

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

Rhag

5	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Llansilin	2.00 pm	Cymanfa Nadolig
12	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Cefnfanol		Carolau: Seion, Croesowallt 2.00
19	Parch Stanton Evans	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
26	(Gwasanaeth i'w drefnu)	Llansilin		

Ion

2	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Cefnfanol	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth yr Ifanc
9	Mr David Barker Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
16	Parch Glyn Morgan	Llansilin	6.30 pm	
23	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Cefnfanol	2.00 pm	
30	Parch T Leonard Williams *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	

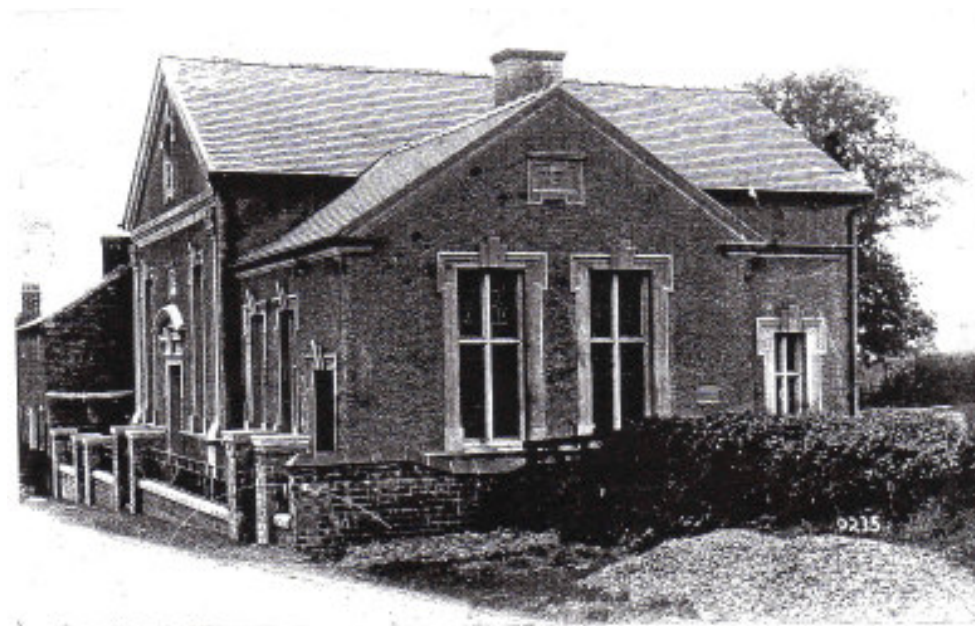
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6	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
13	Parch Raymond Hughes	Cefnfanol	2.00 pm	
20	Mr T M Ellis	Rhiwlas	10.00 am	
27	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Llansilin	10.00 am	

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

Llansilin Newsletter

Church, Chapel and Village News



Bethesda Congregational Chapel, Llansilin

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Dear Readers

I feel it an honour to be asked, once again, to send a few lines to the Llansilin newsletter.

When we were children, some years ago by now, at this time of the year evenings would be spent writing letters to relatives and friends living far away – those that we would not be able to see at Christmas time, giving them all the news, good and bad. Regretfully, modern techniques have, to a large extent, destroyed that wonderful means of communication.

It was often a blessing to receive, as well as send such letters. Do we realise what a blessing it is that we have the Epistles included in our Holy Scriptures? In our letter writing, there could well be gossip; in the Epistles there is no trace of gossip, but they are letters full of good news. But, do people really want to hear good news? Maybe not. The bad news about crime and tragedy may seem more interesting and actually more compatible with their own tastes.

What then, about the best news of all – the Gospel – the good news of Jesus and His love? It's the good news of full and free forgiveness through faith in Christ and His sacrificial death. Sadly, many people avert their eyes, close their minds and refuse to listen when the best of all good news is being communicated to them.

