

Times of Worship

St Silin's, Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion in English	10.00 am
2nd "	Matins	10.00 am
3rd "	Holy Communion in English	8.30 am
4th "	Bilingual Holy Communion	9.00 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm
5th "	Family Service	10.00 am
Every Friday	Morning Prayers	9.00 am

St Cedwyn's Church, Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30 pm
2nd "	Holy Communion	8.30 am
3rd "	Family Service	10.30 am
4th "	Holy Communion	10.30 am
5th "	Holy Communion	8.30 am
Every Tuesday	Morning Prayers	9.00 am

NB While St Cedwyn's is closed for repairs, services will be held in the village hall at normal times.

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

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3	Parch Iwan P Lewis	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
10	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	Carolau. Seion, Croesoswallt 6.30
17	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
24	(Gwasanaethau y Nadolig i'w trefnu)	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
31		Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	

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7	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	2.00 pm	Gwasanaeth yr Ifanc
14	Parch Ddr Sion Aled	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	
21	Parch E Elfyn Richards	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
28	Parch Glyn Morgan	Llansilin	6.30 pm	

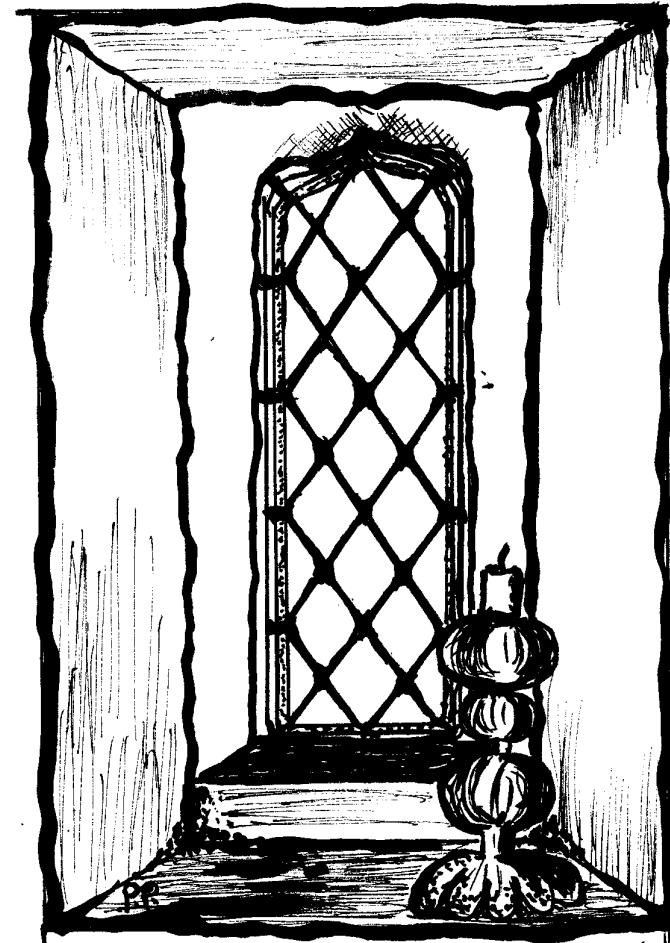
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4	Parch Stanton T Evans (C)	Cefncanol	10.00 am
11	Mr T M Ellis	Rhiwlas	10.00 am
18	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm
25	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Cefncanol	2.00 pm

* *Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt* (C) Cymun

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Church, Chapel and Village News



Window at St Cadwaladr's Church

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Dear Friends

Already four months have passed since I took up post and it has been a pleasure to meet and greet so many people. Thank you for making my family and me so welcome at Llansilin. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Esther Milner, Miss Mary Morris and the PCC for guiding and supporting me in my new ministry. We are encouraged by the loyalty of our congregation, and welcome new faces to join us in our worship and fellowship, especially families. In the new year we will be introducing additional forms of worship, to suit a variety of ages. St Silin's is here for *everyone* and I pray that you will use it frequently, not just for Sunday worship but during the week for personal prayer and spiritual refreshment.

