

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

Meh

4	Parch J E Wynne Davies *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
11	Mr Thomas Morris	Llansilin	10.00 am
18	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefnncanol	10.00 am
25	Mr Alun Jones	Rhiwlas	10.00 am

Gor

2	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr
9	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Cefnncanol	2.00 pm	
16	Mr J Gwyndaf Richards	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	
23	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
30	Mr R A Platt	Cefnncanol	2.00 pm	

Awst

6	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
3	Parch Ddr Sion Aled	Llansilin	2.00 pm
20	Parch Glyn Morgan	Cefnncanol	6.30 pm
27	Parch Richard O Jones *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm

* Pregethwr o Seion, Croesowallt (C) Cymun

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Sycharth by Mary Cunnah

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Dear Reader

I feel happy and honoured to write for the Llansilin Newsletter once again. Today I had a mixed bag of post. First, there were one or two nice letters from friends, one containing some very good news. Then there was a circular, an income tax form and a couple of bills – one of them a real shock! Finally, there was a letter bringing rather sad news.

When I had finished reading my mail, I decided that here was a parable of life. Each day brings us a mixed bag of experiences: some good, some not so good and some really unpleasant. And we simply have to learn to take the rough with the smooth. It's no use my asking the GPO only to deliver the good news. If the letters are addressed to me, I have to accept them!

Some time ago I came across the following little poem (author unknown):

*I write a letter – quite a chore,
But I know that it was waited for,
And what I took an hour to do
Would pleasure give the whole day through.*

If we read the Letters of Paul the Apostle to different persons and churches, we find that they are invaluable in that they help us to face different experiences of life. The mail we get these days could be said to be mostly “junk” and very often not worth the postage. To the contrary, Paul's letters are full of lessons and advice. One of the most extraordinary lessons is when Paul says that we are, as Christians, “Christ's Letters” (2 Corinthians 3 v 2 and 3). God bless you,

Stanton Evans

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bishop of St Asaph is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Margaret Robarts as priest in charge of the grouped parishes of Llansilin, Llangedwyn and Llangadwaladr. Margaret is currently Assistant Curate of Berriew and will assume her new duties after her licensing, which will take place at Llansilin on Friday, 18 August.

Please pray for Margaret and her husband, Les, as they prepare to move to Llansilin Vicarage.

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: second Tuesday alternate months 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 Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

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

CHAMPAGNE AT ST SILIN'S!



What a wonderful triumph! The glasses were out and raised with three cheers at the very first meeting to be held in the new Parish Room. The occasion was most appropriate as it was the annual review of the church year. Thirteen members sat round the new tables on the new comfortable chairs before getting down to the main business of the evening.

The chairman was the Revd Michael Balkwill, the acting Rural Dean. The major event of the year was the retirement after 25 years of our very own Revd Kit Carter – with special services, presentations and parties. Another historic occasion was the four outstanding performances of the Pageant – the culmination of so much dedication and enthusiasm by so many members of our own and surrounding villages. The video/DVD continues to keep alive the happy memories. The Vestry report also recorded all the other special services and events of the year and concluded with heartfelt thanks expressed by Mrs Esther Milner to all the very many people who support the church in so many ways.

The Vicar's Warden, Mrs Esther Milner, and People's Warden, Miss Mary Morris, will continue in office. The current PCC members were re-elected, with Graham Moss and Valerie Burton re-appointed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Thanks were accorded to the three retiring PCC members, Mrs Sheila Ashley, Mrs Janet Davies and Mrs Anneli Thomas for their contributions over the years.

The chairman, the Revd Michael Balkwill, closed the meeting with congratulations to everyone on a very successful year and he wished the church a special year ahead with a new priest in charge to carry forward the successes.

THE PARISH ROOM

As work on the new Parish Room draws to an end, more and more people are having the opportunity to see the results of all our thinking, planning and fundraising. Reactions have included "Stunning", "Wonderful" and "How did a small parish like yours pull off something like this?" Generally, the view seems to be that we

have managed to obtain a very fitting, quality extension to our beautiful grade 1 parish church. It is also very pleasing that so much of the work and materials have been sourced locally.