With Christmas approaching once again, let's keep on proclaiming the good news in the confidence that the Holy Spirit will break through the hostile indifference of non-believers. In a world full of bad news, our only hope is the good news of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Stanton Evans

Thank you to Diane

We are most grateful to Diane Kidd (from the North East) for funding this edition. Diane spent holidays in Llansilin for many years and came back recently after the death of her father and she says that this is one way to say thank you for all the happy memories she has of Llansilin.

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

Police (Wales)	0845 330 2000 for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
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Police (West Mercia)	08457 444 888
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All areas in UK	999 for life-threatening emergencies
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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 Gwennan Thomas ☎ 07701335828

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

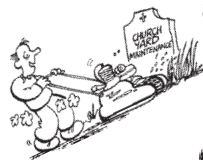
Youth Club meets Thursdays 7 - 9 pm in the Hall. Contact Elena Jones ☎ 772 477

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

Community Shop at Capel Wesse	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

CLOSING SERVICE FOR BETHESDA CHAPEL

Over 40 people were present at the final service and it was a very sad occasion to see the chapel doors closing for services for the last time. The Evans's of Pentre and Tyncoed were deacons and members and there were many more families who were faithful members. However, with only four members at present and the chapel needing repairs, we could see no future but to close. As members of the Congregational Union in Swansea, a service has to be held to terminate worship and this was held on Thursday afternoon, 21 October.



The history of the chapel is most interesting from the early 1800's going from house to house until eventually a small chapel was built in 1816 called Stent Chapel. The first Sunday School in the district was started in a farmhouse at Priddbwl Manor by Rhiannon Lewis.

The service was led by Gwenan Emanuel from Wrexham, a past special member, and she gave a warm welcome to all present. The hymns were introduced by John Lloyd (representing past member Morfudd), Alwen Pugh of Llywerch, the Revd Gwilym O Jones and Bryan Evans. Specially chosen readings were taken by Iona Bebb of Llywerch and past member Alwen Mai Jones. The Revd Stanton Evans said a prayer and also spoke about his ministry in the united chapels.

Past minister the Revd Anita Parry Ephraim gave a short address and spoke of her ministry in the district in the 1980's. Past minister Revd Graham Floyd administered the last communion and made a few remarks about his ministry in the 1970's.

Lastly, the congregation stood while the Revd Gwyndaf Richards, chairman of the Quarterly Meeting, sadly proclaimed the closing of Bethesda Chapel and ended with the blessing. Our thanks to him, to Muriel Griffiths, organist for the service, and to everyone who took part.

Everyone was invited to tea in the Institute, prepared by members past and present.

Rhiannon Lewis



Harvest Thanksgiving

This was held during the Family Service in September. The church was beautifully decorated and young people offered gifts of thanksgiving, which were placed on the altar. The Revd Tony Dilworth conducted the service. We followed this with a bring and share lunch in the Parish Room and the Church. Food was amply provided by all and there was a happy, jolly atmosphere.

Family Services

We have a professional storyteller in our midst. Helen East came to our October service and told a story based on a saint. We were spellbound and we hope she will be able to come again soon.

19 December is the date of our Carol Service at 10.30 am, which will be followed by the children's Christmas party. We will be helped by the Mothers' Union. ALL ARE WELCOME. It will finish at 1 pm.

Bishop's Llanfyllin Deanery Visitation

Llanfyllin Church is privileged to host this occasion on 21 November at 11 am, after which a lunch will be served in the village hall. Although this service will not be designed for young children, please come along to see our Bishop of St Asaph, whose seat is in the Cathedral which Llanfyllin School visited last May.

St Silin's Day Celebrations

To celebrate St Silin's Day two events were organised by Mike Coppock and Esther Milner. On Sunday, 10 October a Gymanfa Ganu/Songs of Praise was held in St Silin's Church, with refreshments held afterwards. The Llanfyllin Choir was present and sang two items. Mrs Iona Jones was the conductor, and our thanks and appreciation go to her and to the choir for their support. Esther was the organist.

