

# Llansilin Newsletter

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## Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Issue

### *Programme Of Llansilin Golden Jubilee Celebrations on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

#### In the Marquee and on the School Field

- 12 noon Bell ringing, St Silin's band  
12 - 2p.m. Play Activities in the Marquee  
12.15pm Judging of children's fancy dress - 'Kings and Queens'  
2.15 p.m. Presentation Ceremony of Jubilee Tokens to the children  
3 p.m. Ysgol Bro Cynllaith Balloon Race  
3.15 p.m. Fun Sport and Races for children and adults  
4.30 p.m. Picnic on the field, free ice cream to children  
7.30 p.m. - **Midnight** Dance in the Marquee to live music by 'China Red' and DJ Barry Brum.  
Free entry Food + Bar available.  
10 p.m. Fireworks Display and Lighting of Beacon on the Gym

#### In The Memorial Hall

- 2 - 6 p.m. Topical displays and exhibition of entries in the poetry and portrait competitions  
2.30 - 4 p.m. Teas served by the WI  
2.45p.m. Sing-along with Val Lucas accompanying on the piano

Bunting has been made by the school children and Llansilin craft group.

**Come and enjoy yourself  
Bring a picnic and deckchair or blanket  
and  
plenty of warm, sunny weather!**

## Times of Worship

### Llansilin Parish Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00
2nd	Matins	10.00
3rd	Holy Communion	8.30
4th	Welsh Communion	9.00
	Evensong	6.30
5th	Family Service	10.00

### Llangadwaladr Church

2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
4th	Matins	2.30

### Rhiwlas Mission Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
3rd	Matins	2.30

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

### Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

#### Meh.

2	Gweinidog	Salem 6.30
9	Parch Iowerth Pierce Jones* Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr	Cefnfanol 2.00
16	Gweinidog	Bethesda 6.30
23	Mr John Rosser	Soar 2.00
30	Parch Robert Parry	Rhiwlas 2.00

#### Gor.

7	Gweinidog (C)	Bethania 6.30
14	Parch Meirion Lloyd Davies	Salem 2.00
21	Gweinidog	Cefnfanol 10.30
28	Parch T R Wright	Bethesda 2.00

#### Awst.

4	Mr R A Platt	Soar 2.00
11	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Rhiwlas 2.00
18	Buddug Medi	Bethania 2.00
25	Parch Glyn Morgan	Salem 6.30

Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt \*  
Cymun (c)

## Who's Who?

### Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans  
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### Vicar

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### Parochial Church Council Secretary

Valerie Burton tel. 791 274

### Parochial Church Council Treasurer

Esther Milner tel. 791 323

### Covenant Secretary, St Silin's

Graham Moss tel. 791 528

### Bellringing, St Silin's

Tower Captain - Eric Avery tel. 791 298  
Steeple Keeper - Chris Burton tel. 791 274

Ringing practice every Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30 p m

### Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans tel. 600 228

### Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans tel. 791 471

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*Dear Reader,*

By the time these words are printed, the Christian Aid Week will be over, but unfortunately, 'the need and want' in some parts of the world will not be over.

The message of the Christian Aid Week may be the same, - whilst we live in plenty, we should never forget the needy. The same old sermon you may say. Yet, may not only our prayers but also our financial support for the needy be a continued process.

Christian Aid has continued the history of mission by providing the resources and the implements so that developing countries can help themselves. The charity is a comparatively new one but it's aims and it's methods are not so different from those of the first missionaries.

One of the early missionaries in Central Africa discovered that most of the tribes he met worshipped the sun.. After a long drought they gathered together to pray to the Sun God for rain.

"Why don't you pray to your Christian God" they challenged the missionary "to see if he will send some rain". Instead of kneeling down to pray as they expected him to do, the missionary began to dig a hole in the ground where he knew there would be underground springs. The people watching were surprised when they saw the water, but not impressed. "That water comes not from heaven but from the earth" they said.

"And that is the lesson I would like to teach to you," said the missionary. "To work is to pray".

The united Christian Aid service held in St Silin's Church on May 19<sup>th</sup> was an excellent conclusion to Christian Aid Week, but as suggested above, may our support for Christian Aid continue throughout the year.

God bless you all, *Stanton Evans*

This issue of Llansilin Newsletter has been paid for by the Chapel Congregation.



