2.50). Contact Dan Evans ☎ 791 417

Police Welsh 0845 607 1001
English 0845 607 1002

Post Office Tuesday 8.30 am to 2.30 pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 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 and 9 am and 6 and 7 pm unless an emergency

Shopping/Mobility Bus every Friday £1 return, free to bus pass or token holders. Leaves Llansilin 11 am and returns from Oswestry at 1.15 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 or Dorothy Bullard ☎ 791 373

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9.00 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 780 315

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep this list up-to-date. Please carry on checking.



Village Activities

and other useful bits of information



Bell Ringing practice on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm (6 bells, 5-3-0):

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

Churchyard grass cutting: April to October every Thursday at 6 pm

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

C.R.A.F.T. Group meets on Monday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. Contact Alison Beeston ☎ 791 262

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.

Garage Shop
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. 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

From the Parish and Chapel Registers 2005

Baptisms

30 January Lowri Angharad Griffiths, Brynhafod, Rhiwlas
13 February Joseph Hugh Evans, 14 Maesyllan
6 March Kai Luke Moore, Tegfan
31 July Michael Llïon Arwyn Jones, Penybontfawr
14 August Emily Jayne Roberts Morris, Bodlith

Marriages

5 February Debbie Ellis, Gobowen, and Eurwyn Thomas, Nant Ganof, Rhiwlas
11 June Angela Heywood and David Andrew Evans, Penybryn, Moelfre
20 August Nia Angharad Jones and Jonathan Roger Turner, Pantglas Isaf

Funerals

28 April Gwyneth Lloyd, Corwen, formerly of Plasnewydd, aged 77 years (internment of ashes)
14 June Rebecca Huntbach, Oswestry, formerly of Graigwen Fach, aged 90 years
7 August Harold Jones, Llandrillo, aged 89 years (internment of ashes at Rhiwlas)
20 December William Richards, Troed-y-Rhiw, aged 99 years (burial)

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER?

Welcome to the new smaller version. It's sometimes good to have a change and it's given us half a page extra, which is always useful. The regular information is now at the end where you can find it easily (we hope). Please do let the PCC or members of the newsletter team know what you think. We're also looking at the delivery rounds to make sure that everybody receives a copy who wants one but to try and avoid newsletters going to waste. Diolch yn fawr.

Thank you to Mary Cunnah for the front cover, with the flowers providing a welcome reminder that spring is on its way.

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Ar y Sul cyntaf o'r Adfent fe gawsom Gymanfa Garolau yng Nghapel Cefn Canol, un llwyddiannus iawn dan arweiniad medrus Nia Turner. Dyma'r tro cyntaf iddi arwain cymanfa ond yn sicr nid y tro olaf.

Ar ddiwedd un wres i'r Dysgwyr Cymraeg fe awgrymodd Lynnette Moss bod y dosbarth yn ffurfio parti i ganu ym mhlygain Y Briw. Ar y dechrau doedd neb am ganu ond ar ôl tipyn o berswâd a sesiynnau ymarfer, ffurfiwyd parti. Golwg bryderus oedd ar bawb ar ddechrau'r blygain, ond wedi canu mewn dwy rownd a derbyn canmoliaeth haeddianol, roedd pawb yn barod am banded a'r bwyd blasus ar y diwedd.

Rydym wedi cael pedwar cyfarfod o'r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliannol ers y Cylchlythyr olaf. Fe gawsom Eisteddfod Fini hwyliog iawn, y merched yn erbyn y dynion. Er mae dau ddyn, Mr Talog Davies a Mr Tudor Vaughan, oedd y barchus feirniaid, y merched ennillodd y tlws eleni o drwch blewyn. Ar noson arall, er mwyn ein hatgoffa o sut edrychion ddeg mlynedd ar hugain yn ôl, fe ddaeth Henri Evans a'i hen sleidiau i'n diddanu. Un Nos Lun, un ohonom ni, sef Mr Hywel Wyn Jones, fu'n dweud ei hanes wrthym, gan sôn am y pethau a ddylanwadodd ar ei fywyd. Yna cawsom noson am bensaerniaeth capeli Cymru gan Mr Phill Ellis, Dolywern. Roedd yn syndod i bawb fel y cofiai ddyddiad adeiladu y llu o gapeli roed ganddo ar ei sleidiau.

Does dim llawer ers pan roeddem yn dathlu'r mileniwm ac mae hi nawr yn 2006. I ddathlu'r flwyddyn newydd fe gawsom bregeth gan Y Parch Raymod Hughes, cyfarfod dan ofal ieuenticid yr ofalaeth a chyfarfodydd gweddi yn y gwahanol gapeli.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Over the years members of the congregation at this special time of year have kindly given donations towards flowers – lilies, perhaps, or some other choice – for the altar or other areas of the church in memory of loved ones. If you would like to do so again this year, please contact the churchwardens or any member of the PCC.

