

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News

When all at once I saw  
a crowd,  
A host, of golden  
daffodils;  
Beside the lake,  
beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing  
in the breeze.

From "Daffodils" by  
William Wordsworth



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## 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

#### Maw.

2.	Gweinidog	( C ) Soar	10.30
9.	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00
16.	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30
23.	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Salem	2.00
30.	Mr W J Roberts	Cefncaanol	2.00

#### Ebr.

6.	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30
13.	Mr Peter W Williams	Soar	2.00
20.	Gweinidog Sul y Pasg	( C ) Rhiwlas	10.00
27.	Parch Iwan Lewis	Bethania	2.00

#### Mai.

4.	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00
	Cymanfa Ganu, Seion (singing festival)		
11.	Mr Hywel C Evans	Cefncaanol	2.00
	Cymanfa Ganu yr Annibynwyr (congregationists)		
18.	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30
	Sul Ieuenctid ( goodwill Sunday)		
25.	Parch T R Wright	Soar	2.00

Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt \* Cymun ( C )

## Who's Who?

### Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans  
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### Vicar

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### Churchwardens at St Silin's

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Mary E Morris tel. 791 223

### Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies tel. 791 395  
Trys Carys Evans tel. 791 240

### Organist, St Silin's

Morfydd Williams tel. 659 369

### 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  
Ringling practice every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

### Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans tel. 600 228

### Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans tel. 791 471

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### *The Vicar's Viewpoint*

Dear Friends, It's difficult to write this letter weeks in advance when the possibility of war is in the forefront of everybody's mind, and anything could have happened when you read this. I am also vary of trying to ram my own strong views on the matter down all your throats, especially as I may very well have been proved wrong in the meantime. God grant that I have been! If war comes let truth not be the first casualty as so often happens, and may any other casualties, especially among helpless civilians, be mercifully few.

The Middle East crisis has brought home to thinking people just how hard it is to understand how any situation looks from a different viewpoint, to people whose outlook and circumstances are so different from our own. Recently I heard the writer PollyTonybee talking on the radio about a project which she and some others had undertaken which involved trying to live on the statutory minimum wage. She soon found out that many have to survive on less than the minimum wage as some unscrupulous employers devise all sorts of ways to avoid paying even that. Polly worked as a hospital orderly, a job she had done after leaving school, and was shocked to realise that in real terms she was getting less wages now than when she was a school leaver. She also discovered that people doing menial jobs become invisible: doctors don't hold doors open for a woman pushing a trolley. When her friends were told she lived on council estate, they were more taken aback than if she had said she was taking a trip up the Amazon.

At Christmas we celebrate the wonder of Christ's incarnation - God becoming one of us to assure us that he knows what it means to be a human and that everyone of us is all-important to him. And every Good Friday, we are reminded of how human ignorance, selfishness and brutality responded to His appeal for understanding and commitment to each other for his sake.

Should bombs fall over Iraq and the gap widen between the lifestyles of rich and poor, His message is as timely as ever. The world - and us - have still to take it to heart.

*Kit Carter*

### *Cleaning and Flower Rota St Silin's Church*

Lent from 9<sup>th</sup> onwards, no flowers, clean only.

#### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Brenda Jones & Margaret Jones

16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Margaret Lloyd and Morfudd Williams

30<sup>th</sup>

Deborah Hill-Trevor & Val Lucas

#### **April**

6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Joint clean for Easter 10 - 12

20<sup>th</sup>

Decorate for Easter

27<sup>th</sup>

Mary Morris

#### **May**

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Bickerton & Christine Sockett

18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Christine Williams & Val Burton

### **Spring Diary Dates**

#### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> St David's Day Ecumenical Service

St Silin's 10am

5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Communion St Silin's 7.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> Start Lent Study Group, 7pm at The Vicarage

22<sup>nd</sup> Choral Evening Concert and Tea

Llanfyllin Theatre 7 pm

30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday Service, St Silin's 10 am

#### **April**

8<sup>th</sup> Easter Vestry, The Institute 7pm

12<sup>th</sup> 'A Celebration of Easter Music'

Concert St Silin's 7.30 pm

17<sup>th</sup> Maunday Thursday Service 7pm Llangedwyn

18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service 2 pm St Silin's

20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Service 9 am St Silin's

10.30 Llangedwyn

#### **May**

24<sup>th</sup> North Wales Association of Bellringers visit  
around 12.30 pm for 30 mins. ringing



### **Milestones**

**Deaths in January 2003**

Ellen Hughes, Liansilin, Neville Hill-Trevor,  
Lledrod and Beatrice Hallett, Liansilin

## Gweinidogaeth Bro

Mae'r Nadolig yn teimlo yn bell i ffwrdd, ond fe gawsom Wyl fendithiol iawn.

