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Llansilin Newsletter

covering

Bethania Chapel, Bethesda Chapel, Cefnganol Chapel,
Rhiwlas Chapel, Rhiwlas Mission Church, Salem Chapel, Soar Chapel,
Llangadwaladr Church, Lansilin Church



If one sweet summer day
Can blend the sound and scent together
To be remembered always
As the ideal summer weather.

If just one rose is perfect
Be it yellow, be it white,
Then shall it make a memory
To carry through the night.

And we shall lift our eyes
To find serenity anew
In the heavenly mingling
Of the silver with the blue.

And all the godness of the earth
Shall shine in glad array
As if a lifetime's loveliness
Lived in one summer's day.

Church Service Times

Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10am
	Sunday School	10am
2nd Sunday	Matins	10am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
4th Sunday	Cymun Bendigaid	9am
	Evensong	6.30pm
5th Sunday	Family Service	10am

Llangedwyn

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

Llangadwaladr

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Matins	2.30pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30pm
3rd Sunday	Matins	2.30pm

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Meh.

4	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00
11 *	Mrs Mair Penri Jones	Bethania	2.00
18	Gweinidog	Salem	6.30
25 *	Parch Ifor ap Gwilym	Cefnganol	2.00

Gor.

2	Gweinidog	Bethesda	10.30
9 *	Parc Brian H Jones	Soar	2.00
16	Gweinidog (c)	Rhiwlas	6.30
23	Parch Dr Nerys Tudor	Bethania	6.30
30	Mr W J Roberts	Salem	2.00

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6	Mr R A Platt	Cefncanol	2.00
13	Parch Glyn Morgan	Bethesda	6.30
20	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Soar	2.00
27 *	John Curig Thomas	Rhiwlas	2.00

* Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt (C) Cymun

Who's Who?

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Dear reader,

As I write this, we are in the month of May, the month of the Cymanfaoedd Canu to the Conformists, and the month of Christian Aid Week, whose theme this year is 'Children make our future'. We are often shown pictures on TV and in the press of under-privileged children, which are heart-breaking to watch. Christians believe that all children are of God, brothers and sisters bound in love. During Christian Aid Week, and indeed at all times, we ought to ask if we are doing enough to safeguard the children who make our future.

Here at home we hear a lot of the problem of discipline of the young. At times we hear stories of children committing offences that they cannot be punished for because of their age.

Twelve months ago in Oregon, USA, a fifteen year old boy was sent home from school for having a shotgun in his possession. The following day, after he shot his parents, he returned to school and shot two of his school mates, and injuring twenty-two others. How is this possible we ask ourselves.

No wonder that the problem of discipline exist in our community when the authority of parents is undermined in so many ways. I doubt whether there has ever been a time when the family is under such a threat. While there is much debating about implementing stricter laws and verdicts, the Court of Human Rights of the EU opposes strongly any attempt to restore corporal punishment. Indeed, many are of the opinion that it is very likely that the European Parliament will implement laws to punish parents who strike their children. In announcing his advice on parental discipline the Health Minister indicated his wish to hear comments from parents and professional people. Would it not be advisable to consult the handbook of our Maker, The Bible, to see what guidance it gives says on this issue.

In Proverbs 23 Chapter 13 and 14 verses we read 'Do not withhold discipline from a child, punish him with the rod and he will not die but you will save his soul from death. It is sadly undeniably true, that children suffer from the hands of cruel parents and adults and they must of course be dealt with in an efficient way. According to the Groups That Support The Family, it is not advisable to deny parents the right to punish their child when that is called for, as this is often the best way to deal with the problem of discipline.

'Home Rules' should be implemented on the hearth, in the same way as rules are implemented on say, the football ground, in traffic, and

everywhere else were people integrate together. If parents would love God and their children with all their hearts, it would suffice to apply discipline according the Biblical standards, then and then only would we see more real happy homes and respect once again for authority in every life's circle.

We are grateful to Christian Aid for drawing our attention to the children of today. The child is after all very central to Christian life,- the baby born in Bethlehem who came to our world in love for all children everywhere. May the Lord bless our attempt at revealing the needy children in the world.

