

## 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

#### Rhag

7	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	10.00 am	Pregeth a thrafodaeth
14	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Rhiwlas	10.00 am	Carolau. Seion, Croesowallt 6.30
21	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
28	(Gwasanaethau i'w trefnu)	Cefncanol		

#### Ion

4	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	Gwasanaeth yr Ifanc
11	Parch Robert Parry	Llansilin	6.30 pm	
18	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
25	Parch Glyn Morgan	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	

#### Chwe

1	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	2.00 pm
8	Parch Raymond Hughes	Cefncanol	10.00 am
15	Mr John Rosser	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
22	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm

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

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News



**Number 64**  
**Winter 2008/9**

Dear Reader

As I am writing this letter, it seems that all we get these days on the television, radio and in the daily papers is money, money, money – “the financial crisis”.

Do you know, reader, I’m of the opinion that the root of the whole matter is “greed”. To have too little money is bad, but to have too much could be worse. (It would be interesting to know whether you agree with me or not). Today, it is only large profit that is important and, if ever I’ve heard a sentence so insulting, it was that sentence “Greed is good”. Unfortunately, that is the motto of our times. Our thanks to the Archbishops Rowan Williams and John Sentamu for condemning such disgraceful words and let us support their criticism.

At Christmas we work and pray that all people on earth get enough to live. We must not allow anybody to tell us that God minds us having money. He doesn’t – he just minds money having us.

As we approach Christmas, let us think not so much of our earthly success and financial matters, which are temporary, but of the things which are eternal. We know not when this financial crisis will end, but let us remind ourselves that the message of Christmas will last for ever – “for I am with you”.

God bless you all,

Stanton Evans

*A very Happy Christmas to all, and our very best wishes, from everyone at St. Silin’s Church. The Christmas Services are listed in the Diary on page 12*

### THANK YOU

to the anonymous donor who has generously sponsored this edition and to Tony Spalding for the splendid logo he has designed for the Victorian Christian Festival which is on our front cover.

**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) meets first Monday in month at 7.30 pm in the Institute. Contact 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 Lynwen Morris ☎ 828 760

<b>Police (Wales)</b>	<b>0845 330 2000</b> for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
<b>Police (West Mercia)</b>	<b>08457 444 888</b>
<b>All areas in UK</b>	<b>999</b> for life-threatening emergencies

<b>Post Office</b>	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 (2008/9 season starting on 26 August) 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

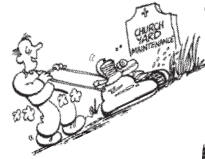
**Youth Club** meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

*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

**Lunch for All:** second Thursday of month in the Parish Room at 12 pm starting from 8 January, 2009. Contact Pam Johnson ☎ 791 345

**Meals on Wheels:** contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

**Memorial Hall and The Institute:** Arthur James ☎ 791 346



Plans are well in hand for the forthcoming Llansilin Victorian Christmas Festival commencing Sunday, 30 November and continuing right up to Christmas.

Confirmed events to date (to name but a few):

- Advent Evensong with Llansilin Choir;
- Art Exhibition;
- Art Competition for children;
- Display of Christmas arrangements with a hint of Victoriana;
- Victorian Fair, to be opened by “Queen Victoria”;
- Old Tyme Music Hall, with guest artist, Gaenor Ellis;
- Folk Evening

Dates are in the Diary on page 12 of the newsletter. An Advent Calendar giving details of all events and venues will be available for distribution in November and please look out for posters advertising individual events. Please contact the secretary on 01691 662569 for more information.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

This competition has been kindly sponsored by “The Chocolate Maker” and “Paperway Art and Craft”, both of Oswestry.

For Primary School pupils - “A Christmas Card” in any medium

For Secondary School pupils - “Victorian Christmas”, a picture in any medium.

Closing date Friday, 21 November. For details please contact 01691 791323.

## GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Ers ambell i flwyddyn bellach mae'r Parch Stanton Evans wedi trefnu pererindodau bythgofiadwy i ni, a doedd eleni ddim yn eithriad. Cychwynsom cyn 8 o'r gloch y bore a chyrraedd Lerpwl tua 10 o'r gloch. Cael croeso cynnes iawn gan y Parch Ben Rees ac aelodau Capel Cymraeg Heathfield Road. Wedi paned a sgwrs, aethom drwyodd i'r capel a chael gwasanaeth a'r Cymun sanctaidd dan ofal y ddau weinidog. Yna i'r Adelphi i gael cinio. Wedi llenwi ein boliau cawsom ein tywys ar y bws, drwy'r ddinas gan y Parch Ben Rees, hyd nes cyrraedd Synagog yr Iddewon yn Princess Road. Wel, dyna i chi adeilad, roedd yr holl aur yn cymeryd eich gwynt, adeilad hollol wahanol i foelni ein capeli anghydfurfiol. Wedi sgwrs am yr adeilad gan un o'r aelodau, troi am adref. Pawb yn teimlo eu bod wedi cael mwynhad a bendith o'r diwrnod.

