

Times of Worship

St Silin's, Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30 am
2nd "	Matins	9.00 am
3rd "	Family Service	10.30am
4th "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm
5th "	Holy Communion	10.30 am
Every Friday	Morning Prayers	9.00 am

St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30 pm
2nd "	Holy Communion	10.30am
3rd "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
4th "	Family Service	10.30 am
5th "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayers	9.00 am

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Maw

2	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Chwiorydd
9	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
16	Parch Robert Parry	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
23	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	10.00 am	Sul y Pasg
30	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen-Jones *	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	

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6	Parch J E Wynne Davies *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
13	Mrs Nesta Barker Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
20	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
27	Mr John Ellis	Rhiwlas	10.00 am	

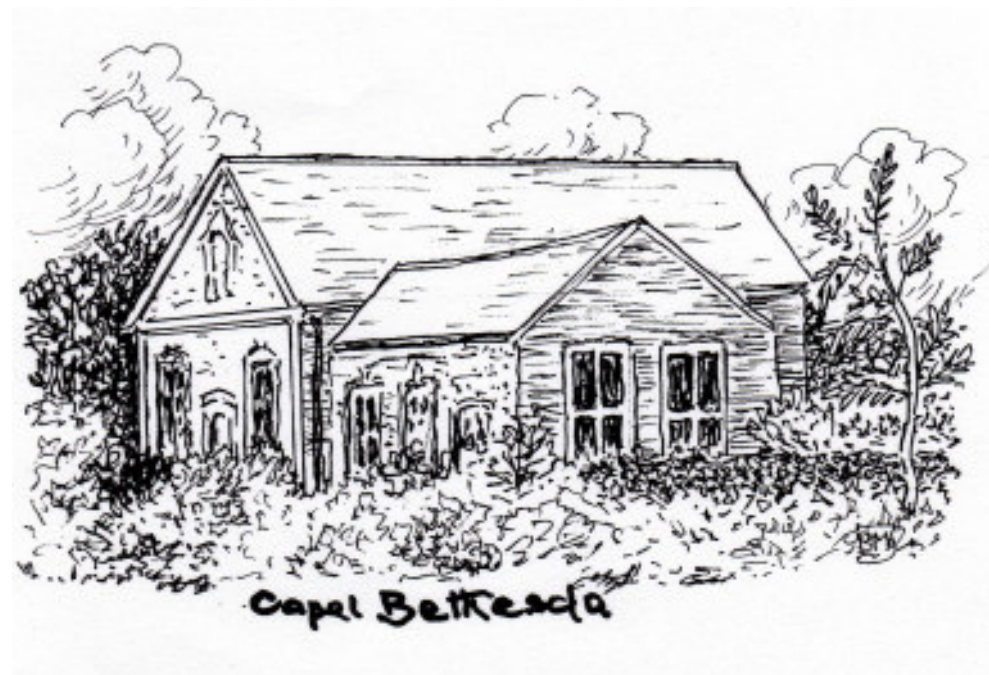
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4	Cyfarfod gweddi	Llansilin	10.00 am	Cymanfa Ganu, Seion
11	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	Sul Ieuentid
18	Parch Ddr Goronwy Prys Owen	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
25	Parch John Curig Thomas	Llansilin	2.00 pm	

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

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Dear Reader

Sunday, 27 January was 'Holocaust Memorial' Day this year. It is a matter of history that when the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps, he ordered all possible photographs to be taken and for the German people from the surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead. He did this, he said in words to this effect, "Get it all on record now - get the films - get the witnesses - because somewhere down the track of history, some ***** will get up and say that this never happened." Similarly, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing": Edmund Burke.

It is vitally important for the health of this world that we never, never forget what happened, any more than we could forget Remembrance Sunday. Since the Second World War, 'genocide', a word which most of us had never heard, has sadly occurred too many times. Remember the Croatian/Serbian conflict with its concentration camps and the Rwandan massacres? Now we have Darfur as a continuing dark stain on the world - and we pray that the situation in Kenya may not go that far, although it is threatening to do so.