WEBB IVORY

Just to let everybody know that this year we raised £151 for church funds. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and Esther Milner and Christine Williams for their help.

Janet Davies
Margaret Lloyd

Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans
20 Croeswylan Lane, Croesoswallt Ffon: 654 682

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies Tel 791 395
Trys Carys Evans Tel 791 240

Acting Rural Dean

The Revd M Balkwill Tel: 648 306
Llanfyllin Rectory

Churchwardens, St Silin's

Vicar's Warden: Esther Milner Tel: 791 323
People's Warden: Mary Morris Tel: 662 569

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
email: vmb@envex.demon.co.uk

PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

Graham Moss Tel: 791 528

Press Secretary

Mary Cunnah Tel: 791 386
email: marycunnah@yahoo.co.uk



Bellringing, St Silin's

Tower Captain: Eric Avery
Tel: 791 298

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
Tel: 791 274

Ringing Practice

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans
Tel: 600 228

Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans
Tel: 791 471

Churchyard grass cutting:

From April to October every
Thursday from 6 pm

The newsletter is produced by Val and Dave Talbot (see below) and the Chapel news by Carys and Emyr Evans (Tel: 791 240)

Distributor: Christine Williams, tel: 791 563. You can get your newsletter by post for a year by sending 4 stamps to Christine at 4 Maesyllan, Llansilin, SY10 7QE

Items for the Summer 2006 issue please by the end of April to: Val Talbot, Graigwen Cottage, Wernddu, SY10 9BL. Tel: 791 310 Email: val@daval.demon.co.uk



March

- 1 Ash Wednesday joint service at Llangedwyn - Rev J Durnell 7 pm
- 5 St David's Day united service at Cefn Canol Chapel 6.30 pm
- 14 PCC meeting in church 7 pm
- 26 Mothering Sunday Family Service (with Llangedwyn) - Reader Rev Lee Northcott Hammond 10 am

April

- 4 Easter vestry meeting in the Parish Room 7 pm
- 11 PCC meeting in the Parish Room 7 pm
- 13 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (with Llangedwyn) - Rev. A Stratford 7 pm
- 14 Good Friday joint service at Llangedwyn - Ven A Sadler 2 pm
- 16 Easter Sunday Holy Communion at St Silin's - Rev J Durnell 10 am
- 29 Llansilin Spring Fayre: all day in Memorial Hall, afternoon on the playing fields, evening village eisteddfod in the Memorial Hall

May

- 6 First monthly produce stall at church gates 10.30 am to 12 noon

*NB Times of regular church services are listed in full on page 16
During the vacancy there will be a rota of visiting ministers.*

Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's

March

- 4 & 11 Val Talbot and Christine Williams (Lent on 11th - no Altar flowers, clean and tidy only)
- 18 & 25 Janet Davies and Esther Milner

April

- 1 & 8 Joint clean for Easter 10 am to 12 pm - silver, brass, etc
- 15 Joint decorate on 15th or after 4 pm on Good Friday
- 22 & 29 Dot Renshaw and Mary Morris

May

- 6 & 13 Brenda Jones and Margaret Jones
- 20 & 27 Alma Jones and Megan Evans



LLANSILIN



SPRING FAYRE

Saturday

29 April

10.30 am to 5 pm in the Memorial Hall:
arts, crafts and produce stalls

10.30 am to 2 pm car boot sale on Marion Maddocks' field

Afternoon: fete on the playing fields with
maypole dancing, dressing up, races, games, attractions
2 pm crowning of May Queen

Evening 7.30 to 10 pm village eisteddfod:
music, song, dance and storytelling.

Admission: 50p entry to Memorial Hall during the day
Evening £4 adults, £2.50 children and senior citizens
(to include evening refreshments)

Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care, Llansilin Playing Fields Association
and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith for arts and crafts

To book a stall in the Memorial Hall and for more information, contact Wendy Shrubsall on 791597 or Jackie Willman on 648766 (or see them at Glyndwr Garage shop). If you would like to take part in the evening entertainment, contact Rob Chapman on 791597. This will be a wonderful day out for all the family, with something for everybody. Don't miss it!

DID YOU KNOW... ?

... that the yew trees in Llansilin churchyard make it one of the foremost sites in the world with the largest number of ancient yew trees? With this information in hand, I am starting on a project to gather history, folklore and myth about these trees. Do you have any information you think may be of interest, including stories of your grandparents "courting" under them! I would also like to gather photos, drawings or paintings that show any of the yew trees in the background. If you can help, please see Wendy Shrubsall in the shop or ring 791597.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

£253 was raised to help towards the day-to-day running costs of the church at a very successful coffee morning at the end of November. A sincere thank you to everyone who was involved: John Jones at the door, Margaret Lloyd and Brenda Jones on the raffles, Deborah Hill-Trevor and helpers on refreshments, Margaret Jones, Christine Williams, Les Jones and Rob Ellis on the bring and buy stall. Thank you to all who contributed to the stall, gave raffle prizes and refreshments and to everyone who came along to support us. Raffle prizes were won by: Euan Foulkes, Lisa Jones, Anne Roberts, Hazel Lloyd, Esther Milner and Clive Inman. The special raffle, a homemade Christmas cake kindly made by Margaret Jones, was won by Janet Davies.