Parch Stanton Evans

MILESTONES

We bless and congratulate in HOLY MARRIAGE

6th May, Daniel John Evans, Oswestry to
Julie Margaret Morris, Llansilin

As God has lent them to us, so we say farewell and give back in HOLY DYING

23rd March, Mr Lloyd Edwards, Llansilin
19 May, Mr Ellis Evans, Llansilin

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Calendar

June 1st Ascension Day Service, 7.30 with Mr Arthur Moseley at Llangadwaladr Church.

June 11th United Whitsuntide Service 10.30 at Llansaintffraid football field. Minibus going from St Silin's 9.45 am prompt. NB No service in St Silin that day.

July 3rd PCC meeting, 7.30 in St Silin's Church

July 9th 10 o'clock service and dedication of the new kneelers.

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The Newsletter would like pictures for the front page, be it photos, drawings or anything suitable. We don't expect Picassos, just *your* pictures. Looking forward to publishing them in the next issue!

Gweindogaeth Bro Cylch Llansilin

Fel mae'r rhifyn yma mynd i'r wasg, tristwch mawr i'r ardal a'r Weinidogaeth Bro oedd colli un o'r ffyddloniaid, sef Mr Ellis Evans, 7 Maes y llan. Bu'n ffyddlon iawn i'w grefydd ar hyd ei oes, ble bynnag 'roedd yn byw, o'i fro enedigol yn Hirnant i ddiwedd ei yrfa yn Llansilin. Cydymdeimlwm yn fawr ag Eiri a Henri a holl gysylltiadau teuluol eraill.

Roedd y trydydd Sul ym Mis Mawrth dan ofal y chwiorydd (y dynion yn brysur gyda'r wyna). Cafwyd gwasanaeth bendithol iawn.

Nos Wener y Grolith roedd Cyfarfod Pregethu Blynnyddol y Wesleaid pryd y pregethwyd gan y Parch Patrick Slattery, Dolgellau. Gwasanaeth a phregeth ysbrydol.

I ddathlu gwyl ein Nawdd Sant, Dewi, cawsom wledd bendigedig yn y Neuadd, yna sgwrs gan Mrs W O Thomas, Prestatyn ac i gloi, ein diddanu gan Barti'r Bryn.

Newydd ddod yn ol o Israel, wedi gwireddu breuddwyd oes, mae y Parch Stanton a Mrs Iola Evans. Edrychwn ymlaen i gael yr holl hanes am eu hymweliadau a manau yn gysylltiedig a'r Beibl. Noson i'r Gymdeithas. *Emyr Evans*

Mothers Union

Some members visited the Cathedral at St Asaph in March for the Lady Day Service with the Cathedral packed to capacity by women from the diocese.

1st June - Annual outing visiting Loton Park at Alberbury. Tour of the house and gardens and visiting the Parish Church. The day will be rounded off with a meal before returning home.

20th July at 2.15pm - a joint meeting in the Institute, with Llangedwyn MU. Bring and Buy and coffee afternoon, for the Millennium Lantern Project at the Mary Sumner House, London.

August- no meeting, but watch out for announcement of a fundraising event during the summer at Lloran Ganol.

The PCC gave a donation to Robin Martin of Treflach who, on his sixtieth birthday, ran up and down Snowdon to raise money for a third world project. Mr Martin has often assisted at St Silin's when needed, and the PCC wished to show their gratitude and appreciation for his efforts.



Grass mowing and weeding in the Churchyard Thursdays, 6.30 pm. Come and help for an hour, everyone's help is appreciated.

Notes from the Belfry

The newly formed band of ringers continue to practise to improve bell-handling. Youngsters Toby Scott and ^{SARAH} Sarah Lloyd-Jones are making rapid progress and are enjoying their sessions.

