

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News

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

St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

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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

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Meh

6	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
13	Mr Ieuan Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
20	Parch Megan Williams *	Llansilin	2.00 pm
27	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Cefncanol	2.00 pm

Gor

4	Parch Stanton Evans	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr
11	Parch Ddr Sion Aled	Llansilin	6.30 pm	
18	Mrs Nesta Barker Jones	Cefncanol	10.00 am	
25	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	

Awst

1	Mr Thomas Morris	Llansilin	10.00 am
8	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
15	Parch Gareth Hughes	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm
22	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Llansilin	2.00 pm
29	Parch Glyn Morgan	Cefncanol	6.30 pm

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



Mary Cunnah

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Dear Readers

It hardly seems any time at all since I was asked to write the foreword to the spring edition of the newsletter, and here we are, three months later and five months into 2010. As far as Llansilin Church goes, those have been challenging times. Our well-liked vicar, Mrs Robarts, left and since then we have been in what is known as an interregnum, or period of waiting and readjustment. We have had visiting clergy taking our services and it is always good to have a different priest with possibly different ideas and views - all very good for us!

As you would imagine, the snow stopped many of our congregation getting to church safely, but to those who did manage to do so, our grateful thanks.

Now here we are in spring and looking forward to the arrival of our new vicar - the Reverend Anthony Dilworth. He has been helping out in Glyndyfrdwy, near Corwen, and before that he looked after two parishes in Lancashire. He and Mrs Dilworth should be moving into the vicarage, hopefully, some time in May - although we don't know when as yet.

As I write, I am admiring the daffodils that adorn my "rabbit park" - not a garden, you note! Welcome as they are, they are two weeks late for the Easter festivities, when I let anyone have as many as they want to decorate the church. However, the absence of my golden Easter trumpets did not affect the way my talented colleagues produced their usual excellent display. Village life is back, showing all the verve and enthusiasm so typical of Llansilin, and we look forward to the heady smell of barbecues filling the air, as we have (I hope) a warm, or even hot summer. Have fun, one and all.

Deborah Hill-Trevor

The Service of Licensing
for the Reverend Anthony Dilworth will take place on Monday,
28 June at St Cedwyn's Church, Llangedwyn at 7 pm. Everyone
is warmly invited to come along and welcome our new vicar.

Mobile Library: every other Monday at Llansilin Church at 1.30 to 2.30 pm, then Maes-y-Llan car park 2.30 to 3.30 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 on the 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 10.30 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 ☎ 791 662 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



An Old Fashioned Welcome Awaits You



To step in the community run shop in Llanlilan is like stepping back in time - a real old fashioned village shop with a welcome to match. When you walk in for the first time you may just want to stand and take in all that is on offer, and there is so much on offer that you would not be disappointed. Alongside the healthy stock of everyday groceries and goods, we also have fresh bread which is delivered every Tuesday to order, together with fresh fruit and vegetables, freshly baked pies and pasties, a selection of cheeses, bacon, sausages and burgers, not to mention a mouth-watering selection of homemade cakes and quiches.

Because the shop has proved so popular and such an asset to the community, we had been thinking of ways in which to improve our service so, after some consideration, we decided to buy a freezer unit in order to widen our selection of available foods. With this in mind (and realising that freezers don't come cheap!), some of the staff and customers of the shop set to, to do a bit of fundraising. So far we have had a party and raffle kindly hosted by Diana Hutchison, which raised £36. We then had a Quiz, which was held at the Wynnstay Inn in Llanlilan which, together with a raffle, raised £172. The Village Coffee Morning has very kindly offered a donation of £100 and the collection tin in the shop is at bursting point.

On Sunday, 2nd May Lesley Edwards and Nicki Maddocks organised a sponsored walk for which over £900 has been pledged. At the halfway point Fiona Hollway kindly provided refreshments and, on returning to the shop, a raffle was drawn with the first prize of a hamper kindly donated by Sheila Wilks. Pat Lovell was our on site first aider for the day (thankfully not needed). All walkers were offered free tea and cake on their return, provided by the shop, Diana and Sarah Shuttleworth.