On the following Tuesday evening, on the actual St Silin's Day, the Wynnstay Inn held a lamb and beef hot pot supper, which was delicious and enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to Jon and Simon for hosting this and for all the hard work they put into it.

Gweinidog

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Gofalaeth Bro Llanfyllin A'r Cylch

Ysg Wyn Davies 791 395
Trys Carys Evans 791 240

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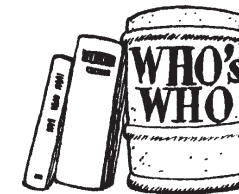
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Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

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



Reminders for November

- 20 Christmas Fair in the Memorial Hall 10.30 am to 1 pm
- 21 Bishop's Visitation 11 am (see details on page 4)

December

- 3 Annual Plygain in St Silin's Church 7.30 pm
- 19 Carol Service in St Silin's Church 10.30 am, followed by children's Christmas party

January

21/22 The PALS production of "As Ewe Like It" in the Memorial Hall (see below)

Looking ahead to June next year

An A Cappella Choir from Germany coming specially to sing in St Silin's

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.

Players At LlanSilin

proudly present their next annual production

"As Ewe Like It"

a hilarious comedy written by group member, Jeffrey Olstead

Rehearsals are now beginning for the next offering by the Llansilin Drama Group, PALS. It involves a strange mix of characters including farmers, an actor, a tax inspector and the odd sheep. To discover what connection they have with the village show, come along to the performances on Friday, 21st and Saturday, 22nd January 2011.

If you would like to be involved in the production, in any capacity, please telephone Alison Beeston on 791 262.

Annual Christmas Fair

St Silin's will be organising a Christmas Fair again this year in the Memorial Hall on the morning of Saturday, 20 November from 10.30 am to 1 pm. Lots to do and buy and fun for all.

Annual Traditional Plygain

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this ancient festival at St Silin's on Friday, 3 December at 7.30 pm.

German Visitors Next Year

Advance notice for your diaries: 11 June 2011. An A Cappella Choir from Germany is coming specially to sing in St Silin's - a date not to be missed!

CROWN OF LIGHT

Driving on a fine December evening from Bryn Coch towards Bwlch-y-Rhiw, there is a wonderful view of the distant lights of Llansilin, the high-spot of which is the aptly named "Crown of Light" on the church tower. It never fails to make my spine tingle! We will be able to enjoy this powerful Advent symbol again this year and I am using this article to encourage everyone to make a donation to support the 2010 campaign.

As in recent years, all the donations (less modest outgoings for bulbs and electricity) will be divided between Hope House and The Severn Hospice. These two charities deserve our help. The Hospice movement is critically dependant on public support – only a small proportion of their income comes from the State – and in these difficult economic times all Hospices face the threat of reduced receipts even though running costs tend to increase faster than general inflation. Hope House faces special challenges as it extends its role in bereavement counselling and copes with young people who, though still life-limited, can sometimes now survive to be older than many of the other clients at Hope House, but who would not be natural candidates for an "adult" Hospice.

Once again, Margaret Lloyd, Joan Williams and Esther Milner will be leading the campaign to collect the £3 donations to sponsor a bulb in the Crown, but all members of the PCC will be helping this effort and will be pleased to receive your donations to remember a loved one or to celebrate something special.

Graham Moss

RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

The PCC has discussed the future of Rhiwlas Mission Church on a number of recent occasions and believes that we must decide soon whether there is a viable future for it, or whether, however sad it would be, it should close.

On the one hand, we have a Quinquennial Report from the Church Architect that identifies some £4,000 of essential work that needs to be done more or less immediately (and a long list of important, though less urgent repairs), the congregation has dwindled to less than a handful and it can no longer pay its way without dipping into meagre reserves.

On the other hand, this church has been an integral part of the local community for over a hundred years and many families have worshipped there over those years, have buried their dead there and it would be sad for many to see it close. There is enough money in the bank to fund the most urgent repairs to make the building safe and prevent major further deterioration. The recent harvest service was well attended and judged a success.

