

## 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

### Medi

6	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	Pererindod (i'w drefnu)
13	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
20	Parch Graham Floyd	Llansilin	6.30 pm
27	Buddig Medi	Cefncanol	2.00 pm

### Hyd

4	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm Diolchgarwch yr Ifanc
11	Parch John Curig Thomas	Llansilin	2.00 pm
18	Mr John Rosser	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
25	Parch Raymond Hughes	Rhiwlas	10.00 am

### Tach

1	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	2.00 pm
8	Mr Thomas Morris	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
15	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Rhiwlas	10.00 am
22	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Llansilin	2.00 pm
29	Parch Ddr Nerys Tudor	Cefncanol	2.00 pm

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

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News



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## Dear Readers

'Do you have a Bible? Do you read it? A lot of people might say 'yes' to the first question but not many would do so to the second. This is a pity because, believe it or not, the Bible is a really 'good read'. Do you like murder stories; love stories; exciting war stories with heroes, spies and villains; or perhaps family sagas? Well, they are all in the Bible, including, for the romantically inclined, a beautiful (and sexy!) song about two lovers.

Some of the more mature amongst us will probably have grown up with the King James version of the Bible, written in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, in their homes or in school. I certainly did so, and have always loved the beautiful language that just flows from it when you read it. However, it is not always easy to comprehend. Nowadays, the majority of those who do have a Bible they use will have the 'New International Version', or perhaps the New Standard Revised Version', both of which are extremely well and clearly written by expert scholars, and are much easier to understand than the King James version.

Several new interpretations of the Bible have fairly recently come on the market, written in the main for those who have perhaps never looked at a conventional Bible. Some of these are frankly a load of rubbish, written in a rather insulting way that assumes the reader can only understand street slang! I have just bought, though, a version called 'The Message', which says it is written in 'contemporary English'. In this case this means an easy but nevertheless intelligent and exciting way of exploring the Bible.

If any one is interested in what I have written, the Christian bookshop will be only too pleased to help you – and they are not at all condescending or more holy than other people, I promise you! Give the Bible, in any form a go – I promise you won't be disappointed!

Deborah Hill-Trevor

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Kelly Jones of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith for the delightful drawing of an autumn scene for our front cover and to all the other pupils who took part and submitted lots of good drawings.

We are very grateful to the Village Drop-in Coffee Morning group for funding this edition of the newsletter.

**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 ☎ 828 366

<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 at Capel Wesle</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. 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 ☎ 07527366538 or Rosemary Edwards ☎ 791 413

**YFC:** contact Richard Evans ☎ 600 228

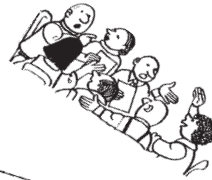
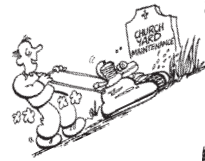
**Youth Club** meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

*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



## HARRY HUGHES, MBE

Many congratulations to Harry Hughes on being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, a well deserved recognition of his long years of service to local government and the community of Powys. Harry described his reaction to the news as "mixed emotions of surprise, delight and profound appreciation for the person or persons who deemed me worthy of such an award and nominated me."



Harry also paid tribute to the incredible support he has had from his wife, Marian, saying, "What I have achieved over the years would not have been possible without my wife, Marian, who has made many sacrifices for me and I am happy to share this award with her".

Apart from the amazing number of public posts he has held within Powys since 1952, he was also appointed clerk to Llansilin Community Council, a post he still holds, of course, carrying out his duties with great care and attention to detail. Long may he continue!

**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

<b>Community Shop at Capel Wesley</b>	Tuesday	9.30 am to 2.30 pm
	Thursday	9.30 am to 12 pm

**C.R.A.F.T. Group** Monday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. 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. Contact Pam Johnson ☎ 791 345

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

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

## VILLAGE SHOP A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!



The village shop has only been going for 10 weeks, but has flourished beyond everyone's expectations, thanks to support from people in and around the village and the dedication of those who thought up the idea. Valerie Burton, Mike Coppock, Rhiannon Lewis, Pat Lovell, Tony Spalding and Peter Wilks had been looking into possible ways of creating a new shop. They knew that everyone missed the Glyndwr Garage shop, and not just for the provisions, but for the chance to meet up, have a chat, and find out what was going on in the village. The longer Llansilin was without a shop, the more urgent the need was to move towards starting one.