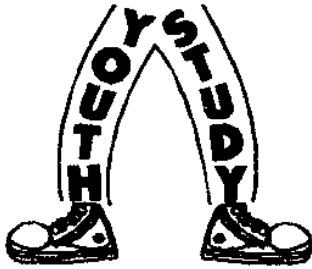
As is usual in ringing circles we welcome visiting bands by appointment. Last February we were hosts to a group from Shropshire and we were amazed by a remarkable coincidence. One of their members had rung our No.2 bell when it was hung at Birling, Kent. He followed it to ring when it was subsequently sold to Brimsfield, Gloucestershire. Once again he had the opportunity to ring it in its third home, Llansilin. Is that a record?

It is thought that the bell is sounding better now with the tone blending nicely with the other five bells.

The first wedding in St Silin's this millennium was in May and the band was pleased to be asked to ring on that occasion. After some hard practising, we managed a creditable performance. *Val Burton*

At the **The Easter Vestry** the Rev C F Carter gave a review of last years many and substantial activities. He thanked the Church wardens and members of the PCC for their work. Officers were all re-elected and agreed to continue as did the Churchwardens. The financial report showed an **annual spending of £14,896**. This includes the *quota* of £3506, *Church maintenance* such as insurance, heating, servicing of organ and general repairs, *outside giving* of donations to charities, sponsorship of third world child, *mission in the parish* and *general parish expenses* like the vicars expenses, printing (including the Newsletter) and *Churchyard maintenance*. **Receipts** were realised at **£13,133** from direct and in-direct giving, money raising events, donations, burial fees and bank interest.

The vicar concluded the appraisal by saying that it had been an unusually active and eventful year.



**St Asaph Diocesan
Youth Council**

* 18th June Barbecue and
Praise Event at
St David's Church Newtown

* 23 - 29th July. Iona Youth
Festival

* 1st - 4th August Summer
Camp at TyClwyd, Llanfair T.H

Information Needed

Please contact A Tyerman, tel.
780 094 with information about
organisations working with deaf
people for the provision of
'Signing' at services and
events, including training
people for this work.

Details on all youth activities in the
area from Arthur Tyerman Tel
01691 780 094 and Rex
Matthias Tel 01745 720 273

**The junior entries in the
'Bells' poetry Competition**

Bells

*By Kate Jones, age 13, Lynton,
Craigllwyn*

From behind the Church gates
Lies a quiet village,
And into the quiet of the
Church,
comes an unfamiliar sound.

Good news for Charities.

If you are a tax payer, you will be able to make every £ you donate to charity worth 28 pence more - a once in a millennium opportunity to pay less tax! Chapels and Churches are classed as charities. If you are thinking of making a charitable donation, this is good news indeed.

Sweeping up the Church tower,
up in the cloudy bower,
here the bells live,
The music of the Church.

They have been taken from the
tower,
for a temporary rest,
From the years of frozen
winters,
And rain which helps the rust.

So now, old and weary,
They are taken from their nest,
To be restored and improved,
Ready to chime their best.

A handsome, new one takes a
place,
untouched by dust and grime,
There to sit for years on,
in it's very prime.

The Millennium draws near,
and the Bells will ring clear.

Bells

*By Nicola Jones, age 11,
Lynton, Craigllwyn*
Bells, Bells, Bell,
Lots and lots of ringing Bells,
Big ones, small ones, loud ones,
quiet ones,
Bell, Bell Bells

New and shiny,
Big, not tiny,
Hear them toll,
as you stroll.

Bells are ringing,
Bells are ringing,
Bells are donging, Bells are
dinging,
Dingaling, dingaling,
Ding, ding dong,
Ding, ding dong.

*All poems have now been
published. Well done everyone.*



The Millennium Yew Tree was
planted in the Church yard after
the Easter Sunday Service by
Stephen Sockett and Mr W.
Richards, one a young and
faithful member of the Sunday
School, the other the oldest
member of the congregation.
Mrs Christine Sockett read
about the saplings in the
national press and an
application was made for one
which was distributed by Dr
David Bellamy and blessed at a
special service in the Cathedral,
St Asaph last year. Margaret
Lloyd has given it tender loving
care in temporary lodgings until
its planting on Easter Sunday.
The donor tree for this
particular sapling is growing in
in the churchyard at Bettws
Newydd near Usk in Gwent and
is believed to be at least two
thousand years old! Lets hope
that our tree will like it in
Llansilin and that it will thrive
and take its place among the
other ancient yews growing
there. And who knows- perhaps
it will still be there two
thousand years from now.