Yng Nghefn Canol ar y 15ed o Ragfyr, fe gawsom Gymanfa Garolau dan arweiniad medrus Iona Jones. Roedd nifer dda wedi troi i fyny ac fe wnaed casgliad o £89 tuag at Y Gronfa Leol i Eisteddfod 2003. Erbyn hyn mae tua £4,880 wedi ei gasglu, sydd ymhell dros ein targed o £3,000.

Ar y Sul cyn y Nadolig cynhaliwyd gwasanaeth arbenig yn y Neuadd dan ofal y Merched a'r plant, ac wedi anrhegu'r plant (drwy haelioni y Parch Stanton Evans) roedd danteithion blasus I bawb.

Noswyl Nadolig bu gwasanaeth o ddarlenniadau a chanu carolau yng Nghapel Rhiwlas. Y Parch Christopher Carter oedd yn gyfrifol am y gwasanaeth unedig yma, ac fe aeth y casgliad tuag at Shelter Cymru.

Bu'r Parch Stanton Evans yn wael dros y Nadolig, ond erbyn hyn rydym yn falch o gael dweud ei fod wedi gwella ac yn dal mor brysur ag erioed.

Yn draddodiadol mae wythnos gyntaf y flwyddyn yn wythnos y Cyfarfodydd Gweddio., ac er bod y cyfarfodydd yn mynd yn llai, cynhaliwyd cyfarfod ym mhob cylch eto eleni. Roedd un cyfarfod wedi ei neilltuo i'r ieuenctid, ac fe gafwyd pregeth gan Y Parch Gwilym O Jones i gloi yr wythnos. Fe aeth casliad yr wythnos tuag at gynnal yr Hospis yn Sir Amwythig.

Ers y cylchlythyr olaf, mae'r Weinidogaeth Bro wedi colli dwy chwerau a fu'n weithgar iawn yn eu gwahanol gapeli, sef Mrs S Morris (Anti Siw I holl blant Cefn Canol), Mrs Elen Hughes, a fu'n aelod ffyddlon yn y Cymdu cyn symud i Llansilin i fyw.

Mae'r flwyddyn yn prysur mynd ei blaen ond hoffwn ddymuno Blwyddyn Newydd Heddychlon I bawb.



## Llansilin Playscheme and Community Group.



**Wanted: A guitar teacher** - to take part in the BBC Music Programme, to teach the school children the basics in guitar playing during the lunch break once a week. Currently, drums and violin is taught through the programme.

### Training opportunities;

- ✓ NVQ level 2 and 3 'Education and Childcare in The Early Years' Starting May 2003

The following courses will run when there is sufficient numbers enrolled. The courses are free to people in the area and are usually held in Llansilin Memorial Hall during the day.

- ✓ APC Level 1 'Childcare Protection
- ✓ Food and Hygiene Certificate
- ✓ First Aid for Child carers and registered Child minders
- ✓ Manual Handling (Lifting and Moving)

For further details of all the above, please contact Renee Springett Tel. 791 371

By the end of March, the playing field could have some additional equipment installed thanks to a £19,500 grant from Enfyf GreenSpaces. The Playingfield Association is applying for a funding bid from Powys CC to match this sum.

### Powys Village of the Year Competition Appeal.

Applications for this competition, which is about life in the community in all it's diversity, have to be submitted May - June time. The judges then visits each entry and has a look around the village and view a prepared display of life of the village that year and listens to a presentation by the locals. Finally, there is an Awards Evening in Llandewi in September when the winning entry is announced and which we proudly won in 1999! Please, would you collect data, photos, newspaper cuttings, programmes, write - ups etc. of things that have happened here during the last year to be used for the display and the presentation and pass them to Renee Springett who would also love some help in preparing the application, displays and presentation.

Tel. 791 371 with offers of help.

## Wall Mural Appeal for the Hall

A wall mural depicting buildings and features which have been and may still be the focus of community life is proposed to be painted on the rear wall of the stage area of Llansilin memorial Hall. The central feature of the mural will be a representation of Sycharth, the historical home of Owain Glyndwr. Around this feature it will be possible to incorporate other images from Llansilin, Moelfre Rhiwlas, Llangadwalladr and Cymdu.

It is therefore appropriate to consult residents and organisations of those communities as to which building or feature they feel should be represented on the mural. In all, 11 or 12 images would be depicted, so there could be more than one from each community.

Please respond in writing with your community suggestions, and if possible, give reasons for the proposal, e.g. historical, cultural, religious etc. to The Hall Secretary, Mr Arthur James, 2 Pentre Felin Cottages, Llansilin, Oswestry SY10 7 PU by 21<sup>st</sup> March. The Hall Committee will make the final decision ensuring that all communities are equally represented.

An application for grant aid has been made for £1,100 to cover the cost of producing the wall mural.