It is now more than 60 years since the Second World War ended and the world began to hear that 6 million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians and 1,900 Catholic priests had been murdered, massacred, raped, starved, burned and humiliated, while many German and Russian people looked the other way. There are those, even now, Iran among others, claiming the Holocaust to be a myth. It is imperative that we make sure the truth is heard and that the world never forgets.

However, on the Saturday before Holocaust Memorial Day, there was a small paragraph in my daily paper, stating that the Muslim population in this country - and hopefully Muslims worldwide - will now acknowledge Holocaust Memorial Day. Previously, they had not done so, even though many Muslims did perish in the camps.

I hope you remembered on 27 January, and will do every year.

Deborah Hill-Trevor

Our very grateful thanks to Valley Securities for funding this issue and to the Community Council for funding the winter edition. We are also very happy to have a lovely drawing from Brian Jones for our front cover

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 Parish Room 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 (Players At Llansilin Drama Group). Alison Beeston ☎ 791 262

Parochial Church Council Meeting: meets regularly on second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Room

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 Wednesday 9.30 am to 11.30 am (£2.50). Contact Dan Evans ☎ 791 417

Police **0845 330 2000** for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
999 for life-threatening emergencies

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

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

Table Tennis every Tuesday from September to April 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Pat Lovell ☎ 791 235

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

Women's Institute: every second Friday in the month at 7 pm in the Institute. Contact Tanya Jones ☎ 791 580 or Rosemary Edwards ☎ 791 413

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

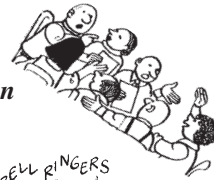
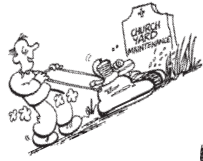
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

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

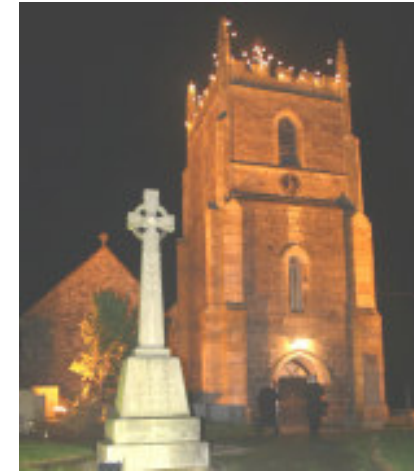


Village Activities

and other useful bits of information



THE LLANSILIN CROWN OF LIGHT



Yet again, the Crown of Light on the church tower made its very welcome appearance over the Christmas period. Our most grateful thanks go to Margaret Lloyd for being the organiser again, to Chris Burton and Eric Avery for braving the heights to install it, and to everyone for their generous contributions. The sum raised was £366, which has been divided between the Severn Hospice and Hope House Children's Hospice. The splendid photograph is courtesy of Michael Ziemak, a visitor to the Plygain, and we do hope that the photocopying process will do it justice.

FROM THE PARISH AND CHAPEL REGISTERS, 2007

Baptisms

June 2nd Oliver Paul Davey Robarts, grandson of Mr Les Robarts and the Vicar, the Rev'd Margaret Robarts

Funerals

January 10th Eirianwen Pugh Barmouth (late of Afon Fechain), age 58

April 16th Eleanor Owen, The Mount, age 79

June 11th Eric Battams (late of Bryn Cefyn) age 76

September 27th John Jones, Pantglas Uchaf, Moelfre age 68

November 16th Margaret Morgan, Oswestry, age 69

Burial

December 22nd Cyril Evans, Oswestry (late of Plas Newydd) age 88

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

Bowls Club 8.00 pm in the Memorial Hall on Mondays. Ray Denye ☎ 791 434

Bus service no.78 Wednesdays and Fridays Oswestry Bus Station (stand 3) 10 am; Llansilin (Maes y Llan) 10.20 am; Oswestry Bus Station 10.42 am. Oswestry 1 pm; Llansilin 1.22; Oswestry 1.43 pm. Tanat Valley ☎ 780 212

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 Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon Rhiwlas Community Centre

Farmers Crisis Network: www.fcn.org.uk ☎ 0845 367 9990

Karate for ages 6 and above in the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays from 5.45 pm. Contact Sue Rose-Martin ☎ 828 624

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 weekly practice in the Memorial Hall. Henry Evans ☎ 791 410

Local History Society: contact Chris Burton ☎ 791 274

Meals on Wheels: contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

Memorial Hall and The Institute: Arthur James ☎ 791 346



LAUGHTER IN THE DARK

As a ghostly light gave an eerie glow to the dark green velvet curtains and sepulchral music chilled the bones, the audience settled down for an evening of horror and mystery. However, in the end the play lived up to its title and it was “laughter in the dark” that filled the hall, rather than shudders and shrieks.