Enjoying a welcome and well deserved cuppa outside the village shop at the end of the sponsored walk

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; Llanlilan (Maes y Llan) 10.20 am; Oswestry Bus Station 10.42 am. Oswestry 1 pm; Llanlilan 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
	Wednesday	5.00 pm to 6.30 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 Llanlilan (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

Llanlilan 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

The atmosphere was wonderful and it was good to see so many locals of all ages taking part. With all the money raised we are now in a position to buy our freezer, so thank you to everyone who has contributed in whichever way to make all these occasions a great success. How extremely heartwarming it is to know that there is so much support for this cause. Of course, we must never forget that none of this would be possible without the kind permission of the Chapel members who continue to allow us to use Capel Wesle as the site for our Community Shop - thank you.

NEW SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 9.30 am to 2.30 pm
NEW - Wednesday evenings from 5 pm to 6.30 pm
 Thursday 9.30 am to 12 pm
More volunteers needed please!
Speak to anyone in the shop if you can help

NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 1st June 2010 7.30 pm
 (Registered Charity No.216682)

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL AND INSTITUTE will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 1 June 2010 at 7:30 pm. All inhabitants of the area of benefit (i.e. Llansilin, Llangadwaladr, Moelfre, Cymdu, Cefn Canol and Rhiwlas) who are aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting in the appointment of elected members only (NB not 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 28th May 2010. Please note that any nominations for new elected members must be given to the Chairman, Mr E O Evans, Cefn y Braich, Llansilin, in writing together with the written consent of the nominee no later than Friday 28th May 2010.

Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans
 20 Croeswylan Lane, Croesoswallt 791 682

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies 791 395
 Trys Carys Evans 791 240

Vicar

Revd Anthony Dilworth 791 209
 Y Ficerdy, Llansilin
NB not until after 28 June 2010

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Graham Moss 791 528



Bellringing, St Silin's

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
 791 274

Tower Captain: Christine Williams 791 563

Ringling 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.



June

- 1 AGM of Management Committee of Memorial Hall and Institute at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall
- 5 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 28 Service of Licensing for Revd Anthony Dilworth at St Cedywn's Church at 7 pm

July

- 3 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 15 Fashion Show in St Silin's Church 2 pm

August

- 7 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 12.30 pm
- 28 Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue
- 30 Open Sheepdog Trials and Village Show

**NB Details of regular church and chapel services are on page 16
Details of regular village activities are on pages 14 and 15**

REMINDER - that all church rotas are now on the notice board in the porch. Thank you very much.

PLEASE HELP TO FUND THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

We are all enormously grateful to our three regular sponsors: St Silin's Church, the Chapel Congregation and the Community Council. We have also been very fortunate over the past 5 years that individuals and village groups have come forward to pay for the autumn edition of the newsletter, which is the only one without regular funding. However, we don't have anyone lined up for the coming newsletter and we hope that someone will be generous enough to contribute. It costs approximately £75 for 300 copies and, of course, this could be shared between a number of sponsors. As you know and I'm sure all appreciate, the newsletter is delivered free of charge to every household in the parish and long may this continue.

If anyone feels they could contribute towards the cost, please contact Graham Moss on 791 528 or any member of the PCC.

LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS



Lent Lunches

The Parish Room was again the venue for two Lent Lunches, where home made soup, bread rolls, cheese and biscuits, tea or coffee, were very much enjoyed by those attending.

Easter tide

The Palm Sunday service taken by Mr L Northcott Hammond included the handing out of the Palm Crosses.

On Maundy Thursday a joint Communion service at St Cedwyn's was followed on Good Friday at St. Silin's with a Devotional service led by the Venerable Tony Sadler.

The church looked lovely, decorated with flowers and with the 'Seren' lit for the 10.30 am Communion service on Easter Day, which was well attended. The announcement of the appointment of the Reverend Anthony Dilworth as our new Priest-in-charge was much talked about over coffee after the service.

Easter Vestry Meeting

In the absence of a resident vicar and the Area Dean still being immobile due to his broken ankle (now on the mend) the Venerable Tony Sadler took the chair at this annual meeting which reviews the many services and events which the church had held in the past year.