Cawsom bump o gyfarfodydd yn ein Gwyl Ddiolchgarwch am y Cynheuf. I ddechrau ar y 5ed o Hydref cafwyd cyfarfod gweddi yng Nghapel Soar ac yna gwasanaeth dan ofal yr ieuentid yng Nghefn Canol. Ar y Nos Lun cawsom bregeth bwrpasol gan y Parch Elfyn Richards, Y Rhos. Yna, diwedd y mis cawsom bregeth yng Nghefn Canol gan un o'i gyn-aelodau, sef y Parch Gwilym O Jones, ac i gloi yr wyl cawsom bregeth wych gan y Parch Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts, Wrecsam.

Tristwch mawr i ni i gyd oedd clywed ddiwedd Mis Awst bod Glyn Roberts, Hafan Deg, wedi ein gadael. Er nad oedd wedi bod mewn llawn iechyd ers peth amser, syddanwyd pawb o glywed y newyddion trist. Bu Glyn yn ffyddlon iawn i'r gwasanaethau ym mhob capel, ac yn wir i bob dim oedd ymlaen yn y gymdogaeth. Gweithiwr tawel, cydwbybodol a dibenadwy oedd Glyn, a mawr yw ein colled ar ei ôl. Cydymdeimlwn yn ddiffuant iawn a Ceri a'r teulu oll.

Bydd y Nadolig yma cyn bo hir, ac edrychwn ymlaen i ddatlu genedigaeth yr Iesu.

*(By popular request, Carys has kindly provided an English translation)*

For many years now, the Reverend Stanton Evans has arranged unforgettable pilgrimages for us, and this year was no exception. We started before 8.00 am on the first Sunday in September, and headed for Liverpool. We arrived at around 10.00, and were greeted warmly by the Reverend Ben Rees and members of the Welsh Chapel in Heathfield Road. After a cup of tea and a chat in the vestry we congregated in the chapel for a service and the Holly Sacrament. Then off to the Adelphi for lunch. We were then given a conducted bus tour of the city by the Reverend Ben Rees until we reached the Jewish Synagogue in Princess Road where a member was waiting to guide us around the building, and what a building, so much gold everywhere, quite a contrast to our bare nonconformist chapels. We arrived home at around 7.00 pm and everybody felt that they had been blessed with the day's events.

### **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 Roberts 791 209  
Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

### **Churchwardens, St Silin's**

Vicar's Warden: Christine Williams 791 563  
People's Warden: Deborah Hill-Trevor 791 402

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Morfudd Williams 659 369

### **Communion Assistant**

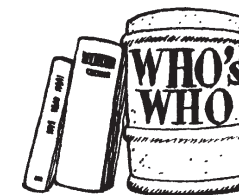
Margaret Lloyd 791 472

### **Parochial Church Council Secretary**

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### **PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary**

Graham Moss 791 528



### **Bellringing, St Silin's**

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton  
791 274

**Tower Captain:** Christine Williams 791 563

### **Ringing Practice**

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

### **Rhiwlas Mission Church**

Contact Marjorie Evans  
600 228

### **Llangadwaladr Church**

Contact Vera Evans  
791 471

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***Past copies of the newsletter are now available on line by logging on to** [www.daval.demon.co.uk](http://www.daval.demon.co.uk) and following the link.*

## DIARY DATES

### November

30 First Sunday in Advent: Evensong 6.30 pm, followed by turning on the Crown of Light, Llansilin Choir participation and a cheese and wine reception (inaugurating the start of the Victorian Festival)

### December

4 Farmers Market at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith 3 pm  
5 Plygain in St Silin's at 7.30 pm  
14 Carol Service at Llangadwaladr 2.30 pm  
18 Ysgol Bro Cynllaith pantomime in Memorial Hall 6.30 pm  
Bosco in St Silin's 8 pm  
19 Carol Service at Rhiwlas 7 pm  
21 Family Nativity Service 10.30 am followed by Christmas Party  
24 Christmas Eucharist 11.15 pm  
25 Christmas Day: Holy Communion at Llangedwyn 9.30 am  
28 Carol Service at St Silin's 6.30 pm

