

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

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

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Meh

3	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	6.30 pm
10	Mr Alun Jones	Cefncanol	10.00 am
17	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
24	Parch John Owen *	Llansilin	2.00 pm

Gor

1	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr
8	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
15	Parch Robert Parry	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
22	Mrs Nesta Barker Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
29	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	

Awst

5	Mr R A Platt	Llansilin	2.00 pm
12	Parch Glyn Morgan	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
19	Parch Ddr D Ben Rees *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
26	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News



**Number 58
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Dear Reader:

A brand new summer is nearly upon us - doesn't it make your heart sing to think of all the gifts God gives us in this season? Not forgetting, of course, those whose summer is a slightly fraught one of harvest - will it rain before I get it in? - not to mention shearing, tailing, worming and all the other joys of sheep farming! And, of course, there are those lovely Bar-B-Q's (burnt sausages, raw burgers and warm wine - 'in the kitchen if wet'. Seriously, though, look around you - how many miracles can you see? Perhaps you've experienced one yourself - think on.

I am lucky enough to have a bedroom that looks out on the Gyrn one way and down to the village the other. Every morning of the year, and I include winter mornings of fog, ice, rain and wind, I see the wonder of dawn breaking - a new daily miracle that never fails to move me. This time of the year, dawn starts to arrive at about 5 am. A faint touch of blue appears in the black of night; it grows brighter and lightens even as you watch; fifteen minutes or so later and you can see the silhouettes of the trees and the outline of the Gyrn. Within half an hour, all is revealed and the day is beginning to develop its rich colours. That is a real miracle that never fails to fill my heart with joy.

What about you? Have you had a miracle recently in your life? Think about it. Perhaps something good and unexpected has happened. The £20 note you lost appears in the washing just as you're about to load the machine. Or, infinitely more important, that lump that showed up on a breast scan turns out to be a false alarm. Phew! If you've had a similar type of experience - your very own miracle - sit down right now and thank God. A shout of joy, a song or a fervent prayer perhaps. For all these miracles that happen daily, to you or someone else in the world, let your praise and thanksgiving rise to God. He deserves it, don't you think?

May God bless us each and every one, and give us a good summer.

Deborah Hill-Trevor

People's Warden, St. Silin's Church

Thank you to Mary Cunnah for the charming summer scene on the front cover. Mary is exhibiting collagraphs and etchings at North Star Arts, Queen's Head, on 9, 10, 16 and 17 June, 11 am to 6 pm, as part of the popular annual Open Studios event organised by Borderland Visual Arts. This is a unique opportunity to view the work of local artists in and around Oswestry.

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 monthly at 7 pm in Parish Room

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 Wednesday 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

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 from September to May, 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans ☎ 791 240

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

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

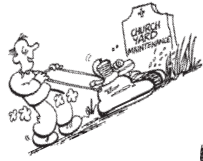
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9.00 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

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

Local History Society: contact Chris Burton ☎ 791 274

Meals on Wheels: contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

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



CROWN OF LIGHT

Last year's Crown of Light raised £361 for our two local charities. Joan Williams and Margaret Lloyd are here presenting the cheques to Diane Segar, Hope House volunteer, and Tanya Wilson, treasurer of the Oswestry Support Group for the Severn Hospice.

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Mae hi wedi bod yn dymor prysur, er bod y tywydd bendigedig a gawsom ym Mis Mawrth ac Ebrill wedi gwneud y gwaith wyna yn waith plaserus eleni. Yn ôl ym Mis Chwefror fe aeth llond dau gar ohonom i gapel St Paul, Abergele i ddathlu penblwydd Y Parch Huw Rowlands yn 90 oed. Y Parch Huw Rowlands gychwynodd yr Aelwyd yn Llansilin dros 60 o flynyddoedd yn ôl, ac mae'n fawr ei barch yn yr ardal yma.

Ers y cylchlythyr olaf, cawsom ddau gyfarfod o'r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol. Yn gyntaf fe gawsom Gyfarfod Cystadleuol rhwng y Merched a'r Dynion. Noson hwyliog dros ben gyda Sydney Davies a Jean Hughes o Lyn Ceiriog yn beirniadu. Wrth gwrs y Merched ennillodd, ond doedd y Dynion ddim yn bell tu ôl. Yna fe gawsom noson i ddathlu gwyl ein Nawdd Sant, Dewi. Wedi cinio bendigedig, cawsom sgwrs ddiddorol ac amserol gan ein gwr gwadd, John Lewis, mab Rhiannon Lewis, Fair View. I offen y noson cawsom ein diddannu gan driawd o Aberystwyth gyda'u caneuon gwerin.