Recent discussion within the PCC appears to be moving towards a consensus that the church should remain open but only if the Rhiwlas community want it to strongly enough to commit to supporting it financially. A letter summarising this position and seeking the opinions of those living close to the Mission Church or with connections to it is being circulated. The letter also asks whether those receiving it are prepared to support this place of worship in Rhiwlas financially in the future. Hopefully the PCC will be able to assess responses at its December meeting and agree the way ahead based on those.

LLANSILIN PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION



Did you know ...

that when you recycle your bottles, cans, paper etc into the recycling bins on the Maes-y-Llan Car Park ALL proceeds go towards the upkeep, buying of equipment and insurance of the playing fields fenced area?

We urgently need your help to raise necessary funds for the area. All we ask is that you USE THE SITE rather than just put your recycling out for the binmen to collect. We gain nothing from that. Please help in this small way to provide amenities for local children.

Llansilin Sheepdog Trials, Horse Show and Village Show

This year's Show was bathed in August sunshine and the village was alive with people. There were several innovations this year. There were horse shoe making demonstrations by Lee Fleet, a young farrier from Nantmawr. The stick making competition was revived and had a number of entrants. The church celebrated its inclusion in the North Montgomeryshire Living Stone Heritage Trail by staging a number of free activities and a stone carving demonstration by John Neilson. The Village Craft ladies had produced a splendid "Fountain Dressing" and had also made special new signs for the show fields.

The hard working committee is holding the Annual Show Dinner on Friday, 26 November at the Hand Hotel, Chirk. This year's president, Trefor, Fodwen, will be guest of honour.

Can anyone help?

We have recently received an email from Janet Baldwin, Diana James and Sally Burrows (sisters searching for their ancestors), saying "We were recently in Llansilin tracing our ancestors who were baptised and married in your beautiful parish church. We would like to say thank you to the lady and gentlemen who so kindly spent their time helping us trace our family in the parish records, opening the safe and enabling us to find what we had been searching for. The gentlemen who offered their help were mowing the grass in the graveyard and one chap's wife helped us research the documents within the church.

Your records showed that our Great, great, great grandfather, John Morris, was baptised on 20 June 1825 by David Richards. Our Great, great, great, great grandparents Thomas Morris of Llansilin and Anne Edwards of Rhiwlas were married on 18 February 1825 by the same vicar. We do know that our family were from humble backgrounds, working as labourers and quarriers.

Since returning home we have discovered that John Morris was working as a farm labourer in 1841 at a place called Tyn y Celyn, Llansilin. We have now come to a dead end and are unable to find any more information on either Thomas or Anne. We would welcome any help from the local people of Llansilin if they could shine any light or provide any further information pertaining to our ancestors. We are hoping you could publish our request for information and our thanks to the three people that have helped us already, in your local parish newsletter. Of course, any costs incurred we would be happy to cover. We can be contacted by email or letter on baldwins01@btopenworld.com or 5, Tate Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2SY.

A message of thanks to all of you ...

Since our arrival in the village in July we are pleased to say that we have been made to feel extremely welcome and have settled into The Wynnstay with ease. We are genuinely overwhelmed with the support we have received from you, there is a real sense of community in Llansilin and it is a place that we are proud to have become a part of.



Three months on and the pub is thriving once again and for this we thank you sincerely ... for your custom, your support and our new-found friendships, even for the late night singing and dancing - you know who you are!

Here's to the winter as we look forward to Christmas and celebrating it with you.

Jon & Simon

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN

John Croydon has not long returned from the Commonwealth Games in India, where he competed for Wales in the small bore rifle shooting event. John made it to the final and finished 8th out of over 40 competitors. The accommodation, much talked of in the days before the competition started, was a bit rough and ready when they arrived but improved very quickly and they were very comfortable there in the end. He enjoyed the whole thing immensely and even got to meet Prince Charles and Prince Edward in the athletes' village.

