

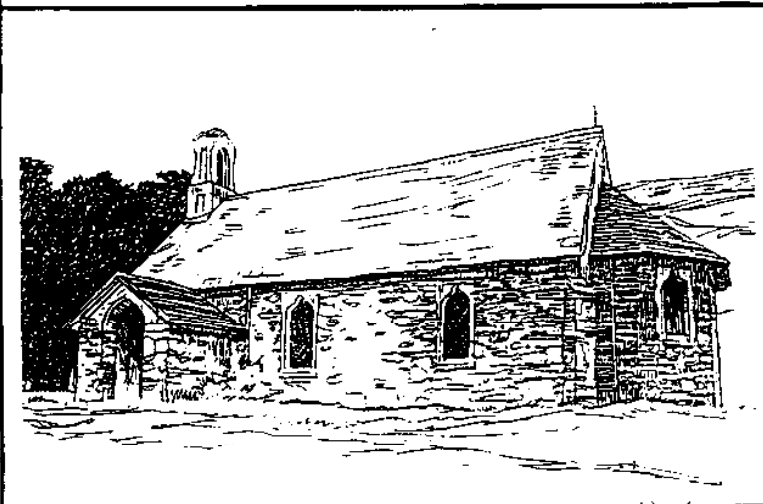
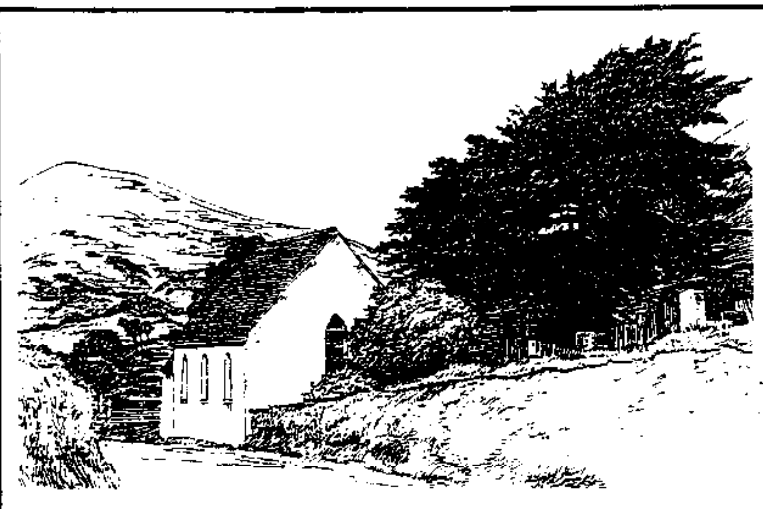
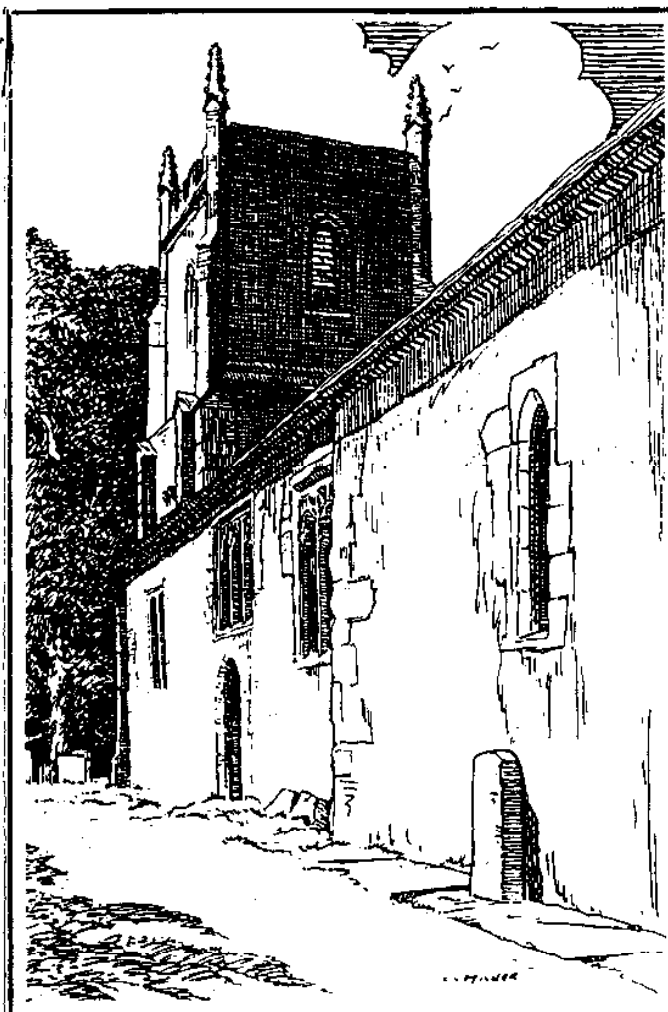
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LLANSILIN

