

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

Maw

7	Parch Stanton Evans	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Chwiorydd
14	Mr D Glyn Williams	Cefncaanol	10.00 am	
21	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
28	Mr John Rosser	Llansilin	2.00 pm	

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4	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Cefncaanol	10.00 am	Sul y Pasg
11	Mr John Ellis	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
18	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
25	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Cefncaanol	2.00 pm	

Mai

2	Cyfarfod gweddi	Rhiwlas	10.00 am	
9	Mr Alun Jones	Llansilin	10.00 am	
16	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncaanol	6.30 pm	
23	Parch T R Wright	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
30	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Llansilin	2.00 pm	

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

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News



JUST A DREAM

I've just been out - it feels like Spring.
Has Winter had its final fling?
The snow has gone - for good, I hope.
On looking back, how did we cope?

The ice was there for many weeks:
the frozen ponds too hard for beaks.
The roads were bad - there was no grip:
cars only made the vital trip.
Most people chose to stay indoors.
and got on with their household chores.

Now that the sun is out again.
The nightmare memories will wane.
When skies are blue, and grass is green,
was that hard winter just a dream?

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Farewell to the 'Reverend Margaret'

There was a feeling of impending loss and sadness in the church that hung over the normally joyous Midnight Service on Christmas Eve – our vicar, the Reverend Margaret Roberts, was about to take her last service in Llansilin. Naturally, however, knowing Margaret, it was conducted with style and perfection, as you would imagine. Of course, with typical humility and grace, she had given strict instructions that there would be no tearful farewells or presentations of any kind. She merely wished everyone a happy Christmas with her usual courtesy – and went home!

We will miss her style, charismatic preaching, and, perhaps above all else, her loving care and concern for everyone. Everything she did was meticulous, following in every detail the rules and instructions laid down by the Church in Wales, and, for those of us who worked for her in various positions in the church, very reassuring and confidence building. Not only in the church but in the wider community, will her departure leave a gap. Margaret was always friendly to one and all, willing to listen, and to give if asked, her invariably sound advice.

However, it is not all gloom and doom – Margaret and Les have a house not that far from Llansilin, and hopefully we will perhaps see her around the village, when she is able once again to visit us, after the regulation period is over - a set length of time to allow a new Vicar to settle in more easily, without invidious remarks, comparisons, etc. (For the time being we are in an 'Interregnum' period, when the powers to be look for a new priest-in-charge.)

We shall always be immensely grateful to Margaret for all she has done for us in the past three years, helping us to regain some of the spirituality we had inevitably lost over the past years, and we wish her, Les and all the family the very best that Heaven and Earth can provide.

Deborah Hill-Trevor

With our thanks to Brenda Jones of Cefn Canol for the poem on the front cover. We shan't forget this winter in a hurry and when spring does finally appear it will be even more welcome than ever. Brenda's book of poems, "A Welsh Woman's View" was on sale at the Christmas Fair and you can buy copies in Oswestry from Booka (Church Street), Lowri/Pooh Corner (Leg Street), The Gates (Church Street), most local newsagents, the Amazon website and from Brenda herself (01691 652067)

Mobile Library: every other Monday at Llansilin Church at 1.30 to 2.30 pm, then Maes-y-Llan car park 2.30 to 3.30 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). 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

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 at Capel Wesle	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. 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

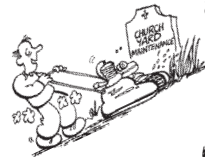
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

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



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

Community Shop at Capel Wesle	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 ☎ 0781 4489713

Meals on Wheels: contact Carol Foulkes ☎ 791 326

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

Parish and Chapel Registers 2009

Baptisms

January 4th Dewi Euros Griffiths, Brynhafod, Rhiwlas at Rhiwlas Chapel

January 12th Rebecca Mair Foulkes, Maes-y-Llan

June 27th Marty Benjamin Jones, Tynant Moelfre

November 1st David Lloyd Tymm Edwards, Priddbull Ucha

Funerals

January 12th Hannah Elizabeth Hughes, Rhyf, age 101 (formerly of Monfa Llansilin) burial Salem Baptist Chapel graveyard

March 23rd Myfanwy May Jones, Fodwen, age 99

March 27th John William Jones, Moelfre Hall/Pantglas Isaf, Moelfre age 88 burial Llangadwaladr Church graveyard

June 4th Dennis George Harris, Afon Fechan, age 85 (formerly of Tydraw Rhiwlas)

December 3rd Peter Booth, Bryn Hywel, age 65 cremation - interment of ashes.