Our new Parish Room opens up all sorts of opportunities. It's an ideal venue for our popular monthly produce stall, and after morning service on the first Sunday of each month we enjoy coffee and fellowship. Please come along and join us: you'll be assured of a warm welcome. We hope to start a Sunday School soon at St Silin's. If you want to know more, or have encouraging ideas and want to help with this project, please contact the Churchwardens or any member of the PCC. You may also hire the Parish Room for a modest charge if you want to hold an event of your own. We want the Parish Room to be a well-used community asset.

We eagerly look forward to the Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December, which we wish to make a truly memorable village occasion. Please feel welcome to join in any of the special events: details are on pages 3 and 12.

As we look forward to the Christmas season, the Church is a reminder to people of the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas. God gave us a precious gift when He made known his love for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembrance of his birth is worthy of great celebration and thanksgiving to God. During the Advent season I hope you will afford yourself time to reflect on the significance of this joyous event.

I wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas.

Margaret Robarts
Vicar

FRONT COVER

Thank you very much indeed to Pam Purves for the lovely drawing of one of the windows at St Cadwaladr's Church. This window is part of the original old church from before the 19th century restoration.

Mothers Union meets in the Institute 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 (Llansilin Drama Group). For information about time and place of meetings, contact Alison Beeston ☎ 791 262

Parochial Church Council Meeting: second Tuesday alternate months at 7 pm in Church

Playgroup in the Institute: Wednesday and Friday free education for over 3's 8.45 am to 11.45 am (over 2½ welcome for £3 a session). Ti a fi Monday 9.30 am to 11.30 am (£2.50). Contact Dan Evans ☎ 791 417

Police Welsh 0845 607 1001
English 0845 607 1002

Post Office Tuesday 8.30 am to 2.30 pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

Rhiwlas Community Centre: contact Will Thomas ☎ 680 451

Rhiwlas Gardening Club: every third Wednesday in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Contact Debbie Taylor ☎ 600 329

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

Shopping/Mobility Bus every Friday £3 return, free to bus pass or token holders. Leaves Llansilin 11 am and returns from Oswestry at 1.15 pm. Suitable for wheelchair user. Contact Border Community Transport ☎ 01938 556 281

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

Women's Institute: every second Friday at 7 pm in the Institute. Contact Tanya Jones ☎ 791 580 or Dorothy Bullard ☎ 791 373

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

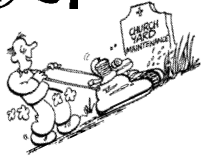
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9.00 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 780 315

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep this list up-to-date. Please carry on checking.



Village Activities

and other useful bits of information



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. Contact Ray Denye ☎ 791 434

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 Harry Hughes ☎ 657 972

C.R.A.F.T. Group meets on Monday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. Contact 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

Drawing and Painting for all at Rhiwlas Community Centre Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon.

Garage Shop Monday to Friday 8.30 am - 1 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm
Saturday 8.30 am - 1 pm

Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation Group Comments and questions regarding any aspect of medical care and practice to Rob Ellis ☎ 791 214

Llansilin Mixed Choir practice weekly in the Memorial Hall. Henry Evans ☎ 791 410

Llansilin Playscheme for after-school sport, drama, arts and crafts. Sian ☎ 791 371

Local History Society: contact Chris Burton ☎ 791 274

Meals on Wheels: contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

Meditation class: Tuesday 7 to 9 pm, Parish Room. Contact Rob Chapman ☎ 791 597

Memorial Hall and The Institute: Secretary and Booking Clerk Arthur James ☎ 791 346

Mobile Library: every other Monday at Llansilin Church at 1.30 pm, then Moelfre layby 2.40 pm, Llangadwaladr 3.15 pm, Rhiwlas 3.45 pm. ☎ 01938 553001

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 1st to 4th December 2006 11 am to 4 pm St Silin's Church

A few years ago four members of the congregation visited a Christmas Tree festival at Llanarmon DC. Their reaction was that *"the church was alive with light and colour, which gave it a magical atmosphere."* They set us the challenge of holding a festival in St Silin's and this is to be the year.