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH
AND RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

LLANSILIN

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00am.
	Sunday School	10.00am.
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00am.
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
4th Sunday	Cymun Bendigaidd	9.00am
	Evensong	6.30pm
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00am

LLANGEDWYN

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
3rd Sunday	Family Service	10.00am
4th Sunday	holy Communion	10.30am
5th Sunday	Matins	8.30am

LLANGADWALADR & RHIWLAS CHURCHES

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm
3rd Sunday	Matins	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Matins	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm

VICAR Rev: C F CARTER

The Vicarage Llansilin. Tel: (01691 791209).

CHAPEL SERVICES

MEDI - SEPT.

6fed	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30am
13	Parch, George Emlyn	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
20	Gweinidog (C)	Bethania	6.30pm
27	Mr Arthur Hughes	Salem	2.00pm

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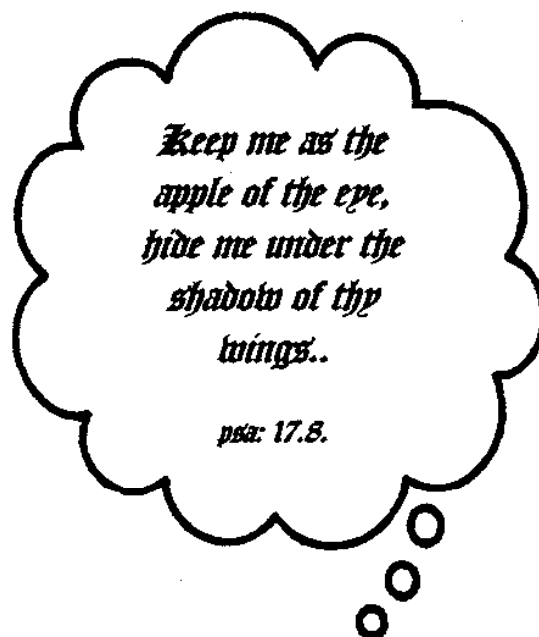
4	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	10.30am
11	Parch. Brif Athro J. Tudno Williams	Bethania	2.00pm
18	Gweinidog (C)	Soar	6.30pm
25	Parch.D.S. Wynne	Rhiwlas	2.00pm

TACH. NOV:

1	Gweinidog	Bethania	10.30am
8	Parch, John H. Tudor	Salem	2.00pm
15	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	6.00pm
22	Buddug Medi	Bethesda	2.00pm
29	Mr. Thomas Morris	Soar	6.30pm

RHAG. DEC:

6	Gweinidog (C)	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
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WHO'WHO IN YOUR CHURCH.

Vicar - The Rev: C. F. Carter 791209.

Church Warden -

The Peoples - Beryl Jones 653941.

The Vicars - Deborah Hill Trevor 791402.

P.C.C. Sect: - Val Burton 791274.

P.C.C. Treasurer - Easter Milner 791323.

Organist - Morfudd Williams 659369.

Mothers Union - Glenice Jones 791287.

Cleaning & Flower rota - Wardens

Gweinidog Minister -

Y Parch Stanton T Evans. 654682.

Llangadwaladr Vera Evans 791471.

Rhiwlas Marjory Evans. 600228.

Magazine Editorial Panel.

Gill Avery. 791298.

Anneli Thomas. 791239.

Eric Avery. 791298.

Distribution Margaret Lloyd 791472

**Deadline for items to be included in the
"Newsletter".**

To the editorial panel by the 1st Nov: '98.

The Vicars Viewpoint.

