

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, chapel and village news



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St Silin's church registers 2018

Baptisms

January 18 Charles David Frederick Croyden, Pwllymeirch.
January 18 Dyfan Eilir Sockett, Ael-y-Bryn.
April 15 Robin Sissons. Bryn Cottage, Nantmawr.
December 2 Isla Susan North, Llanymynech.

Marriage

July 21. Arwyn Paul Philip Clough-Jones to Donna Louise May
Both of Penybont, Llanerch Emrys.

Funeral Service

February 15 John Randolph Emmerson, followed by
cremation at Shrewsbury.

Burials at Llangadwaladr

September 27 Jane Alice Jones aged 80 years.
October 26 William Henry Jones aged 86 years.
Both of 4. Bryndentyr Llansilin.

NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE----ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 11th JUNE 2019, 7:30pm

(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 11th June 2019 at 7:30pm. 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 7th June 2019. 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 7th June 2019. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary Mr. A.E.James 2 Pentre Felin Cottages, Llansilin Tel: 01691 791346

The term is whizzing by

The Spring Term is well underway now and Christmas is a distant memory.

Casting our minds back to November when all the WWI commemorations were going on in the village, we took the whole school to see first-hand what it was like to be in the trenches, which had been marvellously re-created at Park Hall. This was a wonderful experience for the children.



Ben and Lloyd met Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales during Super Ambassadors training

The children enjoyed the end of year pantomime at Theatre Severn on 12th December where they saw *Mother Goose*. The following evening they presented their own beautiful nativity to parents, family and friends in St Silin's church. On the evening of 19th December the PTFA and children braved the elements to go

carol singing around the village and managed to raise almost £100. Wow! It must have been great singing.

8th January hailed the arrival of a new term which is whizzing by already. On Friday 25th January some of the KS2 children took part in a netball tournament at the high school, and on Friday 22nd February they took part in indoor athletics, again at the high school. We are very proud of all our talented athletes.

We are also proud to announce that our Criw Cymraeg achieved a Bronze Award.

We broke for half term on 22nd February for a week and when we returned we had lots to look forward to. In the afternoon on Wednesday 6th March we will be holding a



We went Red for Wales to help fight heart disease

school Eisteddfod, bric-a-brac and cake sale. Friday 15th March is Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day - so I'm sure we will come up with something 'funny' for the children to do. There are a few dates in March earmarked for cross country and in April some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending Llangrannog for the residential trip.

We are also pleased to welcome Llansilin Cylch Meithrin / Ti a Fi to our mobile classroom where they will now be holding their sessions every Wednesday from 9 – 11 am. They are currently holding an eight-week programme – Clwb Cwtsh – which began on 16th January which focuses on speaking Welsh with young children.

What's the biggest thing in Llansilin?

For sheer size it's the church, and when the village population was more than 4,000 this was probably the right size but this beautiful and historic building at the heart of the village comes at a price, and it isn't just money that we need. You may have family buried in the churchyard; help us to keep it mown for their sake. Or maybe you have skills that would be useful.

On page 11 there's a questionnaire suggesting ways you might help. Please look and think about it.. There are always little maintenance jobs that need doing. But where we could really do with help is simply in providing new ideas and new initiatives. If you feel you might be able to contribute why not come onto the church council? It's vital for the church's survival so don't be shy, just ask one of the churchwardens or an existing member and they will tell you what's involved.

Roads remain a problem

Again roads have dominated discussion at the community council meeting. Numerous potholes as well as poor drainage have been reported, and although the speed humps at the top of the village have been repaired it has been suggested that vehicles entering the village from the south are speeding. The chairman will now speak to the county council about possible remedies.

Meanwhile Powys highways department has now responded to complaints about winter maintenance saying that in each area it has contacts who can tell the council when a snow plough is needed. The CC will now try to find out who in Llansilin is responsible for this. Councillors will also monitor the roadside salt supplies since the county claims that they should all have been topped-up.