PALS (Players At Llansilin) are a bunch of very talented actors and technicians, ably nurtured and directed by Alison Beeston. The actors obviously relished their comic roles and their enjoyment came through loud and clear, no doubt reinforced by the reception they had from a very appreciative audience.

The names of the characters quickly established the roles they were to play – and also reassured anyone of a nervous disposition that the horror might not be too much to bear! It was most intriguing to find a Red Indian chief and his squaw in a country house. Alatheia Budgett was an even bigger snob and battleaxe than Hyacinth Bouquet and it was very satisfying when her browbeaten husband at last turned the tables on her. Did the “deceased” Desmond Cheney (aka Gripe) have the last laugh on everybody - or was it those blood-curdling ghosts that brought down the curtain?



The Budgetts, played from left to right by Awel Jones, Sheila Wilks and John Neilson

The set, lighting and sound lived up to the polished performances on stage and lots of villagers gave their help to make everything run smoothly. This, of course, is a great achievement at the best of times, but the play had a run of bad luck before it opened with several members of the cast beset by illness, which meant that the play had to be postponed by a few weeks. Thank goodness they didn't give up, or we would all have been deprived of a superb evening's entertainment. Let members of the audience speak for themselves: “it all romped along”; “excellent”; “what a lot of talent in such a small village”; “I don't know how they learned all those lines”; “hard work”; and a consistent comment from the younger members of the audience: “it was great fun!”

This was the group's first full-length play and an even greater success than last year's performance. Well done to the whole group. If anyone would like to join in the fun, in whatever capacity, no experience necessary, please get in touch with Alison Beeston on 791262.

Gweinidog

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Trys Carys Evans Tel 791 240

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Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

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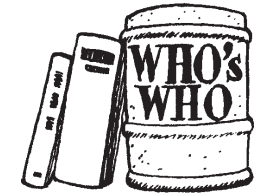
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Graham Moss Tel: 791 528



Bellringing, St Silin's

Tower Captain: Eric Avery
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Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
Tel: 791 274
Ringing Practice
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans
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Past copies of the newsletter are now available on line by logging on to www.daval.demon.co.uk and following the link.

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Mae'r Nadolig yn swnio'n bell i ffwrdd erbyn hyn yn enwedig y Gymanfa Garolau a gawsom ddechrau Mis Rhagfyr dan arweiniad medrus a chartrefol Nia Turner. Braf hefyd oedd cael y tri parti plygain yno i roi seibiant i leisiau'r gynilleidfa a diolch i Nia am ganu unawd mor swynol. Cawson orig hyfryd dros ben.

Fel arfer ddechrau'r flwyddyn fe gawsom wasanaethau i ddathlu'r achlysur. Roedd un gwasanaeth dan law yr ieuencid ac fe gawsom bregeth gan Y Parch Raymond Hughes i gloi yr wythnos.

Er y rhifyn olaf fe gawsom ddwy noson dda iawn o'r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol. "Hen Gymeriadau" oedd teitl sgwrs Twm Elias, ac fe anogodd ni i gofio a chofnodi straeon gan henoed yr ardal." Ysgol Moelfre" oedd teitl darlith Glyn Jones, neu Glyn Fron i ni yn yr ardal yma. Hanes yr ysgol ar ardal wedi eu mynegi yn ddifyr tu hwnt.

Ychydig cyn y Nadolig, trist oedd clywed am farwolaeth Mr Cyril Evans, gynt o Blas Newydd ond wedi byw yn y dref ers ambell i flwyddyn. Bu yn dryw iawn i Gapel Soar yn Llansilin ac y fo oedd yn glanhau ac yn tacluso tu allan yr adeilad. Cydymdeimlwn a'i ferch, Carol, a'r teulu oll.