## EUROPEAN YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE

# 2003

**It's about raising awareness** of the rights of people with disabilities to full equality and participation in all areas.

**It's about removing barriers** that people with disabilities face, wherever they occur.

A recent European study shows that there is a serious lack of understanding of what disability means and how many people it affects. There are 37 million people with disabilities in the European Union – that's one in ten of us!

Please participate in our parish survey and fill in the yellow questionnaire with this newsletter and return by 20<sup>th</sup> March as detailed on the questionnaire. Thanking you in anticipation.



## *Fairtrade Chocolate Slices*

6 oz rich tea biscuits  
5 oz butter  
one and a half tablespoon golden syrup  
one and a half tablespoon **Fairtrade cocoa**  
4 oz **Fairtrade soft brown sugar**  
handful of dried fruit  
6 oz **Fairtrade milk chocolate** for topping

- Crush the biscuits in a polythene bag
- Melt butter, sugar, syrup and cocoa
- Add the dried fruit and mix well
- Put mix in 7"x11" lined tin, smooth and chill.
- When cold, melt milk chocolate and spread over the top and cut into slices.

The above recipe from Dot Renshaw, is well worth trying.

## *Fairtrade Fortnight 3 – 16 March*

Support for Fairtrade has risen by 40% since 2001 which is encouraging. Oxfam, Christian Aid and other charities have mounted a national campaign called 'Make Trade Fair', pressing for reform of global trade which is blatantly rigged against poor countries.

Other campaigns are targeting multinational companies who exploit the workforce of the developing world.

The same problems also affect some British farmers and Fairtrade is working with the Soil Association to extend the Fairtrade mark to some UK products. The price paid to farmers and producers must cover the cost of sustainable production and include a margin for profit and investment.

Everyone can do his or her bit by buying locally produced food. Fairtrade products like cocoa, chocolate, coffee, tea and bananas are now widely available in supermarkets and Oxfam shops.



Ysgol Bro Cynllaith raised £252.40 at their Christmas Carol Concert which they donated to the Shropshire Air Ambulance Service.



**Summary of November and January Meetings of Cyngor Bro Llansilin Community Council**



The dangerous tree near the Baptist Chapel has been felled and a 'Hidden Dip' sign on Nant y Bain would be provided.

The telephone kiosk at Rhiwlas scheduled for removal, will not be decommissioned by BT in the foreseeable future, following remonstrations by the Clerk of the Council.

Planning applications received and supported included alteration of existing access at Tynllan, erection of a building at Pwllymeirch, a new dwelling opposite Derwen Deg and an agricultural building at Ysgwennant.

Correspondence received included audit procedures, community strategies from the Welsh Assembly, review of sheltered housing from Powys CC, Campaign for Planning Justice from Friends of the Earth, progress report from Montgomeryshire Care and Repair, well-being in Wales from the Welsh Assembly, concurrent function scheme for cemeteries (a grant of 50% is available), Dyfed/Powys annual policing plan and at the later meeting two police officers of the Dyfed / Powys force attended to discuss the possibility of forming a " Farm Watch " in the parish. Although this is a low crime area, there are periodical thefts of farm machinery. Cllrs. Marjorie Evans, Dennis Sockett and Jack Jones volunteered as co-ordinators for the scheme, liaising with the police.

A request for provision of white lines on the road junction at the lower end of Moelfre lake and the Pantglas Isa junction will be forwarded, and additional street lighting between the Hall and Llansilin car park will be provided.

A complaint was noted about a clay pigeon shoot held on a Sunday in Moelfre that had offended some people.

Financial audit of annual accounts found everything to be in order, and support was given to Oswestry CAB and Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice.

Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd will be approached about the possibility of additional retirement bungalows in Llansilin.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday every other month to which the public is welcome

### *Llansilin Charity Tree of Light*

Like the previous year, the lighted tree provided a lot of pleasure and comfort to villagers over the Christmas season, and raised £481 for charitable causes. It is therefore sad to have to report that the lights were vandalised several times over the period, when over twenty light bulbs were removed from the tree, broken and scattered about the Churchyard. These are special bulbs, rather more expensive than ordinary light bulbs and as a result the PCC may have to re-think this event for next year. Parents of children who are playing outside in the village are urged to instil in their children the importance of respecting property in the Churchyard, which after all, is not a playground.

### Welsh Assembly Community Strategy

Powys has been divided into fifteen *Area Forums* and we belong to the Llanfyllin Forum. Plans for the next fifteen years for each forum will be drawn up and implemented according to the wishes of the people living in the Forum. The first meeting was held in Llanfyllin High School in January when the public was able to put forward their ideas. For the date of the next meeting see the County Times. Minutes from the Community Strategy Meeting are available from Renee Springett Tel 791 371.