## Summer Diary Dates

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> United Jubilee Service, St Silin's, 10 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Llansilin

5<sup>th</sup> Mothers Union Diocesan celebrations

13<sup>th</sup> Bishop's visit to the Parish

23<sup>rd</sup> 'Christ 2002' Inter denomination Open Air Holy Communion Service, Llansaintffraid

26<sup>th</sup> Deanery Chapter meeting, 7 p.m. Llanyfyllin vestry, 'A Countryside Conference'

### July

28<sup>th</sup> Denbighshire History Society visit to Llansilin village and St Silin's Church

### August

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Llansilin Show and Trials

### September

Pilgrimage to Aberdaron

*The Coffee Morning* for Church funds held in the Hall last March was well attended despite the wet weather. Mary Morris, who organised it, wishes to thank all who came and gave it their support.

## Milestones

**Burial** - Mr Richard Edwards, Tyncelyn, Efail Rhyd in March.

**Baptism** - In April, Isobel May Evans of Oswestry, and in May, Ffion Mary Jones of Llansilin.



## Llansilin Playscheme and Community Group

From next school year, there are plans to extend the music programme of piano, guitar and violin which are run as one to one lessons or small group taster sessions. The instruments are loaned to the pupils and can be brought home to practice on. Some of the children have progressed to start formal lessons as a result of these taster sessions. More teachers may be required from September.

There has been a great demand for the Special Needs Teacher, Julie O'Sullivan, that resulted in her post becoming full-time and an assistant, welsh speaking Haf Roberts, has been appointed as additional staff. Anyone wishing to access the service can call Julie on 07890 468 690.

A successful training day on the topic of Child Protection was held in the village with 11 participants from the area attending, led by an outside trainer. If anyone has a need for training on a particular topic, or would like to discuss or partake in the music programme please phone 01691 791 371.

### Summer Play Days

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 12- 2pm Fancy dress: Queens and Kings  
August 10<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm, Theme: Pirates

### Llansilin Playing Field Association

Plans are afoot for the next stage of upgrading the play area with some really exciting play equipment, a climbing frame, slide and a hexagonal play structure. The latter offers an enormous challenge in play and as well as being accessible to a disabled child. The total cost of the project will be £42,000 which may sound a lot of money, but these days, all equipment is rigorously tested and has to meet every possible safety standard with regard to construction, materials and erection. A grant application to The New Opportunities Fund has been sent off, but 50% of the cost has to be met locally. A Bingo evening in November will start off the fundraising.

Revenue from the Re-cycle Plant on the central car park goes towards maintaining the ground, insuring the play area and pay for an annual Health and Safety

inspection. This season, Trevor Jones and John Morris have undertaken to keep the grass tidy.

In Llansilin, glass is Re-cycled to the tune of 1.5 tonne every two months and papers around one tonne per month. Plastic bottles, cans and cardboard are provided as a service only and don't bring in any money. The village does appreciate this service which is in line with current policies about the taking care of the earth's resources.

### New altar cloth for the Church.

*Mrs Phyllis Wilkes, and her sons Bill and Cecil, generously donated a new altar cloth for St.Silin's Church recently - "because we love the Church so much," said Mrs Wilkes. She has been instrumental in keeping the Church's textiles in good order over the years. When the panelling was removed from around the altar many years ago, she made the curtains for the vestry, that still hang there today. She also used her sewing skills for the green altar fall and pulpit fall, transferring some intricate aged embroidery onto the cloth. She has worshipped in St Silin's since she came to live here from Oswestry in 1947, and Bill and Cecil were both members of the Church Choir, as well as helping to pump the organ before electricity was installed. The Church is very fortunate to have the dedicated support of the Wilkes family.*

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### Action Aid.

The charity has recently changed its sponsorship policy from individual sponsorship of a specific child to sponsoring a community project in needy areas. As a result, St Silin's sponsorship of Kofi has now ceased, but the PCC decided to continue sponsoring a community project in Ghana for the same amount of sponsorship, £180 per year. The charity also run LottoAid for £1 per week, of which 75p which goes straight to Action Aid projects. Five lucky numbers are randomly selected each week - one main winner and four runners up, with the prize money divided 25% to the winners, 75% to a project. To contact: Action Aid, Chataway House, Leach Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1FA.

## *The Queens Golden Jubilee Celebrations*

A very big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported the fundraising concert in March. It was a wonderful evening, and raised over £500 towards the Jubilee Celebrations. A special 'Thank You' must go to the schoolchildren who performed marvellously and with such talent! Cor Llansilin as usual, stunned everyone with their range and skill, as did Esther Milner's pupils.

