

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

Rhag

6	Parch Stanton Evans	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	Pregeth a thrafodaeth
13	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Llansilin	10.00 am	Carolau. Seion, Croesowallt 2.00
20	Cymanfa Garolau	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	
27	Gwasanaeth i'w drefnu	Rhiwlas		

Ion

3	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	2.00 pm	Gwasanaeth yr Ifanc
10	Parch Peter Wyn Williams	Cefncanol	10.00am	
17	Parch Ddr Sion Aled	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	
24	Parch Glyn Morgan	Llansilin	6.30 pm	
31	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	

Chwe

7	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
14	Parch Raymond Hughes	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
21	Mr David Barker Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
28	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	

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

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News



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Dear Reader

It is my pleasure to give you a little of my time to write to you once again.

We are again in the latter part of the year – the winter. By the end of this season we will have spent Christmas. The story and its message are repeated time and time again – that God so loved the world.

No doubt there will be homes this Christmas where the festive days will bring only thoughts of happier times. The Christmas bells will ring and wake no echo in a heart that grief has turned to stone – living through old memories beside the fire – alone. But Christmas is for everyone, for all need to be told the message of the angels. To the young and to the old, to the one who sorrows and the one whose heart is gay, God sends his tidings of great joy, declared on Christmas Day.

They came that night to Bethlehem, the simple and the wise. The shepherd and the scholar saw the glory in the skies and sought the holy manger bed, that place of mystery where God himself had broken in upon humanity. The greatest men who walk the earth can offer us today no divine revelation. This then is the Way ... though to knowledge high and vast the human mind may soar, every man must come at last unto the stable door.

I wish you reader, and yours, every Blessing and Peace this Christmastide.

Stanton Evans

WELCOME : CROESO

A warm welcome, croeso, to all the new residents into the area. The village might be small but there is a lot going on. Do keep a look out for posters to learn what's available. The fortnightly coffee drop in sessions in the Parish Room and the village shop are good places to meet people and get the local news.

With our thanks to Mary Cunnah for her lovely drawing of Sycharth. We are very fortunate to have this important historical site on our doorstep and we are pleased to feature it on 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). Contact 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 Lynwen Morris ☎ 828 366

Police (Wales)	0845 330 2000 for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
Police (West Mercia)	08457 444 888
All areas in UK	999 for life-threatening emergencies

Post Office at Capel Wesle	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

Village Drop-in Coffee Mornings in the Parish Room 10 am - 12 pm alternate Tuesdays. Contact Joan Fox-Linton ☎ 791 260

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 ☎ 07527366538 or Rosemary Edwards ☎ 791 413

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

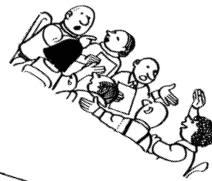
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

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



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

Community Shop at Capel Wesle	Tuesday	9.30 am to 2.30 pm
	Thursday	9.30 am to 12 pm

C.R.A.F.T. Group Monday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. 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 Huw Edwards ☎ 791 264

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

Local History Society: contact Chris Burton ☎ 791 274

Lunch for All: second Thursday of month in the Parish Room at 12 pm. Contact Pam Johnson ☎ 0781 4489713

Meals on Wheels: contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

Memorial Hall and The Institute: contact Arthur James ☎ 791 346

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESTHER

Esther Milner has been awarded the Archbishop of Wales' Certificate of Merit in Church Music in recognition of her long and devoted service to church music in Wales. As most of you know, Esther played the organ regularly in St Silin's Church from 1964 to 1978 and, since then, has been deputy organist. She also played regularly in St Ffraid's Church from 1978 to 2008 when she retired, so this award is well deserved. However, as Esther said, *"It was completely unexpected and came as a shock as I didn't know that I had been nominated for the award. I am very grateful to the people who put my name forward and I feel very pleased and proud."*

Esther's medal and certificate will be presented to her by the Very Revd Geoffrey Marshall, Dean of Brecon, on Sunday, 20 December at 11 am in St Ffraid's Church. Esther is very much looking forward to it and everyone is very welcome to attend the service.