Mary Morris and Alison Beeston are co-ordinating it, with help from many others, as always, and full participation by the C.R.A.F.T. group. They want it to be a community venture and have invited organisations, societies and businesses from Llansilin and the surrounding area. They would also like to encourage families to bring their own tree along to the church. The trees can be fresh or artificial, 3ft, 4ft or 5ft high, decorated with a theme, possibly connected to the organisation.

Fuller details are available from Mary (662569) or Alison (791262). There is a pro forma to book space, to be returned no later than 25th November.

Festive refreshments will be served all day and there will be two Christmas stalls, one with the most delightful cards, gift tags and gift boxes, all hand-made by members of the C.R.A.F.T. group and other artistic helpers at an enjoyable Craft Day in the Parish Room recently, and the other with a miscellany of Christmas fare, gifts etc. organised by church members.

Other activities over the weekend will include the Plygain on Friday evening; a children's activity morning on the Saturday together with an evening entertainment of miscellaneous items associated with Christmas; and an auction of donated trees on Monday evening.



Alison Beeston, Dot Renshaw, Mary Morris and Sheila Wilks hard at work at the Craft Day.



POTTED HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A variety of stories exist regarding the history of the Christmas tree. In the 7th century St. Boniface, a monk from Devon, went to Germany as a missionary. He was so angry when he discovered Pagans worshipping an oak tree that he cut it down. He was amazed when a fir tree grew in its place and, as a result, it became linked with Christianity.

By the 12th century the fir tree had been adopted as a Christian symbol and in Central Europe it became the custom to hang it upside down from the ceiling. The first recorded decorated tree was in 1510 at Riga in Latvia. Early in the 16th century Martin Luther was the first to use candles to decorate a tree, to represent the stars twinkling through the trees in the forest. In the 18th century Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the German wife of King George III, is reputed to have introduced the Christmas tree to the British royal family. In the 19th century it was popularised in Britain by Prince Albert, after his marriage to Queen Victoria.

This potted history is reproduced on a set of cards which will be on sale on the Christmas Stall at the Festival.



WHAT A YEAR!!!

What an exciting year this has been for our church with the Consecration of the new Parish Room and the Licensing of our new Parish Priest, the Revd Margaret Robarts. These unique events will yet again add to the long history of our church. A very sincere thank you to all our loyal members who clean the church and arrange the flowers over the year, with a special **THANK YOU** to the ones who worked so hard to clean the church after the completion of our building project (so much dust everywhere!), and to the ladies who arranged the altar flowers for these two very special occasions. Where would we be without so many willing hands? Again, thank you all.

On the first Sunday of each month coffee is served in the Parish Room after the service. The Vicar is contactable on the telephone 01691 791209. If there is no reply, please leave a message and in an emergency, contact the churchwardens.

VILLAGE HEROES

The churchyard maintenance team has worked every single Thursday evening throughout the season to keep the churchyard looking spick and span. Grateful thanks from villagers and visitors alike to everyone who helped.



MORE VILLAGE HEROES

Villagers are very grateful to Paul, Wendy and Jean for distributing the bottled water to us all during the water emergency in August. The water company simply left supplies in the middle of the village and they would have been very heavy to carry for most villagers. Thank you.

Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans
20 Croeswylan Lane, Croesoswallt Ffon: 654 682

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies Tel 791 395
Trys Carys Evans Tel 791 240

Vicar

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Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

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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

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans
Tel: 600 228

Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans
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Past copies of the newsletter are now available online by logging on to www.daval.demon.co.uk and following the link.

