

## 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

### 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

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

## Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

### Medi

5	Parch Stanton Evans	Rhiwlas	Pererindod (i'w drefnu)
12	Buddug Medi	Llansilin	2.00 pm
19	Parch Graham Floyd	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
26	Parch Robert Parry	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm

### Byd

3	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Diolchgarwch yr Ifanc
10	Mr John Rosser	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
17	Mr R A Platt	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
24	Parch Richard Owen Jones *	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
31	Parch Raymond Hughes	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	

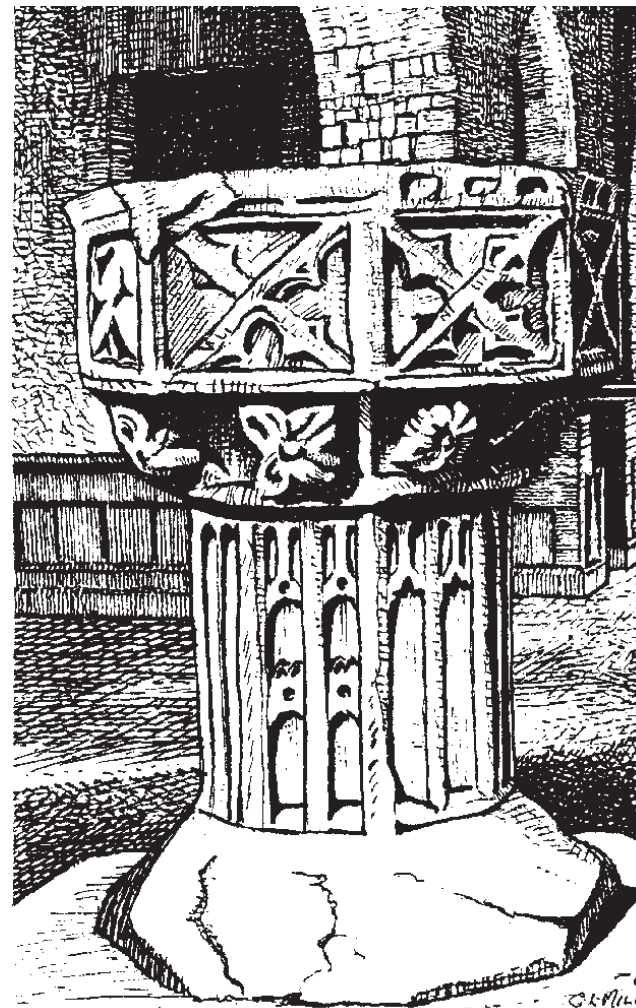
### Tach

7	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
14	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Llansilin	2.00 pm
21	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
28	Parch Ddr Nerys Tudor	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm

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

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News



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## My Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your warm welcome as both Kathleen and I settle in this beautiful area with its lovely people. The Tanat Valley has so much to offer and I hope that lots of visitors take on the new Living Stones Heritage Trail and I'm sure many of you will join us in the special attractions at St Silin's at the end of August as part of the Llansilin Show. We're beginning to be at home in the vicarage and slowly making an impression on the jungle outside, not so many tall trees now, but plenty of wood for the winter ahead! I hope we don't need so much though.

I hope that I will meet many of you in my ministry and you need to know a little more about your new vicar. I was ordained at the tender age of 50 in 1990, a novel experience for Kathleen who married a bus conductor in 1963 (I worked for Crosville Motor Company). Before that I had been an apprentice at De Havilland in Broughton and worked on the Comet IV amongst others. But I was a hopeless fitter, my hands wouldn't do as they were told, hence the job on the buses. I became a postman for two years and then a papermaking assistant. Papermaking is one of the oldest professions in the world, not the oldest, that belongs to GPs (God told Moses to keep taking the tablets!) Then I worked at Shell Stanlow as a Chemical Process Operator for 12 years. From 1983 to 1985 I had additional responsibilities as a Shop Steward in the T & G, 6/420 branch at a time of great upheaval in industry and Trade Union history. In 1985 I took Voluntary Severance, a posh way of being made redundant and spent 4 years on the dole. But God, in his wisdom, had it all planned and it all worked for good and I ended up a minister (but that's another story). I retired in 2006 from a parish in Lancashire with a challenging combination of a big council estate (overspill from Liverpool) and a rather more upmarket area. Before that I worked in South Wales where I had the good fortune to have Rowan Williams as my Bishop.