This time my theme is shamelessly "lifted" from the BBC, for after a couple of days of my usual "writers block" when magazine deadline approached, I turned on the Radio Four service on Sunday morning before the National Eisteddfod, and within a few minutes knew that I had found what I wanted. The "peg" on which the informal service was hung was a poem by R.S. Thomas, perhaps written when he was vicar of the Montgomeryshire parish of Manafon. He describes a ray of sunshine lifting up just one field in the landscape on an overcast day, and compares it with the treasure hidden in a field in Jesus' parable, which is worth selling everything we possess to buy. The point which the poet is making is that we spend most of our time hankering after an

irrecoverable past or clutching at an unattainable future, instead of looking around at what the present has to offer. So we may never notice the sunlit field, and fail to grasp the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it affords. I know this sounds a little like the cynic's credo - "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," - but the treasure Jesus is talking about is not the just there for us to enjoy, but to use as spiritual capital laid out to the best advantage as God intends - his own and our neighbours as well as ours. A poster caption I once saw succinctly put it - "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade and then offer it around! " And if you get a nice, juicy bunch of grapes instead, so much the better. But if you are peering anxiously ahead or gazing nostalgically over

your shoulder, you may never see that fleeting sunbeam light them up and walk straight past leaving God's bounty to wither on the vine.

This is the first letter I shall be dropping at Graigwen Fach instead of Ty Newydd, so, many thanks to Mary, Margaret and Morfudd for their many-sided and multi-talented ministrations over the years in producing the Newsletter and good wishes to Gill Avery, Anneli Thomas and Eric Avery who have a hard act to follow. They have agreed to edit the Newsletter for the coming year when hopefully someone else will take it over.

Christopher Carter.

Holy Baptism.

May 3rd.	Gareth Lloyd Jones Gerald Anthony Jones. Gwynneth Patricia Jones.	St. Silins. St. Silins. St. Silins.
July 12th.	Megan Daisy Winstanley Elliot	Llangadwalader
August 9th:	Thomas Samuel Williams. Katherine Elizabeth Williams.	St. Silins. St. Silins.

Confirmation

May 10th,	in St. Silins Church by the Archbishop of Wales.	
	Carl Stephen Jones.	
	Gareth Lloyd Jones.	
	Gerald Anthony Jones.	
	Sian Margaret Davies.	
	Kate Gwenda Gilbert.	
	Emma Jones.	
	Gwynneth Patricia Jones.	
	Kate Avril Jones.	
	Sarah Rose Anneli Thomas.	

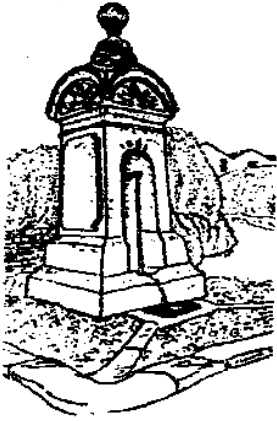
Holy Matrimony.

July 4th.	Jonathan Scott Logsdail	to	Catherine Anne Rees Evans,
	(granddaughter of the late Mr and Mrs Trevor Evans, Tyn Llan Llangadwalader)		
August 1st.	Richard Jones,	Plas Isaf	to Janet Patricia Oliver, Pontdolanog.

Burials

June 9th.	May Agnes Thomas,	Arwelfa (late of Ty Issa, Lledrod).
25th.	Olive Annie Derisley,	3 Waen Meadows, Llansantffraid.
July 13th.	John Ellis Morris,	2 Maesllan, Llansilin.
July 31st	Hugh Lewis Richards	23 Monk Court Oswestry.

**Please notify the VICAR
if you would like home
communion, special
prayers or if you know of
anyone who is in hospital
or ill at home.**



FOUNTAIN.

Have you noticed the village "Fountain" lately?. Thanks to several public spirited villagers it is beautifully kept. The cobbled area is swept and the flower tubs seasonally replenished and watered. The funds raised at the time of the restoration in 1992 are in a special account and still being used to pay the twice yearly water bill. Our thanks are due to all concerned.

CHURCHYARD SURVEY.

The original churchyard survey, made by Antur Tanat Cain in the 1980's is being updated. This computerised information is available for family history research. However, there are some graves without memorial stones. We would welcome help from anyone able to identify and fill in the gaps.

Chris Burton. 791274.

BATTLE OF CHURCHYARD GRASS.



A summer drought would have been much appreciated by the hard working few! The plentiful summer rain soon obliterated the splendid start we had in May when a good number of volunteers cut great areas.

Nevertheless spirits haven't wilted and 2-3 plus children have worked every single Thursday evening and we have more or less gained control. When time (& energy) permit we must do a major clearance of the "NURSERY" - the enclosed strip of churchyard, along the road each side of the main gates. It is here in 1988 that the old beech trees were cut down and the area re-planted with 12 Hornbeams, one for each of the 12 Apostles. In just a few years these trees will be a special feature of the village.