Yn Rhiwlas oedd ein Gwasanaeth Dwyieithog Gwyl Ddewi eleni. Y marchod oedd yng ngofal y gwasanaeth, a hyfryd oedd gweld y capel yn llawn.



ST DAVID'S DAY SERVICE

Rhiwlas Chapel was the venue for the Annual Bi-lingual St David's Day Service on Sunday, 4 March and was attended by members from local Chapels and Churches. The service was opened by Mrs Edith Ellis of Oswestry and took the form of readings, hymns and prayers with participation by lady members of the congregation. At the conclusion Mrs L M Jones of Henblas gave the blessing. The collection for Christian Aid was taken by Rowena and Gwenan Thomas. Mrs Muriel Griffiths was the organist. Mr Wyn Davies gave thanks to everyone who had taken part. The service was arranged by the Revd Stanton Evans of Oswestry and the Revd Margaret Robarts of Llansilin.

LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS

THE PARISH ROOM WAS OUR SAVIOUR!

On a cold wintry morning with no electricity, light, heating or organ we were all very grateful to be able to transfer to the Parish Room from the Church. Over 50 of us including 12 children and members from Llangedwyn Church crowded in for our Annual Mothering Sunday service on 18 March. The Revd Margaret Robarts invited all the children to come up and take part in the dedication of a wooden cross for Llangadwaladr Church, new hymn books for both churches and also to bless posies of flowers and a Simnel cake.

This was an informal and happy service, much enjoyed by all who attended. A special thank you to members of Llangedwyn church and to Christine for supplying and distributing the posies of flowers during the service. After the service we all enjoyed a slice of Christine's Simnel cake - it was a great pity that no coffee was available even though Margaret J and Carol were on hand to serve it!

LENT COURSE

A Lent Course was held in the Parish room on five evenings during March on the subject of the 200th anniversary of the banning of the Slave Trade, and the implications it has for Christians in today's world. The course was well attended, and led to some lively discussions. We shall hope to repeat the experience next year.

LENT LUNCHES

Two very successful Lent lunches, organised by Esther Milner, were held in the Parish Room in March, when everybody enjoyed soup, rolls, cheese and biscuits. Many thanks to all the ladies who so kindly prepared and served the food, enabling us to send £120 to Christian Aid.

HOLY WEEK

This year it was the turn of Llangedwyn Church to host the Maundy Thursday joint service, which was attended by several members from our own congregation. On Good Friday a joint service of hymns, readings and prayers was held at St Silin's. Taking part with readings were Robert Williams, Esther Milner, Margaret Lloyd and Deborah Hill-Trevor. The Revd. Margaret Robarts took both these services and the Easter Day Eucharist in a sun-filled church, beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The Vicar was assisted by Margaret Lloyd, the lesson was read by Graham Moss, the collection was taken by Mary Morris and Christine Williams and the organist was Morfudd Williams. Easter Eggs were distributed to the children after the service.



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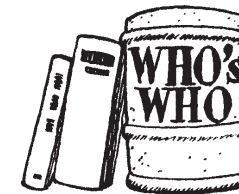
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Bellringing, St Silin's

Tower Captain: Eric Avery
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Ringing Practice

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans
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Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans
Tel: 791 471

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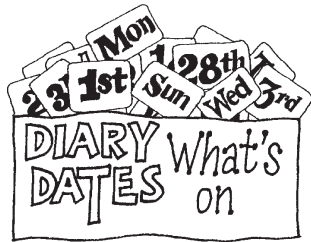
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Past copies of the newsletter are now available online by logging on to www.daval.demon.co.uk and following the link.



June

- 2 Church produce stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 12 AGM of Management Committee of Memorial Hall 7.30 pm
- 12 PCC meeting in Parish Room 7 pm

July

- 7 Church produce stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 10 PCC meeting in Parish Room 7 pm

August

- 4 Church produce stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 9 PCC meeting in Parish Room 7 pm
- 25 Local sheepdog trials
- 27 Village show and open sheepdog trials

NB Details of regular church and chapel services are on page 16.