### January

8 Llansilin Lunch for All in the Parish Room 12 pm to 1.30 pm

**NB Details of regular church and chapel services are on page 16  
Details of regular village activities are on pages 14 and 15**

## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Festival Opens	30th November
Art Exhibition	30th November to 5th December
Art Competition	1st December to 6th December
Advent Anagram	1st December to 31st December
Local History Exhibition	2nd December to 23rd December
Church Displays	5th December to 29th December
Victorian Fair	6th December
Victorian Quiz	8th December
Old Tyme Music Hall	12th December
Folk Evening (Bosco)	18th December

### REMINDER FOR ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!

Please don't forget that ALL rotas are now on the notice board in the porch. Thank you for all your hard work throughout the year, Deborah

This year we had five services during our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, and they were all well attended.

It was with great sorrow that we heard at the end of August that Glyn Roberts, Hafan Deg, had left us. Although Glyn had not been in the best of health for some time, everybody was taken aback with the sad news. Glyn had been faithful to services in every chapel and indeed to all that went on in the locality. He was a quiet, conscientious, dependable worker and we shall all miss him. We deeply sympathise with Ceri and all the family.

Christmas will soon be here and we look forward to celebrate the birth of Christ.

### Llansilin Local History Society - Report for 2008

The Society has been saddened by the death of its founding member and vice-chairman Mrs Nesta Morgan. She has actively guided and encouraged the Society from its beginning in 1984. She photographed and recorded many of our events and kept a tremendous archive of folders and documents which she has bequeathed to the society. The painstaking task of cataloguing this archive will be starting this winter.



Exhibition of some of Nesta Morgan's scrapbooks in the church on Llansilin Show day

One of the highlights of this year's programme was a guided tour of the Senedd, the Welsh Assembly Building in Cardiff Bay. This was a visit which Nesta had pressed for, and which she sadly missed. We also had an interesting visit to Pentre Llifior Chapel near Berriew, followed by a Society Supper in that village. There have been two other fascinating visits and six talks during the season, and one talk where the speaker was indisposed and was replaced at short notice by a video showing the history of Llanwyddyn and the Vyrnwy dam.

Looking forward, 2009 will be the silver jubilee year of the Society, as well as the tercentenary of the renowned Civil War poet Huw Morus who is buried in Llansilin churchyard. We hope to celebrate the tercentenary in various ways. Also we hope to put on a prestige lecture to commemorate Nesta Morgan.

We are always pleased to welcome new members who are interested in their local history and heritage and beyond. We meet on Mondays during our season from Easter to September.

## LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS



### BELFRY

The band of ringers met recently in the ringing chamber for the Annual General Meeting. Tributes were paid to the late Eric Avery for his enthusiasm and leadership as Tower Captain. St Silin's Tower has joined the newly re-formed Montgomeryshire branch of the North Wales Ringers Association.

### CHURCH GATE STALLS

The Church Gate Stalls this year were very well attended, despite the awful weather which resulted in them being retitled Church Porch Stalls! The total amount raised was £418.09 – a little down on last year but still a very important contribution to church funds for which all those who have contributed by supplying produce, helping on the stall and buying the fare deserve our wholehearted thanks.

### FAMILY SERVICE

The October service was taken by Mrs Christine Williams, assisted by Mrs Brenda Jones. Angharad Jones and Kair Moore helped with the candles; Ewan Foulkes announced the hymn; Millie Edwards welcomed people and took the collection (with her mother, Ann); Gethin Bickerton read the lesson and prayers were taken by Hannah and Robert Lloyd, Carla and Eric Ashley and Millie Edwards.

The theme was saints past and present in view of All Saints Day on 1 November. The children called out the names of the saints they knew and then pinned their names on the board – and there were quite a few that Christine and Brenda hadn't thought of! Afterwards, they each came out in turn to light a candle to one of the saints whom they had chosen.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the December service will take the Nativity as its theme and this will be followed by a party lunch. Each young person who usually attends is invited to bring a friend along.

### HARVEST WEEKEND

Glorious autumn colours and the scent of flowers and foliage greeted visitors and congregation over the weekend of the Harvest Service. The guest preacher on the Sunday was the Reverend Lee Northcott Hammond, who presented a very up to date scenario of present time harvests and of the many pressing problems facing farmers.

## NEWS FROM YSGOL BO CYNLLAITH

**New Faces:** we would like to welcome Jack Brown, Edgar Fensome and Logan Tomlinson into full time education and Meg Kulig-Beech into our three year old setting. We also welcome Sara and Samuel Bixby to our school and we have a "new starter" joining our staff, Mrs Judy Jones.