Finally - could we have more help next season?? Just one more person for the Thursday mowing would make all the difference.



CHURCH KNEELER PROJECT

This has been steadily developing since October 1997 and some amazing talents have been uncovered! We have a number of finished kneelers and some very close to finish, as well as plenty more waiting to be made. Anyone looking for a winter fire-side activity could do worse than sewing a kneeler for our Church. There is a monthly get-together which meet in the Institute on the first Saturday in the month 2.30 - 3.30pm. Please come along and support this project, - we need willing hands to cut out canvases, sort out wool, help with designs and to stuff and make up finished ones, as well as sewing. No previous experience with tapestry is necessary. Any one wishing to sponsor a kneeler, perhaps in memory of a person or a special event can do so.

Further details from Anneli Thomas,
791239.

BELLS & BELL RINGING.

*"The Bell they sound so clear,
round both the Shires they ring them
in steeples far & near,
A Happy noise to hear"
A.E.Housman.*

Bells have been an integral part of Church life for centuries. Originally Bells were simply swung by a rope through a small angle, it was impossible to time the moment of strike by the clapper, big Bells swung slowly, smaller Bells swung more rapidly, the resulting sounds were inevitably pretty random. In Britain by the seventeenth century a system was evolving of passing the rope over a wheel- the Bell could now be swung through 360, with momentary control at the top of the swing. The ringer learns to balance the Bell, at the top of the swing, long enough to allow his or her Bell to then drop and strike in rhythm with the other Bells in the tower.

A list is being made of people (10 years & over), longing to learn how to ring here in Llansilin. Please make contact. Val Burton. 791274.



Overcast skies did not dampen Llansilin Mothers' Union June meeting. Their outing to The Derwen Nursery at Guilsfield and to Guilsfield Church where the Vicar Canon A. Bird was on hand to tell us about its history.

The skies cleared as we travelled to Tynllwyn Farm the home of Mrs F. Emberton who provided us with a most filling meal to end our day.

The Rev C. F. Carter opened the July meeting with a short service. Members made final arrangements for a lunch party to welcome Mrs Edna Hanna from the link branch in Riverina, Australia.

The speaker Mrs Ursula Owen had brought along many items which help her in her work as an Occupational Therapist at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. She was thanked by Mrs. G. Avery. No Meeting in August.

An opportunity awaits you!!

Sheila Ashley has been a Sunday School teacher since she was 15 years old. She is now a grandmother which means that she has been a very dedicated and steadfast teacher for a considerable number of years. She has expressed a wish to stand down in the near future so we are appealing for somebody to take on this very worthwhile task. Anyone interested in knowing what the role involves.

Please contact Sheila Ashley 791283, in the first instance.

Annual Deanery Sunday School Outing took place on the 6th of June to The Cathedral in St. Asaphs on a very wet and misty day. We traveled by coach from Llanfyllin together with children from other Sunday School in the Deanery. At the Cathedral we did a number of activities under the leadership of Cathedral staff which included sampling how the monks lived there hundreds of years ago. We met the Archbishop and were shown the copes used in the services and were told about the significance of the designs, colours and motifs before designing some ourselves. After eating our packed lunch in the Cathedral Library, we spent the rest of the day on the beach in Rhyd.

Watch out for the Old English Sheepdogs!

Why?

Because Dulux paints have very kindly donated the paint for the Bell ringing chamber of St. Silins Church. All we have to do is clean down the walls and apply the paint. So when the bells are rung we can look forward to a pleasant environment from which to ring them.

Thank You Dulux.

THE HAVERFORDWEST MALE VOICE CHOIR.

The Havordfordwest Male Voice Choir from South Wales is making the long journey to sing at Llansilin Church on Saturday 10th October 1998 at 7-30pm.

This long established choir, formed in 1896, has been featured on radio and television and has sung in many important Concert halls in England and Wales. Their many tours abroad have included Ireland, France, Hong Kong, United States of America and many visits to Oberkirch in Germany which is Haverfordwest's twin town.

A special treat is in store.

Dewch yn lli I wrando ar y cor arbennig yma - rydym yn addo gwledd I chi.