March

- 2 Mothering Sunday/St David's Day Service at St Silin's 10.30 am
- 16 Palm Sunday: Holy Communion at St Cedwyn's 9 am; Family Service at St Silin's 10.30 am; Holy Communion at St Cadwaladr's 2.30 pm
- 18 Easter Vestry meeting 7 pm Parish Room
- 20 Maundy Thursday: Llansilin Parish Room, Mothers' Union Holy Communion, 2.15 pm; Holy Communion at St Cedwyn's 7 pm
- 21 Good Friday: St Silin's Devotional Service 2 pm
- 23 Easter Sunday: Holy Communion at St Silin's 9 am; Holy Communion at St Cedwyn's 10.30 am; Holy Communion at Rhiwlas 2.30 pm

April

- 19 Guitar Concert by Tim Edwards 7 pm St Silin's

May

11-17 Christian Aid Week

Looking ahead to July

- 26 Antiques Roadshow St Silin's 12.30 pm

Lent Study course Thursday, 14, 21 and 28 February at 7.30 pm in Llansilin Parish Room.

NB Details of regular church and chapel services are on page 16

Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's

March

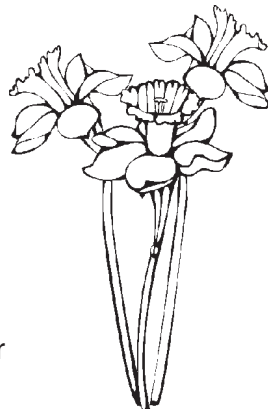
- 2 & 9 Janet Davies and Sheila Ashley
- 16 Christine Williams
- 22 Joint clean and decorate for Easter
- 30 Lynette Moss and Brenda Jones

April

- 6 & 13 Rosemary Edwards and Mary Morris
- 20 & 27 Margaret Lloyd and Margaret Jones

May

- 4 & 11 Mary Cunnah and Deborah Hill-Trevor
- 18 & 25 Valerie Burton and Janet Davies



NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL

presents

FOUR CROSSES YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

ENTERTAINMENT

with supporting artists

VAL LITTLEHALES Compere and Storyteller

Llansilin Male Quartet

Friday 7th March 2008, 7.30 pm

Tickets £3 available on the door or
phone 791346 to pre-book



LLANSILIN MOTHERS' UNION

In its present form the Mothers' Union has been going strong for over 40 years and has enjoyed the wholehearted support of 4 vicars.

In October 1963 the Revd Gerald Davies and his wife Angela came to Llansilin and lived in the "Tin Bungalow" as it was known before it was rebuilt. When the new vicarage was built, Angela restored the Mothers' Union, which had lapsed over the years. When the Revd Paul Davies replaced his namesake, his wife, Evelyn, took over the Mothers' Union and the meetings were held in the old school. Next came the Revd Christopher Carter – the photograph of him with Glenice Jones and Nancy Williams was taken in 1985.



The present vicar, the Revd Margaret Robarts, carries on the tradition of support and conducts the service at the start of each meeting every third Thursday in the month. Llansilin has been very happy to welcome new members from Llangedwyn Church recently. Meetings take place in the Parish Room, with talks on a wide range of subjects. Once a year there is an outing and a meal, and Glenice hosts a garden party every July.

The Mothers' Union banner is well worth a mention. It was designed and made by the firm, Dervere, in 1966 and is a beautiful piece of needlework on a blue brocade background, embroidered with arum lilies. In April 2004 at the Llanfyllin Deanery Festival, Mrs Phyllis Hughes was presented with the Long Service Certificate for 44 years' membership - and proud she is of it too, rightly so. In 2007 a Fashion Show raised over £400 and this July an Antiques Roadshow is planned.

Members enjoy getting together and value the companionship and sense of belonging. They would love to welcome new members and, if anyone would like to know more about it, please get in touch with Glenice on 791296.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Clean jam jars, all sizes, with lids - free to any interested party.
Ring Deborah on 791402.