Flower and Cleaning Rota at St Silin's

June

- 2 & 9 Janet Davies and Sheila Ashley
- 16 & 23 Glenice Jones and Mary Cunnah
- 30 Mary Morris

July

- 7 & 14 Margaret Lloyd and Rosemary Edwards
- 21 & 28 Valerie Burton and Dot Renshaw

August

- 4 & 11 Deborah Hill-Trevor and Margaret Jones
- 18 & 25 Esther Milner and Val Talbot



On Easter Saturday evening we were pleased to welcome to Church the Pradoc Singers from West Felton. A Sacred Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" was sung under the conductor, Mr John Owen. A retiring collection was taken and light refreshments were served.

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

The church recently held the annual Easter Vestry meeting to review the previous twelve months. The Reverend Margaret Robarts thanked everyone for the warm welcome and the help she had received on her appointment. The challenge for the future is to consolidate the contacts and loyalties established by the Reverend Kit Carter and to further the work of the church. The two churchwardens, Esther Milner and Mary Morris were heartily thanked for their hard work during the interregnum. Esther Milner was invited to continue as Vicar's Warden and the role of People's Warden has been taken over by Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor in place of Mary Morris, who wished to retire. Mr Graham Moss and Mrs Valerie Burton remain as Treasurer and Secretary and Mr Jeffrey Olstead is a welcome addition to the committee.

CHURCH PRODUCE STALLS

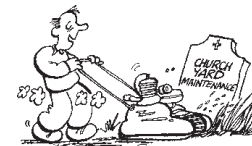
The first produce stall got us off to a flying start on the first Saturday in May on a gloriously sunny day. Over £100 was raised towards the weekly running costs of the church.

Don't miss the other stalls on:

2 June 7 July 4 August 1 September 6 October

10 am to 11.30 am

As always, we are most grateful for everyone's support



A plea for more grass cutters!

Please - can we have a few more extra volunteers to keep the churchyard in order? As long as we can keep on top of the grass growth, it is not arduous. Machinery and safety equipment provided. Every Thursday from 6.00 pm - you would be made very welcome. Tea and biscuits and a chat at half time!

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The March meeting was presided over by the chairman, Councillor E T Jones, assisted by the clerk, Mr H Hughes, who had something to celebrate!

No response was forthcoming as to which authority was responsible for the repair and maintenance of Derwendeg footbridge. Members discussed in detail the draft Welsh Language Scheme which they supported in principle but, for various reasons, agreed it would be difficult to implement in its entirety. Cllr E O Evans gave a report on the Community Strategy Support Scheme for the Llanfyllin catchment area, the theme being energy saving. Small grants were available for schemes which qualified. It was suggested that the Memorial Hall could benefit and the secretary would be notified. Cllr E O and Mrs C Evans were nominated to be entered in a draw, the winners of which would be invited to a Buckingham House garden party.

Planning applications included conversion of outbuildings to dwelling at Bwylchryhiw; extension at Minafon, Cefn Canol; erection of dwelling and garage on land between Aelybryn and The Vicarage, Llansilin; conversion of barn to dwelling at Cae Canol Cottage, Cefn Canol and extension at Fron Lledrod, Llansilin. Listed building consent for renovation part farm house at Lloran Ucha, Moelfre.

The clerk was asked to deal with the following matters: pot holes near Tydu and on the Derwendeg-Waterworks road; water on Hafodig road; continued dog fouling on Moeliwrch road; abandoned cars on Bryn Celyn estate; a partially developed building which had been in Moelfre for many years.



A RECORD TO BEAT

This year Mr Harry Hughes, Heulfryn, celebrates 55 years as Clerk to Llansilin Community Council. He must have been quite a young man when he was appointed in 1952. Not only is he the Clerk of the Council, but is also the financial officer responsible for advising on our budget and paying all the council bills. With many years of experience he makes sure that the councillors keep within the rules and regulations which govern our council. Long may he continue in his role as clerk and adviser to the council.

Liz will pay all postage costs and you can contact her at 25 Crawshaw Avenue Sheffield S8 7DZ Tel: 0114 2745834 or e-mail: liz@downsr.freemove.co.uk

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MORNING

Following a successful 'Children's Activity Morning', as part of the Christmas Tree Festival, it was decided to hold a similar event at Easter. Consequently on Saturday, 7 April the Parish Room became a centre for a range of seasonal arts and crafts. These included a variety of Easter cards, moss gardens, egg baskets, decorated stones, colouring, origami tulips and jumping frogs. The children also took part in preparing the altar for Easter Sunday, whilst Mrs. Esther Milner explained to them the relevance of each layer of cloth,

The Rhydygroesau Area Design Plan

There will be an open meeting in Rhydygroesau Village Hall on Wednesday, 13 June at 7.30 pm to discuss, plan and gather information about the area in preparation of producing a Design Statement. This initiative by the former Countryside Commission will act as guide for future planning consent and permission of the areas for the forthcoming 15 years. In this case it will cover the settlements in and around Llansilin and Rhydygroesau, namely Felin Newydd, Lledrod, Cefn Canol, Llawnt, The Racecourse, Candy, Llanforda, Craigllyn, Pentre Cefn, Wern Ddu, Sychtyn and the parts in between.

