

Times of Worship

St Silin's, Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30 am
2nd "	Matins	9.00 am
3rd "	Family Service	10.30am
4th "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm
5th "	Holy Communion	10.30 am
Every Friday	Morning Prayers	9.00 am

St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30 pm
2nd "	Holy Communion	10.30am
3rd "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 am
4th "	Family Service	10.30 am
5th "	Holy Communion (said)	9.00 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

1	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	10.00 am
8	Mr John Rosser	Rhiwlas	10.00 am
15	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Llansilin	2.00 pm
22	Mr Alun Jones	Cefncanol	10.00 am
29	Parch Eric Greene *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm

Gor

6	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr
13	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
20	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
27	Parch Ddr Sion Aled	Llansilin	6.30 pm	

Awst

3	Parch Gareth Edwards *	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
10	Mr R A Platt	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
17	Parch Glyn Morgan	Llansilin	6.30 pm
24	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
31	Parch Raymond Hughes	Rhiwlas	10.00 am

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

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News



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Dear Reader

Since I last wrote for the Llansilin newsletter, the church and the community in the area have experienced and are saddened by the loss of good hard workers. We miss them and even more with the suddenness of their departure from us.

We often talk of the goodness of God to us. One of his great mercies is that he has hidden the future from us – what the future may mean to us all. That thought came to me quite strongly when I read recently of a question that St Francis of Assisi was once asked, as he was tending his garden. The question was, “*What would you do if you learned you were to die at sunset?*” St Francis replied simply, “*I would finish hoeing my garden.*”

To me, this seems the supreme answer to all the troubled young folk who are setting off in life in a world that appears to hold little security for them. We can't be sure of anything, they say, not now or next year or the year after. So why should we bother trying to make a life for ourselves? Why bother to study for exams or get married or have children?

St Francis put his answer in a simple metaphor. Go on hoeing your garden. The task is still there – the seed to plant, the home to build, the book to write, the exam to prepare for. If the morning looks dark, well, so did the morning before the first Christmas. Whatever life holds in store, we'll meet it all the better if we have fulfilled the present to the best of our ability. Today is still ours – along with the responsibility of living it to the full. The advice of the Psalmist to all this was:

“Cast your burden on the Lord” (Psalm 55, verse 22)

God bless you,

Stanton Evans

THANK YOU to Ysgol Bro Cynllaith for the drawings for the cover. There were so many bright, sunny ones submitted but, in the end, Louis Barker's was chosen. Well done, Louis, and everyone who took part.

A PLEA FOR HELP to fund the Autumn newsletter. It costs £72 to have it printed, though everything else is done on a voluntary basis and, as you will all know, it is free to 300 households in the parish. You don't have to meet the whole of the cost – any contribution would be most welcome. We are immensely grateful to the sponsors of the other three editions: St Silin's, the Chapel Congregation and Llansilin Community Council

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

Mothers Union meets in the Parish Room 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 (Players At Llansilin Drama Group). Alison Beeston ☎ 791 262

Parochial Church Council Meeting: meets regularly on second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the 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 (Wales)	0845 330 2000 for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
Police (West Mercia)	08457 444 888
All areas in UK	999 for life-threatening emergencies

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

Table Tennis every Tuesday from September to April 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Pat Lovell ☎ 791 235

Village Drop-in Coffee Mornings in the Parish Room 10 am - 12 pm alternate Tuesdays starting from 8 April. Contact Joan Fox-Linton ☎ 791 260

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 Rosemary Edwards ☎ 791 413

YFC: contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9 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. Ray Denye ☎ 791 434

Bus service no.78 Wednesdays and Fridays Oswestry Bus Station (stand 3) 10 am; Llansilin (Maes y Llan) 10.20 am; Oswestry Bus Station 10.42 am. Oswestry 1 pm; Llansilin 1.22; Oswestry 1.43 pm. Tanat Valley ☎ 780 212

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 Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon Rhiwlas Community Centre

Farmers Crisis Network: www.fcn.org.uk ☎ 0845 367 9990

Karate for ages 6 and above in the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays from 5.45 pm. Contact Sue Rose-Martin ☎ 828 624

Llanfyllin Group Practice Patient Participation Group Comments and questions regarding any aspect of medical care and practice to Huw Edwards ☎ 791 264

Llansilin Mixed Choir weekly practice 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: Arthur James ☎ 791 346

LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS

ST DAVID'S DAY AND MOTHERING SUNDAY

As Easter was so early this year, a combined St David's Day and Mothering Sunday service was held at St Silin's. The Revd Margaret Robarts welcomed the well attended congregation which included two well behaved babies! The Vicar gave a short address about our Patron Saint and Mothering Sunday. Welsh and English lessons were read by Morfudd, Jeffrey and the Vicar. Margaret, Deborah, Valerie and Mary led the intercessions and Helen, mother of one of our babies, read a poem. The bunches of flowers arranged by Christine were blessed by the Vicar and then distributed to the congregation by Christine and Angharad. The collection was taken by Margaret J and Sheila. Refreshments were served in the Parish Room after the service.