Likes and dislikes? Kathleen and I both love being in the garden and growing our own, there's something good about being involved in creation and the food tastes so much better. I hate labels when they are put on people. They restrict, we're meant to be free. Having said that, I'm a member of the Christian Socialist Movement and Wing Padre for Merseyside Wing, Air Cadets Organization.

Well that's enough of us, my vision for Llansilin and the Church? I would love to see Church/Community ties which are already strong, to be developed. The village shop I see as being in that great tradition of cooperation to meet a need, it's wonderful, the Cooperative Movement started in a shop in Rochdale in 1851. I'll join in, indeed enjoy community life generally and have a good time with you and we both look forward to gracious encounters with you.

Every blessing  
Tony Dilworth

**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 each 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 in the Memorial Hall. Contact Pat Lovell ☎ 791 235

**Village Drop-in Coffee Mornings** in the Parish Room 10.30 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

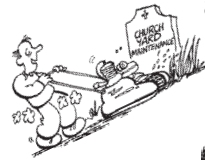
**Youth Club** meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

*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

<b>Community Shop at Capel Wesle</b>	Tuesday	9.30 am to 2.30 pm
	Wednesday	5 pm to 6.30 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

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

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

## Welcome to our New Vicar and his Wife



A very warm welcome to the Revd Tony Dilworth and his wife, Kathleen, pictured here outside the Vicarage. Tony has come out of retirement to work at Llansilin on a house for duty basis and, though he can be contacted on other occasions, he is part-time and his duties should only cover Sundays plus 4 sessions a week, a session being morning, afternoon or evening. We hope that they will both be very happy in Llansilin.

### Show Day, Bank Holiday Weekend – there is something for everybody!

- ▶ Try your hand at this year's limerick – in Welsh with the 1st line "Roedd Gerallt am aral gyfeirio" or in English with the 1st line "Old Freddie was feeling romantic".
- ▶ Or enter the competition to write a sentence using each letter in turn from the word "Harvest" or "Cynheaf"
- ▶ Have a go at the revived Stick Making Competition – judging on Cae Dentyr field.
- ▶ Enter your dahlias for the new Dahlia Cup and dress up your old wellies for the Best Decorated Pair of Wellies!
- ▶ Bring the dog for the fun Dog Show!
- ▶ Don't forget the Saturday afternoon Sheep Dog Trials – support trialling at the local level.
- ▶ Come along to the Barbecue on Saturday evening at the Wynnstay at 8.00 pm

Full details in the Show programmes, available now in the Post Office and Community Shop.

**The C.R.A.F.T. Group** is currently busy preparing their seventh fountain dressing which will be on display over the August bank holiday weekend. This year's theme is 'Llansilin Show'. They have also been working on a set of decorative signs for the various sections of the show. The first two will be in place this year and the remainder should be ready for the 2011 show.



## Bishop's Visitation

The Bishop is going around every Deanery during 2010/11, meeting people. As part of his Visitation to the Llanfyllin Deanery, he will be attending a Holy Communion service at St Silin's on Sunday, 21 November, at 10.30 am. All clergy and churchwardens from the deanery will be expected to attend. A bring and share lunch will follow in the village hall. In the afternoon the Bishop will hold a meeting in the parish room with church people. Everyone is invited to attend the morning service and the lunch.

## St Silin's Day

A celebration of St Silin will be held on 10 October at 6.30 pm. There will be a Songs of Praise/Gymanfa Ganu which will be followed with refreshments. St Silin's Day will also be celebrated in the village on 12 October with festivities at the Wynnstay pub. Details released soon.

## Family Services

The Family Services continue to be successful. In June we had a talk and demonstration on the organ with visual aid showing how the church organ worked. This was demonstrated by Mrs Milner. July was a talk on holidays by Mrs Christine William, and was enjoyed by all. Sea shells were given to everybody in the congregation.

## Celebrating our Heritage

St Silin's is on the new Living Stones Heritage Trail for North Montgomeryshire. On Show Day we are inviting everyone to come and have a look round. Lots on offer from churchyard trails, quiz, children's activities, stone carving demonstration to sales stalls and country refreshments - everything free. Come and be impressed by centuries of craftsmanship - admire the timbered ceiling and find the hidden Wyvern!