We already have plans for using the new accommodation for the benefit of the church, but we now have our first "community booking" and are ready to receive more of these. The Parish Room is a community asset, not just a preserve of the church. We are sure that the kitchen, loo and meeting room will make it much easier to hold concerts and exhibitions in the church as well as generally supplementing the village hall, which is very busy, especially in term time.

The official opening will be by the Bishop of St Asaph on Saturday, 15 July, but we hope that we will have much good use of our new Parish Room even before then.

OTHER CHURCH NEWS

EASTER SERVICE

The ringing of the church bells, coupled with the arrangements of spring flowers welcomed everyone to the Easter Day communion service, led by the Revd Michael Keulimans of Porth-y-Waen. The organist was his wife, Rosemary, and he was assisted at the communion table by Margaret Lloyd. The lesson was read by Deborah Hill-Trevor and the collection taken by Mary Morris. Grateful thanks to members of the church who contributed to the altar lilies and to everyone who cleaned and decorated the church.



THE QUOTA

Our contribution to the quota this year is £7461 and so I take this opportunity of explaining why, in the absence of an incumbent, we have to pay it.

For many years the cost of ministry within the church hasn't been fully met by parish contributions because, through the generosity of our predecessors, investments held by the church in Cardiff have contributed up to 50% of the costs. Due to factors such as poor investment performance and growing demands on the income, it has been necessary to reduce the subsidies to such an extent that by the year 2007 our diocese will be responsible for paying priests and other church costs in their entirety. As a consequence, parishes are being required to make greater contributions to meet the diocesan ministry bill and that is the reason for the increase in the quota.

Gweinidog

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Ringing Practice
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Past copies of the newsletter are now available online by logging on to www.daval.demon.co.uk



May

25 Ascension Day - United Service with Holy Communion and a Deanery presentation to the Revd Kit Carter at St Myllin's 7.30 pm

June

3 Produce stall at church gates 10 am to 11.30 am
 6 AGM of Management Committee of Memorial Hall 7.30 pm
 25 Christ 2006 - Service at Llanwyddyn

July

1 Ordination by the Bishop of St Asaph at the Cathedral of the Revd Margaret Robarts, our new priest in charge
 8 Produce stall at church gates 10.00 am to 11.30 am
 11 PCC meeting in Parish Room 7 pm
 15 Consecration of Parish Room by the Bishop of St Asaph

August

5 Produce stall at church gates 10 am to 11.30 am
 18 Licensing of the Revd Margaret Robarts at St Silin's
 26 Local sheepdog trials
 28 Village show and open sheepdog trials

NB Times of regular church services are listed in full on page 16. Any changes will be announced in church and displayed on the notice board. Please ring churchwardens for confirmation.

Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's

June

3 & 10 Christine Williams and Lynnette Moss
 17 & 24 Margaret Lloyd and Valerie Burton

July

1 & 8 Joint clean in readiness for consecration of Parish Room
 15 & 22 Mary Cunnah & Anneli Thomas
 29 Mary Morris

August

5 & 12 Esther Milner and Eileen Bignall
 19 & 26 Deborah Hill-Trevor and Lynnette Moss

The quota isn't just for the stipend of parish priests, but contributes to the training of new parish priests, the church's work with children and young people, schools, supporting retired and widowed clergy families, the maintenance of the vicarages and providing professional administrative support for parishes. It does not go towards the cathedral or hierarchy, which are funded by Cardiff. I hope that this answers your queries as to what we are paying the quota for.

Your warden, *Esther Milner*

MONTHLY CHURCH GATE STALLS

This year's church gate stalls got off to a flying start on a beautiful sunny morning. As usual, there was a goodly array of home-baked cakes, preserves and garden produce and plants, which were quickly snapped up and over £105 was raised. It was very exciting that the Parish Room was open for light refreshments and for people to view. Everyone was absolutely delighted and full of praise for all the hard work which had gone into such a splendid new facility for the church and the village.



First in line is Rob Ellis, with Brenda Jones waiting to buy and helpers Lynnette Moss, Mary Morris and Alma Jones

The next one will be 3 June, followed by 8 July, 5 August, 2 September and 7 October and all proceeds will go towards the weekly running costs of St Silin's. As always, thank you very much to everyone who contributes by setting up and staffing the stall, as well as those who donate and buy.