LENT LUNCH

The Lent lunch was a great success again this year. The Parish Room was soon full of hungry people enjoying the delicious soup, made by expert volunteers, and demolishing the cheese and biscuits. Once hunger was satisfied, the noise level rose again as everyone enjoyed a cup of tea. Such was the success of the venture that there is a thought that perhaps we could do this at other times of the year - what do you all think? Please tell any member of the PCC if you think that would be a good idea.

HOLY WEEK

Easter Week commenced with a Family Service for Palm Sunday, which included a much appreciated walk in the village, singing a hymn and waving 'palm' fronds, the whole procession being led by a small very well-behaved pony! On Maunday Thursday two communion services were held - one in the Parish Room for Mothers' Union members and the other, a traditional evening communion service at St. Cedwyn's. The following day, Good Friday, was commemorated by a most effective and moving service, based on the 'Seven Words from the Cross'. On the Sunday an explosion of daffodils, lilies and other floral decorations greeted a large congregation for Easter Communion in St. Silin's at 9.00 am. Altogether, a very successful Easter was enjoyed by Llansilin churchgoers.

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

The Vicar, the Reverend Margaret Robarts was pleased to report on a busy past year with good congregations and a range of successful activities. She was very grateful for all the support and hard work by so many people from the whole area.

The previous Vicar's Warden, Mrs Esther Milner, is retiring and was warmly thanked by the Vicar for all her help and support. Members welcomed Mrs Christine Williams as the new Vicar's Warden. Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor was elected to continue as People's Warden. Miss Mary Morris has retired from membership of the PCC and was warmly thanked by the Vicar for sterling work over very many years of church life. Mary has accepted the invitation to become an honorary PCC member.

OTHER PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lent Study course was held in the Parish Room to discuss the Bishop's Charge of 'Investing in Mission'. The three sessions produced some lively discussions, and were led in turn by Deborah Hill-Trevor from Llansilin, Peter Morris, Llangedwyn, and concluded by the Vicar, the Revd Margaret Robarts.

Everyone will be pleased that the uneven area in front of the church main gates has been levelled and re surfaced – it looks so much better and is far safer to negotiate.

Sad to report that an attempt has been made to steal lead from the church. Do keep an eye open and phone the Police contact number of any suspicious activity. The number is listed on the back pages.

Churchyard maintenance is in full swing, with a small team looking after this oasis of peace in the heart of the village. The two acre site is a lovely wildlife area undisturbed by modern pressures – it deserves great care and would quickly turn into a jungle without the dedicated band of volunteers. Do come and have a walk round - you will probably be accompanied by the song of the resident thrush. Better still, please come and help!



Calling all parents and grandparents! St Silin's Family Services Committee is delighted with your support and we welcome your ideas and participation in our monthly services. We need help for meeting and greeting, announcing hymns, reading prayers, collection and refreshments. Do please get in touch with the Vicar.



DON'T MISS THE CHURCH GATE STALLS

First Saturday in the month 10.00 am to 11.30 am

7 June 5 July 2 August 6 September 4 October

Good wholesome cooking, garden plants and produce at sensible prices



Gweinidog

Parch Stanton T Evans
20 Croeswylan Lane, Croesoswallt 654 682

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies 791 395
Trys Carys Evans 791 240

Vicar

The Revd M Robarts 791 209
Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

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Bellringing, St Silin's

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791 298

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
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Ringing Practice

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

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



June

- 3 Village drop-in coffee morning 10 am to 12 noon Parish Room (and every 2 weeks)
- 3 AGM of Management Committee of Memorial Hall 7.30 pm
- 7 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 9 Victorian Christmas Festival meeting 7 pm Parish Room
- 10 PCC meeting in Parish Room 7 pm

July

- 5 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 8 PCC meeting Parish Room 7 pm
- 26 Antiques Roadshow St Silin's from 12.30 pm