**Panto:** we will be performing a panto of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in the Memorial Hall on the evening of Thursday, 18 December at 6.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon and will be available from school.

**Fruit and Veg Co-op:** this new initiative is going well. We sell mixed bags of both seasonal fruit and vegetables for £3 each. This is subsidised by the Welsh Assembly and run by the children, who take the orders, assemble them and take payment. Orders are taken up to Friday and will be ready for collection the following Tuesday. Anyone interested can get more information from the school on 791365.



Sarah Bixby, Tom Lloyd and Lisa Jones with an example of the school's fruit and vegetable bags

**Farmers Market:** we held our first Farmers Market in the Hall on 10 October and would like to thank everyone for the outstanding support this received. We had a variety of stalls in attendance and all stall holders were pleased with the trade. Our next Market will be held on Thursday, 4 December at 3 pm and will have a Christmas atmosphere.

**Still collecting, and very grateful for** - used stamps, mobile phones, ink cartridges, Yellow Pages and Morrison's vouchers.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

Why is 8.20 the wrong time to to wind your Grandfather clock?

Answers in the next issue.

## Llansilin Lunch for All

Starting on January 8th there will be a lunch served in the Parish Room on the second Thursday of the month from 12 pm until 1.30 pm. The January menu is home-made soup and bread for £2.25 or coffee and biscuits for £1, both to include free raffle ticket, and apple pie and cream for £1.50. Profits will go to a different charity each month starting with the Air Ambulance in January. For more details or if you would like to arrange a lunch for a charity – call Pam Johnson on 01691 791345

### PLAYERS AT LLANSILIN (PALS)



The next performance by PALS will be “Hissing the Villain” – a Victorian melodrama staged as part of the Victorian Music Hall night on Friday, 12 December.

Like every amateur dramatics group we are desperate for men!!! If you would like to join us call Alison Beeston on 01691 791261

### INTRODUCING LLANSILIN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICEMAN

PC Phil Youens is Llansilin's Neighbourhood Policeman and will be dealing with issues and incidents in the village. Carry on sending messages through to 0845 330 2000 where they will be re-routed to him and do report any worries, however small.

### A MUSICAL EVENING WITH BOSCO

on Thursday, 18 December at 8 pm

in St Silin's Church

Tickets £6 (£3 child)

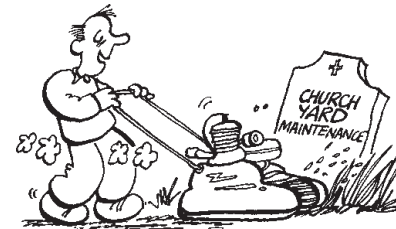
with musicians Jock Tyldesley and Vera van Heeringen (one half of the New Rope String Band), Meri Lawes and John Neilson - this will be the first time they've played together in the home village of three of their members

Tickets/information from Chas Nicholson 01691 791626 or from The Gates gift shop, next to Honeysuckle in Church St, Oswestry

After the service everyone gathered round to greet each other and chat while Christine Williams organised her willing band of helpers to put out a super spread. People then lined up and took their laden plates into the Parish Room to enjoy a delicious Harvest lunch. Our very grateful thanks to all those who brought a dish and helped, and especially to Christine for all her hard work.

### CROWN OF LIGHT

This has now become a really popular sight in the village over the four weeks of Advent. The charities to benefit from the bulbs at £3.00 each will be our two wonderful local hospices – the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury and the Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda. Using volunteers to put up the lights means every penny (less the expense of bulbs and electricity) will be donated. Lights will be switched on every evening from Advent Sunday, 30 November. So, light a bulb to celebrate the wonderful world we live in or to remember a special occasion or a special person.



### PUTTING THE CHURCHYARD TO BED

What a shame we forgot the camera! On a lovely October morning volunteers gathered to put the churchyard into order for the winter. A gigantic tractor and trailer had been drawn up to collect masses of ivy, which volunteers had nobly cut back from the roof of the former hearse house and also from the old table tombs (hoping the big colonies of earwigs will soon find another hideaway!) Other groups were doing a final trim of the grass, while others were tidying the paths and trimming bushes. The sun was shining making the tasks so much easier. The happy gathering was then rewarded with a well-earned super lunch. Now for a rest before the next season!

### PLYGAIN: Friday, 5 December

This is the traditional Welsh Carol Service when parties come to St Silin's to sing unaccompanied carols, some of which have been handed down from one generation to another. The St Silin Plygain is one of the first of the season in this area. Starting at 7.30 pm each party usually sings two carols and the same one is never repeated so each party has to rehearse several in readiness. The evening ends with all the men singing the “Swper Song” and this is followed by a supper prepared and served by the ladies.