Village Traffic Problem

Residents of the village of Llansilin have organised a petition which they hope to present to the Community Council with as many signatures as possible. The problem is about traffic travelling through of the village, which has gradually become a nightmare for the people living in the street. It is realised that some measures are needed to make it safe, and three ideas have emerged as possible suggestions, referred to as Traffic Calming Schemes. They are:

1. Installation of a sleeping policeman
2. Cobbled areas along the street
3. Speed limit restriction

If there is a strong feeling in the village, the local Community Council will approach the Highways Department for consideration of some measure to ensure the safety of everyone. There is a petition collecting signatures in the Post-Office. **+shop**

THE CARPARK RE-CYCLING PLANT



This has now been operating for a year and has been well supported. There is twofold benefit in doing so. Firstly, the wastage, which realises £19 per tonne, goes towards insurance and the maintenance of the village playground equipment. To date £100 has been received for this cause. Secondly, it helps our environment by re-cycling resources. Please continue to support the scheme and a big *thank you* to everyone who has been doing so during the last year.

THE MOSAIC SIGN on the village car park has puzzled quite a few people since it was erected so here are a few lines about it. It depicts our local celebrity Owain Glyndwr and his lady wife, copied from the embroidery hanging in the village hall. The mosaic was done by members of the village as part of last summers playscheme. The back of the board is awaiting an information notice about the life of Owain Glyndwr which will be in both welsh and

English, promoting an interesting historical feature of the area. There are plans afoot for a village bus shelter and when this materialises, there are further large mosaic panels ready and waiting to be incorporated in that.

The wooden bench which was carved by people last summer as part of the playscheme activities, has finally found a place in the playground.

Playscheme Summer 2000

Please look out for **the green notice** on the village notice board detailing a full and mixed programme of activities.

Llansilin Playscheme has been very successful in this area and as a result has extended its activities to include the children of Llansaintffraid, Llanrhaeadr Y-M, and Llangedwyn. All the activities are free.

Until August, there is football on Saturdays:

Llansilin 10 - 11.30

Llangedwyn 12 - 1.30

Llansilin 2 - 3.30

Just turn up on the day.

There will be a **Community Festival on 8th June** in **Llangedwyn** in the afternoon with a marquee, BBQ, music and playactivities.

Since it was set up, the Playscheme has operated a number of projects and employs on average 15 people on a part-time and casual basis. Does this make it the largest employer in the village? It runs entirely on funding available for community projects and last year managed over £45,000 for salaries and projects. Renee Springett is The Community Development and Fundraising Officer (unpaid) and she has acquired a vast experience in this area which she is willing to share with others who are looking for resources and may like help with funding applications. Please contact her on Tel. 791 366.

The Post Office

will re-locate during the summer when Eirianwen Pugh moves with her family to Barmouth. We wish them all the best in their new venture selling fishing tackle and organising seafishing trips.

New Era, New Church

Practical measures which can be taken to bring devotional life into the 21st Century. Taken from *The New Millennium Challenge to the Churches. Part 2 of 3*

We will be practical and relevant.

Has Christianity been reduced to a routine which emphasises the use of 'right' language and phrases instead of compassionately identifying with people's needs? All traditions have a sell-by date. Learn to discard ways of doing and saying things that people today cannot identify with. Worship and Christian daily life are like two concentric circles, of which worship is the inner and gives the outer its content and character. The way forward is to go backwards - to the basics of the lessons of the New Testament. Become involved with people's daily life, cares and problems socially, in the community and at work. Display a Skills Resources List on your notice board for local people to advertise their skills and services. Make the building available for a variety of non-church events. Run workshops on practical issues, eg. coping with stress, caring for elderly relatives, drug awareness, retirement prep. etc. Have special activities for varying age groups.