Did you Know? ... During the last war Llansilin had its own Home Guard. A strategic place to guard was the Valve House at Cefn y Braich to protect the Liverpool water pipes. However, the men got bored and spent time drinking tea in the farm house! There were searchlights at Oddiarllyn, Moelfre, Bryn y Groes Farm and Llanyblodwell. At Penllan there was a barracks with enough men to raise a football team. Surprisingly a stray bomb left a crater between Bronheulog and Lloran Ganol – now filled in. Has anyone any other stories of war time in Llansilin?

Gweinidogaeth Bro

Cawsom ddyddiau hyfryd ym Mis Medi ond mae'r gaeaf ar ei ffordd, roedd haenen o eira ar y Berwyn ar yr 20fed o Hydref.

Roedd hi'n ddiwrnod hapus iawn yng Nghapel Bethania ar y 4ydd o Fedi diwrnod priodas Iona Jones, Ty Mawr a Glyn Owen o Ddyffryn Ceiriog . Pob hapusrwydd i'r ddau.

Fel arfer, ar y Sul cyntaf o fis Medi fe aethom ar ein pererindod. Nid aethom ymhell eleni, er hynny fe gawsom ddiwrnod i'w gofio. I ddechrau fe aethom i ymweld a chapel John Hughes ym Mhontrobert, yna yn ein blaenau ar draws y caeau i gapel y Crynwyr yn Nolobran. Ymlaen wedyn i Gapel Coffa Ann Griffiths yn Nolanog, ac yno fe gawsom anerchiad gan Y Parch Peter Williams. Galw heibio Dolwar Fach ac Eglwys Llanfihangel cyn cael pryd o fwyd blasus yn Henllan. Unwaith eto, diolch i'r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu'r diwrnod.

Mae wedi bod yn dymor y cyfarfodydd diolchgarwch ac fe gawsom dri cyfarfod bendithiol iawn. Yn gyntaf cawsom Gyfarfod Gweddi bore Sul y 3ydd o Hydref, ar un noson Cyfarfod yr Ieuenctid. Thema'r cyfarfod yma oedd "Duw Cariad". Ar y Nos Lun cawsom bregeth amserol gan Y Parch Peter Williams, Llanfair Caer Einion ac i gloi y dathliadau cawsom wasanaeth ddwyieithog dan ofal Y Parch Raymond Hughes. . Fe aeth y casgliad tuag at Dolen Ffermio.

Diwrnod trist oedd hi Dydd Iau yr 21ain o Hydref i achos yr Annibynnwyr yn yr ardal, oherwydd yn ystod y prynhawn cafwyd gwasanaethi ddatgorffori'r capel. Roedd yn wasanaeth teimladwy gyda siaradwyr arbennig yn cymeryd rhan gan gynnwys hanes yr achos gan Mrs Rhiannon Lewis, ar cwbl yn cael ei lywyddu'n fedrus gan Gwenan Emanuel. Gwenan Pantglas i ni.

Bydd y Nadolig yma cyn pen dim, amser i fwynhau ac i gofio gwir ystyr yr wyl arbennig yma.

We had some beautiful days in September, but winter is on its way, there was a light covering of snow on the Berwyn Mountains on the 20th of October.

The 4th of September was a very happy day at Bethania Chapel. It was the day that Iona Jones, Ty Mawr, tied the knot with Glyn Owen from Pontfadog . We wish them both every happiness.

As usual, the first Sunday in September is our annual pilgrimage Sunday. This year we did not venture as far afield as usual, but we still had a day to remember. We started by visiting John Hughes' Chapel at Pontrobert, then we walked across the fields to the Quakers Meeting House at Dolobran. Then we visited Ann Griffiths' Memorial Chapel at Dolanog where we had a service conducted by The Reverend Peter Williams. We then called at Dolwar Fach and Llanfihangel Church before ending the day with a hearty meal at Henllan. Yet again we thank The Reverend Stanton Evans for organising the day.