It was agreed that work will begin on improving the public lavatories but the winter closure remains a problem. The cost of keeping them open for just six months is over £1,000. To keep them open all year would add that amount to the tax that residents pay for village services and there would also be a risk if pipes bursting in the winter. The council is considering a questionnaire seeking the opinions of those living in the village.

This, of course, is no problem for dogs, and views on that are well known. The council was still waiting to hear about the provision of dog fouling signs. Meanwhile the precept – that is the amount added to council tax to pay for local services – will increase by £500 this year, bringing the total to £3,500.

There were no planning applications to discuss but green-laners remain a concern and councillors were asked to make a detailed note of all incidents.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 12th 2019 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.



Thanks to the fountain volunteers The village fountain now has a splendid show of spring bulbs. The whole village owes its thanks to those who maintain it as such an attractive feature.

Gweinidogaeth Bro

Mae prysurdeb y Nadolig wedi bod ac wedi mynd. Cafwyd Gymanfa Garolau hwyliog dan law medrus Nia Turner unwaith eto, bu gwasanaeth plant Ysgol Sul Rhiwlas yn y Ganolfan gyda the a sgwrs i orffen y prynhawn.



Ar ddechrau Mis Ionawr yn y Gymdeithas Ddiwylliedg darllenodd Goronwy Jones atgofion ei dad-yng -nghyfraith, sef Dai Jones, Efailrhyd, ei hanes pan yn ifanc yn potsian pysgod a ffesantod yn yr ardal. Noson ddiddorol iawn.

Dechrau Mis Bach cafwyd Eisteddfod , cystadlu rhwng y Merched a'r Dynion. Roedd y cystadleuthau yn cynwys canu emyn, adroddiad digri, canu cân werin, meimio, band y gegin côr a darllen darn heb ei atalnodi. Y beirniaid oedd Lyn a Dafydd Ellis, Henlle. Y tîm a ddaeth i'r brig y tro yma oedd y Dynion. Da iawn nhw. Noson hwyliog a llawer o chwerthin.

Mae'r Cenin Pedr bron iawn allan ac fe fyddant ar eu gorau erbyn Mawrth 1af, dydd ein Nawdd Sant, Dewi.

Christmas with all its hustle and bustle has been and gone. The Carol Singing Service went down very well under Nia Turner's masterly hand. The Rhiwlas Sunday School children's service was held in the Centre at Rhiwlas with tea and a chat to end the afternoon.

In the January meeting of the Literary Society Goronwy Jones read his farther-in-law's (Dei Jones , Efailrhyd) recollections of his activities when young, poaching fish and pheasants around the area. It was a very interesting evening.

At the start of February an Eisteddfod was held between the Ladies and the Menfolk. The competitions included hymn singing, humorous

recitation, a folk song, miming, a kitchen band choir and reading an unpunctuated piece. The adjudicators were Lyn and David Ellis, Henlle. The team who won this time were the Menfolk. Well done. A very jolly and entertaining evening.

The daffodils are almost out and they will be at their best in time for March 1st, Saint David's Day.

Carys Evans

Llansilin Local History Society

This year's programme will start again in April with the first of an inspirational series of talks. As we prepare for a final service at Rhiwlas mission church the greatest name associated with it will be remembered when Corinne Jebb talks about her celebrated ancestor who founded Save the Children.

Here are a few of the other talks scheduled for the spring.

April 15 Eglantyne Jebb and her connection with Save the Children by Corinne Jebb.

April 29th. Last Days of Owain Glyn Dŵr by Gruffydd Aled Williams.

May 13th. History along the Efyrynwy River by Dewi Roberts.

June 3rd. Derwen Collage, the Legacy of Dame Agnes Hunt, by Peter Evans.

Meetings are at 7-30 pm in the Village Institute and all are most welcome. Membership for 10 meetings is £8 or £3 as a visitor



**The only international language in the world is the cry of a child -
*Eglantyne Jebb***



Church news

Another crowning achievement

Once again the generosity of Llansilin will result in significant donations to Hope House and the Severn Hospice. By sponsoring bulbs in the Crown of Light that adorns the church tower through Advent and Christmas the village has raised £439 which will be shared by the two charities.