The People's Warden, Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor, has retired from this post and the PCC members were pleased to elect Mr Dan Jones to serve in her place. Mrs Christine Williams continues in the office of Vicar's Warden.

Thanks were extended to all those who volunteer their time and effort to help the church function so well.

Christmas Fair

Advance notice of the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 20 November for anyone who would like to have a stall.

LLANSILIN SHOW AND SHEEPDOG TRIALS

Saturday, 28 August

Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue

Monday, 30 August

Open Sheepdog Trials, Horse Show, Produce Competitions, Dog Show, Children's Sports, Car Boot Sale



Show Craft Class

This year there is a knitting competition for a pair of mittens. The set pattern will be available soon in the Post Office Shop (Tuesday and Thursday mornings)

Dahlia Competition

There is a new cup donated by Mrs Jean Davies and family of Trefonen for the best dahlias.

Special Attractions in St Silin's

Activities and refreshments

Free events in and around St Silin's Church as part of the Living Stones Heritage Trail (see below).

LIVING STONES HERITAGE TRAIL

Llansilin Church is going to be one of the special sites on the new North Montgomeryshire Living Stones Heritage Trail. There are 16 participatory churches and chapels, each of which is developing visitor friendly activities with guides, children's attractions and interpretative material - all free. The Trail opening will be officially launched at Llanfyllin on Saturday, 22 May with puppet shows and a roundabout, guided tours, open buildings, a silver band, exhibitions, and illustrated talks on the Churches and Chapels of Wales.

As well as the barrage balloon article on page 8, here are 3 more fascinating "Did you Know" items.

From Oswestry parish magazine January 1899: "On St Thomas's Day charities to the amount of £13.9s.4d were given to 87 poor people, in sums ranging from 1s.6d to 4s." "On the same day, the clothing club bonuses were also distributed."

From Oswestry parish magazine June 1900: "Harriet Jones for cleaning of church, £2.0s.0d; Harriet Jones for extra cleaning £2.0s.0d; blowing organ £0.10s.0d; repairing hearse harness £0.4s.6d."

Oswestry parish magazine, May 1899 on the wedding between Mr T Thomas, Lloran Uchaf, and Miss L Foulkes, Penylan, on 20th April: "The church bells rang merry peals, cannon rent the air, flags waved, arches spanned the route from the church, rice and confetti were abundant, and old shoes and slippers came in useful to adorn the nuptial carriage."

We have space (for once) for a light-hearted look at some of the clangers which people collect and periodically publish. They actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services. I wonder how many there have been over the years in the Llansilin newsletter?!

- ▶ Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- ▶ Ladies, a reminder about the bring and buy sale. It's a chance to get rid of the things you don't want or need. Don't forget to bring your husbands.
- ▶ Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- ▶ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a creche downstairs.
- ▶ Stuart Benson and Jessie Carter were married on 24 October in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.
- ▶ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church hall on Friday afternoon.
- ▶ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The March meeting was chaired by Cllr J M Jones, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes, who informed members that the surface cracks on the road near Bryncoch would be sealed and regularly monitored. Work was in progress in piping the open ditch in Cefn Canol. The large pothole near Bodlith had been filled in. It was unlikely that remedial work would be undertaken on the side road above Ty Top. It was noted that a revised planning application for parking bays in front of the Mount and Aelybryn had been granted consent.

The risk assessment and management document was presented and approved. Members adopted the Freedom of Information Act. Following advice from the external auditor, it was decided to increase the fidelity bond to £4000. Members were informed that a public meeting would be held in Llanfyllin on Tuesday, 15 March which would be addressed by the Headmaster of Llanfyllin High School regarding the threat of school closures. A copy of a letter from a Powys County Councillor to the clerk of Welshpool Town Council queried the need for a Montgomeryshire Community Council Forum, suggesting it would conflict with the Area Committee of One Voice Wales. Correspondence from Severn Trent Water stated that, as a result of a burst water main not being repaired within a stated time, the Council was entitled to a payment of £40 under the guaranteed standards of service scheme. Other correspondence received included an invitation to an open day in Welshpool law courts. Welsh Assembly, borrowing by Councils and Councillors allowances regulations. Powys County Council, report on winter services during the recent severe weather. Powys CC rural housing enabler and new heritage advice leaflet. Dyfed/Powys Police, audit briefing. Volunteer Denbighshire report. One Voice Wales, training for members. It was agreed to renew membership of One Voice Wales. Several applications for financial assistance were left on the table.