August

- 2 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 12 PCC meeting Parish Room 7 pm
- 23/25 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

- 1 & 8 Esther Milner and Dot Renshaw
- 15 & 22 Val Talbot and Rosemary Powell
- 29 Christine Williams

July

- 6 & 13 Valerie Burton and Dot Renshaw
- 20 & 27 Margaret Lloyd and Mary Morris

August

- 3 & 10 Christine Williams and Val Talbot
- 17 & 24 Joyce Thomas and Vera Evans
- 31 Deborah Hill-Trevor and Mary Cunnah



Gweinidogaethh Bro

Wel , mae wedi bod yn dri mis oer a diflas ar y cyfan, yn enwedig ym Mis Ebrill, ond fely canodd Eifion Wyn am Fis Mai, “Gwn ei ddyfod , fis y mêl, gyda’i firi, gyda’i flodau.”, toc y daw.

Fe gawsom ddau gyfarfod o’r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol yn ystod y Mis Bach. Yn gyntaf fe gawsom sgwrs a sleidiau gan Wyn Davies am ei daith i China fel aelod o gôr Alwyn Humhreys. Yna noson “ Hawl i Holi” gyda Wil Thomas yn cadw trefn ar y panel, sef Geraint Jones a Carys Jones o Benybont Fawr a David Ellis a Brenda Williams o Groesoswallt. Dwy noson ddiddorol a hwyliog.

I gloi gweithgareddau’r gaef buom yn dathlu Gwyl ein Nawdd Sant Dewi. Ar ôl pryd o fwyd blasus cawsom ein diddori gan Mair Penri o’r Parc, ger y Bala.

Y merched oedd yng ngofal y gwasanaeth ar y Sul cyntaf ym Mis Mawrth. Diolch i’r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu’r gwasanaeth.

Ganol Mis Mawrth ar ôl gwaieidd hir a phoenus bu farw Mrs Llywarch, gynt o Glan yr afon, Llansilin. Tra roedd Mrs Llywarch yn byw yn yr ardal bu yn ffyddlon iawn i gapel Bethesda ac yn hynod o dryw i holl weithgareddau Cymraeg y pentref. Cydymdeimlwn yn ddiffuant a Mr Llywarch a’r teulu oll.

Syfrdanwyd yr ardal gyfan wrth glywed am farwolaeth hynod o sydyn Nesta Morgan. Fel y soniwyd yng ngwasanaeth ei hangladd, roedd ynglwm a llu o weithgareddau, un ar bymtheg i gyd. Nid oes rhaid dweud y bydd agendor mawr ar ei hôl. Pwy fydd yn barod i gofnodi a chadw mewn trefn yr holl ddigwyddiadau sydd yn mynd ymlaen yn yr ardal ac i fod yn “paparazzi” lleol yn ei lle ?

LLANSILIN SHOW AND SHEEPDOG TRIALS

Bank Holiday Weekend 23 and 25 August

The committee is looking forward to another bumper show. This time we hope the Sheep Dog Trials will take place after the disappointment of last year’s enforced cancellation. The Horse Show and Dog Show have proved their popularity and will again be on the Tyn Llan field. Plans are in hand for another Saturday evening barbecue, catering for all age groups. Posters and schedules will be available later in the summer.



In the meantime here are a few of the Arts and Crafts classes for you to get going! The photograph competitions include – a local scene, spring, people at work. There are also classes for an item in wood or metal, a cushion (any medium) a picture (any medium), a pencil sketch and a hand made Christmas card! Even a competition for wild weaving!

THANK YOU to Maureen, Janet and Alun for inviting 120 friends and family to my surprise 70th birthday party at the Llanyblodwel Institute on 12 April. My thanks also to everybody for coming and for the very generous donations of £735 for the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Air Ambulance.

Rob Ellis

KARATE IN LLANSILIN

Wado-Ryu Karate was developed some seventy two years ago by Hironori Ohtsuka who combined the soft flowing movements of Japanese Aikido with the harder style of Karate from Okinawa. The style is very effective for people of smaller stature and weight as it relies on accurate technique rather than brute force. Ohtsuka's top student was Sensei Suzuki who is the current head of our association.

Llansilin Traditional Wado-Ryu Karate club has been running for four years, with a strong core of members ranging in age from 6 to over 40. The members of the club have done exceedingly well, with all members of the club having passed one or more gradings. Two of the adults have even reached Black Belt standard. This is not easy and requires a high level of commitment and self discipline.