PALS HAVE CONAN DOYLE TURNING IN HIS GRAVE!



Moriarty in drag fools everyone, even Holmes and Dr Watson!

Two short Sherlock Holmes plays kept the audience on the edge of their seats in Llansilin Memorial Hall – though not through suspense but because they were doubled up with laughter! You had to be as sharp witted as the erstwhile detective himself to catch the jokes, which came thick and fast. The cast clearly enjoyed themselves immensely and the usual “suspects” were out in force. John Neilson was in his element as Sherlock Holmes though he could have done with some lessons from Kiwydanto - or were those unbearable screeches in the first play just a successful ploy to bring Moriarty to his knees? In the second play we

thought we could hear Conan Doyle turning in his grave (or was it the atmospheric creaking door again?) at the sight of Moriarty in drag. Dennis Sockett will never live it down! This time he (or she) was disarmed by a loud pop from a balloon

wielded by the ingenious Dr Watson, played by Hywel Jones. They had terrific support from Suzanne Kirkwood, Dot Renshaw, Jeffrey Olstead, Awel Jones, Tony Jones and everyone else who helped backstage.

This was a full evening of entertainment with a sketch by Marg Kynaston worthy of Victoria Wood, and a very funny monologue by Dot Renshaw in her best Black Country accent. On the Friday evening the audience was also treated to a varied and excellent repertoire of music from the string quartet, KIWYDANTO, all highly talented young members of the Shropshire Youth Orchestra. The Saturday night audience was entertained by THE BORDER BEAT AND WIND BAND, a ten piece ensemble, playing a very danceable kind of Latino music. Everybody was tapping their feet or clapping their hands!

It's not easy finding suitable plays to perform with a small group but Alison and Michael Beeston found a winning formula here for PALS and both evenings were voted a great success, thanks to their hard work and that of the whole crew.

GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Oedden ni wedi anghofio beth oedd cael caenen o eira go iawn? Wel, os oedden ni, cawsom ein hatgoffa eleni heb os ac oni bai. Ni chynhaliwyd llawer o'n hoedfaon oherwydd y tywydd garw.

Bu'r penwythnos gyntaf ym Mis Rhagfyr yn un prysur iawn. Cawsom blygain hyfryd ar y Nos Wener gyda'r plygeinwyr wedi dod o bell ac agos. Ar y Nos Sul cafwyd Cymanfa Garolau dan ofal medrus Nia Turner a'r canu fel arfer yn llawn asbri. Daeth Gwilym O. Jones i'r Gymdeithas i siarad am gymeriadau Aberdaron lle bu yn gweinidogaethu ar ddechrau ei yrfa fel gweinidog Wesleiaidd. Sgwrs ddiddorol iawn. Unwaith eto rydym yn falch o weld Y Parch Stanton Evans yn ein plith ar ôl ei driniaeth lawfeddygol yn Amwythig.

Had we forgotten what a snowy winter was like? Well, if we had, then we were reminded in no uncertain terms this year. Many of our services were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

The first week-end in December was a busy one indeed. The plygain in the church set the mood for the Christmas Season with singers from far and near taking part. On the Sunday night there was some rousing singing at the Gymanfa Carolau under Nia's capable hand.

In the Gymdeithas, Gwilym O. Jones, from Oswestry, gave an interesting talk about the characters at Aberdaron whilst he was there as a young Wesleyan minister.

Once again we are pleased to see the Reverend Stanton Evans amongst us after his hospital treatment in Shrewsbury.