The statement will be the work of local residents in conjunction with the planning department. No specialist knowledge is needed apart from an interest in the here and now and the future of *your* countryside and environment. The text of the final document will be emphasised by the use of photos, maps and other illustrative material, as well as graphics and printing expertise, so you may well be able to help with this. It's about managing change, not preventing it, in a way that is compatible with the present community and the wishes of the people who and work there.

More details from Liz Evans (653552) and Sheila Ashley (655998).



PALS



Having taken a short break following their 'Evening of Amateur Dramatics' in January, PALS have now resumed their meetings. They are currently holding a series of play-readings in an attempt to find suitable material for their next production. Anyone interested in joining the group, in any capacity, should contact Alison Beeston on 791 262.

BLUEBELL WALKS AND SPRING FAIR

It was a gloriously sunny day on Saturday, 28 April for the bluebell walks and spring fair organised by Pam Johnson in aid of Canine Partners. Instead of the usual April waterproofs, the walkers needed to plaster on the sun cream, but no one was complaining!



The aim of Canine Partners is to transform the lives of people with disabilities by partnering them with highly trained assistance dogs, enabling them to live more independently and enjoy an enhanced lifestyle. The walks took us through the beautiful bluebell wood at Moelfre and up over the top fields with spectacular panoramic views over the whole area, making us realise (as if we didn't already know) that we live in a truly magnificent area. The woodland itself was bought



by Dorothy and Ted Bullard in memory of their son, Tony, who was killed in Afghanistan in 1993 when he was an aid worker there. Dorothy and Ted donated it to the Woodland Trust in 2001 and they are happy that so many people come to enjoy its beauty and tranquillity.

The fair was a huge success and the hall was filled with the work of local artists, collectables, plants, books and ethnic jewellery and tables were laid out for a welcome cup of tea and cake. Just over £350 was raised and Pam would like to thank everyone who helped and took part, with special thanks to Alison Beeston for co-ordinating the whole day.

Does anyone have a spare copy of "Changing Times in Llansilin"?

We have had a request from someone called Liz Downs who is researching her family history and would love to buy or even borrow a copy of "Changing Times" which is unfortunately out of print.

Her great grandmother was Sarah Richards and Sarah's great grandparents were William and Jane Richards who lived at Glascoed. Liz started doing her family tree as a Millennium resolution and can't believe how fascinating it is. She has to do a lot of her research via the internet as she has four young children. They all paid a flying visit to Llansilin last year and everyone she spoke to was most helpful. As she says, "Everybody should do their family tree just to restore their faith in human nature."

Côr Llansilin

For approximately one hour on most Sunday evenings, Llansilin Memorial Hall is filled with the sound of music and laughter, when members of Côr Llansilin are put through their paces under the leadership of Iona Jones, with Eleri Owens at the piano. Members are drawn from within a 10-mile radius of Llansilin. Music has always played a big part in the life of the village and Côr Llansilin members are proud to be part of this tradition. The choir boasts a soprano soloist, a female trio and a male quartet, all "in house", giving a varied bilingual programme – not forgetting other soloists who take a very important part within the choral pieces.

Over the years the choir has competed in eisteddfodau, including the Powys and the National events, being runners up at the "National" in Meifod in 2003. A decision has now been made to compete in this year's Eisteddfod at Mold in August. This will involve a lot of hard work in the coming weeks.

In 2005 the choir released their first CD, "Sain Sycharth". I'm sure that everyone agrees that the end product was a great success and has helped to put Llansilin on the map once again. (CD's are still available from choir members!)

All these activities help to maintain the standard of the choir, which is shared with audiences at various concerts. Forthcoming concerts include performances at Llanantffraid, Llanwddyn, Llanfihangel and Llanrhaeadr, not forgetting the annual concert in Llansilin Memorial Hall on 29 September, when we will share the stage with "Y Tri Tenor" (the Three Tenors).