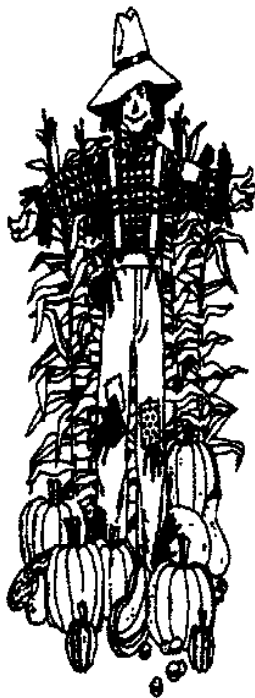
Tickets: Adults £3.50. Children £2.00.
Available at the door. or pre-booking
Tel: 01691 791472. & 791239.
or from
Glyndwr Garage Shop and R & R Watkin Corner Shop
Llansilin and Victoria Street
Oswestry



SIDESMEN'S ROTA SEPTEMBER '98 to NOVEMBER '98.

September 6th.	Holy Communion	10.00am	Mrs Beryl Jones.	653941
September 13th.	Matins	10.00am.	Mr Dennis Sockett	791237
September 20th.	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Deborah Hill-Trevor.	791402
September 27th.	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mr Wynn Hughes.	791216
September 27th.	Evensong.	6.30pm	Mr Peter Carter	
October 2nd.	Harvest Festival.	7.00pm.	Wardens.	
October 4th.	Harvest Service/H.C.	10.00am.	Sunday School.	791283
October 10th.	Matins.	10.00am.	Mr David Bickerton.	791234
October 18th.	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Mr Clive Inman.	791497
October 24th.	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mr Dan Jones.	791287
October 24th.	Evensong.	6.30pm	Miss Mary Morris.	791223
November 1st.	Holy communion.	10.00am.	Mrs Beryl Jones.	653941
November 8th.	Remembrance Sunday.	10.30am.	To be appointed.	
November 15th.	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Mrs Vera Evens.	791471
November 22nd.	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mrs Olive Jones.	791363
November 22nd.	Evensong.	6.30pm.	Mr Ivor Ashley	791283
November 29th.	Family Service.	10.00am.	Sunday School.	791283

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota. September to November 1998



September 6th.	Quick Clean.	Mr & Mrs Withers Green.
September 13th.	Quick Clean.	Mary Morris & Margaret Lloyd.
September 20th.	Quick Clean.	Mary Morris & Margaret Lloyd.
September 25th & 26th	Big Clean.	Please ladies, can we all get together for a BIG CLEAN to get the Church ready for Decorating on the 29th & 30th for HARVEST.
September 29th & 30th.		
October 4th.	Quick Clean.	Val Burton & Pat Roots.
October 11th.	Quick Clean.	Val Burton & Pat Roots.
October 18th.	Quick Clean.	Sheila Ashley & Christine Williams.
October 25th.	Quick Clean.	Sheila Ashley & Christine Williams.
November 1st.	Big Clean.	Beryl Jones, Morfudd Williams & Betty Evans.
November 8th.	Quick Clean.	Beryl Jones & Morfudd Williams.
November 15th.	Quick Clean.	Glenice Jones & Alma Jones.
November 22nd.	Quick Clean.	Glenice Jones & Alma Jones.
November 29th.	Quick Clean.	Nancy Williams & Megan Evans.
		<i>PLYSAIN 4 Dec.</i>
		I hope these dates are suitable for everyone, if not would you please arrange for someone else to do it for you.-THANK YOU.

**A Letter to the Village from Mothers
Union Visitor.-**

Dear Vicar

Could you please extend my sincere thanks to all my friends in Llansilin for the love, friendship and hospitality that has been extended to me. I will go back home with many treasured memories of the time I have been here.

Thank you to the children for the "Banner Welcome". I only wish I could have taken it with me but I have taken photos to show when I arrive home.

My love and blessings will be with you all even though I am far away in Australia.

Love, Edna Hanna.

P.S. I enclose a donation for the Sunday School.

RE-cycle for charity.