DIARY DATES

December

- 1-4 Village Christmas Tree Festival in St Silin's 11 am to 4 pm
- 1 Plygain and switching on of Crown of Light 7.30 pm
- 3 Special Advent service 10 am St Silin's among the Christmas trees
- 3 Advent Evensong at St Cedwyn's 6.30 pm
- 24 Bilingual Carol Service at St Silin's 9.00 am
Carol Service at St Cedwyn's 10.30 am
Carol Service at Rhiwlas 7 pm
Christmas Eucharist at St Silin's 11.15 pm (note no Evensong)
- 25 Christmas Eucharist at St Cedwyn's 9.30 am

January

- 9 PCC meeting in the Parish Room
- 27 PALS amateur dramatics evening

Times of regular church and chapel services are listed on page 16

Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's

December

- 2 & 9 Christmas Tree Festival (Advent)
- 16 & 23 Joint clean for Christmas
- 30 Christine Williams

January

- 6 & 13 Margaret Lloyd and Mary Morris
- 20 & 27 Esther Milner and Alma Jones

February

- 3 & 10 Valerie Burton and Margaret Jones
- 17 & 24 Dot Renshaw and Val Talbot (25 February first Sunday of Lent - clean only. No altar flowers until Easter)



Village Christmas Tree Festival: 1 to 4 December 11 am to 4 pm
Additional Events

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| 1st | Plygain and Crown of Light | 3rd | Advent service 10 am |
| 2nd | Children's activities am | 4th | Primary School visits |
| 2nd | Evening entertainment | 4th | Auction of donated trees |

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Mae ein pererindod blynyddol yn boblogaidd iawn, a doedd un eleni ddim yn eithriad. Fe aethom yn gyntaf i weld Eglwys Mallwyd, ble cawsom sgwrs am yr ardal gan y Br Dafydd Wyn Jones, brawd Mr J.W.Jones, Plas Moelfre. Yna yn ein blaenau i Eglwys Pennal. Yno cawsom hanes cysylltiadau Owain Glyndwr a'r ardal honno gan Y Ficer, Geraint ap Iorwerth. I gloi y diwrnod, cael pryd o fwyd yn Neuadd Talgarth, ac yna adref yn saff erbyn amser gwely. Diolch i'r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu diwrnod diddorol.

Cawsom Gyfarfodydd Diolchgarwch bendithiol yn ystod Mis Hydref. Cyfarfod i oedolion oedd bore y Sul cyntaf a chyfarfod i'r ieuenctid yn yr hwyr. Cawsom bregeth gan y Parch Meirion Morris o Lansannan ar y 10fed, pregethwr oedd yn hoffi morio canu yn ystod y gwasanaeth. Diwedd y mis cafodd Rhiwlas gyfarfod i'r plant gydag anerchiad gan Mrs Carys Evans, a phregeth yn yr hwyr gan y Parch Robert Parry, Wrecsam.

Ar noson gyntaf Y Gymdeithas cafwyd drama un act gan Gwmni Drama Glyn Ceiriog, ac yna hanner awr o Idris Davies yn ein diddori yn ei ffordd arbennig ei hun. Cychwyn da i'r tymor.

Dydd Gwener, Hydref 13eg. bu farw Miss Sally Jones, gynt o Frynhafod, Rhiwlas. Er iddi gael ei magu yng Gnwyddelwern, ger Corwen, yn Rhiwlas y treuliodd y rhan fwyaf o'i hoes. Oes o wasanaeth i gapel Rhiwlas fel organyddes a chynhaliwr yr achos yno. Bu Miss Jones yn weithgar yn ei milltir sgwâr yn enwedig yn y cylch Cymreig, yn mynychu dosbathiadau WEA gyda'r Prifardd Emrys Roberts ac yn aelod brwd o Ferched Y Wawr. Cydymdeimlwn â theulu Ty'n Llwyn o golli un annwyl iawn.

Hefyd, mae ein cydymdeimlad yn ymestyn at y Parch Stanton Evans a gollodd ei frawd, Edgar Evans, Rhuthun, ganol Mis Hydref.

Edrychwn ymlaen at Wyl y Geni, cofiwch am ein Gymanfa Garolau Nos Sul, Rhagfyr 3ydd. yn Cefn Canol.