Gweinidog

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Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch

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Bellringing, St Silin's

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
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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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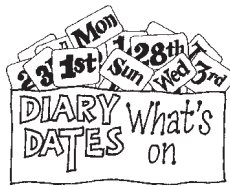
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February

- 17 Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion at Llansilin 7 pm
- 20 Gwmni Ddrama Dinas Mawddwy, Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
- 23 Lent Lunch 12 noon to 1.30 pm

March

- 1 Cimio Gwyl Dewi, Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 Four Crosses YFC Comedy Drama, Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm
- 14 Mothering Sunday: Matins at Llansilin 9 am; Family Service 10.30 am at Llangedwyn (**NB joint Llansilin and Llangedwyn Family Service for Mothering Sunday at Llangedwyn**)
- 21 Matins 10.30 am at Llansilin
- 23 Lent Lunch 12 noon to 1.30 pm
- 28 Palm Sunday: Holy Communion at Llansilin 9 am; Evensong at Llansilin 6.30 pm

April

- 1 Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion at Llangedwyn 7 pm
- 2 Good Friday: Devotional Service at Llansilin 2 pm
- 4 Easter Sunday: Holy Communion Llansilin 10.30 am; Evensong at Llangedwyn 6.30 pm
- 12 First Local History meeting 7.30 pm in the Institute
- 13 Annual Vestry Meeting Llansilin Church
- 30 Celtic Harp Concert 7.30 pm Llansilin Church

May

- 9-15 Christian Aid Week

LENT LUNCHES

*Tuesday 23 February 12 noon to 1.30 pm
Tuesday, 23 March 12 noon to 1.30 pm*

Delicious homemade soups with bread and rolls, followed by cheese and biscuits, tea or coffee

A social occasion for everyone who can come.

If anyone would like to contribute money to buy lilies in memory of anyone, please contact Christine Williams on 791563. Volunteers will be most welcome on Saturday 3 April to join in cleaning and decorating the church ready for Easter.

Why do we volunteer at the Shop?



I think I can speak for all the volunteers that we do it because we enjoy it so much. This is how I started - I noticed a sign outside the chapel that said "shop" and my immediate response was where? So I parked the car and thought I should try and locate the "shop"! I was absolutely amazed at the Aladdin's cave that greeted me! Homemade cakes, freshly baked pies, warm gorgeous smelling bread, fresh fruit and vegetables - I was so surprised at what was on offer on my doorstep. It was fantastic to see such a wide range of produce on sale, and much of it local.

I was then hooked and decided I would like to help with this great community resource and there are quite a few of us who feel the same way. The shop is unique in the way it offers such a wide variety of produce, especially considering the limited amount of space - you can purchase anything from a piece of cheese to sticking plasters!

The community shop is also a hot spot to meet and chat with others. During our time volunteering in the shop we have been able to meet many local people who we might not have had the pleasure to meet before. There's never a day goes by when working in the shop that we don't fall about laughing as one of us presses the wrong key on the till and tries to charge someone £100 for their shopping, when all they have purchased is a loaf of bread and some bacon! Along comes Mike to the rescue and puts us right!

The shop is proving to be a highly valued community resource, so if you think you could help support the shop in anyway, then please just pop in and speak with Mike. He could always do with more volunteers. Mike and Tony do an excellent job of keeping the shop stocked and fully operational. If there is anything you would like to see stocked in the shop, just let Mike know and he will try to accommodate your request. PS Spring is on the way, so don't forget to bring in your plants to sell - they were a great success last year.

Kim Ashford



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 9 to 15 May

Christian Aid are asking all their supporters to help them tackle poverty around the world in 2010, and not least in Haiti. They are there in force at the moment in one of the biggest relief efforts they have ever mounted. Please join us in the activities which Rhiannon Lewis and her band of volunteers will be organising for Christian Aid Week. Look out for posters with all the details.



Crown of Light

From the Crown of Light this Christmas, we were able to donate the record sum of £236 to Hope House and the Severn Hospice. Our very grateful thanks to Chris Burton and his helpers for erecting it, Margaret Lloyd and her team of collectors, but especially to all those who gave so generously.

Christmas Fayre



The items on offer from the stall holders that surrounded the Hall for the Christmas Fayre gave plenty of choice for everyone, from face painting to flower arrangements. Crowds flocked in for an enjoyable morning and £400 was raised for church funds

The Family Services in 2009

Attendance has been very pleasing at the Family Services held on the third Sunday of each month at 10.30 am. The subjects we touched on during the year were:

- ◆ Baptism
- ◆ Mothering Sunday
- ◆ Jesus' disciples
- ◆ Rogation Sunday
- ◆ The parable of the Good Samaritan
- ◆ The harvest
- ◆ The parable of the sower
- ◆ 10th anniversary of the restoration of the bells
- ◆ The importance of music in church
- ◆ A nativity tableau (followed by a Christmas party)

Children attending, accompanied by parents, friends or grandparents, range in age from babes to teenagers, so pitching the level of the service can be a challenge. After over 2 years' experience we are all becoming more confident in playing our part. Children share out the opportunities to take the collection, light the candles,

NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL

presents

FOUR CROSSES YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

COMEDY DRAMA

with supporting entertainment

Friday 5th March 2010, 7:30pm

Tickets £3 (children £1) available on the door or

Phone 01691 791346 to pre-book

IN BRIEF

My grateful thanks go out to everyone for their kind messages, Christmas greetings and New Year wishes - I cannot respond to them all so each year I shall be sending donations to charity. Gill Avery.