As a result, and thanks to other groups in the village who have made donations, the celebrations for June 3<sup>rd</sup> promises to be a great day!

### **The Easter Vestry 2002**

The Vicar reflected on a busy and happy year of the Church, and expressed grateful thanks to a loyal team of members. Beryl Jones retired after seven years as Church Warden and Mary Morris was unanimously elected in her place. Deborah Hill-Trevor continues as Vicar's Warden and all officers accepted nomination to continue. The Vicar was thanked for his care and leadership to which he responded:

"This is a lovely place to be Vicar of".

The annual account displayed on the notice board in the porch showed expenses to be £ 16,758 and income £ 17,344 for the year. The quota that the parish has to pay for Maintenance of Ministry is £4,468.

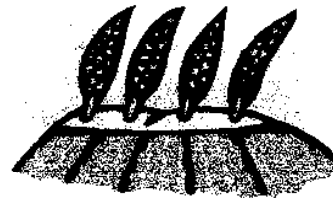
## *Snippets*

- **Dot and Bill Renshaw**, Brynaber, deserve thanks for looking after the flower tubs by the **village fountain**.
- Does anyone know of the whereabouts of the **Church Minute Book** pre 1950?
- The **Millennium Ragrug Project** is under way on Thursdays in the Old Vicarage between 10.30 and 4. Drop in and do a bit if you can. Card making and other crafts are going on at the same time that you can join in.
- **Display stands** for exhibitions have been bought with funds from the book 'Changing Times in Llansilin'. The stands are kept in the Memorial Hall and can be used by anyone in the village for exhibitions and displays.
- The village will be entered again this year for the **'Powys Village of The Year'** competition. Shropshire Star is also running a **Best Kept Village Competition** the early in June. Now may be a good time to have that tidy-up that you always promised yourself!

*If you can't be a pine of top of a hill  
Be a shrub in the valley - but be  
The best little shrub on the side of the hill,  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree*

*If you can't be a highway just be a trail  
If you can't be the sun be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or fail -  
Be the best of what ever you are.*

*"And when you do this you have mastered the  
length of life."* Martin Luther King Jr, Civil rights campaigner



### **Gweinidogaeth Bro Llansilin**

#### Noson Gwyl Ddewi y Gymdeithas

Ar ol pryd o fwyd blasus iawn cawsom sgwrs gan Mr Trefor Owen, Y Trallwm, y gwr gwadd. Sgwrs oedd yn son am ddiwylliant yr ardal yn ystod ei lecyndod ac mor falch yr oedd i wel y diwylliant yn parhau. Yna fe gawsom ein diddanu gan Barti Penyont Fawr. Parti oedd a'u doniau yn amrywio o ganu Cerdd Dant i chwibannu alawon adnabyddus. Noson ardderchog.

#### Cyfarfod pregethu y groglith

Capel Soar. Y Parch Gwyn Hughes, Wrecsam, oedd y pregethwr gwadd Nos Wener y Groglith. Cawsom bregeth i'w chofio.

Prynhawn sul, Chwefror 17eg, roedd y gwasanaeth dan ofal y marched. Fel arfer roedd ein gweinidog, Y Parch Santon Evans wedi paratoi ar ein cyfer ac fe gawsom wasanaeth bendithiol iawn. Mis Mai yw mis y Cymanfaoedd. Mae cymanfa'r Methodistiaid wedi bod yn Seion. Maureen Hughes, Llanrwst, oedd yr arweinydd. Plant capel Rhiwlas oedd yn dechrau'r gymanfa ac fe wnaethant eu gwaith yn dda iawn. Diolch i Gwenan Thomas am eu dysgu.

## Cyngor Bro Llansilin Community Council

At the March meeting, the clerk, Mr Harry Hughes, was congratulated by members of the council for his active and loyal services to the community spanning no less than fifty years. This is indeed an achievement to be proud of and Mr Hughes states that he has enjoyed every minute of it and has, at present, no plans to retire from serving his local community. Having Mr Hughes' dedicated commitment on local issues has been a great advantage to Llansilin.

Thank You, Mr Hughes.