DO SOMETHING AMAZING - GIVE BLOOD



Only 5% of the UK population who are eligible to give blood do so, so the Blood Transfusion Service is always in need of more donors. Some operations require literally pints and pints of blood and components extracted from blood play a key role in a range of procedures such as treating burns or preventing infection.

The next local session will be at the Public Institute in Llanfyllin on Tuesday 3rd January 2.00 to 4.00 pm and 5.30 to 7.30 pm

Thank you from the Blood Transfusion Service.



DRAWING AND PAINTING AT RHIWLAS

For many years now (I think it must be 15) I have taught drawing and painting at Rhiwlas Village Hall on Tuesday mornings – I am happy to say that there are still some people who were there on my first day and it is a delight to meet new people and make new friends.

We use both traditional techniques as well as experimenting with new ones, but above all I think that the learning process should be FUN and try to encourage people to have confidence in their abilities – the emphasis is on doing it for their own benefit and not for outside approval. I believe that everyone has an innate and amazing capacity to be creative – it just needs releasing. The students are very supportive of one another and we always have a coffee break mid-session for people to talk as well as have a bit of a break from their work.

Subject matter is variable, ranging from still life to landscape, portrait and imaginative work. If ever anyone has a burning desire to do something from the planned subject, that's great with me because that usually means they are enthusiastic. On fine days we have often sat outside and drawn the beautiful surrounding countryside. The hall is in such an excellent position, is always warm with the tables set out ready for us and only very rarely have we had to cancel a class due to bad weather conditions.

I am a great believer in bringing all sorts of classes out into rural areas – it seems an excellent way for people with similar interests to meet and the visual arts not only give us a means for self-expression, but also enable us to see and appreciate our everyday surroundings more clearly.

Gill Crozier

ARDDEEN CHILDREN ENJOY THEIR DAY AT ST SILIN'S

On a fine autumn day at the end of September St Silin's welcomed the reception class of Arddleen School. The children enjoyed a busy day exploring the churchyard and church. The children worked enthusiastically on practical tasks – playing the organ, arranging flowers, polishing candlesticks and even trying out the pulpit. The highlight of their day was climbing to the ringing room to try their hand at bell ringing. Special thanks to Miss M Morris, Mrs E Milner and Mr and Mrs C Burton for giving so generously of their time and expertise.

J K Morgan
Headteacher

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LLANSILIN
MEMORIAL HALL**
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“AWARDS FOR ALL WALES” GRANT FOR MEMORIAL HALL

Llansilin Memorial Hall has received a grant of £2732 towards a total project cost of £4232 for the installation of a heat pump system in the Institute area of the premises from the lottery-funded grants programme “Awards for All Wales”.

The project comprises the replacement of an inadequate and poor quality heating system (2 overhead electric radiator heaters) in a part of the premises extensively used by many community groups up to a maximum of 45 people. The replacement system will consist of equipment and related internal environmental controls that will be capable to providing adequate heating during the winter and cooling of the space during the summer.

The project also includes an additional 72 folding/stacking chairs complete with two storage trolleys. The hall committee is increasingly finding that it is necessary to import chairs from other sources for larger community events.

The hall committee secretary, Mr Arthur James, said: “The committee is pleased that, as a result of the grant, work on the project could commence in the near future and be finished before Christmas to provide better facilities for community organisations.”



CROWN OF LIGHT

The “Crown of Light” will be switched on at Advent to shine out over the village from the church tower. If you would like to “buy a bulb” costing £3 each, please see Margaret (791472), Joan (79131) or any member of the PCC. Funds raised will go to Hope House and the Severn Hospice and we would be grateful for your support for these worthy local causes.

WEBB IVORY CATALOGUE

The Webb Ivory catalogue is now in circulation. If you would like one, please contact Janet (791313) or Margaret (791472). Your support is much valued.