Several avenues have been investigated over many months, including meeting a representative of a Welsh Assembly supported initiative for the startup of local ventures. The first priority was to find suitable premises, which isn't easy in a village the size of Llansilin. It had been suggested many times by various people that one possible venue might be with the Post Office in Capel Wesle. More



recently, the Rhydycroesau weekly market provided fresh inspiration. It was obvious that a shop with limited opening hours could work. Without further ado, Peter sought permission from the representatives of all the chapels to use the room behind the twice-weekly Post Office. They were very keen to support the idea as a service to the community, as was the Community Council - and so the village shop was reborn!



Open on Tuesdays from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm and Thursdays from 9.30 am to 12 pm, the shop has bread on Tuesdays (still warm from Smith's Bakery), fruit and vegetables from Robert Edwards of Oswestry Market, Jamie Ward's free-range pork, bacon and sausages, cakes from Martin's, Shropshire cheese, pies and pasties from Hartshorn's, along with a wide range of groceries (aiming to be

cheaper than the supermarkets), locally grown produce, eggs, preserves and home baking. During term time, pupils from the school distribute their "Banana Cart" bags. It is lovely to see the younger children in the shop after play group.

Peter and Sheila say, "It has turned out to be a lively meeting place and of benefit to the Post Office too, with increased turnover. We love being in the midst of the hubbub." Mike, the chief organiser, adds, "The support of everyone has been tremendous and I'm very happy that it is working out so well. We are very grateful to the volunteers. We couldn't do this without them. There are 11, including Carol, Clifford, Fiona, Karen, Lesley, Nicki, Pat, Sheila, Val B, Val T and myself and more would be most welcome."

The many satisfied customers would like to express their thanks to the chapel congregation for allowing us to use Capel Wesle to develop the shop, to everyone involved and, above all, to Mike for the time and hard work he puts into the venture. See you there!

**MORE THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE TO:**

*Dot and Bill Renshaw for looking after the fountain flower containers to provide such a good display;*

*Christine Williams for caring for the Memorial bed;*

*Diana Hutchison and Bill Renshaw for the flowers on the wall outside the toilets*

**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

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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**

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600 228

**Llangadwaladr Church**

Contact Vera Evans  
791 471

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### August

- 29 Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue
- 31 Open Sheepdog Trials, Produce Competition, Horse Show, Competitions and Exhibitions (see box on page 7 for details)

### September

- 5 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 26 Grand Concert in the Hall (see below)

### October

- 3 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 4 St Silin's Day service and Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch (details to be announced)
- 17/18 Bell Ringing Festival (details on page 5)

### November

- 8 Remembrance Day Service (details to be announced)
- 14 Willow Garden feature course in the Hall 10 am to 3.30 pm
- 21 Folk Concert in the Hall (look out for posters)
- 28 Christmas Fair in the Institute (look out for posters)

### Looking Ahead to December

- 4 Plygain 7.30 pm

## LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS



### MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday 16th July the ladies of Llansilin/Llangedwyn Mothers' Union and Church ladies held a Flowers and Music afternoon in Llansilin Church. Mrs Enid Breeze (Lloran Isaf) played the harp and sang, and Mrs Rowena Morris (Llanfechain) did flower arrangements using the songs as her theme. The Revd Edward Yendell played the organ. 70 MU members and friends from around the area thoroughly enjoyed a super tea which had been laid out in the Parish Room. Around £400 was raised which will be shared between local charities, MU funds and church funds

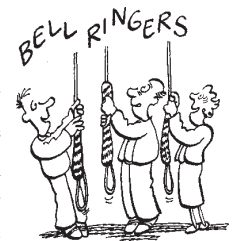
### OPEN CHURCH ON SHOW DAY

Show-goers are invited to call in to St Silin's to look at two free exhibitions. This year marks the tercentenary of the local Welsh poet, Huw Morus. So respected for his poetic skills in his time of the 17<sup>th</sup> century that, on leaving St Silin's Church after the Sunday services, he was accorded the privilege of preceding the Vicar out of the church. This bilingual exhibition will feature the story of his life, his poetry and his many local connections.