Llansilin Table Tennis Club



This has been an encouraging first year for the Table Tennis Club. Initially, we had to "test the water" to establish if there was sufficient interest to establish a Table Tennis Club in the village. We put on six free "taster" sessions in September which attracted enough people to suggest that a club was a viable proposition. As we had no equipment of our own, we relied on the generosity the Porthywaen team and the Village Youth Club who lent us tables, nets and bats. We booked the hall for Tuesday evenings from September and opened the doors to anyone who was interested in a serious session or simply a social knock around. We are very pleased to report that approximately thirty people have participated this year. Ages have ranged from 12 to 83 with roughly an equal number of males and females and players have been of all abilities. We have organised two coaching sessions mostly aimed at the youngsters which have been taken by a qualified coach. For the serious players, we have run two teams in the Oswestry and District League (watch out for the reports in the Advertizer)

The club now has a committee, a constitution and a bank account. This enabled us to apply for a grant from the Sports Council for Wales. We received £750 which we have spent on two new tables, some bats and balls and some table dividers. We hope to build on this promising start in our second season. If you are over 12 and under 100 and are interested in coming along to the village hall on a Tuesday evening at 7.30, you will be assured of a warm welcome. Further details from Pat Lovell 791 235

Did you Know?



Pictured is the Cefn y Braich Valve House on the road leading out to Llanrhaeadr. By the 1880s Liverpool Corporation was in urgent need of a drinking water supply for the rapidly growing city. The Vyrnwy valley was dammed and a 68 mile aqueduct was built to take the water to Liverpool. A triumph of Victorian engineering, it crosses our area from Efail Rhyd to Cefn y Braich Farm and on to Rhydygroesau.

thanked members for their hard work. Although it was much regretted that the Foot and Mouth regulations prevented the Sheep Dog Trials from taking place, the show was well supported. The Dog Show and Horse Show are proving popular additions and had increased entries. Members are, as ever, very grateful to Mrs Sue Roberts, formerly of Bodlith, and to Vikki and Jeffrey Williams for the use of the two show fields. The committee felt able to make donations to Hope House Hospice, Breast Cancer Research and the Air Ambulance Service.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 11 to 17 May 2008



For 3 billion people in the world, survival is a daily struggle. Life is a constant game of snakes and ladders. Grow your crops then they're wiped out by drought or floods. Carry your child many miles to a clinic but there are no drugs because your country can't afford to buy them. Get on your feet but then conflict erupts and you're forced from your home.

Seven amazing days of fundraising, campaigning and worship can help people in poor communities around the world to change their lives for the better. **Christian Aid Week** inspires hundreds of events, brings together thousands of churches and reaches millions of people with messages about world poverty.

Llansilin will be playing its part, as always, with house collections, a joint service and coffee evening. Please look out for posters giving details.

FARMERS CRISIS NETWORK

www.fcn.org.uk ☎ 0845 367 9990

The Farmers Crisis Network provides pastoral and practical support to farming people during periods of anxiety, stress and problems relating to both the farm household and the farm business.

The Addington Fund administers grants, mainly to provide housing, but also for emergencies such as flooding, foot and mouth and bluetongue.

www.arc-addingtonfund.org.uk ☎ 02476 690587

LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We started providing activities in church for children at the time of the Christmas Tree Festival in December 2006. A small group of ladies prepared for various creative activities so that each child had something to take home. To our delight about 25 children came, so it was a very busy couple of hours. The second one was at Easter last year at which various items associated with the season were assembled to take home. The aim of the project was to get the children accustomed to coming into church.



FAMILY SERVICES



Building on the success of the project, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) decided to have a Family Service on the third Sunday of each month. The services are planned to be at a level for the children to understand and enjoy but, at the same time, be suitable for the whole family. Each service has been very well attended, with 18 to 26 children as well as parents and grandparents.

A small group of parishioners meets each month to pool ideas for the themes of the services and, generally, two members are responsible for a particular Sunday. We are a small team of "seniors" who would be delighted if anyone reading this, or someone you can think of, would be able to join us on this mission.