Query: Are there any old Ice Houses recorded in this area? There is believed to be one at Wern Ddu. Contact 791274

Following an incident in the village a few weeks ago it is worth highlighting that police welcome a phone call and will respond quickly with a patrol car. An incident reported helps the police to know what's going on.

Has any one saved any copies of the old Oswestry Parish Magazine? These date from when Llansilin Parish was part of the Lichfield Diocese. They are being electronically recorded for permanent preservation and will eventually be available in Libraries and Record Offices. Your copies will be scanned and returned to you as soon as possible. Please ring 791274

GET FIT FOR SUMMER!

Marion Hood's exercise classes will be starting again on Monday evenings 6.45 to 7.45 pm from 19th April and, for the over 50's, on Wednesday afternoons 2.30 to 3.30 pm from 21st April

Course fee £30 or £3.50 a session.

For more information ring Marion on 01691 791277 (after 15 April)



**Celtic Harp Concert
Friday, 30 April
7.30 pm
St Silin's Church**

Harriet will be playing her own lively arrangements of music from all the Celtic countries, as well as some tunes with a more modern twist. Most of her melodies have colourful stories which link into the history of the area and, in honour of Llansilin, this recital will also feature a Welsh medieval piece - as transcribed by Robert ap Huw, a harper from Anglesey in the 1500s - called "Caniad San Silin" ('The Song of St Silin), named after Llansilin's very own patron saint. Be prepared to be moved by the music and get tapping your feet!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM DOLEN FFERMIO

to the good folk of Llansilin for supporting our work in Uganda in so many different ways. The Llansilin Chapels have dedicated a number of collections to us over the past few years and taken a great interest in our work. St Silin's has this year nominated us as their Overseas Charity and we are very grateful for their generous donation of £220 and also for the donations we have received from the WI and the Over 60's Club. A very special thank you goes to Ysgol Bro Cynllaith for raising £180 – a staggering amount for a small school. I would like to add my own personal tribute to the children for their very moving and thoughtful presentation which they made to their parents during the school's Harvest Service. We really appreciated all the performers who turned out for us at the Dolen Ffermio concert before Christmas and I can safely say that everyone who came enjoyed a most entertaining evening, which raised £1250 into the bargain. Finally, thank you to all those who contributed to the Christmas catalogue appeal for the Kumi Orphan Project.

I am delighted to announce that Dolen Ffermio has been awarded a Gold Star by the Welsh Assembly Government for our work with children and young people in Uganda. This is a UN initiative to recognise the efforts of charities such as ours which are trying to attain the Millennium Development Goals in the poorest countries in the world. The Welsh Assembly is paying for one of our Ugandan partners, Emmanuel Maraka, to come over to receive the award with us and we shall all be going down to the Senedd for the ceremony on 1 March.

read or help in other ways during the service. The meeters and greeters need to come a little earlier. Mr Tim Feak, our Diocesan Youth Advisor, has assured us that we are on the right track and has given us help with our plans for this year. Here we hope to consolidate more of the work of our mission.

Webb Ivory Catalogue

Supporting the Webb Ivory Christmas catalogue has this year raised £136.50. With thanks to Janet Davies and her helpers for co-ordinating the orders and deliveries and to all who bought items.

New Electoral Roll at St Silin's

Work will begin during February to construct a new Electoral Roll for the Parish. This is a task that has to be undertaken every five years to re-establish the list of people eligible to vote at the Annual Vestry Meeting (to be held on 13 April this year), to be members of the Parochial Church Council and to elect the Council's members and officers.

People who are already on the Roll will be contacted in writing with an invitation to re-apply. Anybody not on the current Roll but who would like to be included on the new one should contact the Vicar's Warden, Mrs Christine Williams, for an application form. Christine can also advise on eligibility.