We train on Wednesdays from 5.45 till 7.30 pm (7 pm for children). Fees are £2.50 for under 16 and £3.50 for adults. New members are always welcome and the first taster lesson is free. Contact Sue or Yvette Rose-Martin on 828 624.

The members form an extended family and we are very fond of the lot of them. The sempai of the club is the highest ranking member who enjoys teaching and is then given teacher status by the sensei....I am the main teacher and sensei is the Japanese for teacher!

"The first night I started the club, about 60 children and adults turned up. It was more crowd control than karate! The second week about 40 turned up and we more or less started a club. Those 40 whittled down to about 10 'hard core' members who are still training weekly and doing so well."

Sue Rose-Martin



ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

Llansilin and Llangedwyn Mothers' Union and members of St Silin's invite you to an Antiques Road Show in Llansilin Church on Saturday, 26 July, from 12.30 pm onwards

There will be experts from the Shropshire Collectors Club to identify and value your treasures and any other interesting objects you might be curious about. Silver, glass, books, pictures, porcelain, dolls, stamps, coins, jewellery, small items of furniture, clocks, watches etc

The admission charge of £5.00 includes a high tea
Come for an interesting afternoon!

WELCOME TO THE WYNNSTAY

Welcome to Derek and Tracey Fuller and their little daughter, Caitlin, who moved into the Wynnstay from Gobowen in April. After the pub has been refurbished, Derek plans to offer restaurant meals, bar snacks and tea and coffee. The restaurant will be open on Sundays to start with and he will expand when he sees what the demand is. At the moment the pub is open from 5 pm during the week, 11 am on Saturday and 12 pm on Sunday. Derek says, "the support from the villagers has been overwhelming and the community spirit in the village is second to none." We wish them the best of luck.

VILLAGE DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS

in the Parish Room

10 to 12 pm on alternate Tuesdays (from 8 April)

Come for a coffee and a chat

Joan Fox-Linton 791260

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

Don't forget to apply for your Shropshire Bus Card which will give you free travel on local buses anywhere in England and also Welsh towns within the vicinity of Shropshire. You can still buy a rail card at a reduced price but you will have to forego the free bus card. For information on new and lost bus and rail cards, phone 01743 210336.

LOOKING AHEAD - YES, TO CHRISTMAS!

An enthusiastic group of people met in the Parish Room on 15 April to discuss and organise a Christmas event for the village and surrounding area. Local groups and organisations had been notified and invited to attend. The Revd Margaret Robarts chaired this first meeting and many excellent ideas and suggestions were put forward and discussed. Initial decisions taken were:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Llansilin Victorian Christmas Festival</i>
<i>Dates</i>	<i>Friday 5 December onwards</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Revd Margaret Robarts</i> <i>(deputies to be appointed)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mary Morris</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Christine Williams</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Tony Spalding</i>
<i>Grants</i>	<i>Valerie Burton</i>
<i>Staging and Electrics</i>	<i>Chris Burton</i>
<i>Props and Maintenance</i>	<i>Eric Avery</i>



In conclusion the chairman thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and attendance and suggested that everyone come back to the next meeting with more concrete ideas so that we could start putting our ideas and planning into action.

Next meeting in the Parish Room on Monday, 9 June at 7 pm is “open” to everyone. We need you all to join in so that this event can be truly enjoyable and memorable for the whole community.

GUITAR CONCERT IN THE CHURCH

The recent concert of world music spanning a thousand years was enjoyed by many people. The guest artist was Tim Edwards, who, as a Welsh learner, bravely made his own introductions in Welsh and English, and gave a wonderful selection of different styles of playing from many countries. A very special and unusual piece was an 11th century Caniad, called appropriately, Saint Silin. Tim has spent much time over the years recording the wonderful yew trees in the churchyard and emphasised how important it was for us, as custodians, to treasure them.

Handy Hint no. 1

Putting up a notice in the village? Before laminating your poster print out just cut off a diagonal of your piece of paper at each corner. When laminated fix the drawing pins through each corner clear of the paper. This will ensure the rain doesn't penetrate and make the ink run. (*Any more hints?*)

**NEUADD GOFFA
LLANSILIN
MEMORIAL HALL**
(Registered Charity No. 216682)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3 June 2008 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 3 June 2008 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 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 30 May 2008. 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 30 May 2008.