LLANSILIN CHRISTMAS FAIR

Last year's Fair was such a success that this year it returns



Saturday, 28 November
10.30 am to 1 pm
in the Memorial Hall



A dozen or so stalls selling local crafts and interesting gifts will fill the Hall, plus homemade sweets and puddings. This year's event is specially focused to include the youngsters, with face painting, tombolas and fun stalls.

Entrance fee £1 (which includes a free raffle) and free entry for accompanied children

BE SURE NOT TO MISS IT!



LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS



Church Stall at Llansilin Show

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed and supported the Llansilin Church Stall on show day. £200.45 was raised for the churchyard maintenance fund and this was very much appreciated.

Harvest Festival

The church bells were ringing as the congregation entered the porch. Here some of the children who attend Family Service had given a hand to decorate, while church ladies had been busy inside. The guest preacher was Revd. Roger Durbridge from Sychtyn. After the service the Bring and Share lunch in the parish room was attended by 27, who enjoyed both a splendid meal and fellowship.

Bell Festival

Members from towers in the Montgomeryshire branch of the North Wales Association of Church Bellringers met at Llansilin for their quarterly meeting. Ringing was followed by a service led by Revd Margaret Robarts. After this, tea was served, which included a cake made by Mrs Rosemary Edwards to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the millennium restoration.



The Family Service continued the bells theme with children and congregation singing 'Oranges and Lemons' and the ringing of hand bells and bell plates. While tea was being served half a dozen of the children went up to the ringing chamber to watch the bells being rung. It is hoped that this will enthuse them to join and ring when they are a little older.

Putting the Churchyard to Bed

At the end of the season everything is looking pretty good. The grass is all cut, path weeds and moss controlled, lots of ivy cut from the west wall, hedges cut, drains cleared for the winter, dustbins emptied, trees in the roadside plantation pruned, bottom meadow cut and raked up.

Gweinidog

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Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

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Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

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Organist, St Silin's

Morfudd Williams 659 369

Communion Assistant

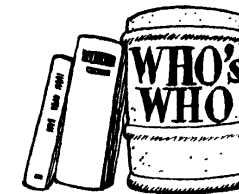
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Bellringing, St Silin's

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
791 274

Tower Captain: Christine Williams 791 563

Ringing Practice

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans
600 228

Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans
791 471

Press Secretary

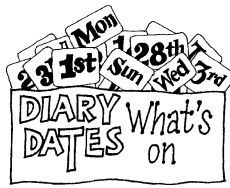
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Past copies of the newsletter are now available on line by logging on to www.daval.demon.co.uk and following the link.



November

- 21 Concert for Dolen Ffermio Memorial Hall 8 pm
- 25 Open Afternoon at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
- 27 Llansilin Sheepdog Trials and Show annual dinner Sweeney Hotel 7.30 pm
- 28 Christmas Fair Memorial Hall 10.30 am to 1 pm

December

- 10 Carol singing around the village by pupils from Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
- 11 Farmers' Market Memorial Hall organised by Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
- 17 Christingle (Ysgol Bro Cynllaith) St Silin's

Looking ahead to February

- 13 Music from the Musicals Memorial Hall 7.30 pm

Llansilin, Llangedwyn, Llangadwaladr and Rhiwlas
Christmas Services: December 2009

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| Friday, 4 | Plygain at Llansilin 7 pm |
| Sunday, 6 | Special Advent Evensong with the Pradoe Singers at Llangedwyn 6.30 pm |
| Monday, 7 | WI Carol Service at Llansilin 7 pm |
| Tuesday 15 | Carol Service at Llangadwaladr 7 pm |
| Friday 18 | Carol Service at Rhiwlas 7 pm |
| Sunday, 20 | Family Service Nativity at Llansilin 10.30 am |
| Thursday, 24 | Christmas Eucharist at Llansilin 11.15 pm |
| Friday, 25 | Christmas Eucharist at Llangedwyn 9.30 am |

Harp Concert in the Spring

We are hoping to arrange a concert in the spring by Harriet Earis, who specialises in Celtic harp music. Part of her repertoire is a tune called Caniad Sant Silin (song of St Silin). Harriet has been looking for a St Silin church to play it in, so this should be a very special occasion.