Cheques will be presented to the two charities at the coffee morning in the Parish Room on Tuesday 12 March at 10.30 am.

Fancy a cuppa? Coffee mornings are held every other Tuesday morning in the Parish Room. It's a great opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy a good cup of coffee. Why not combine it with a visit to the community shop?

On course. The Lent course takes a different format this year. Following the notion of the journey to the cross the course itself will follow a journey; each week it will be held in a different church in the Mission Area. See the church noticeboard for details.

Crafty presents for mum. St Silin's children's craft group's next meeting is on 30th March. As usual it's in the Parish Room from 2.00 -3.15 pm, and since that's the eve of Mothering Sunday mum may get something rather itself special this year

Mothering Sunday – 31st March – falls on the fifth Sunday of the month, so it will be a service for all the churches in the Tanat Valley Mission Area. It will be in St Silin's at the usual time of 10.30 am.. All families are very welcome on this special day, and after the service you can enjoy traditional simnel cake.

Concerted action. May finds a feast of music, beginning on 3rd May with a performance in St Silin's by Gloria's Gang. This particularly aimed at young people, for whom it is free. Grown-ups have to pay a fiver.

On 18th May there is a concert by the Quindici Choir whose members are drawn from Mid-Wales and the Borders.. The choir's repertoire spans many styles, periods and genres, from Tudor anthems to contemporary arrangements of folk songs and spirituals. The choir has an especial interest in British music of the early 20th century.

Present time. If you're looking for a small present – particularly one that you want to send in the post, - a Llansilin tea towel is a great idea. Tea towels are always useful and this one, with views of the village, is unique and especially attractive. Better still, they now come in cardboard tubes making them easy to post. You can buy them at the community shop, or St Silin's church.

What do you think about the church? Here's the opportunity to have your say

The Easter Vestry is effectively the church's AGM. Anyone can attend, though you do have to be on the electoral roll to vote. There's the usual business of accepting the accounts and electing the officers but it does present a great opportunity to air your views about the church. Do we have the right services at the right times? What might the church do that it isn't doing at the moment? How can it best serve the community?

The Vestry takes place in the Parish Room on 11th March at 7.00 pm. Come along and have your say.

Gone, but not forgotten?



Everyone buried in the churchyard might be forgotten if we didn't rely on a small band of volunteers to mow the grass and prevent it from becoming a jungle.. In April we start mowing again and if you have family or friends buried

there why not help to keep their memory alive and drop in on any Thursday evening from 6pm. Bring your own strimmer or use one of ours. You'll enjoy good company and refreshments are provided.

Revision of church electoral roll

It's time to revise the church electoral roll. A notice and copy can be found in the church. If you are already on it you need take no action unless there are any changes you want to make. If you are not already on the roll and would like to be you can fill in the form below and leave it in the box in St Silin's, or fill in one of the forms in the church.

Application for inclusion on the church electoral roll

Delete as appropriate

Enter full Christian Names and Surname

I. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr

Enter full postal address

Of.....

Postcode

Tel. No.

E-mail (optional)

----- hereby apply to have my name entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish of **Llansilin** in the **Diocese of St Asaph** and I agree to accept and be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales. I declare that I am qualified according to the provisions of section 2(4) of Chapter VI of the Constitution (see below).

Signature

Date _____

NOTE: A lay person who is over sixteen years of age shall be entitled to have his/her name entered on the Roll if he/she: (i) is a communicant, and (ii) is not a member of any religious body which is not in communion with the Church in Wales, without the written dispensation of the Diocesan Bishop from this requirement; and is resident in the parish, or, if not so resident, has habitually attended public worship in that parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and has signed a form of application for enrolment..