## Harvest Festival

It has been decided to move our Harvest Festival Service forward to 19 September as we want it to be more 'family friendly', so it will be a Family Service followed by a bring and share lunch. **NB Please note changed time of 11 am.**

## Concert

Advance notice of a concert in the church on Sunday 7th November at 7 pm with Gwenan Jones and Parti Hafod Dinas and Catrin Jones and Parti Penybontfawr. Guaranteed to be a lovely evening! Tickets will be available in due course.

## 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

Revd Anthony Dilworth 791 209  
Y Ficerdy, Llansilin

## Churchwardens, St Silin's

Vicar's Warden: Christine Williams 791 563  
People's Warden: Dan Jones 791 296

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Morfudd Williams 659 369

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Margaret Lloyd 791 472

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## PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary

Graham Moss 791 528



**Bellringing, St Silin's**  
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791 274

**Tower Captain:** Christine Williams 791 563

**Ringling Practice**  
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

**Rhiwlas Mission Church**  
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600 228

**Llangadwaladr Church**  
Contact Vera Evans  
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## August

- 28 Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue
- 30 Open Sheepdog Trials, Produce Competition, Horse Show, Dog Show, Competitions and Exhibitions

## September

- 4 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 19 Harvest Festival and Family Service 11 am (note changed time) in St Silin's, followed by a Bring and Share lunch
- 25 Annual Concert in the Hall 7.30 pm (see page 5/6)

## October

- 2 Church Gate Stall 10 am to 11.30 am
- 10 St Silin's Day service 6.30 pm
- 12 Festivities for St Silin's Day at the Wynnstay (details soon)

## November

- 7 Concert in St Silin's 7 pm (details on page 4)  
Remembrance Day Service (date and details to be announced)
- 20 Christmas Fair (look out for posters)
- 21 The Bishop's Visitation: Holy Communion at 10.30 am and a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall. Everyone invited.

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

**REMINDER** - that all church rotas are now on the notice board in the porch. Thank you very much.

### Exercise Sessions

"Focus on Fitness"  
Mondays 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm  
and

"Fit 4 Life for the 50+"  
Wednesdays 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm

10 week courses starting again September 2010:  
Monday, 6th and Wednesday 8th

Fee £30 or £3.50 per session

All equipment is provided - just wear comfortable clothes and sports shoes

For more information please ring Marion on 01691 791277

## GWEINDOGAETH BRO

Wrth i mi ysgrifennu hwn, mae'n ddiwrnod tamp diflas y tu allan, tybed a ydym wedi cael ein haf am eleni? Roedd yn hyfryd tra parodd.

Sul Cymorth Cristnogol – Cafwyd pregeth amserol iawn gan Alun Jones, Llangadfan, yn Y Rhiwlas a chynulleidfa deilwng iawn yno yn gwranddo arno. Yn unol a'i neges, fe drosglwyddodd ei siec i achosion Cymorth Cristnogol.

Sul Neges Ewyllys Da – Cafwyd gwasanaeth bendithiol iawn gan ieuentid yr ofalaeth. Hefyd ym Mis Mehefin cawsom wasanaeth dan ofal y dynion, y thema oedd "Y Llyfr Hwn." Diolch i'r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu'r ddau wasanaeth. Eleni, Y Parch Dr Nerys Tudor oedd y cenad yng Nghyfarfod Pregethu Rhiwlas ac fel arfer roedd te bendigedig rhwng y ddau gufarfod.

*As I am writing this, the weather is damp and miserable. I wonder have we had our summer for this year? It was wonderful whilst it lasted.*

*Christian Aid Sunday – A good number attended the service at Rhiwlas Chapel and Alun Jones, Llangadfan, gave us a timely sermon and, in accordance with his message, he donated his cheque to Christian Aid.*

*Good Will Message Sunday – This is the week that the Youth of Wales send a Good Will Message to the Youth of the World. The young people of the chapels led the service which was held at Cefn Canol. In June we had a service which was led by the men, the theme being "This Book." Both services were organised by the Reverend Stanton Evans.*

*This year the Reverend Dr Nerys Tudor was the visiting preacher at the Rhiwlas Preaching Festival, and, as usual, the tea served between the two services was mouth-watering.*

**CÔR GODRE'R ARAN IN CONCERT  
AT LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL  
Saturday, 25 September 2010 7.30 pm**