We will help you explore answers to your deepest questions

People are more likely to embrace the Christian faith through friendship, fellowship and inspiring worship than through any intellectual argument. Jesus may be the answer, but what is the question? Take time to learn about issues that matter to people, issues reported in the most widely read newspapers, the *Sun* and the *Mirror* as well as the broadsheets. Discuss biblical teachings relating to everyday events, current news or soap-opera plots in sermons. Have prayer circles and house-groups when people meet to share and help each other with everyday issues. Have follow-up visits after a funeral, operation, family break-up, baptism etc.

We will offer you time to stop and think in a busy life. Everyone needs some space and a little time for quiet reflection. A place of worship which is open during week-days can provide this need very well. A short weekday lunch-time service takes the pressure off Sundays for some people who are having to fit in all their family life on that day. Other people appreciate some activity during the week. If there is nobody on duty in the week, display contact details. *More ideas next issue*
space

Sidesmen's Rota

June 4th	10.00	Beryl Jones
11th	10.00	Jeffrey Olstead
18th	8.30	Olive Jones
25th	6.30	Valerie Burton
July 2nd	10.00	Beryl Jones
9th	10.00	Graham Moss
16th	8.30	Deborah Hill-Trevor
23rd	6.30	Esther [Milner
30th	10.00	Sunday School
August 6th	10.00	Beryl Jones
13th	10.00	Dennis Sockett
20th	8.30	Mary Morris
27th	6.30	Margaret Lloyd

Cleaning and Flower Rota

June 4th	Valerie Burton and Anneli Thomas
11th,18th	Mary Morris and Margaret Lloyd
25th	Beryl Jones and Morfudd Williams
July 2nd	Beryl Jones and Morfudd Williams
9th,16th	Sheila Ashley and Christine Williams
23rd,30th	Janet Davies and Avril Jones
Aug 6th,13th	Megan Evans and Nancy Willimas
20th, 27th	Glenice Jones and Alma Jones

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A big **Thank You** to everyone who so generously gave money to St Silin's Church for Easter Lilies this year. They looked magnificent and gave the Easter Day service a truly significant feeling of joy.



VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth. From September Fridays 7.30-10pm. Memorial Hall.
Contact Emyr Evans tel. 791 240

Bowls Club. Mondays 7.30pm, Memorial Hall. Contact Sharon Lee tel. 831 431

Community Council meet every second Tuesday on alternate months, from September in Memorial Hall 7.30pm.
Contact Harry Hughes tel. 657 972

Cor Llansilin practice in the village on Sunday nights. Conductor Iona Jones tel. 791 251

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin(Welsh Cultural and Literary Society) Memorial Hall September to April,
Mondays 7-9pm. Contact Sarah James tel. 791 346

First Llansilin Guides, The Institute, Tuesdays 7-8.30pm. Contact Alison Beeston tel. 791 262

Local History Society, Contact Chris Burton tel. 791 274

Mothers Union meet in The Institute every third Thursday monthly, 2.15pm. Contact Glenice Jones tel. 791 287

Meals on Wheels (needs assessed by Social Services) Local contacts Margaret Lloyd tel. 791 472 and Olive Jones tel. 791 363

Over 60's Club Alternate Tuesdays from September 2-4.30pm, The Institute. Contact Kay Hughes tel. 791 216

Playgroup, Mondays and Thursdays term time, 9.30am-12.30pm. Memorial Hall. Contact Eirian Glennie tel. 791 378

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Contact Will Thomas tel. 680 451

Rhiwlas Gardening Club, every third Wednesday 7.30pm in Community Centre. Contact Dorothy Bullard tel. 791 373

Rural Car Service- for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Contact Norma Garment tel. 791 335 between 8-9am and 6-7pm unless an emergency

Sunday School, every first Sunday term time, 10am in The Institute. Sheila Ashley tel. 791 283

Memorial Hall and The Institute, Chairman and booking clerk, Arthur James tel. 791 346.

Whist Drive Every second Wednesday 7.30pm September to May in The Memorial Hall.

Womens Institute every second Friday 7pm in The Institute. Contact Dorothy Bullard tel. 791 373

YFC, contact Richard Evans tel. 600 228

Youth Club, Thursdays 7-9.30pm in The Memorial Hall. Youth leader Elena Jones tel. 780 315