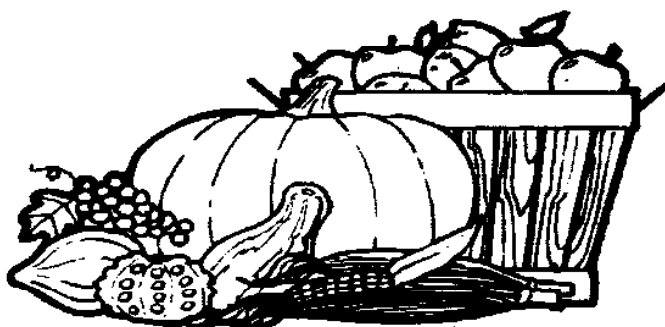
The first Llansilin Guides are collecting and bundling old newspapers for charity as part of their "Other People Service". They have collected tonnes so far and the money raised is donated to the charity *Children in Need*. You can help them in this worthwhile enterprise by leaving your old newspapers in the porch of the Institute or take them to Alison Beeston at Tyn y Berth, Llansilin.

The Memorial Hall has undergone some up- grading of facilities during the summer period with improved male and female toilets, disabled toilet and ramping. This is a welcome improvement for all the people who use the hall, a considerable number each week looking at the list of varied activities that take place there.

LLANSILIN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The society is nearly at the end of it's fifteenth successful season of talks and visits. Professor R.R. Davies of Oxford University recently gave an enthralling talk about Owain Glydwr to a large audience which included guests from other local history societies. It is an interesting speculation that in the 1400's Owain Glydwr and his followings would have been familiar figures passing through Llansilin, on their way to Sycarth. On Monday, 5th, October the society is holding the annual general meeting, followed by a talk by Canon Maurice Ridgway on

"THE LLANSILIN ROOD SCREEN."



CALENDAR.

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| September. | 14th. | Llansilin PCC. in Church. 7.30pm. |
| October | 2nd. | Llansilin Harvest Service 7.00pm.
Visiting preacher Mr Leigh Northcott -Hammond. |
| October | 6th. | Llangadwalader Harvest Service 7.00pm.
Jean Rock to preach. |
| October | 7th. | Harvest Supper Celebrations,
Llangedwyn Memorial Hall
7.00pm. for 7.30pm. |
| October | 9th. | Llangedwyn Harvest Service 7.00pm.
Visiting preacher Rev. Arthur Moseley. |
| October | 10th. | Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir Concert,
St: Silins Church. 7.00pm. |
| October | 16th. | Rhiwlas Harvest Service 7.00pm.
Visiting preacher Miss Rhoswen Charles. |
| November | 1st. | Deanery Children's Service and Tea, 3.00pm.
Llanwyddyn. |
| November | 8th. | Remembrance Sunday Service ,Soar Chapel. |

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth - Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm from September in the Memorial Hall.
Emyr Evans 791 240.

Bowls Club, Mondays 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Sharon Lee 831 431.

Community Council, from September, every second Tuesday alternate months at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Harry Hughes 657 972.

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin - a welsh cultural and literary society - monthly September to April Mondays 7 - 9 pm.
Sarah James 791 436.

First Llansilin Guides, Tuesday at 7 - 8.30 pm in the Institute. Alison Beeston 791 262.

Local History Society, contact Chris Burton 791 274.

Meals on Wheels Service, need assessed by Social Services. Local contacts Margaret Lloyd 791 472 and Olive Jones, 791363.

Over 60's Club, in the Institute alternate Tuesdays from 8th September 2 - 4.30 pm Kay Hughes 791216.

Play group - Cylch Meithrin - in the Memorial Hall. Eiriann Glennie 791 378.

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Will Thomas 680 451.

Rhiwlas Gardening Club, first Monday each month at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

Rural Car Service for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Please book early with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{NORMA GARMENT} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 791 335

Village Hall. The Committee meet as and when needed. Secretary Arthur James 791 436.
Booking clerk for the Hall and Institute, Wendy Jones 791 498.

Whist Drive. From 9th September this will run every second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm. in the Memorial Hall, up to and including 12th May 1999. Money raised will go towards hall funds

Womens Institute meet every second Friday each month in the Institute at 7 pm. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

September 18th. Visiting drama group from Llanarmon D. C. at 7.30pm. Tickets.

October 2nd Llansilin Church Harvest Festival at 7.00pm.

October 3rd. Aelwyd Eisteddfod Memorial Hall

October 5th History Society A.G.M. plus talk on "The Llansilin Rood Screen"

October 10th. A Grand Concert will be given by the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir.
St: Silin's Church, Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50.

October 30th. General knowledge quiz in the Institute at 7.30pm. Led by Emyr Evans.
Tickets and refreshments.

November 20th. Promises Auction in aid of Hall funds. More details will be displayed nearer the time.