JUST OFF TARGET FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDAL

Sharp shooter John Croydon of Pwllymeirch Fach represented Team Wales in the recent Commonwealth Games in Australia and only narrowly missed out on the bronze medal in the 50m Standing, Kneeling and Prone Position Rifle Shooting event. John went into the finals 4th equal with the England shooter and although he produced 5 bulls out of 10 with the gold medallist only managing 3 out of 10, just one poor shot, where he underestimated the wind strength, relegated him to 4th position. Even so, he finished top shooter of the Great Britain home nations and exceeded the Olympic qualifying score. His next appearance will be for Great Britain in the World Cup in Munich at the end of May. Well done, John!

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

I ddathlu dydd ein Nawdd Sant, Dewi, fe gawsom bryd o fwyd blasus yn y Neuadd Goffa, ac yna anerchiad ddiddorol gan Mrs Llinos Kilfoil, Glyn Ceiriog, am ei hanes yn symud o un ardal i ardal arall yn ôl lleoliad gwaith ei gwr. I orffen y noson, cael ein diddanu gan Ferched y Bryn ac Eleri Mills a'i merch.

Sul y Pasg fe gawsom wasanaeth ddwy-ieithog buddiol iawn yng Nghefn Canol. Y Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts, Wrecsam, oedd yng ngofal y gwasanaeth.

Mae un o'n haelodau ifanc, sef Rhodri Davies, Glanogau, wedi ennill ysgoloriaeth i Brifysgol Bangor mewn Astudiaethau Chwaraeon. Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddo. Dydd Mercher, Mawrth 22ain. Bu farw Mrs Sali Jones yn dawel yn nhy ei mab, Selwyn, yng Nghrososwallt. Fe roddodd oes o wasanaeth ar yr organ i gapel Cefn Canol, ac fe fu'n weithgar ym mhob agwedd o fywyd y capel. Bu hi a'i gwr, y diweddar J. Gwynfryn Jones, yn weithgar gyda chôr pensynwyr capel Prees Henlle yn Gobowen, ac yn mynychu'r gwasanaethau yno ar adagau. Gwraig a weithiodd yn dawel heb ffwdan.

Da gweld Mr J. W. Jones y tu ôl i olwyn car unwaith eto. Dallier ati i wella Mr. Jones.

Mae prysurdeb yr wyna drosodd ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen at yr haf.

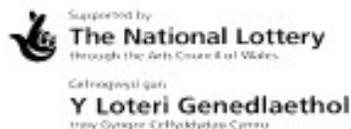


NEW PIANO FOR NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN



At its meeting in October 2005 the hall committee expressed its concern over the continued deterioration in the condition of the piano, which is an essential tool for many groups which use the hall (eg Cor Llansilin Choir, Ysgol Bro Cynllaith). The committee decided to replace the piano at the earliest opportunity and applied for a grant for this purpose. The grant application was successful, with the Arts Council for Wales providing an 80% grant from their Lottery Capital Fast-Track Grants for Musical Instrument towards the cost of financing a new replacement piano and accessories. The committee contributed the remaining 20%, the piano has now been delivered and has already been used by the school and the choir.

The committee wish to place on record their thanks to the Arts Council of Wales for their generous grant, which will encourage the musical activities which currently take place on the premises to be carried out using equipment of the highest standard.



NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL (Registered charity no. 216682) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Tuesday, 6 June, 2006 at 7.30 pm

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Management Committee of the Llansilin Memorial Hall and Institute will be held in the Hall on Tuesday, 6 June at 7.30 pm. All inhabitants of the area of benefit (ie Llansilin, Llangadwaladr, Moelfre, Cymdu, Cefn Canol and Rhiwlas) who are aged 18 or over are entitled to attend and vote in the appointment of elected members (NB no representative members of community organisations) to serve on the hall management committee as trustees of the registered charity known as **LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL**. Existing elected committee members can be re-elected if they have not given notice of their non-availability for re-election in writing to the Chairman no later than 2 June 2006. Please note that any nominations for new elected members must be given to the Chairman, Mr E O Evans, Cefn Braich, Llansilin, in writing together with the written consent of the nominee no later than Friday, 2 June 2006.