From February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Planning Office in Welshpool will have the **Unitary Plan** available for the public to view, showing what the development plans are for any given area in relation to roads, house building programmes, green space utilisation, schools and more.

If no request is put forward from our area, funding will go to other areas so it is important to have a voice. Diana Bower, Llanrhaeadr YM is the Voluntary Sector representative on the Community Partnership for our area.

### **Snippets**

- ◆ *Three new bellringers, Anna, Jonathan and Richard Massey, have joined the band and are progressing terrifically*
- ◆ *A jacket has been left in the Church porch - anyone missing it?*
- ◆ *Chester Mystery Plays June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup> (See notice board in Church for full details). Maybe we could make a group booking? Contact Val Burton Tel 791 274*

## Church Mission Support

During the last year, a number of well-supported fundraising events by the Church have meant that St Silin's Church has been able to donate sums to various needy causes. This is entirely in line with Christian practice and is indeed a duty of the Church. The Coffee Morning in November realised £702 and The Tree of Light £481. During the year, St Silin's Church has been working towards a target of support of £1,000 to missions at home and £500 to missions abroad. Because of everyone's generous support through fundraising and direct giving, this has been achieved. The beneficiaries at home to date are: Shropshire Air Ambulance £150, Hope House £200, HOAP (Homelessness in Oswestry Action Project) £50, Emmaes £100, Camphill Community £100, The Archbishop's Children Fund £100. The Church continues to support Action Aid abroad with £180 a year, and Tanzania Relief received £120 and Street Children of the former USSR £200. The continued support of you all is so vital and valued – and it does make a difference.

*Thank You*

## Lenten Study Course

As usual, there will be a study course during lent, led by the vicar, The Revd Kit Carter. The topic this year is "New World – Old Faith" and lasts for five sessions of approx. two hours each. It deals with subjects that challenges us all today in our everyday lives, such as the environment, family life, many faiths, spirituality and superstition. Members participate fully and there usually is lively discussion throughout the structured course and the evening ends with a cup of coffee. People from every walk of life will be most welcome, you don't have to be a Church member. First session is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7 p.m. at The Vicarage. See you there.

**".....and if we live by the 'an eye for an eye rule', we would all soon be blind"....**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

## **Archaeological Dig in the Churchyard**

An investigation dig along the north wall of the Church to survey what might lie beneath the site earmarked for the new Church extension is about to take place in the village. Grant aid has been applied for to cover the cost of this work, and it will be the first step towards the realisation of a dream which has long occupied members of the Church, namely to have a Parish room with a small kitchen area and toilet adjacent to the Church.

The Parish room extension project is at present depending on what, if anything, is found as a result of the dig. The design and purpose of the extension has been agreed in general but before The Church Authorities grant permission to a start of the building work they have to be satisfied that there are no remains of an earlier cruciform Church on the site, as well as other 'finds' which would be very costly to properly evaluate.

Once the dig is under way, please come and have a look, who knows what turns up? More updates later

Graham Moss

## The Church Electoral Roll Survey.

*By now you should have received the Church in Wales Electoral Roll form. Please complete and return to the collecting points, - the Garage Shop, the Post Office, the Church Porch or give to a Churchwarden before March 6<sup>th</sup> please*



## Cylch Meithrin Llansilin Playgroup

The members of Cylch Meithrin would like to thank everybody who joined in our Quiz Night and all those who had a go at deciphering the Carols. The event was a great success and raised £350 towards running the Cylch. Once again, a big Thank You!

Llansilin Newsletter wishes to extend a warm welcome to newcomers to the parish during the last year. Lets hope that your neighbours were helpful and that you have settled in and feel happy in your new home. Hopefully, the Newsletter will help you some way towards getting to know what is going on in the area. A contribution to the Newsletter for broadcasting and sharing is always welcome from anyone - indeed necessary. So please, send in your bits by the end of April for the Summer Issue, covering events for June, July and August. Many Thanks

# 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 Ray Deney tel. 791 434

**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 Center Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon. Run by the North Shropshire College.

**Exercise for Life** Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm Memorial Hall £2 per session. Contact Marion Hood tel. 791 277

**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

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

**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. 791 296

**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>

**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 Center**, Contact Will Thomas tel. 680 451

**Rhiwlas Gardening Club** every third Wednesday at 7.30 pm in The Community Center. 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** every Friday £1 return (from Llangedwyn over the Racecourse) leave Llansilin 10.30 am returning 12.30 pm Suitable for wheelchair user. Border Community Transport tel. 01938 556 281

**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

**Women's Institute**, every fourth Wednesday 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

<b>Garage Shop</b>	Monday to Friday	9.30 am - 6 pm
	Saturday	8.30 am - 1pm
Closed for lunch 1-2 pm		
<b>Post Office</b>	Monday	8.30 am - 2.30 pm
	Thursday	8.30 am - 12.30 pm

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