PLYGAIN

The Crown of Light shone out to welcome visitors to yet another successful Plygain. The Revd Margaret Roberts welcomed everyone and the Revd Stanton Evans opened and closed the evening with prayers. This year 9 parties took part, namely Hywel Wyn and Stanton, Gronwy Mal and Muriel, Trefor Brian E and Roy, Williams family, Shrewsbury duo, Mr C Carter, Aberystwyth 1, Peter and Linda, Aberystwyth 2. The collection of £80 was divided between the Chapels and Llangwadaladr and Llansilin churches. At the end of the service the traditional Plygain carol, "Carol y Swper" was sung by the parties. A vote of thanks for the excellent refreshments was given by a member of the Aberystwyth party.

Michael Ziemak, who took the photograph of the Crown of Light on page 3 and recorded the Plygain for a later issue of the Border magazine would like to thank the "lovely people of Llansilin" for making him and his wife so welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There was a well attended bi-lingual Carol service on the first Sunday evening in December and on Christmas Eve a very special Family Service attracted a congregation of over 70! The Vicar organised the whole thing and had asked the children to come dressed as 'shepherds', 'wise men' and even 'sheep'. It was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Later that night, we were delighted to see so many visitors at the very popular Midnight Communion Service. The Christmas season finished with a 'Christingle' service on Sunday 23 January, which involved the creation of a 'human Christingle'!

PARISH ROOM

Before business at the January Parochial Church Council meeting members celebrated the formal completion of the Parish Room project – a triumph after years of hard work. Do please come and have a look. With full facilities the Parish Room is now available for small groups for a variety of functions.

EASTER

Easter celebrations are early this year, with Easter Sunday being on 23 March. If anyone would like lilies, or any other suitable flowers, bought in memory of a loved one, will they please see Deborah with their contribution. The church will be cleaned and decorated on the Saturday and volunteers will be very welcome. A special Easter programme of services will be available from the beginning of March.

TREASURES OF ST SILIN'S

The group of church recorders is really enjoying uncovering some interesting facts in their weekly exploration and survey of the church and its contents. The spectacular brass "seren" dated 1824 has been carefully researched. It came probably from a Birmingham brass founder and the design is thought to be a particularly unusual example. Many splendid photographs have been taken and will be presented in the final report.

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The January meeting was chaired by Cllr Hywel Jones, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes. It was reported that, despite several reminders, the dangerous branch near Lledrode had not been lopped. The caravan near Rossett had been removed. Members were supportive of the erection of 23 dwellings on land opposite the

Wynnstay and the construction of a roundabout. An extension at Minafon, Cefnfanol was also supported. The Clerk's recommendation that a precept of £3,500 be levied was accepted. Members received with regret the resignation of Cllr Mrs Carol Foulkes as caretaker of the public conveniences. It was agreed that the post be advertised locally.

The clerk was requested to forward the following complaints: high hedge near Fron Issa, Rhiwlas; open culvert near Tygwyn, Llangadwaladr; request grit supply for Cefnfanol; road sweeper needed in Rhiwlas; continued dog fouling in Llansilin.

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



New Starters: we welcomed 3 children to full-time education after Christmas - Fabien Wilks, Joseph Evans and Kai Moore, together with Emily Morris to our 3 year-old setting.

Football: our school football team have got through to the finals (for the second year running) of the Urdd Football Tournament. This will be held in Aberystwyth later in the year. Well done to all of them!

NSPCC: the children are doing a sponsored spell in aid of the NSPCC.

PTFA: A very successful start to the year by parents and staff. We were very busy during December with bag packing in Sainsbury's, carol singing around the village and the "grand finale" was a "Snowball" held in Rhydycroesau. All together this academic year so far we have raised over £1,300 which for a small school is something to be proud of. As always, this money is spent for the children's benefit, hopefully to update our computer suite.

Yellow Pages: We are once again taking part in the yellow woods challenge - an inter-school competition with large prizes up for grabs. Any old Yellow Pages would be gratefully received at the school. We are still collecting used postage stamps in aid of "Lupus Research" and old mobile phones.

THE LLANSILIN SHOW

In November the show committee annual dinner took place at the Station Restaurant, Llansantffraid, when members celebrated the culmination of the year's work, which had led to yet another successful annual show. At the well attended annual general meeting later in the month, the Chairman, Colin Edwards,