What an achievement by so few people. Thanks everybody. Lots of cups of tea have been drunk, a good number of biscuits eaten and, finally, we all enjoyed a Saturday lunch laid on for all helpers on the last day. No more Thursday evening sessions till next season.

Advent Crown of Light

Christmas at Llansilin wouldn't be the same without the Crown of Light on the church tower shining out over the village and the valley. A wonderful landmark as we drive down from the hills. What better way to support our two local hospices than to help finance the lights. Every penny from the "sale" of the bulbs at £3.00 each goes direct to the Severn Hospice and to the Hope House Hospice. Please contact Margaret Lloyd (791472 or Joan Williams (656782) to add your light to the Crown and help the hospices.



This photograph was taken by Michael Ziemak, a visitor to the Plygain in 2007

Plygain 2009

St Silin's Church is very proud and pleased to be able to continue the centuries old lovely tradition of the Welsh Plygain. One of the first in the Tanat valley area, ours this year will be on Friday, 4 December at 7.30 pm. The Border magazine two years ago published an illustrated feature on St Silin's Plygain – thus putting it firmly on the map. Last year there were singing parties from as far away as Aberystwyth – one of their choices to sing was a modern carol which had won a prize at the National Eisteddfod. Tradition has it that after the men have sung the "swper" song everyone adjourns for refreshments. Long may the whole tradition continue.

Did you know? ... One night, some 80 years ago, a very strong gale blew down the roof of a wing of the 18th century Maestanyglwyden Farm house. The chimney, rafters and debris fell through to the bedroom underneath where one of the family was in bed. Everything, including the bed, fell through to the floor below. Amazingly, the occupant was not harmed, though must have been extremely surprised!



The Llanilin Community Shop is going from strength to strength. Tuesday is the busy day, with the fresh bread, fruit and veg, free range pork, and plenty of home baked cakes and quiches arriving through the doors. Thursday morning is also becoming more popular, with the local pork pies and some veg still available, plus the growing selection of groceries on the shelves. Don't forget that almost all the groceries in the shop are priced below the recommended retail prices of Sainsbury's, Tesco and Morrisons. If we don't stock what you want, please ask, and we'll do our best to stock it for you.

WHAT'S GOING ON AFTER CHRISTMAS?

There will be a Winter exhibition of old pictures of Llanilin, to be displayed in the community shop. This is planned to continue throughout January and February. If you have any old photos or postcards of the village, we'd love to use them for the exhibition. They would be scanned and returned to you within a day or two, so they wouldn't be put at any risk. Any images which show buildings and/or people from the 19th century right up to the 1970s would be great. Please see Mike at the shop on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or call in at the Old White Lion.

THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE

Thanks are due from the whole village and the surrounding area to Mike and everyone involved in the Community Shop. Llanilin would be a much duller - and far less convenient - place without it.

We would also like to thank Deborah Hill-Trevor for donating two tins of metallic paint and Diana Hutchison and Bill Renshaw for painting the railings outside the toilets. A great improvement.

We can all look forward to an even more splendid display of daffodils next spring, thanks to the efforts of Diana, Bill and Rob Ellis who have planted another load of bulbs around the village. With thanks to the Community Council for providing the funds to buy the bulbs.

writing is a pain for him, but he can strip a rifle in 25 seconds and reassemble it in the dark. He can recite every detail of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either effectively if he has to. He digs trenches and latrines without the aid of machines and can apply first aid like a professional paramedic. He can march until he is told to stop, or stay dead still until he is told to move.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation but he is not without a rebellious spirit or a sense of personal dignity. He is confidently self-sufficient. He has two sets of uniform with him: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his water bottle full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never forgets to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes and fix his own hurts. If you are thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food is your food. He'll even share his life-saving ammunition with you if you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and regards his weapon as an extension of his own hands. He can save your life or he can take it, because that is his job - it's what a soldier does. He often works twice as long and hard as a civilian, draws half the pay and has nowhere to spend it, and can still find black ironic humour in it all. There's an old saying in the British Army: 'If you can't take a joke, you shouldn't have joined!'