FOR SALE

Silver Cross pushchair, with shopping tray, parasol and waterproof cover. In good condition and a real bargain at £25 for church funds. Please contact Brenda Jones on 791261 if you are interested or know anyone else who might be.

Well done to all the children who have had sporting successes this term. Nine children have gained their 25 metre badge and 3 their 5 metre badge. Siona Glennie, Grace Fensome, Hannah Lloyd and Isabelle Karla are taking part in the Under-12 Football League for Girls in Newtown with girls from Pennant. They are playing well as a team and have won several games. Hannah Lloyd, Jack Needham, Thomas Williams, Louis Vittle, Harri Lloyd, William Evans and Fenton Cosford won 2 matches and lost one in the Urdd 5-a-side competition.

Mair Smith, Headteacher

LIANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The September meeting was informed that the subsidence in Moelfre, Rhiwlas and Cefn Canol had been remedied and a communal refuse bin and village name signs had been provided in the latter. Visibility at Derwendeg had been improved. Members agreed to make a donation of £25 to Hope House. It was regretted that Arriva had withdrawn the bus service from Llansilin to Oswestry due to lack of support. It was agreed that the public conveniences in Llansilin should remain open during the winter months but, in the event of severe frost, the water supply be disconnected and the toilets closed.

Planning applications: Erection of agricultural building in Clyrun was supported. Erection of 26 dwellings on land opposite the Wynnstay Inn – members had regard to the fact that this land had had the benefit of outline planning permission for many years and had been disappointed that no development had taken place. Whilst welcoming the current application, the proposed number of dwellings (26) was deemed excessive and that a more acceptable number would be 20. Whilst it was recognised that a condition of consent would be the provision of low cost housing, it was considered essential that this should be for local need.

A complaint was received regarding a high hedge on the Rhydycroesau-Cefn Canol road. The chairman agreed to approach the owner. It was agreed to request improved visibility on the Lledrode junction.



PALS - THE FIRST PRODUCTION

Rehearsals are now in progress for the first production by our very own amateur dramatic group, **PALS** (Players at Llansilin). This will be two light-hearted, one-act plays by Nick Warburton on Saturday, 27 January next year. Please watch for posters nearer to the date. The group is still looking for new members in any capacity, and if anyone is interested, please contact Alison Beeston on 791262.

FUNDRAISING - Church Gate Stalls and Coffee morning

During the summer the monthly church gate stalls have once again proved very successful, raising the excellent sum of £449. As always, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us by giving, buying, setting up and manning the stall and also coming along to make this such an enjoyable and sociable two hours. The September stall was even more enjoyable by the availability of our new Parish Room. Light refreshments were served and people who had not previously viewed the new extension were proudly taken on a tour of the new facilities.



In October, we held a very successful coffee morning. Vera and Alma served the coffee; Deborah, Val B and Margaret L did a brisk trade on stalls selling produce, cakes etc and bric a brac; Christine sold raffle tickets and Esther gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the churchwardens. Another wonderful effort, which raised £240 - **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

As always in previous years, the Church was beautifully decorated. The service was well attended and was taken by our new Priest in Charge, the Revd Margaret Robarts. Various members of the congregation gave readings and took the intercessions. Harvest gifts were taken to the Altar by Deborah Hill-Trevor, Dennis Sockett and Rob Ellis. During the service the new wooden Altar Cross was dedicated, which had been made by Eric Avery from part of the old oak belfry frame. The collection was taken by Esther Milner and Eric.



After the service coffee was served to members of the congregation by Margaret L and Mary. At 12 noon we all sat down to a very successful “Bring and Share Lunch” in the Parish Room. Mrs Robarts welcomed everyone and said grace. Mrs Nesta Morgan thanked everybody for what was a very enjoyable lunch. Thank you to Christine and her helpers who organised this lunch which, incidentally, was a first in our Parish Room. Well done!

STAY SAFE!