The other invitation is to come and look at a professional touring exhibition all about "Tin Tabernacles". Don't know what they are? Come and find out – there even used to be one quite close to Llansilin village!

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The weekend of 17 and 18 October is the tenth anniversary of the millennium restoration of the church bells. The Montgomeryshire Society of Bell Ringers will be ringing in celebration on the Saturday afternoon. For the Sunday Family Service on the following day the whole service will be on the theme of bells, with participation by the children ringing the set of hand bells.



### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETIES (NADFAS)

The Montgomeryshire group of local experts is continuing the long process of recording the church contents and is making some very interesting discoveries. Their final report will be presented later this year.

NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL

CYNGERDD MAWREDDOG

(GRAND CONCERT)

gyda/with

ELERI OWEN (Mezzo Soprano)

ALED EDWARDS (Baritone)

Cyfeilydd/Accompanist—Eirian Owen

and CÔR CYMYSG LLANSILIN

(Llansilin Mixed Choir)

Arweinyddes/Conductor—Iona Jones

Cyfeilydd/Accompanist—Eleri Owens

Nôs Sadwrn/Saturday 26 Medi/September 2009 at 7.30 pm

Tocynnau/Tickets-£6 (Plant/Children-£3)

Ffôn/Telephone 791346 for tickets



## VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS



When the village shop closed, it occurred to me that people in the village would miss meeting at the shop and having a chat. Talking it over, I decided to start a village coffee morning once a fortnight. It seemed a good idea to arrange it on the alternate Tuesday to the Over 60's, so that there would be an opportunity for people to meet at least once a week.

We are lucky to have the Parish Room, which is ideal for small gatherings. We charge £1 for coffee, biscuits and a raffle ticket. We try and spend the money we make for the benefit of the village. Our first contribution is to fund this edition of the newsletter and we hope to be able to supply a notice board for the middle of the village, for those who find it difficult to walk to the one at the Memorial Hall.

We have been going now for over a year; we usually have between 15 and 20 people and they seem to appreciate having time to spend in each other's company. We start at 10 am and finish at 12 noon - and you can do your shopping at the village shop before or after. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help to make these mornings such a success. So, do come along and join us. It is not just for the Fairer Sex!

Joan Fox-Linton (791260)

### EXERCISE for HEALTH

Fun lively keep fit sessions  
Wednesdays 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm  
Rhydycroesau Village Hall

Next term starts 23 September until 2 December  
£3.50 per session or £30 for the 10 week course

For further information please call Marion on 791277

### CONCERT IN CHURCH BY PERCUSSION UNLIMITED

This was a great success. Ten local young talented musicians raised the roof and wowed a very appreciative audience with their skill - every instrument in turn was played by each performer - a great variety of instruments and tunes, many familiar. Certain church members were casting anxious glances at the ancient roof panelling, fearing it might succumb to the enthusiastic vibration of the drums. If you didn't come, you missed a special evening!

## NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL



Over the last three years Llansilin Memorial Hall has received, in consecutive years, grants from the lottery-funded 'Awards for All Wales' organisation to enable the hall committee to offer to community organisations premises that comply with fire precautions legislation set out in the *Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 for small and medium places of assembly* which came into force in 2006. The projects funded by the grants provided a fire alarm system and eight ½ hour fire resistant doors. The latest project comprises the replacement of the roller shutter hatch between the kitchen and Institute area with a ½ hour fire resistant shutter to protect fire escape routes.

The hall committee secretary, Mr. Arthur James, said that the committee was pleased that, as a result of the *Awards for All Wales* grant, work on the project could commence in the near future and be finished during the summer holidays. The total cost of the project is £2644 with a grant of £2144 received from *Awards for All Wales*.



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2009

Christian Aid Week was a little bit late in Llansilin and the surrounding area this year. Leaders and helpers were dogged by ill health but showed dogged persistence in raising £570.83, exceeding last year's total. Once more, Mrs. Rhiannon Lewis and her team of helpers are to be congratulated on a great achievement. However, their work would be to no avail without the positive response of people in the community. Money was raised through house to house collections, church and chapel collections and donations, and sales at the Coffee Evening. Many thanks to all who gave and bought. Those who were at the Coffee Evening heard an amusing yet moving talk by Anna Jane Evans, Area Coordinator for Christian Aid. She emphasised that little things matter, telling of a school where children had collected pennies that in the end went all the way round the football field. The task might appear daunting but seemingly small steps could help to make a big difference.