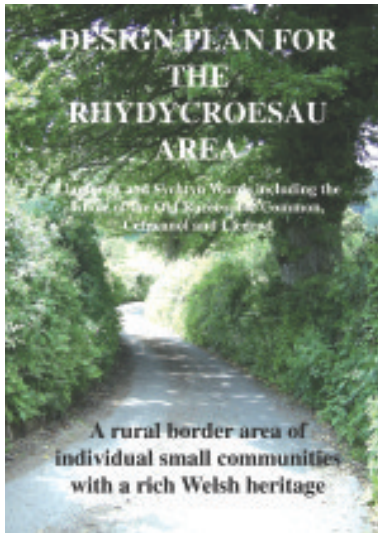
## LEISURE CLASSES

Organised by Coleg Powys, there is to be a morning workshop in November in the Memorial Hall on Willow Garden Features. A 10-week session of Painting and Drawing classes was also planned but not enough applicants came forward. The local warden is Shirley Davies, based in Llanfyllin. Get in touch with her with suggestions of what classes you would like next year. You can email [shirley.e.davies@powys.gov.uk](mailto:shirley.e.davies@powys.gov.uk) or ring Coleg Powys on 0845 408 6299 or on Shirley's direct number 01691 860786.

## KEEPING FIT

Local fitness trainer Marion Hood has started a new class of Gentle Exercise to Music at Rhydycroesau Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Suitable for the over 50s Marion gets us stretching and bending to improve our posture and keep the joints supple. The course will run until Wednesday, 26 December and then will start again on Wednesday, 7 January. Cost is £3.50 per session with a special offer of £3.00 per session if you pay for a whole term in advance. For further details call Marion on 01691 791277

## RHYDYCROESAU DESIGN PLAN



The Plan is now complete and has been adopted by Oswestry Borough Council Planning Department, with just one exception. The document has also been forwarded to Powys County Council. The launch in Rhydycroesau Village Hall on 4th November was surprisingly well attended despite the omission by The Advertiser to publish the notice for the two previous weeks, and the unavoidable delay to publish the Tanat Chronicle on time. The guests that attended were able to enjoy wine and savouries and receive a copy of the plan. The booklets will be distributed free to every household of the area covered and spare copies are available to anyone interested, inside or outside the area from Councillor Ivor Ashley 01691 655 998 or Rhydycroesau Village Hall via Mrs Liz Evans 01691 653 552.

## LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The September meeting was conducted by the chairman, Councillor E O Evans, assisted by the clerk, Mr H Hughes. Mrs Liz Evans, representing the Rhydycroesau Area Design Plan, was welcomed to the meeting and presented in great detail the aims of the plan, which had been accepted by Oswestry Borough Council with some minor adjustments. She answered several pertinent questions and was warmly thanked by the chairman.

Members discussed the minutes of the special meeting held in August regarding the provision of double yellow lines on the upper part of Llansilin and the detailed plan as submitted by a Powys Highways officer. The meeting was suspended to enable a local person who was objecting to present an alternative plan as to where the yellow lines should be placed and who answered several questions. On resuming the meeting it was unanimously agreed to accept and support the plan as prepared by Powys County Council, which included the provision of double yellow lines from near the entrance to Tal Ardd to the junction by the Old Hand Inn and continuing from the public conveniences to the Wynnstay Inn.

Retrospective planning applications for two dwellings adjacent to Tynllan, Llansilin and conversion of redundant building to two dwellings at Tynllan were supported. Councillor Lovell reported on meetings he had attended which emphasised the need for community based shops. The clerk had contacted Tai Clwyd regarding the unkempt condition of a portion of land between the County Council and Tai Clwyd bungalows who had agreed to inspect and tidy up the area.

The clerk was asked to deal with the following complaints: ditches near Tynyfron entrance and Tynygroes need cleaning; blocked culvert by Brynhafod, Rhiwlas; blocked manhole near the Baptist Chapel; water on the road near Rossett.

## **DIRECT TRAIN SERVICE TO LONDON**

Want to go to London but prefer to go direct, without having to change at Birmingham New Street? Try the Wrexham and Shropshire rail service direct to London Marylebone from Gobowen. It's been operating since April this year, with 5 trains on weekdays, 4 on Saturdays and 3 on Sundays. For more information log on to [www.wrexhamandshropshire.co.uk](http://www.wrexhamandshropshire.co.uk) and you can book by phone on 0845 260 5900, at Gobowen Station or through National Rail Enquiries.