Now that the darker days are with us, don't forget if you are walking on the roads that drivers will have difficulty seeing you, particularly if you are wearing darkish clothes. The rule should be to wear something that shows up, and always to walk on the side of the road facing the traffic, so that your face is seen. Walking on the wrong side down Stent Bank can make you almost invisible against the tall shady hedge! Happy and safe walking!

LLANSILIN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY (LLHS)

The LLHS continues to flourish, having just completed its 23rd annual programme of events. Once again there has been wonderful support from members and guests, many of whom travel from Oswestry and as far as Wrexham and Llangynog.

There have been nine talks and three trips in the programme this year. A very large audience came to hear the first talk on the “Hughes Family of Llansilin”, given by Paul Hughes. Because of the numbers, many of whom were family members or friends, the meeting was held in the church by kind permission of the churchwardens. Every talk has been interesting and authoritative. Average attendance has been in the thirties, with a talk by Jackie Hayden about “John Thomas and Ardmillan” attracting 45, including quite a lot of “lost” family!

We had 3 visits this year: to Iscoed Park where refreshments were served after the tour of the house; to Llanfihangel yng Ngwynfa for a talk about Ann Griffiths; and our windswept picnic on the presumed site of Broney Castle near Rhydleos.

The Society is accumulating quite a large collection of documents about our local history, a great deal of which has been collected by our vice-chairman Mrs Nesta Morgan. Storage cupboards for this material have been obtained and will be located somewhere in the church or Parish Room when positioning and access arrangements have been settled.

We have a project to provide a sign reciting a little of the history of Owain Glyndwr to be fixed to the rear of the mosaic sign on Maes y Llan car park. The general design has been produced by chairman Emyr Evans and member John Neilson.

There is always a varied and interesting programme of talks and visits in our season from Easter to September, and new members are always welcomed.

ANOTHER MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE



The 2006 Llansilin Memorial Hall Annual Grand Concert was, once more, a most memorable occasion. The Hall was packed; it had become hard to find tickets and the atmosphere was full of excited anticipation.

The high expectations of the audience were not disappointed when Tenor John Eifion, National Eisteddfod Blue Ribbon Winner, appeared. His easy, relaxed

manner and fine voice combined to make for an unforgettable experience. The accompanist was his daughter, Lois, and his repertoire included Mario Lanza favourites and “Elen Fwyn”. He was thanked with the tremendous applause his performance merited.

Llansilin Mixed Choir, with its conductor Iona Jones and accompanist Eleri Owens, gave their usual delightful performance which included those popular pieces, beautifully sung, “Pie Jesu” and Thank You For The Music”. The MC for the concert was the ever-enchanting Sarah James who manages to tell hilarious stories with a straight face and always has the audience in her hands.

Lois Jones further delighted the audience with her own syncopated arrangement of a Bach Fugue which drew cheers from the audience. What an achievement for a 16 year old! The family is known as highly gifted musically - and this concert certainly proved that!

Ray Pinder

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH

The willow dome and garden at the back of the school are looking good again and the children are once more able to play in the willow dome now that it's all been tied back. A big thank you goes to Angela and David Lloyd, Kim Hawkins Brown and Lynwen Morris for turning out to tidy up the PANDA area and front garden. We have gathered 3 kg 400gms of apples from the tree, which is growing against the wall. The potato plant grown by years 3/4 in a pot produced 400 gms of potatoes and we have 15 tomatoes growing on the plants in the classroom. The children took sunflower plants home and quite a few report that they have had sizeable flowers.

£88.97 was donated at our Harvest Service for a school in Kenya which Bill Morris told the children about. Letters have been written to the children at the school and they will be taken by Bill to Kenya later in October. He will be coming to speak to the children again on his return.

Our Year 6 children had a very good morning at Crucial Crew which was held in Park Hall. Everyone else worked with Theatr Powys on “The Giant's Embrace” during the course of the day, so a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Louis Barker who won first prize in the regional final of the ‘Pet Smile Month’ Art Competition. Camlas Vets at Welshpool will now be sending his entry through to the National Competition. Louis has been to collect his prize and we wish him luck in the next round.