It has been the season for thanksgiving, and we had four services in all. First of all we had a Prayer Meeting on the Sunday morning, the 3rd of October and the same evening there was a service led by the youths, their theme was “ Loving God”. On the Monday evening we had a sermon conducted by The Reverend Peter Williams. To conclude we had a bilingual service at Cefn Canol Chapel and the service was led by The Reverend Raymond Hughes. The collection went to Dolen Ffermio.

Thursday the 21st of October was a sad day for the local “Annibynnwyr” in the area, because during the afternoon a dissolution service was held to close Bethesda Chapel. It was a moving service with many excellent speakers including the history of the chapel by Mrs Rhiannon Lewis.. The service was led by Gwenan Emanuel (Gwenan Pantglas to many of us.)

Soon it will be Christmas, a time for rejoicing and a time to remember the true meaning of the festive season.



A Big Thank You from the Community Shop

The final sum of money collected from the sponsored walk on 2 May, which included sponsor money, refreshments, a raffle and other donations, was a staggering £1,154. With this money we have been able to purchase a freezer unit which is now fully stocked and proving to be a very popular addition to the shop. We have also bought a new till and are

in the process of buying new weighing scales which will make life a lot easier for all the volunteers. So a huge THANK YOU is due to all of those who took part in the walk or who helped in any way to make it such a success and proving what a great community spirit exists in Llansilin.

We are also delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant towards a part refurbishment and required facilities.

Our continued thanks go to all the volunteers without whom there would be no shop. Thanks to Mike Coppock for his non-stop bargain hunting and all his racing around, to Lesley Edwards and Nicki Maddocks for helping with the fruit and vegetable shopping, to Clifford Milner for collecting the cakes and pies, to Sheila Wilks for collecting the bread and to Fiona Hollway, Val Burton, Val Talbot, Carol Foulkes, Pat Lovell and Shelley Wilde for manning the shop.

Once again our thanks also go to the Chapel members who continue to allow us to use their vestry as the site for our Community Shop.

Shop opening times:

Tuesdays 9 am - 2.30 pm
Wednesdays 5 pm - 6.30 pm
Thursdays 9 am - 12 noon

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



► Year 5 took part in Life Line at Park Hall organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry.

► Years 3 to 6 went to Forest School in Llanfyllin and had an enjoyable time making shelters and wreaths from natural materials.

► We had our Harvest Service with the proceeds going to Hope House. We have collected in excess of £100 but don't know the exact amount yet.

► Two Year 6 pupils went to plant purple crocuses in Cae Glas Park, Oswestry, again organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry. This was to raise awareness of polio and to try and eradicate it.

► Years 5 and 6 took part in a decathlon event in Llanfyllin and came back with gold, silver and bronze awards.

► If anyone is interested, “Welsh for Parents” lessons have started every Thursday during term time in the Institute. This is also open for anyone who wants to learn basic Welsh.

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The September meeting was chaired by Cllr D Socket, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes, who reported that the high hedge at Maesyllan had been cut back. Members approved the revised traffic calming measures to be introduced in Llansilin. Planning applications supported were: extension and installation of septic tank at Hafodig Isaf; two storey extension and alterations at America Cottage; resurfacing of existing track and formation of visitor car parking spaces, erection of fence, gate and stile south of Owain Glyndwyr's Motte. It was agreed that the public conveniences in Llansilin be closed during December, January and February to avoid frost damage. Correspondence from the Rural Housing Enabler indicated housing needs in the area. In 2011 communities will be invited to nominate sites for inclusion in the local development plan. Cllrs Hywel Jones and Pat Lovell were appointed to represent the council at the Proclamation Ceremony of the Powys Provincial Eisteddfod to be held in Llanrhaeadr YM in July 2011. Two letters were received from visitors to the area complaining of the difficulty of accessing public rights of way, which County Cllr Davies agreed to hand to the county rights of way officer. Three applications for financial assistance were left on the table. The clerk was requested to forward the following local complaints: overhanging branch in Cefn Canol; damaged direction sign at Derwendeg; reflector lights on telephone pole on the edge of the carriageway between Derwendeg and Nantybrain.