Issues dealt with were:

- Planning application for the conversion of a farm building to a dwelling at Vron Farm was supported.
- Planning registers for February and March were received.
- Youth Club reports indicate good attendance.
- The application for a concurrent function grant for the cemetery was successful.
- A public enquiry to be held in May following an appeal by J A and D M Jones against a decision by the Planning Authority regarding a site at Penyfedwen, Moelfre.

- Correspondence was received from:

Powys CC about countryside access maps,  
Welsh Assembly about a regional meeting in Knighton,  
Dyfed/Powys Police on Montgomeryshire Community Consultative Committee.

- Appeals for financial assistance were received from Montgomeryshire Handyperson Service, The Red Cross and Llangollen International Eisteddfod, were all left on the table.
- A donation for £50 to be given for the Llansilin Golden Jubilee Celebrations in June.
- Support for the 2003 National Eisteddfod deferred to the September meeting.
- A letter congratulating pupils of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith for their success in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival and recent village concert would be sent.
- The following complaints were noted to be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities:

Subsistence near Moelfre Burial Ground,  
Dangerous tree by the Baptist Chapel,  
Overflowing ditch near Bryncelyn,  
Dangerous wall by Rhiwlas Chapel,  
Visibility mirror needed by Derwe Deg,  
Debris on Sarn Bank,  
Warning signs needed on the Lledrode - New Mills stretch.

The Llangadwaladr Church yard Committee would like to thank Mr Merion Thomas, The Gym, Llansilin, for the good work he has been doing of grass cutting at Llangadwaladr Church yard as well as all the other work that he has done there, and also for his help at Moelfre Church yard. Regrettably he has had to give up this work as he has too much work of his own. We are pleased that Mr Rob Hughes, 1 Maesyllan has been able to step into his shoes from May 2002 and wish him well, hoping he will be able to keep up the good work.

Rob Ellis  
Committee Secretary

### Llansilin Church yard Grasscutting

Thursday Evenings from 6pm during the season

All hands welcome - All equipment provided  
including a cup of tea for the workers



Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice  
at Bickton Heath, Shrewsbury, would very much appreciate your unwanted music tapes and records. A Radio Shropshire DJ hold a regular 'Desert Island Discs' programme on the internal radio at the Hospice and are building up the music library. Talking book tapes are also in great demand and would be equally welcome. Please contact the Hospice  
On telephone 01743 23 65 65.

### Flower and Cleaning Rota St Silin's

June 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> + 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Anneli Thomas, Val Talbot Alma Jones, Pam Johnson Mary Morris, Lynne Yates
July 7 <sup>th</sup> + 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> + 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gwyneth and Tony Jones Avril Jones, Janet Davies
August 4 <sup>th</sup> + 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> + 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Jarvis, Christine Williams Fiona Jones, Mary Morris Jubilee Festival of Flowers, Show week-end

### Sidesmen Rota

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jubilee service	10.00	TBA
9 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	10.00	Gareth Lucas
16 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	8.30	D. Hill-Trevor
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Welsh service	9.00	Dan Jones
	Evensong	6.30	Sheila Ashley
30 <sup>th</sup>	Family service	10.00	Olive Jones
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	10.00	Beryl Jones
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	10.00	Dennis Sockett
21 <sup>st</sup>	Communion	8.30	Brenda Jones
28 <sup>th</sup>	Welsh service	9.00	Vera Evans
	Evensong	6.30	Mary Morris
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	10.00	Beryl Jones
11 <sup>th</sup>	Matins	10.00	Eric Avery
18 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	8.30	Phyllis Hughes
25 <sup>th</sup>	Welsh service	9.00	Olive Jones
	Evensong	6.30	Sheila Ashley

Please arrange a substitute if unable to do your slot or contact the Churchwarden on tel. 791 402.

### New equipment at Neuadd Goffa Memorial Hall

Thanks to a recent grant from The Arts Council for Wales, the hall committee has been able to further improve the facilities by purchasing a stage extension and additional audio equipment. The stage was somewhat constrained by its limited size for drama productions and concerts, but has now been increased by one metre.

The portable audio system which was installed in 1999, though very useful, has been replaced by permanently fixed speakers, amplifier and remote input position for the mixing desk to compliment the existing remote stage lighting control positions. Two condenser microphones and three radio microphones for the stage area completes the new set up.

The equipment is available for use by the school and community organisations through the booking clerk, Arthur James, tel 791 346.