He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has wept in public and in private for friends who have fallen in combat and he is unashamed to show it or admit it. He feels every bugle note of the 'Last Post' or 'Sunset' vibrate through his body while standing rigidly to attention. He's not afraid to 'bollock' anyone who shows disrespect when the Regimental Colours are on display or the National Anthem is played; yet in an odd twist, he would defend anyone's right to be an individual. Just as with generations of young people before him, he is paying the price for our freedom. Clean shaven and baby faced he may be, but be prepared to defend yourself if you treat him like a kid.

He is the latest in a long thin line of British Fighting Men that have kept this country free for hundreds of years. He asks for nothing from us except our respect, friendship and understanding. We may not like what he does, but sometimes he doesn't like it either - he just has it to do. Remember him always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have brave young women putting themselves in harm's way, doing their part in this tradition of going to war when our nation's politicians call on us to do so.

When you read this, please stop for a moment and if you are so inclined, feel free to say a prayer for our troops in the trouble spots of the world.

**CONCERT FOR DOLEN FFERMIO
CYNGERDD I DDOLEN FFERMIO**

Neuadd Goffa Llansilin Memorial Hall

Saturday, 21 November 8 pm Nos Sadwrn 21 Tachwedd

**BOSCO
FLATVILLE ACES TRIO
LES BARKER
LLANSILIN QUARTET
MARTHA FENSOME**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: HYWEL JONES

**£6 (£4 child) from The Gates, Oswestry, Llansilin Community Shop or
from 01691 791626**

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01691 791626**

**All profits to Dolen Ffermio - linking Montgomeryshire with Uganda
Yr holl elw i Ddolen Ffermio - sy'n cysylltu Sir Drefaldwyn gydag
Uganda**

THE BRITISH SOLDIER

Whatever our individual views on things, with Remembrance Day falling this month, it seems a fitting time to remember the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

The average British soldier is 19 years old, a short haired, well built lad who, under normal circumstances, is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears and just old enough to buy a round of drinks but old enough to die for his country. He's not particularly keen on hard work but he'd rather be grafting in Afghanistan than unemployed in the UK. He recently left comprehensive school where he was probably an average student, played some form of sport, drove a 10 year old rust bucket, and knew a girl who either broke up with him when he left or swore to be waiting when he returns home. He moves easily to rock and roll, hip hop or to the rattle of a 7.62mm machine gun.

He is about a stone lighter than when he left home because he is working or fighting from dawn to dusk and well beyond. He has trouble spelling, so letter

Gewinidogaeth Bro

Rydym i gyd yn falch iawn o weld Y Parch Stanton Evans y neid plith unwaith eto, ar ôl iddo dreulio mis yn yr ysbyty yng Ngobowen. Hyderwn y caiff wellhad llwyr i'w ysgwydd.

I ddathlu ein gwyl o ddiolchgarwch am y cynheuf, fe gawfwyd tri cyfarfod, un gyda'r ieuencid, un cyfarfod gweddi ac i gloi pregeth gan Mair Penri o'r Parc ger y Bala. Pregeth rymus iawn.

Agorwyd y Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol gyda darlith gan Huw Ceiriog Jones o Aberystwyth. Testyn ei ddarlith oedd 'Huw Morus o Bontymeibion'. Bardd enwog yn ei ddydd ac sydd wedi ei gladdu ym mynwent Llansilin. Mi fydd yn dymor ewylllys da a'r plygeiniau cyn bo hir.

We are all pleased to see The Reverend Stanton Evans amongst us once again, after spending a month at the Orthopaedic Hospital following his shoulder operation.

To celebrate the harvest festival we had three services, one by the young people, a prayer meeting and a service led by Mair Penri, Y Parc near Bala, and her sermon was inspiring.

The Literate Society opened with a talk by Huw Ceiriog Jones of Aberystwyth. His topic was 'The life of Huw Morus of Pontymeibion'. A well known poet during the 17th century and who is buried in Llansilin churchyard.

Soon it will be the season of good-will and the plygeiniau.

MUSIC FROM THE MUSICALS

Saturday, 13 February 2010 at 7.30 pm

**featuring HOWARD ELLIS, tenor
supported by LLANSILIN MIXED CHOIR**

in aid of Cwch Mithrin Llansilin Play School

For tickets, phone 01691 791251

More details on posters nearer to the date

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



Welcome to New Pupils

This term we have five new children in school - Alice Morris, Ayla Willman, Megan Kulig-Beach, Poppy Ashford and Llion Jones.