GRANT FOR MEMORIAL HALL

Llansilin Memorial Hall has received a grant of £2520 towards a total project cost of £3520 for the supply and installation of replacement fire resisting doors to part of the premises from the lottery-funded grants programme ‘*Awards for All Wales*’. The project comprises the replacement of seven original doors first installed in 1924 as part of the original building construction with seven ½ hour fire resisting doors to protect fire escape routes.

The hall committee secretary, Mr. Arthur James, said that the committee was pleased that as a result of the grant, work on the project could commence in the near future and be finished during the summer holidays. The implementation of the project will enable the hall committee to offer to community organisations premises that comply with fire escape protection as required by the ***Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 for small and medium places of assembly*** which came into force in 2006.



LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The March meeting was chaired by Cllr Hywel Jones, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes, who reported that the open ditch near Tygwyn had been filled in and the high hedge in Rhiwlas was being cut. A complaint regarding water on the Sarn, Rhiwlas had been forwarded to the Highway Inspector. The following planning applications were approved: extension and alterations at Hen Sgbor, Llansilin. Listed building consent for a new doorway and internal alterations at Tynewydd, Llansilin.

Mrs R Thomas, 2 Bryn Celyn, was appointed caretaker of the public conveniences as from 1 April. It was agreed to renew membership of One Voice Wales and to make a donation of £25 to the Severn Hospice. The clerk was requested to forward the following complaints: damaged signs near Vron, Llangadwaladr and in Cymdu; mud on the road beyond Nantgoch; water on the road near the BT building in Llansilin and near the entrance to Tynyfron, Rhiwlas; ruts on the Ysgwennant Road.

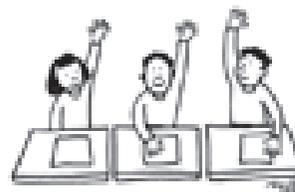


A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF!

By the time you read this Newsletter, we will have a new County Councillor for the area. After 49 years representing the parish, Councillor Harry Hughes has decided to retire as a member. He was first elected a member of the Ceiriog Rural District Council in 1959. He was Chairman of that authority in 1969.

Following local government reorganisation in 1974, Harry was elected as our representative on the Glyndwr District Council, and was elected chairman in 1980. In 1996, when Powys Unitary Authority was established, Harry was elected to represent not only Llansilin, but also the parishes of Llangedwyn and Llanrhaeadr Y.M. He was chairman of Montgomeryshire Planning Committee for the last 3 years and was elected chairman of the Montgomeryshire Committee for the past year.

At the last meeting of the Powys County Council Harry was presented with a framed certificate to mark his 49 year service as a councillor. A record to be proud of! Harry will not be leaving local government entirely: he continues as clerk to Llansilin Community Council, a role he has held for 57 years.



NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH

We welcome Harvey Hawkins-Brown into full-time education and Oliver Morris and Jack and Charlie Earley into our 3 year-old setting.

On “Wellie Wednesdays” the children spend part of the day working outside - come rain or shine. So far this term we have constructed raised beds (thanks to David and Angela for their help) and planted veg and flowers in them. We have also planted some more willow in our dome (thanks to Shelley). Mrs Jones managed to secure us a £250 grant from B&Q in Wrexham to be spent on gardening goods and she took 3 Year 6 children and Angela shopping there with her! They came back laden with goods (two car boots full) and the children have been busy planting the gardens and making up flowerpots for the front entrance. The first Wednesday in May the children will be enjoying a walk down by the river, joined by Mr Bryan Morris who will be pointing out the various trees and flowers.

This is a very busy final term for our year 6's. They began the term in Llangrannog, on a 3-day residential, visiting the Urdd outdoor centre. They had the opportunity to do many outdoor activities, including horse-riding, skiing, trampolining, quad biking and tobogganing. The first week of May saw them in Llanfyllin High School on a Science day where they studied Police Forensics, visited a planetarium and got to meet an astronaut! They will have another 3 days at the school before the end of term to help the transition process. At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Louis Barker, Remynie Dorricott, Millie Edwards, William Evans, Harri Lloyd, Robert Lloyd, Lowri Morris and Thomas Williams. We wish them all well in the future.

We will be holding an Open Day during this last term so look out for the adverts!

As always, we are collecting old mobiles (for which we are paid £2.50 each), ink cartridges, postage stamps and Sainsbury vouchers.

The staff and children were very sad to hear of the death of Mrs Nesta Morgan. She was a very good friend to the school and could always be relied upon to help us in whatever way she could.