THANK YOU ...

to Diana Hutchison, Dot and Bill Renshaw and Rob Ellis for their constant supply of bulbs and flowers which keep the village looking bright and cheerful. We all appreciate the time and effort you put into doing this.

LLANSILIN WI



Ladies of Llansilin WI at their last meeting

Llansilin Women's Institute meets every second Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Institute of the Memorial Hall. Our president is Mrs Nancy Williams and secretary is Mrs Tanya Jones. There are 15 members.

We try to have a varied programme of events during the year. We have just recently had a spring flower demonstration given by Mrs Julia Walkey. She used to have flower shops in Llanfyllin and Llangedwyn Mill and used to work as an agent for Interflora. In May we will be having a talk by Dr Lydia Hill about her holiday in Turkey. We usually have an outing in July, which is being planned at the moment.

Visitors are welcome to our meetings free of charge so, if you like, come and have a cup of tea and a biscuit with us and you will be made very welcome.

CHURCH GATE STALLS

Don't forget the Church Gate Stalls and the chance to buy good wholesome cooking, garden plants and produce to help raise funds for the day-to-day upkeep of the church.

First Saturday of the month 10 am to 11.30 am

*5 June 3 July 7 August
4 September 2 October*

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



January

A very pleasing Inspection Report

Recycling workshop for the whole school with Powys Schools Recycling Officers.

February

Music workshop when the Foundation Phase pupils produced and recorded their own song.

March

A Prynawn Cymreig in the Hall with the children singing and parents taking part in the folk dancing.

Darren Mayor from Impact Schools came to do an assembly.

Children took part in a cross country event in Llanfyllin.

Farmers' Market in the Hall

April

Years 5 and 6 attended a Jambori at Newtown, organised by the Urdd and Menter Maldwyn.

5-a-side team played in the second round of the Urdd Competition.

5 pupils took part in the WASPS Swimming Gala in Welshpool and gained 2 2nd places, 4 3rd places and 1 4th place.

Year 6 attended a Science Day at Llanfyllin High School.

May

Mock election held at school on polling day. Hannah Morris was duly elected 'Prime Minister' of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

Trip to St Asaph Cathedral, looking at colours, materials and William Morgan.

Bus kindly paid for by Mr Peter Morris.

BARRAGE BALLOON

The unexpected sight of a loose barrage balloon over Llansilin was a huge source of excitement one sunny Sunday summer evening in the early 1940s. It was spotted in the fields behind Rossett and a crowd of onlookers soon gathered round. They held on to the trailing cable as a search party arrived in a lorry. While attempts were made to release some of the hydrogen, the evening breezes proved too strong and the balloon soared in to the air carrying young Griff Evans up for some yards. It is thought that the balloon must have broken free of its mooring somewhere west of here, maybe in the Liverpool area. Thanks to Griff Evans of Morda and Trefor of Fodwen for this gem. Does anyone have any recollection of this incident?

FASHION SHOW

Members of the Mothers' Union at St Silin's and St Cedwyn's,
together with the ladies of St Silin's

invite you to

a Fashion Show by Just the Right Thing

on Thursday, 15 July at 2 pm
in St Silin's Church

Proceeds to a chosen charity and church funds

Contact Glenice Jones on 791296 for more information

CELTIC HARP CONCERT

This was a wonderful evening presented by young international harp player, Harriet Earis from Aberystwyth. Harriet brought with her two harps - a pedal harp and a smaller celtic harp. Her programme ranged widely over



the centuries with music from the celtic countries. Harriet's lively introductions added to the enjoyment, spoken in Welsh, English and Irish (is this the first time the Irish tongue has been heard in St Silin's?) The final piece was Caniad (song) Sant Silin, one of the first recorded harp

compositions unearthed in a medieval manuscript written by Robert ap Huw in the 1600s. The interval refreshments reflected the theme of the music with Welsh cakes, Bara Brith and Breton biscuits (St Silin is thought to have arrived here from Brittany!)