Charity Support at St Silin's

Readers might like to know that, during 2009, Church expenditure included support for the following charities: Air Ambulance (£100), Hope House (£335.55), Severn Hospice (£235.55), Action Aid/Ghana (£180) and Dolen Ffermio (£220).

North Montgomeryshire Society of Fine Arts

The splendid volume of the record of all the furnishings in St Silin's was handed over recently at a special evening in the church. During refreshments we were able to meet and to congratulate the hard working researchers and see the results of their work. Absolutely everything has been examined and recorded. In a few cases national experts have been consulted to verify some details. The categories include memorials, woodwork, stonework, metalwork, textiles, paintings and books. There are some really excellent photographs. It is hoped that the book will be on display on special occasions for all to see later in the year.

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



We have had 5 new pupils this term to the Nursery Class – Rhys Jones, Cody Tomlinson, Catherine Edwards, Caitlin Fuller and Ellin Evans. We have also had a new pupil join Year 3 – Oli Bonada.

The Foundation Phase children have been busy working with Mrs Hilary Roberts making fish to turn our new outdoor canopy into an underwater scene. Heather and Gavin, two recycling officers from Powys, have been into school to talk to the children and hold a workshop.

Bags2school had to be postponed and will now take place on 23rd February. The children in the Foundation Phase class instigated a collection for Haiti and collected over £40.

CYMDEITHAS DDIWYLLIADOL LLANSILIN DWY DDRAMA FER

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GWMNI DDRAMA DINAS MAWDDWY

NOS SADWRN CHWEFROR 20fd 2010 AM 7:30 O'R GLOCH
YN Y NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN

Pris : £2.50 Croeso i pawb

This event is two comedy dramas through the medium of the Welsh language.
Translation equipment is available for anyone unable to speak Welsh

CYMDEITHAS DDIWYLLIADOL LLANSILIN **CINIO GWYL DEWI**

Nos Lun Mawrth 1af 2010 am 7 o'r gloch yn Y Neuadd Goffa, Llansilin
GWRAIG WÂDD

Hafina Clwyd, Rhuthun
Adloniant : PARTI OGOF
Tocyn (Ffôn:791346)

This event is the St. Davids day dinner with speaker and entertainment to follow.
Translation equipment is available for anyone unable to speak Welsh

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The January meeting was presided over by Councillor J M Jones, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes. Condolences were extended to Councillor Mrs M Evans on the recent death of her Mother. A reply from CADW stated that the Sycharth Mound had been included in the list of projects for special funding and direction signs would be provided.

Correspondence and an attached petition signed by 32 persons, 27 of whom resided in the village, was received from Mr P Wilks, alleging that the Council had acted in a devious manner when deciding to close the local public conveniences during the winter months. The clerk informed members that, having taken legal advice, it had been confirmed that the Council had absolute authority to close this facility for any length of time they deemed necessary. Furthermore, they were not obliged to consult with any person or organisation. It was, therefore, confirmed that the toilets would remain closed until 1 March.

Members were supportive of the formation of the Montgomeryshire Town and Community Councils Forum and that the precept for 2010/11 should be £4,500. The following planning applications were supported: construction of parking bay at Aelybryn; single storey extension at Cae Canol, Cefn Canol; two storey extension at Moelygwelltyn Ucha and conversion and extension of outbuilding. The latter was also supported with the proviso that this development did not affect the local landlord's right of way. Councillor and Mrs J M Jones were nominated to be included in the draw to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party. A letter from Mr Glyn Davies, prospective Conservative Candidate for Montgomeryshire, expressed concern regarding future education in the county and the threat of closure of high schools. Members suggested that a joint meeting of adjoining Community Councils be held to consider the matter.

The clerk was asked to forward the following complaints: pot hole on the Bodlith Road; surface cracks on the road near Bryncoch; subsidence on Hafodig Road; road beyond Ty Top needs attention; parked cars on road near Old Barn causing damage to grass verge.

Did you Know? ... "At the Ploughing Match held on Pridbwl Mawr field on Saturday, March 26th, Mr Thomas B. Edwards of Penybryn, a faithful member of our congregation, was declared the champion of the field, carrying away 35s in prizes. Well done, Tom!" (From Oswestry Parish Monthly magazine, April 1901) *Please see page 11 regarding a request for old copies.*