The letter thanking us all for our efforts says,

*"All the money collected will contribute to ending poverty, bringing hope to individuals and families who live in situations beyond our imagination."*

That is truly a daunting task but what we have done will help to make a difference. Hopefully we can do the same again next year.

## LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting, Cllr J M Jones was appointed chairman. He thanked members for the honour conferred on him and paid tribute to his predecessor, Cllr E O Evans, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties. Cllr Evans thanked members for their support. A reply received from Powys Highways explained the delay in taking the request for double yellow lines in Llansilin to the Shire Committee. The chairman, vice chairman and Cllr P Lovell were appointed to the planning sub-committee. Cllr Evans and County Cllr A Davies were re-elected to serve on the Youth Club committee. An application for design, external appearance and landscaping for a new dwelling on land near Bwlchydonge was supported. A letter from two local residents sought the Council's support in objecting to an anticipated planning application for wind farm development by Severn Trent on land adjacent to Penygwelly reservoir in Rhiwlas. Members were of the opinion that it would not be appropriate to take any action until such time as an application was received. They were agreed that in the event of an application being received, a special meeting of the Council would be convened, followed by a public meeting to gauge public opinion. The clerk was requested to report complaints regarding potholes near Peniarth and on the Rhiwlas/Sarn Road.

The annual Parish Meeting which followed was chaired by Cllr J M Jones, who welcomed one member of the public who expressed local concern regarding the possible development of a wind farm in the area. The clerk outlined the decision taken by members of the council at their earlier meeting regarding this matter, which was acceptable to the person present.

In the absence of the chairman, the July meeting was chaired by the vice chairman, Cllr D Sockett, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes, who was congratulated on being awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. It was reported that the potholes near Peniarth and on the Sarn/Rhiwlas Road had been attended to. A planning application to erect a building on land adjacent to Berwynfa was supported. The financial statement for 2008/9 was presented and approved. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr A James for acting as internal auditor. Cllr Lovell gave a comprehensive report of the Planning Liaison meeting held in Welshpool. He stated that the most contentious issue was the possible increase in wind farm development in Montgomeryshire. The chairman congratulated those responsible for the community shop in Llansilin which had proved most beneficial to local inhabitants. Members agreed to donate £10 to a local person who wished to plant more daffodils on the approaches to the village. A complaint was received regarding the siting of a telephone pole near Nantybrain which is only inches from the carriageway. County Cllr AS Davies agreed to pursue a request for a communal refuse bin near Plasnewydd turning.



### **LLANSILIN SHOW**

President: Dr Rosemary Powell



#### **Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August**

Open Sheepdog Trials 8 am

Car Boot Sale 10 am

Horse Show 11 am

Dog Show 12.30 pm

Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition

Viewing of entries in Village Show 2 pm

Children's Sports 3.30 pm

Refreshments available all day at various venues

On view all day: two exhibitions in the church and the decorated village fountain

A good day out and all for only £2 for adults, 50p for children

#### **Saturday, 29 August**

Local Sheepdog Trials 3 pm (2 classes - one for competitors from the wider surrounding area and one for entries within a 3-mile radius)

Family Barbecue 8 pm

Admission free for both

## **LUNCH FOR ALL**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the village lunches so far this year. From January to June we have raised the total of £200.43 which has gone to the following charities: Air Ambulance, RNLI, Hope and Aid Direct, Help for Heroes and Canine Partners. There will be no lunch in August but will start up again on the second Thursday in September (10th).

### **RAILINGS OUTSIDE THE TOILETS**

The railings outside the toilets are looking very shabby. If anyone has any metal paint going spare, please could you let Diana Hutchison know on 791273 and she will be happy to repaint them.