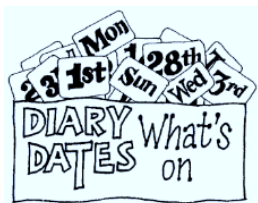
Would you like to help?

To keep the church friendly and beautiful we rely on volunteers. Please tick if you would like to help, even if it's only very occasionally, in any of these ways:

Reading the lesson Taking collection/meeting and greeting.....

Making tea and coffee on first Sunday..... Mowing the churchyard.....

Cleaning the church and providing flowers.....



March

6 Ysgol Bro Cynllaith Eisteddfod, bric-a-brac and cake sale, afternoon.

12 Presentation of Crown of Light cheques to hospices, Parish Room 10.30 am

30 Children's Craft Group, St Silin's 2.00 pm

31 Mothering Sunday service, St Silin's 10.30 am

April

11 Easter Vestry St Silin's 7.00 pm

15 Llansilin Local History Society "Eglantyne Jebb", Llansilin Institute 7.30 pm

19 Good Friday service, St Silin's 2.00 pm

21 Easter Sunday service, St Silin's 10.30 am

29 Llansilin Local History Society, "Last days of Owain Glyndwr". Llansilin Institute 7.30 pm

May

3 Gloria's Gang concert, St Silin's 7.00 pm Tickets £5, under 16 free

5 Closing service at Rhiwlas Mission Church 2.00 pm

13 Llansilin Local History Society, "History along the Vyrnwy". Llansilin Institute 7.30 pm

18 Quindici Choir concert, St Silin's

31 Speranza chamber orchestra and organ concert, St Silin's, 7.30 pm

LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL---WHIST DRIVES

Whist drives continue every second Wednesday in the month until May on 13th March, 10th April and 15th May 7:30pm, £1.50 per player including refreshments---Raffle prizes available---tea and sandwiches at half time



FoLC music

The series of chamber concerts organised by the Friends of Llansilin church continues with

quartets by Haydn and Beethoven played by Speranza, a group headed by Susan Bint who grew up in Llanfyllin. The programme on 31 May also includes two Mozart church sonatas for organ, two violins and cello. The organist is Graham Bint, who has a distinguished career including performances with the BBC Philharmonic. He has a particular fondness for the organ in St Silin's which is distinctly superior to most church organs.

St Silin's readers and sidesmen

Reader

Sidesman

March

3 Lynnette Moss	Graham Moss
10 Samantha Evans	Andrew Hollway
17 All age service	
24 Mary Cunnah	Linda Batho
31 Mothering Sunday service	

April

7 Vera Evans	David Bickerton
14 Val Burton	Chris Burton
21 Jeffrey Olstead	Mary Morris
28 Dennis Sockett	Lora Sockett

May

5 Linda Batho	Mary Cunnah
12 Graham Moss	Lynnette Moss
19 All age service	
26 Angharad Jones	Dan Jones

Flower and cleaning rota

No flowers in Lent

MARCH	2 & 9	Lora and Christine Sockett (No flowers)
	16 & 23	Julie Jones and Avril Jones (No flowers)
	30	Christine Williams
APRIL	6 & 13	Val Burton and Lin Batho
	20	Big clean and decorate for Easter
	29	Christine Williams
MAY	4 & 11	Mary Cunnah and Fiona Hollway
	18 & 25	Brenda Jones & Val Burton

General information: Flowers and cleaning - whichever day suits. All individual floral displays should be removed by the arranger. **A very sincere thank you to all who participate in the flower arranging, decorating, cleaning and whatever else. We are always very grateful for your support.** IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH FLOWERS AND CLEANING PLEASE CONTACT THE CO-ORDINATOR - **Christine Williams 791 563**



CHAPEL

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies 791 395

Trys Carys Evans 791 240

ST SILIN'S

Churchwardens

People's warden: Jeffrey Olstead
791 250

Vicar's warden: Christine Williams
791 563

Organists

Iona Jones and Beverley Parry-Jones

Parochial Church Council Secretary

Valerie Burton 791 274 email:

ymb@envex.plus.com

PCC treasurer

Ann Edwards 791 206791206

priddbwl@gmail.com

Gift Aid secretary

Graham Moss 791 528

Bellringing, St Silin's (ringing practice Wednesdays at 7.30 pm)

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton

791 274

Tower Captain: Christine Williams

791 563

Parish Room Bookings

Christine Williams 791 563

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans 600 228

Llangadwaladr Church

Churchwardens: Richard Pugh 791380
and Lowri Williams 791218.