Since its inception the highly acclaimed Welsh male voice choir Côr Godre'r Aran, based in the village of Llanuwchllyn at the western end of Llyn Tegid (Lake Bala), has regularly entertained audiences all over Wales and at many principal venues in England including The Royal Albert Hall, The Globe Theatre, The Sage and Birmingham Symphony Hall. Concert tours have taken them to Scotland, Ireland and Portugal and extended international tours include three visits to Canada/U.S.A., and eight tours of Australia with visits to New Zealand, Tasmania, Hong Kong, Argentina and Singapore. Over the years Côr Godre'r Aran has successfully

competed at National and International levels and won principal awards at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and four male voice championships at the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen. In 2005 the Choir won the BBC Radio Cymru competition for Male Voice Choirs.

The choir's gifted conductor, Eirian Owen, was appointed accompanist in 1970 and, subsequently, unanimously elected as musical director to succeed Tom Jones in 1975. Over the years she has voluntarily devoted literally thousands of hours to the Choir and was instrumental in developing and directing it to its ultimate and continuing success. She has served many years on the panel of official accompanists at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. She has accompanied most of the current generation of prominent Welsh soloists featuring in the world of international opera. Eirian was Chorus Master of the 1997 National Eisteddfod Choir and that role was repeated when the Eisteddfod returned to Bala in 2009. In 1998 she was Guest Conductor of New Zealand's National Festival of Male Voice Choirs at a massed concert in Wellington. During 2003 she presented two series of programmes of classical music on BBC Radio Cymru. In January 2005 she was awarded an honorary MA degree by the University of Wales in recognition of her distinguished service to music.

The Management Committee of Neuadd Goffa Llansilin Memorial Hall is, therefore, delighted that such a prestigious choir and conductor have agreed to give the Annual Concert at the hall on Saturday, 25 September 2010 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be obtained from Mr A James (telephone: 01691 791346) or any committee member.



### ANOTHER WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

This one is rather different but no less welcome as it means that the village has a pub again. Simon and Jon Newman reopened the Wynnstay on Friday evening, 23 July and villagers flocked in to show their support and enjoy a drink and good company once more. They have already made a good job of refurbishing the pub, with a very stylish black and white dining room.

Simon and Jon will be opening every evening and lunch time in the week, apart from Monday lunch time. By the time the newsletter goes out, they will be serving meals in the bar and the restaurant, again both in the evening and lunch times - all home cooked food, with daily specials and their famous home made chips. In a couple of months they are hoping to re-open the bed and breakfast part of the pub. Good luck to Simon and Jon and thank you for giving the village its pub back. Now we must play our part by supporting them and spreading the word.

## Llansilin Table Tennis News



The new season commences on Tuesday, August 31 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. As usual, table tennis is open to everyone and new members will be made very welcome. Even if you have never played before, you are welcome to come along and have a go. We play on a social level and on a competitive level.

This season there will be four teams from Llansilin playing in the Oswestry and District Table Tennis league. We have a regular group of youngsters coming along to the sessions, some of whom had never played before. Last season they all participated in the Oswestry League's Junior Grand Prix events and they all gave a good account of themselves. This year we hope to provide some structured coaching sessions for the youngsters and anyone else who feels they would benefit from a spot of coaching. We now have a club member who has recently completed the Level 1 National Table Tennis Coaching course and is now a licensed coach. We also have the West Midlands regional coach (an ex English International player) coming to provide a coaching session on Tuesday, 14 September.

If you are interested in trying your skills, just come along on a Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. If you need any further information please ring Pat Lovell on 791235

### Players At Llansilin (PALS)

Rehearsals will start in the autumn for PALS next production. This will feature a highly amusing play written specially for the group by member Jeffrey Olstead and will be put on in January. Look out for more details nearer the time. The group is still looking for new members. If you are interested in joining in any capacity, please contact Alison Beeston on 791262.

*Did you Know?* ... At the time of the last war a number of school children evacuees were brought here for safety from Liverpool to stay on local farms. Three years ago there was a lovely entry in the Llangadwaladr visitors' book, signed by two brothers, Bobby and Billy Brown, Liverpool. They recalled with pleasure happy memories of their time in the area on family farms. How nice they made the trip back! Does anyone remember them?

*By the way* - have you ever been to look at Llangadwaladr Church? Go on a lovely day - standing almost alone in the landscape, it is an oasis of peace. OK, there is a small hole in the roof (hopefully now mended) and never mind the bats - absorb the tranquillity and have a look at the yew trees - they seem to form an avenue, but where to ?

## LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

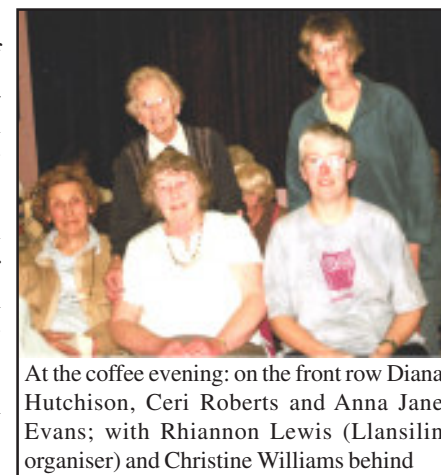
At the annual general meeting Cllr Dennis Sockett was elected chairman for the ensuing year. He thanked members for the honour conferred on him and paid tribute to the excellent manner in which his predecessor, Cllr J M Jones, had led the council. Cllr Mrs Marjorie Evans was elected vice chairman. The following committee appointments were made: Planning Sub, chairman, vice chairman and Cllr P Lovell; One Voice Wales Cllrs E O Evans and J M Jones; Youth Club Cllr E O Evans and County Cllr A Davies. Planning applications supported included single storey extension at Cae Canol, Cefn Canol; extension to agricultural building in Priddbwl Mawr; two storey extension at Moelygwelltyn Ucha (revised application). The clerk was appointed to represent the council at an inaugural meeting regarding local housing needs to be convened by the Rural Housing Enabler. Members agreed to fund the summer edition of the Llansilin Newsletter. The clerk was asked to report the numerous potholes on the road from Bwlchydongau to Tynfron turning. County Cllr Davies agreed to make enquiries regarding the proposed improvements to the crossroads south of Llansilin and the provision of double lines in Llansilin.

The July meeting was chaired by Cllr D Sockett and supported by the Clerk, H Hughes, who reported on meetings he had attended relating to code of conduct and affordable housing. County Cllr A Davies presented maps relating to the proposed provision of double yellow lines in Llansilin. These appeared to deviate considerably from the proposals already approved by the Council. Cllr Davies agreed to approach the officer concerned with a view to him meeting councillors on site. The following planning applications were supported: listed building consent for installation of a log burning flue at Darwin Cottage and erection of an agricultural building and construction of hard standing (retrospective) at Priddbwl Mawr. The planning sub committee had met in June and supported two planning applications at Glashirfryn Cymdu. The statement of accounts for 2009/10 was presented and approved. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the internal auditor, Mr Arthur James. Correspondence received included the Boundary commission's review of electoral arrangements in Powys (fortunately the Llanrhaeadr/Llansilin ward would not be affected), One Voice Wales, details of training for councillors, Powys CC statement of licensing policy and also details of secondary and post-16 education modernisation programme, Welsh assembly local authority's byelaws in Wales, Ombudsman's Annual Report of Public Services. Two applications for financial assistance were left on the table. Complaints received included high hedge in front of 1 Maesyllan, which affects visibility and access on to the public highway, unsatisfactory work carried out on open ditch in Cefn Canol, uneven surface on road near Peniarth. Cllr Davies agreed to report the defective light in Cefn Canol.



Everyone will have particular memories of this year's Christian Aid Week. For many it will be the happy memory of a successful social evening held in the Institute. For others it will be responding to a knock on the door. For some it will be feeling footsore at the end of delivering and collecting envelopes. Yet common to those memories will be the illustrated talk given by Anna Jane Evans at the Institute and the inspiring address by Alun Jones at the united service in Bethania.

Anna's audience was shocked to learn of the dreadful conditions prevailing in a suburb of Nairobi. Here were people with ambition – ambition to secure water supply that would allow adequate sewerage, laundry and personal hygiene. Christian Aid helped that ambition. Among other things a shower block had been provided but charges were made for its use. Money raised was used to provide further blocks. While there is still much to do people had been put in a position to help themselves and each other.



At the coffee evening: on the front row Diana Hutchison, Ceri Roberts and Anna Jane Evans; with Rhiannon Lewis (Llansilin organiser) and Christine Williams behind

Alun's address was informed by the reality of our experience of water. We might complain there was either too much or too little, or that it was seldom at the right time. While there might be complaint about its inconvenience water was a necessity of life. Alun also referred to the promise in the Book of Revelation: "To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life." This image of water is as real and transforming as our daily experience of water.