PLYGAIN

The annual Plygain was held in the church on Friday, 2 December and turned out to be the best ever, with 13 "partis" taking part, some from as far away as Aberystwyth, Shrewsbury and Llanfair Caereinion. The Reverend John Davies from Llanrhaeadr opened and closed the proceedings with prayers. There was a good attendance and Margaret Lloyd and Henry Evans took the collection. Afterwards, everyone gathered at the village hall for the excellent refreshments provided by the "ladies". A member of one of the "partis" thanked everyone involved and a most enjoyable evening ended with the men singing with great gusto the traditional old carol, "Carol y Swper", which commemorates the Lord's supper.

CAROL SERVICE

This year we joined Llangedwyn Church for the annual carol service, which was taken by Worship Leader, Peter Morris. Carols were sung and the readings delivered by members of both congregations. The collection was taken by Bill Davies and Peter Morris and the organist was Morfudd Williams.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Llansilin Church looked very festive and was well attended for the annual midnight service, taken by the Venerable A Sadler of Cymdu. Esther Milner and Mary Morris, churchwardens, took the collection and the organist was Morfudd Williams. Our grateful thanks to all the ladies who decorated and cleaned the church, to Sheila Ashley for providing the very artistic Advent ring with its traditional five candles, and to Brian Thomas for providing the Christmas tree.



We don't have to wait for governments, multinational companies and world organisations to do something about world poverty. We can make a big difference ourselves just by going shopping. The Fairtrade mark on products such as tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas and the like **guarantees** that producers in the developing world are getting a better deal and the chance to **earn their own living**. Similarly, buying locally produced food helps to support our own farmers. Oswestry now has no fewer than 8 shops and 5 cafes selling Fairtrade products, as well as 4 local produce outlets. There are 8 Fairtrade churches in the town and many more round about, including St Silin's, and a number of schools are getting involved.

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with this mouth-watering recipe:

Fairtrade Chocolate Truffles

200g **Fairtrade** dark chocolate
75ml double cream
25g butter
25ml Grand Marnier or other liqueur
25g Madeira cake crumbs
25g ground almonds
50g **Fairtrade** cocoa

- 1 Put the chocolate and cream into a basin over a saucepan of water. Bring to the boil slowly and, stirring occasionally, wait for the chocolate to melt.
- 2 Add the butter, then whisk for 2 minutes until creamy.
- 3 Gradually add the liqueur, then the cake crumbs and the ground almonds.
- 4 Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
- 5 Form the truffle mix into irregular small balls.
- 6 Roll in cocoa and chill again, preferably overnight – if you can keep your hands off them!

Oswestry Fair Trade group now has its own website, giving more information and a complete list of products sold in each of the Fairtrade outlets. Log on to: www.daval.demon.co.uk/fairtrade.htm. If anyone would like more Fairtrade recipes, please contact Val Talbot.



PLAYERS AT LLANSILIN (PALS)



PALS Drama Group, having recruited extra members as a result of last year's pageant, is meeting once again. The members are currently practising their skills by reading through a variety of short play scripts. They hope to share their enthusiasm with an audience later in the year by putting on an evening's entertainment. New members are still required and if you would like to be involved, in any capacity, please ring Alison Beeston on 791262.

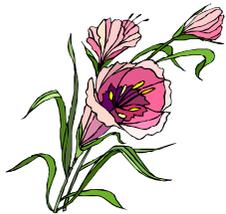
"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF RICHARD HUGHES"

"In The Footsteps of Richard Hughes" by Rowena Morris (Tydu, Llanfechain) is the story of a most interesting gentleman who was born on The Briw in 1881 and who was well known to local people, especially in farming families. Richard travelled round working for farmers when needed and he regularly came to Rowena's family farm. He had a stunningly rich singing voice and is respectfully remembered for his performances at Plygainiau.

The book is lovingly researched and is well written. It includes many memories and reminiscences by people who knew him. The pictures and drawings are of historical interest and some are rather touching. Although Richard Hughes had sadnesses in his life, what comes through in this little book is a strong character who was loved and respected for so many reasons.