TANAT VALLEY MISSION AREA

Mission area leader

Rev Lynnette Norman, The Vicarage,
Llanrhaeadr, 780 341

Wardens

Jeffrey Olstead 791 250

Sarah Chandler 07817 60561

Llansilin Community Shop

Tuesday 8.30 am - 12.30pm

Post office 9.30 – 12.00

Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 am

We stock

grocery/dairy/chilled/frozen foods/pet food and
household goods / fresh fruit & vegetables/ Tanat
Chocolate /home-baked organic products and we

also have

a weekly delivery of
bread and Hartshorns' pies



Village activities

and other useful information

Baby and Toddler Group (Ti a Fi) in the schools mobile classroom Wednesdays 9-11am contact Sarah Jones 07725 113441

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. Owens Coaches ☎ 01691 415000

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 Ann Edwards ☎ 791 206

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

The Farming Community Network (FCN) helpline ☎ 03000-111-999 email help@fcn.org.uk

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 Memorial Hall. Henry Evans ☎ 791 410

Local History Society: contact Carys Evans ☎ 791 240

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

Mobile Library: first Thursday of the month at the Maes-y-Llan car park from 12.50 to 1.30 pm. ☎ 01938 553001



Bell ringing is fun, and unlike most musical activities it doesn't require any musical knowledge or talent – better still it's good, but gentle, exercise. So why not turn up at St Silin's at 7.30 on any Wednesday evening and see for yourself. Have a go with no commitment and no strings attached – well only one – and you'll be looked after by an expert. All ages are welcome..

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: meets on second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Room

Police (Wales) **0845 330 2000** for non-emergency calls (messages will be picked up and dealt with quickly)

Police (West Mercia) **08457 444 888**

Rhiwlas Community Centre: contact Gwennan Thomas ☎ 07711335828

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 Sept 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

YFC: contact Sioned Morris ☎ 07527 978594

EMERGENCY NUMBERS Phone 999 when life is at risk.

Phone 111 when it's urgent but not life threatening.

For non-emergency health advice call NHS Direct Wales free on **0845 4647**

DEFIBRILLATOR can be found by the entrance to the Memorial Hall.

Need transport? Don't forget Llansilin's own taxi service

John's Taxis will undertake all journeys including airport. Call John Morris on 07896 523226

The newsletter is produced by Jeffrey Olstead (contact details below) and the Chapel news by Carys and Emyr Evans (Tel: 791 240)

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Times of Worship

St Silin's, Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30 am
2nd "	Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm)	
3rd "	Family Service	10.30 am
4th "	Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm)	
5th "	Group service	

Easter services: Good Friday, 2.00 pm; Easter Sunday 10.30 am

St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm)	
2nd "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
3rd "	Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm)	
4th "	Holy Communion	10.30 am
5th "	Group service	

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

MAW

3	Mrs Beryl Vaughan	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
10	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm
17	Parch Robert W. Jones (c)	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
24	Mr Eifion Thomas	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
31	Gwasanaeth y Chwiorydd	Llansilin	2.00pm

EBR

7	Parch Ddr Siôn Aled	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
14	Parch Eric Greene	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm
21	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Llansilin	6.30 pm
28	Parch Dilys Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm

MAI

5	Y Gamanfa Ganu	Rhiwlas	6.00 pm
12	Mr Thomas Morris	Llansilin	2.00 pm
19	Sul Ieuenctid	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
26	Parch. Gwilym O. Jones (c)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm

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