Special Events

- ▶ We have had the Author Jack Trelawny in school to talk to the children about how he goes about writing his stories and deciding on settings for them.
- ▶ Year 5 pupils have taken part in the Life-line initiative organised by the Borderland Rotary club.
- ▶ In October Val Talbot of Dolen Ffermio came in to show us the film she made when she visited Uganda in April. The children enjoyed it so much that we asked her to come back and show their parents at our Harvest Service. The children introduced it and everyone was very moved by their thoughtful and uplifting messages.
- ▶ Theatr Powys have been in to work with Years 4, 5 and 6.
- ▶ Pupils will soon be taking part in a 5 a-side football tournament in Llanfair and a swimming gala later in the month, both for the Urdd.
- ▶ We have an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 25th November.
- ▶ The older children are going to Newtown to see a Horrible Histories production about World War Two in December.
- ▶ We are carol singing around the village on December 10th.
- ▶ We have another Farmer's Market on the 11th December
- ▶ Christingle in Church on the 17th.
- ▶ End of term 18th!!

RECYCLING



The Playing Fields Association is very pleased that you are continuing to support this area, as you know the funds received from this go towards the Public Liability Insurance Cover needed on the playing fields site.

You will have noticed that a 'wheelie' bin has been delivered. This is for the collection of both plastics and cans. In the near future 'The Shed' will be withdrawn and another bin brought. Problems still occur during the summer months, when the lorry which collects the 'Green Waste' is off the road for maintenance. Your patience is much appreciated when things do not run as smoothly as we would like.

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The September meeting was presided over by the chairman, Cllr J M Jones, assisted by the clerk, Mr H Hughes. An application was received to remove condition 13 (agricultural tie) attached to planning permission 2008/1692 on land at Felin Newydd, Llansilin. A copy of a letter of objection was received from a local inhabitant. Members confirmed their support for an agricultural dwelling on this land but regretted that, such was the ambiguity of the terminology of condition 13, they were unable to make any recommendation and would welcome clarification. Concern was expressed regarding the escalating cost of maintaining the public conveniences in Llansilin which was in excess of £1700 during 2008/9. This cost, together with limited usage during winter months and the availability of this facility in three establishments in the village, members regretfully decided to close the conveniences during the months of December, January and February. The clerk was asked to report the dangerous branches near Lledrode; open ditch near Tanrhallt and water on the road by Tynyfron Lane. It was agreed to contact BT seeking information regarding the possible adoption of the telephone kiosk in Llansilin.

The October meeting was presided over by the chairman, Cllr J M Jones, assisted by the clerk, Mr H Hughes, who reported that instructions had been given to fill the open ditch in Cefn Canol. A planning application for the erection of a two-storey extension at Wenffrwyd, Llansilin, was supported. Correspondence from BT and Powys CC invited members to consider the adoption of red kiosks in the parish. After much discussion, members agreed not to proceed with this request as the potential cost could not be justified. The clerk was, however, instructed to submit the following observations: the large number of calls made from the Llansilin kiosk justified retention by BT; the new type kiosk in Rhydygroesau is located in the rural parish of Oswestry, Shropshire; no mention is made of the kiosk in Cefn Canol; the Rhiwlas kiosk has been out of order for the past twelve months. Cllr P Lovell agreed to attend a meeting of the North Powys Community Council Forum on 17 November. The clerk would be attending a presentation by the Local Government Boundary Commission in Wales which would deal with the operation of the forthcoming electoral review. Cllr E O Evans gave a detailed report of a One Voice Wales area meeting he had attended which had been addressed by a police officer. Several applications for financial assistance were left on the table. Members were concerned by the absence of direction signs to the ancient monument at Sycharth and agreed to request CADW to provide appropriate signs at the Groesfford and near Bryn Derw. A request for a hand rail on the steps adjacent to Bryn Celyn will be dealt with by County Cllr Davies. A request from a local resident to keep the public conveniences open for the first two weeks in December was not supported.