## TABLE TENNIS NEWS

Table Tennis has proved to be a very popular addition to the activities available in the village hall. We have gradually built up our bank of equipment and we now have four very good quality table tennis tables. The average attendance last season was approximately twelve players each week with a good mix of age groups, experienced players and beginners. We borrowed a robot machine for two practice sessions at the end of last season. This was great fun especially for the younger players as the robot automatically shoots balls at the receiving player at a very rapid speed. We have a growing number of youngsters who are really beginning to make good progress. David Taylor and Bryn Davies are both developing their skills after playing in the Oswestry League last season and David played exceptionally well to win the Junior Grand Prix event. Hannah Lloyd, Issy Kalra and Rob Lloyd joined the club last season and they all played very well in the Junior Grand Prix which was their first competitive event. Aled Evans and Ewan Foulkes are beginners who started to play towards the end of last season and both are showing considerable promise.

We will continue to play competitive table tennis in the Oswestry League and we will also offer social table tennis for anyone who wants to come along on a regular or occasional basis. The new season starts on Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. It costs £1 and, if you are interested in coming along, you will be more than welcome. For more information, contact Pat Lovell on 791235

## SCHOOL REPORT



### Fruit and Veg Co-op

Since starting in September, the children have sold 430 bags and generated £1,290 for local businesses. We are now selling from the village shop every Tuesday during term time.

### Leavers

Good luck to the 7 pupils who are on their way to Llanfyllin in September - Courtney Tomlinson, Katie Williams, Aled Evans, Dion Jones, Ewan Foulkes, Joey Thomas and Bradley Bennett. We will have 9 pupils in the reception class in September.

### Healthy School

We have received 2 awards this term - our Silver Award for ECO Schools and our second award from the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Team

Did you know ... ? Llansilin used to have its own workhouse and in the 1816 parish register it is recorded as the place of death of an infant child.

## GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Mis Mai, mis y ganwyd Eifion Wyn yn ôl ei delyneg i fis Mai, ond mis y cymanfaoedd canu yw yn yr ardal yma. Hefyd ym Mis Mai mae'n wythnos Cymorth Cristnogol, ac fe gawsom wasanaeth ar y cyd a gwasanaeth Neges Ewyllys Da Ieuenctid Cymru i'r Byd. Cawsom wasanaeth cyd-enwadol dwy-ieithog bendithiol iawn.

Ar y Sul cyntaf o Orffennaf, tro y brodyr oedd bod yng ngofal y gwasanaeth, a diolch i'r Parch Stanton Evans am ei drefnu.

Dymunwn yn dda i'r Parch Stanton Evans pan â am ei driniaeth lawfeddygol i Ysbyty Gobowen.

Mae'r haf yn prysur fund ac fe fydd y dail yn newid eu lliw cyn bo hir.

*Eifion Wyn, the bard, sang a song to the month of May because it was his birthday month, but in this area it is the month of the 'Gymanfa Ganu'. Also Christian Aid Week is held in May and the interdenominational, bilingual service incorporating the Goodwill Peace Message from the Youth of Wales to the World was inspiring.*

*On the first Sunday in July, it was the gentlemen's turn to take the service which was arranged by the Rev. Stanton Evans.*

*We wish the Rev. Stanton Evans all the best when he has his operation on his shoulder at the Orthopaedic Hospital.*

## EISTEDDFOD Y BALA

Ar y Dydd Mercher daeth dau o'r Dosbarth Cymraeg gyda mi i'r Eisteddfod. Buont ym Maes D yn cael gwers, sgwrs a phaned cyn crwydro o amgylch y Maes. Cael gweld dwy gystadleuaeth yn y pafiliwn, stepio i grwp ac unawdau cyn ymweld a'r Lle Celf, ac yna ei throi am adref. Diwrnod da i bawb.

*On Wednesday, two Welsh learners accompanied me to the Eisteddfod. The day started with a lesson, a chat and a cuppa in the Learners' Tent. Then we wandered the field, had a bite to eat and went into the pink pavilion to see two competitions, clog dancing for a group and a solo competition. We then studied the Arts and Crafts before turning for home. All three of us enjoyed the day.*

Carys Evans

## **PLAYERS AT LLANSILIN (PALS)**

PALS members are currently holding play-reading sessions in the search for a script for their next production. This is planned for the end of January 2010. They are still looking for more members and anyone interested in joining PALS, in any capacity, should contact Alison Beeston on 791 262.