I mentioned the sound of music and laughter in the first sentence – yes, we create music but we also have a lot of fun in the process. Choir members feel it is a great privilege to be part of Côr Llansilin and are very indebted to both Iona and Eleri for their hard work and dedication.



THE LATEST FROM THE C.R.A.F.T. GROUP

The altar frontal for Llangadwaladr church is now nearing completion. It is planned to put the finished cloth on display at a coffee morning in Llansilin before it is installed at Llangadwaladr. The group is simultaneously starting work on this year's fountain dressing which is based on a winning entry by Eleri Evans (then aged 11) in last year's Llansilin Show.

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LLANSILIN
MEMORIAL HALL
(Registered charity no. 216682)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, 12 June 2007 at 7.30 pm

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL AND INSTITUTE will be held in the Hall on Tuesday, 12 June 2007 at 7:30 pm. All inhabitants of the area of benefit (ie Llansilin, Llangadwaladr, Moelfre, Cymdu, Cefn Canol and Rhiwlas) who are aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting in the appointment of elected members (NB not representative members of community organisations) to serve on the hall management committee as trustees of the registered charity known as LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL. Existing elected committee members can be re-elected if they have not given notice of their non availability for re-election in writing to the Chairman no later than 8 June 2007. Please note that any nominations for new elected members must be given to the Chairman Mr E O Evans, Cefn y Braich, Llansilin, in writing together with the written consent of the nominee no later than Friday 8 June 2007.

Llansilin Sheep Dog Trials, Village Show, Horse Show and Sports



Saturday, 25 and Monday, 27 August

Arts and Crafts: a painting "Landscape", a pencil sketch, item in cross stitch or half cross stitch, item of embroidery, knitted article, greeting card, an item in wood or metal

Photographs: "Sunset", "Children in Action", "An Amusing Scene"

Flower Arrangements: an additional class and a new cup for the competitor gaining the most points



Look out for the schedules later in the summer – not only listing the various activities and classes but also a useful source of reference for local businesses

Did you know that Llansilin had its own allotments – during WW2 on the field below Cae Dentyr (the sheep dog trial field)? Trefor, Fodwen, can remember a little wicket gate in the hedge.

YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH NEWS

Welcome to William Morris, Amber Bennett, Elen Morris, Pippa Taylor and Ellen Gwen Jones into full time school. We also welcome Kai Moore, Joseph Evans and Harvey Hawkins-Brown into our three year old setting.

We have received the Quality Mark for the second time from the Basic Skills Agency which looks at the quality and improvement of the basic skills – ability to read, write and speak in English/Welsh and use mathematics. This is something we can be very proud of. We are running a successful 'Tocyn Iaith' Scheme at the school where the children are encouraged to say something in Welsh every day. Most children have finished their second 'tocyn' and received a lovely badge for their efforts. The children are very enthusiastic and we have seen them grow in confidence in their use of Welsh phrases.

Mrs Hilary Roberts from Arts Connection in Llanfyllin worked with all the children on an art project about the village. We are waiting for the clay tiles to be fired and the finished work will go on display in the school entrance hall. Years 4/5 will be attending Oswestry School to meet children's author, Michael Morpurgo, as part of their 600th anniversary celebrations. Hannah Lloyd, Thomas Williams, Jack Needham, Louis Vittle, William Evans, Fenton Cosford and Harri Lloyd will be taking part in the Urdd 5-a-side final at Aberystwyth. Isabelle Kalra, Siôna Glennie and Grace Fensome are in the final of the Girls' Friday Football League.

The main playground and PANDA area have been resurfaced and will have new markings today. We would like to say a big thank you to the mystery gardener who has been tidying the willow dome. We are a Healthy Eating School – we now have a fruit tuck shop in school which is run by our Year 5 pupils.

The Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal brought in 160 pairs of shoes! The money from their auction will be enough to buy at least 5 baby blankets for Malawi. 182 bags of clothes were collected in the Bags 2 School scheme, worth £256 to the school - there will be another collection in June. £110 was raised for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. We continue to collect Yellow Pages, Persil Star coupons, used stamps, ink cartridges and mobile phones. Many thanks for your support in all these endeavours.

At the hugely successful concert in May, we raised well over £900 for school funds!! It was held at the home of our PTFA Chair and the school would very much like to thank David and Angela Lloyd for their generosity and hospitality, the choir for a wonderful evening, Mrs Sarah James for being compere and all the many people who turned out to support our cause.