And, yes, there was the money. This year £617.91 was raised in the Llansilin district for Christian Aid, a record for recent years. Many thanks to all who worked, walked, gave and prayed.

### **AUTUMN NEWSLETTER SAVED FOR ANOTHER 4 YEARS!**

In response to our plea for sponsorship of the autumn editions of the newsletter, we have been deluged by generous offers. Our grateful thanks go to Betty and Clive Durrant of Moelfre for funding this edition and lined up for future years are the Over 60's Club, The Village Coffee Mornings and the Post Office and Community Shop. It's very good to know that the newsletter is so well supported.

## HELP TO STAMP OUT VANDALISM

I don't suppose any church treasurer likes to raise cheques, but one I will have to write this week will cause me more angst than usual. It will be for about £500 and will be to cover the cost of repairing the south aisle window that was damaged by vandalism some months ago. It was "only" three of the small panes, but the whole window had to be removed and taken away to a specialist repairer, brought back and re-installed – maintaining a mediaeval building is very expensive!

Perhaps I could take comfort from the fact that we have a grant from CADW that we can use to fund this expense, but in reality, if we had not suffered the vandalism, we could have used the grant for other much-needed housekeeping round our beautiful church.

So, can I ask everybody in the community to help by promptly reporting any anti-social behaviour near the church (and elsewhere in the village, come to that) to the police? I totally understand if people are reluctant to intervene face-to-face, but please, if you see behaviour that is obviously inappropriate, do let the police know by ringing 101, or 999 if you think the situation is sufficiently urgent.

Graham Moss  
Treasurer, St Silin's

## MOTHERS' UNION FASHION SHOW

Llansilin and Llangedwyn Mothers' Unions held a Fashion Show in St Silin's on 16 July with clothes shown by "Just the Right Thing". There was a large attendance from the county to watch a most delightful display of clothes, modelled by 12 ladies, one of whom was the mother of the shop owner, together with models provided by the shop and four from Llansilin: Rosemary Edwards, Christine Williams, Jean Evans and Lynne Constantine. All of the models showed the clothes to their best advantage. An excellent tea was provided after the event and everyone had a most enjoyable afternoon. With thanks to Glenice Jones, Mrs Karen Morris, the owner of "Just the Right Thing" and to everyone who took part, helped and came along.



Rosemary and Lynne are 3rd and 5th on the left with Karen Morris at the front

## NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



★ The school PTFA held a Ball at Tynewydd, Llansilin on 12 June to help raise funds for an Interactive White Board for the Foundation classroom and thanks to a successful year of fundraising, the board is now on order and will be installed in September!

★ Class 3 held a "Futuristic Fashion Show" in the hall on Tuesday, 13 July showing off their beautiful clothing, all made from recycled materials - from plastic carrier bags to bath scrubs and onion bags - we've seen it all now! Fantastic night, children. Well done! They raised over £120 which they are now going to have fun spending, buying new items for their classroom.

★ The whole school had an enjoyable day at Acton Scott Farm, near Church Stretton, with the younger children building houses for the Three Little Pigs and the older children building shelters from different kinds of materials.

★ It is once again the time of year when we say farewell to our Year 6 children and we wish them well as they move up to Llanfyllin. This time 4 children will be leaving us - Lisa Jones, Tom Lloyd, Sara Bixby and Poppy Muir. As their end of term treat the staff took them to Llangollen Eisteddfod one evening, followed by a McDonalds. Yum!



## 'Awards for All Wales' Grant for Llansilin Memorial Hall

Llansilin Memorial Hall has received a grant of £2272 towards a total project cost of £2772 for the supply of 100 stacking chairs complete with movement trolley from the Big Lottery-funded grants programme '*Awards for All Wales*'. The project comprises the replacement of existing stacking chairs, which although being the comfortable orange chairs familiar to hall users, have suffered several collapses in the last year and needed to be replaced on health and safety grounds.

The hall committee secretary, Mr. Arthur James, said that the committee was pleased that as a result of the *Awards for All Wales* grant, the committee would be able to offer community organisations that use the hall premises seating that would be safe and fit for purpose and just as comfortable as the old orange chairs! The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of the National Lottery good cause funding across the UK. The Fund aims to enable others to make real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.