RECYCLE FOR THE PLAYING FIELDS

Good news - there are now 2 green bins on the car park for recycling garden refuse. Better news - Powys CC have increased the amount they give to the village for paper and cardboard. And the best news of all, of course, is that the revenue from all the recycling pays for the insurance on the playing fields. The RoSPA have done their report on the playing fields and there are only a few minor improvements, which are being attended to.

So, **please carry on recycling** - for the environment, for reduced landfill and for our playing fields.

LLANSILIN SHEEPDOG TRIALS AND VILLAGE SHOW

**Saturday, 26 August
LOCAL SHEEPDOG TRIALS**

**Monday, 28 August
OPEN SHEEPDOG TRIALS
and VILLAGE HALL COMPETITIONS**



LLANSILIN SPRING FAYRE

The main idea behind the Fayre was to bring the community together to celebrate Spring and raise funds for Macmillan Nurses, Llansilin Playing Fields Association and arts and crafts for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

A sale of local Arts, Crafts and Produce in the village hall was the focus of the daytime activities. A variety of goods could be found and included handmade cards, candles, jewellery, natural soaps,



Outside, the children are enjoying their fete in glorious sunshine.

musical instruments, pictures, antiques and collectables. There was also a Fairtrade stall, the St.Silin's church stall, woodturned goods, stained glass from the Llangedwyn Mill Craft Centre and gifts from the Dragons Welsh Crafts shop in Llanrhaeadr YM. The sale of plants proved to be a firm favourite and also popular were Tarot card readings.

A highly enjoyable day was extended into the evening with an Eisteddfod of "Bardic Arts" with local performers. John Neilson and Meri Lawes kicked off with a fantastic folk set, followed by Nev Carlton who read some of his own beautiful poetry about local bird life. Storyteller, Andy Harrop-Smith had people tittering in their seats. After a break for refreshments, kindly made and served by Rosemary Edwards and her team, Llansilin Choir sang two amazing songs that filled the hall. Vox Orbis then sang songs from Africa and Rob ended the evening with his guitar and songs for the audience to join in with or get up and dance to.

So now our thoughts turn to next year. *Should we do it again?* Well, the ideas have already started flowing and we're considering basing the day's events on the local legend of the Gwiber of Llansilin which then went to live at the top of Pistyll Rhaeadr. *How would you feel if the dragon returned to the valley?* Anyone who would like to get involved in a Spring Fayre next year, please contact Wendy or Rob on 791597.

A massive thank you to everyone who gave up their time into making the day such a success and for helping us to raise the magnificent sum of over £625.

Wendy Shrubbsall and Jackie Willman

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the March meeting the Chairman, Cllr D W Davies, gave an account of the liaison meeting with officers of Powys County Council, which included parish boundaries, the 2006/7 budget, the likelihood that the number of Llansilin councillors would be reduced to 8 and the transfer of the parishes of Llansilin, Llangedwyn and Llanrhaeadr YM to the Montgomery constituency.

Planning applications were supported for Tynewydd and 14 Maesyllan. Members agreed to request that the recently erected sign in the centre of the village should contain both "Ffordd Cadwgan" and "School Lane". The clerk reported that the sale of land at Bryn Dentyr to Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd had been successfully negotiated. The lease agreement for the public conveniences was signed. Members agreed to continue membership of "One Voice Wales" but declined to enter the "Best Kept Village" competition as the general appearance of the upper half of the village did not merit entry. Following a complaint about persistent dog fouling, members were informed that the roads would be mechanically swept more frequently and that the official dog warden would also visit. A donation of £50 was made to the Royal Welsh Show, Llanfyllin Appeal.

Complaints would be forwarded on pot holes on Bwlchdyngau road and above Rhydleos, a blocked culvert on Tynycoed road, and inquiries would be made regarding traffic calming measures near the school.