The book is available in both Welsh and English versions and can be bought at the Glyndwyr Garage shop in Llansilin (price £3.99)

FLOWER ARRANGING AT ST SILIN'S



With the completion of our Parish Room, hopefully in the near future, it would be good to meet over coffee, use our new facilities, discuss and perhaps come up with some fresh ideas. Everyone will be contacted and, in the meantime, if you have a problem or need more information please ring Mary Morris on 662569 email mary@morris5360.freeserve.co.uk. We would be very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join our team of flower arrangers.

CROWN OF LIGHT

From the Crown of Light, so much admired by all, we were able to donate £186 to Hope House and the Severn Hospice. Our thanks go to Chris Burton, Eric Avery and Peter Wilks for erecting it, to Margaret Lloyd and Joan Williams for organising it and to those of you who gave so generously.

THE C.R.A.F.T. GROUP'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

In the run-up to Christmas the C.R.A.F.T. group decided that their contribution to the church decorations should be a paper sculpture of the Three Kings. As it was a new craft for most of the group they practised by creating more basic figures of angels and Father Christmas. Then, with the aid of a picture of the scene they hoped to reproduce, they started work on the kings themselves. As always, a lot of trial and error was involved, accompanied by some inevitable mutterings and frustration. However, these were greatly outweighed by laughter and the satisfaction that was gained as the characters gradually took shape. The finished decoration was a real credit to the novice sculptors.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The group has been asked to create an altar frontal for Llangadwaladr Church and this is their next project. They have visited the church to view the setting and are now planning the design, which they intend to create in appliqué and embroidery. Anyone interested in joining the group, which meets on Monday mornings, should contact Alison Beeston on 791262.

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the November meeting it was reported that a problem had arisen regarding the purchase of land at Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd from Powys County Council for housing development in Llansilin. It was hoped that this would be resolved soon. Reports were received regarding the future grant funding of village halls following a recent meeting in Llansilin. The external auditor had approved the council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005, which were now available for inspection.

Planning applications in respect of a first floor extension and conservatory at Tynywaen, Penybont LE and conversion of barn to dwelling and garage at Glanyrafon, Llansilin were approved.

Members expressed their grave concern over the administration of Llansilin Playing Fields Association when it was disclosed that several cheques issued by Powys County Council from the sale of recycled material had not been presented for payment. It was also revealed that the insurance premium had not been paid and that the policy had subsequently been cancelled. Members agreed that this situation could not be allowed to continue and decided that a joint meeting of community councillors and members of the Playing Fields committee be convened in December.

The clerk was asked to report several complaints regarding surface water, blocked ditches and stones on roads.

At the January meeting a copy of a letter sent by Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd to a senior Powys CC housing officer was read, which outlined the problems relating to the purchase of land for housing development in Llansilin. The valuation by the district valuer was far in excess of the amount Tai Clwyd was prepared to pay. Negotiations were ongoing and members hoped that a satisfactory conclusion would be reached.

Reports were received on the joint meeting of members of the Community Council and the Playing Fields Association when concerns were expressed regarding the numerous secretarial irregularities. All were in favour of retaining existing facilities and a management committee was formed with a new secretariat.

A letter from the secretary of Llansilin Hall outlined the change in the discretionary grant received from the County Council which would become operative in 2007/8 and which would be determined according to the grant aid given by the Community

Council in 2006/7. He suggested that this be £500. The clerk informed members of the commitments the council had, in particular, the joint funding of the local youth club and the village public conveniences, which would be substantial when grant aid for the latter ceased in 2 years time. The clerk suggested that a substantial increase in the precept would be necessary to build up sufficient funds to cushion this. Whilst members agreed that the hall was worthy of financial support, they were not unanimous in the level of support. It was proposed and seconded that a grant of £500 be made for 2006/7. An amendment that £250 be given was defeated.

It was unanimously agreed that a precept of £3000 be requested. The planning application for a variation of conditions for Pentre Barn, Llansilin, was approved.

The clerk was asked to forward the following complaints: unlicensed vehicles in Llansilin; water on the road near Tyisa, Thiwas; pothole on Rhydleos-Rhiwas road; obscured 30 mile sign on south approach to Llansilin.

CHRISTIAN  AID WEEK: 14 to 20 May 2006

Last year millions of people became involved in the Make Poverty History campaign and Christian Aid want to say a very big thank you. Because of us, they say, world leaders made promises that could save millions of lives. Now we need to make sure they keep those promises, so they are asking us to keep the pressure up in 2006. In their report on the campaign, they say: "***it has shown the strength of people when they join together and we must continue to work together for a fairer world***".

Christian Aid is now looking forward, in its own words, to "***seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against poverty***". The theme of this year's Christian Aid Week is:

You add, we multiply

by which they mean, we add our time, money and voice and we shall see them multiplied to make an impact around the world. They urge us to give them our support and at the same time not to forget the "fun" part of fundraising.

Llansilin's Christian Aid committee will be meeting shortly to organise events in Llansilin, which they hope will do just that. Please look out for posters nearer to the date.