LLANSILIN SHOW HANDICRAFT CLASS 2002 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ◆ KNITTED ARTICLE
- ◆ CROSS STITCH ITEM
- ◆ MACHINE EMBROIDERED ARTICLE
- ◆ PEN AND INK SKETCH (ONE COLOUR)
- ◆ SOFT TOY
- ◆ GREETING CARD
- ◆ PHOTOGRAPH OF LLANSILIN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
- ◆ PHOTOGRAPH OF ANIMAL ANTICS
- ◆ PHOTOGRAPH OF A PLAYING CHILD
- ◆ WILLOW WEAVE ARTICLE
- ◆ PAINTED PLATE



### *News from the Belfry*

The band rang half muffled for the funeral of the Queen Mother. The newly acquired leather muffles adjust to soften the sound on one side of the clapper only, so the full strike alternates with the muffled strike, creating a very distinctive ring. There has been a report that the bells have been heard at Sarn Faen, Priddbwl - can anyone else report of how far the sound travels?

More ringers are needed - experienced or novice alike as training will be given. Contact the Tower Captain, Eric Avery on tel. 791 298

The flag flying half-mast in the Churchyard for the Queen Mother is still missing. If you have borrowed it, please return it to the porch in the Church.

Mother and daughter run the London Marathon.

Congratulations to Marion Hood and her daughter Kate who completed the marathon and came in the 31,190<sup>th</sup> and 31,191<sup>st</sup> place with a time of 6 hours and 30 minutes. It was Kate's first attempt at this challenge, no doubt spurred on by Marion's enthusiasm after completing the race two years ago. They managed to raise in excess of £2,000 for the recently launched T.O.R.C.H. The Cerebral Palsy Appeal based at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen. They wish to thank everyone who sponsored them locally.



# Village Activities



**& other useful bits of information**

**Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth**, from September on Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm in Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel. 791 240

**Bowls Club** 7.30 pm in Memorial Hall on Mondays. Contact Sharon Lee tel. 831 431

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

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

**Drawing and Painting for all**, Rhiwlas Community Centre Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon. Run by the North Shropshire College.

**Exercise to Music** Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm Memorial Hall, £2 per session. Contact Marion Hood tel. 791 277

**First Llansilin Guides** meet in The Institute Tuesdays at 7 pm term time. Contact Alison Beeston tel. 791 262

**Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation** Group Comments and Questions regarding any aspect of medical care and practice to Rob Ellis tel. 791 214

**Llansilin Mixed Choir** practice weekly in the Memorial Hall. Contact Henry Evans tel. 791 410

**Llansilin Playscheme**, for after-school activities in sport, drama, arts and crafts. Contact Sian on tel. 791 371

**Local History Society**, Contact Chris Burton tel 791 274

**Memorial Hall and The Institute**. Chairman and Booking Clerk Arthur James tel 791 346

**Mothers Union** in The Institute every third Thursday at 2.15 pm. Contact Glenice Jones tel 791 287

**Meals on Wheels** Contact Olive Jones tel. 791 363

**Over 60's Club** meet alternate Tuesdays from September at 2 - 4.30pm in The Institute. Contact Nesta Morgan tel. 791 219

<b>Police</b>	<b>Powys 648 222</b> <b>West Mercia 0345 444888 (local rate)</b>
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**Playgroup** on Mondays and Thursdays during term-time, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Carol Foulkes tel. 791 326

**Rhiwlas Community Centre**, Contact Will Thomas tel. 680 451

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

**Rural Car Service** for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Contact Christine Williams tel 791 563 between 8 - 9 am and 6 - 7 pm unless in an emergency.

**Shopping Bus** to Oswestry every other Friday leaving village 10.30 am. £1 return. Contact Sian 791 371 or Rosemary Edwards 791 206

**Sunday School** every first Sunday during term-time 10 - 11 am in The Institute. Contact Sheila Ashley tel. 791 283

**Whist drive** every second Wednesday September to May, 7.30 pm in The Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel 791 240

**Womens Institute** meet every second Friday at 7 pm in The Institute. Contact Pam Johnson tel. 791 345

**YFC**, contact Richard Evans tel. 600 228

**Youth Club** meet Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Youth Leader Elena Jones tel. 780 315

**Garage Shop** Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 8.30 am - 5 pm  
Closed for lunch 1-2 pm

**Post Office** Monday 8.30 am - 2.30 pm  
Thursday 8.30 am - 12.30 pm

~~~~ Please help to keep this list up to date ~~~~