ST DAVID'S DAY ANNUAL BILINGUAL SERVICE

The Revd Stanton Evans and a beautiful arrangement of daffodils greeted us at Cefn Canol Chapel. The "ladies" of both the chapels and the church in the area joined together to read the lessons and announce the hymns: Iola Evans, Muriel Griffiths, Margaret Lloyd, Deborah Hill-Trevor, Edith Ellis, Brenda Jones, Liz Evans, Ann Jones, Rhiannon Lewis, Vera Evans, Carys Evans and Sarah James. The organ was played by Carys Evans, the collection taken by Bryan Evans and Arwel Watkins. The enjoyable and well-attended service was arranged and officiated by the Revd Stanton Evans.

FRONT COVER

Many thanks to Mary Cunnah for her splendid drawing of Sycharth on the front cover. Mary has an exhibition of her printing work at the Memorial Gallery at Yale in Wrexham during July and she is also showing her work at the North Star Gallery, Queen's Head, for the BVA Open Studios on 10/11 and 17/18 June.

LLANSILIN CRAFT GROUP



Joan Fox-Linton, Sheila Wilks, Sue Jackson, Alison Beeston and Norma Garment are hard at work at a Monday morning session of the C.R.A.F.T. group

Together with the other regulars, Gill Avery, Dot Renshaw and Martina Macklin, the group is now working on individual creations in embroidery and applique for an altar frontal for St Cadwaladr's Church. The design is on the wall behind them and you should just be able to make out the icon of the Saint, which is based on the medieval window in St Cadwaladr's Church on Ynys Mon. Gill has already made a magnificent red dragon to lie at his feet and all around them will be examples of the local flora and fauna.

This is a long-term project so that the group can take time out to work on this year's fountain dressing ready for the Summer Show.

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH

(Sorry that shortage of space meant that this report had to be condensed and lists of results couldn't be included - editor).

We welcome three new children to the school: Isabel Jones and Ffion Jones full-time and Angharad Jones part-time.

Some Key Stage 2 children took part in the Dragon Sports Cross Country at Guilsfield in April. All the children did very well on a gruelling course. A number of children took part in the Swimming Gala at the Flash Welshpool. We are awaiting the results of the heats, but well done to everyone, and thanks to parents for helping with transport for both events.

Mr John Gittins, the Design and Technology adviser, has been into school. The years 5/6 workshop was string puppets and years 3/4 mechanisms. I now have 34 little monsters in my class! The children in Mrs Davies' class had to dress warmly and bring wellies recently for a Structures workshop with Mrs Jan Rees. They went out and about the school grounds collecting materials, which they took to the PANDA area to build shelters for their chosen animal. Mrs Davies is now busy planning more "Welly Wednesdays".

Years 5/6 have recently taken part in a music workshop with Gloria Griffiths, something they were a bit apprehensive about at first, but Mrs Griffiths complimented them on their singing ability..

We are very proud of the children who took part in the Oswestry Music Festival and they all did very well - Martha Fensome violin; Asher Hawkins Brown, Gethin Jones and Grace Fensome on the drums; Huw Jones, Millie Edwards and Becky Morris vocal solos. Grace played at the Sunday concert and received a trophy for coming first in her class.

Well done to all our talented children who took part so enthusiastically in the Eisteddfod in March. We had a lovely time and several people have told us how much they enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Alison Beeston, Mrs Sarah James and Revd Christopher Carter for adjudicating and also Mrs Iona Jones for her support. We're already talking about a repeat performance next year! Each child was given a bar of chocolate but I doubt that it reached home!

Twenty five children entered the Craft Section of the Urdd Competition at Llanwddyn. The following were placed and go forward to Newtown at the end of the month: Millie Edwards, Katie Williams and Becky Morris in category 1; Aled Evans and William Evans in category 2; Fenton Cosford in category 3; Shelby Springett in category 4 and Eleri Evans in category 5. Martha Fensome came 3rd in the violin.

In May we will be taking the children to see "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" in Manchester. We are all looking forward to this exciting event. The Easter bingo at the end of the spring term raised £267 for PTFA funds and we are very grateful to everyone who supported the event.

We are still collecting the following items:

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for play and sports equipment
Computer ink cartridges and mobile phones for school funds
Yellow Pages

Used stamps (with a small margin round the stamp) for the Lupus charity

We have a very active recycling programme at the school

Mair Smith
Head Teacher