

## 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

#### Meh

5	Mrs Mair Penry Jones *	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
12	Mr Ieuan Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
19	Buddug Medi	Cefnfanol	2.00 pm	
26	Cadwraeth Dydd yr Arglwydd	Seion	3.00 pm	Cymanfa Ganu

#### Gor

3	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Llansilin	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Brodyr
10	Mr Thomas Morris	Cefnfanol	10.00 am	
17	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
24	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
31	Parch Robert Parry	Cefnfanol	2.00 pm	

#### Awst

7	Mr RA Platt	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
14	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
21	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Cefnfanol	6.30 pm	
28	Parch Glyn Morgan	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	

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

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News



*Mary Cunnah*

**Number 74  
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Dear Reader

I feel happy and privileged for being asked to write for the Llansilin newsletter once again.

These days we have more than one means of communicating, namely by phone, internet or by letter. Communication is vital to any relationship: parent and child, husband and wife, employer and employee, coach and athlete and – most important of all – God and those who love Him.

During His time on earth, Jesus showed us the importance of communication. The Gospels tell us of nearly twenty occasions when he prayed to His heavenly Father. He prayed in different circumstances: at His baptism, before raising Lazarus, and he prayed for different things: for guidance, to express His desire to do His Father's will and to give thanks for food.

Jesus was a prayer warrior. Here was God Himself, in the person of the Son – the God in whom all the power of the universe dwelt. Yet, He turned to God the Father in prayer. As hard as that may be to understand, its lesson for us is easy to grasp. If Jesus needed to communicate with God to accomplish His mission, how much more do we need to pray?

May I conclude this communication to you by giving my personal experience. My evening prayers are said these days not before I go to bed, but after going to bed, first by saying the Lord's Prayer, then a few words of personal prayer, and conclude by saying one of the Psalms. By the time I have gone through a Psalm, almost every night I will be sleeping.

As we attempt to live like Christ  
In action, word and deed,  
We'll follow His design for life  
And pray for every need.

*Pob bendith,*

Stanton Evans

**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 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

<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

## SHOW AND TELL STORYSWAP AT YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH

Throughout the Spring term, Class 3 Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and class teachers worked with Helen East on the Heritage Lottery funded After Offa Project, enjoying themselves in an exploration of local and personal heritage and the importance of passing on oral history.



A hive of activity in the Memorial Hall getting ready for the StorySwop

At the end of March the children hosted a tremendously successful ‘Show and Tell StorySwap’ event for friends, families and the local community. Between 60 and 70 people shared stories and memories prompted by objects of all sorts – from a stone lion to a butter knife to a little shoe found in a chimney to the old headmaster’s chair, among many others. It was a true coming together of old and young, English and Welsh, longstanding residents and newcomers to the area, all united in shared interest. You can tell how much they enjoyed it by just a few of the comments:

*“This is really community.”*

*“It’s about what belongs to you – your name and family and your things - everything. And how you belong to the place where you live.”*

*“The best afternoon.”*

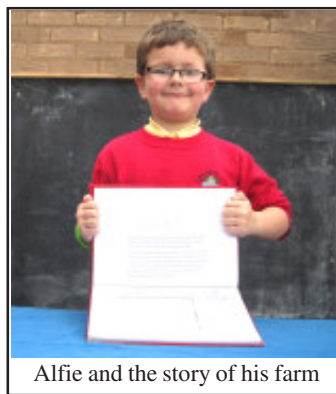
*“And chocolate biscuits!”*

From headteacher Brenda Davies: *“I was extremely pleased with the response of the children to the project and it has been very worthwhile. I’d like to thank Helen for giving them the opportunity to take part and for leading them so successfully”*

Well done to all the children who took part and thank you for inviting us to share your exciting project with you. All of the children did exceptionally and it was very hard indeed to single out just those featured over the page, but unfortunately we simply don’t have a large enough newsletter to include everyone.



Jessica and William with their exhibits



Alfie and the story of his farm

Jessica Morris (age 10) and her brother, William (age 8) live in a house which was built on the site of Bodlith, the old manor house which dates back to 1407. One of their exhibits was an old sepia photograph of the house in all its glory standing in the middle of the grounds. Another was one of a large collection of demi-john jars and their third exhibit was a stone figure of a lion, which would have looked very grand by the front door of the old house. As Jessica and William said “*It was really good to learn about the past and we might never have found out about the old house if we hadn’t taken part in the project. We will always remember it now.*”

Alfie Lloyd is aged 7 and has lived at Cefn y Maer Mawr, Rhydycroesau since 2007, though his grandfather has lived in the area all his life. He remarked, “*Living in an old house gives me a good feeling and I am glad that the project has given me the opportunity to find out about it.*” Here is part of the story which he is holding up:

“On the farm some of our fields are in Wales and some are in England. There is a big stone on the border with a line on it saying Cymru on one side and Lloegr on the other side. In our house we have two big oak doors and they have come from old ships. Many years ago the trees on the farm were cut down for the timber to make the ships. The ships sailed and did their duty and when they had finished, the timber was given back to the farm it originally came from.”

**MORE TO COME ON THE AFTER OFFA PROJECT**



The project is now working towards an illustrated Story Map of the area, along with family walks to try it out. There will be an illustrators’ workshop in Ysgol Bro Cynllaith on 22 June. On 2 July there will be a celebration summer stroll converging on Carreg-y-big, with story presentations and a Big Community Picnic. Then, on 11 September, a Llansilin StoryWalk. The project will run until the end of 2011 and there will be a CD of local history and memories. See local noticeboards for further details or contact Helen East on 791333 or email [afteroffa@gmx.co.uk](mailto:afteroffa@gmx.co.uk)

**Gweinidog**  
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**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

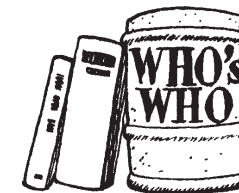
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**Bellringing, St Silin’s**  
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791 274

**Tower Captain:** Christine Williams 791 563

**Ringling Practice**  
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

**Rhiwlas Mission Church**  
Contact Marjorie Evans  
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**Llangadwaladr Church**  
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	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
<b>August</b>		
7	Glenice Jones	Dan Jones
14	Vera Evans	Mike Coppack
21	Christine Williams	Esther Milner
28	Dennis Sockett	Mary Cunnah
<b>September</b>		
4	Margaret Lloyd	David Bickerton
11	Mike Coppack	Deborah Hill-Trevor
18	Family Service	
25	Valerie Burton	Chris Burton

### ST SILIN'S CHURCH AND PARISH ROOM FLOWERS AND CLEANING ROTA

**June**  
4 & 11 Christine Williams & Megan Evans  
18 & 25 Deborah Hill-Trevor & Margaret Jones

**July**  
2 & 9 Dot Renshaw & Christine Williams  
16 & 23 Marjorie Evans & Valerie Burton  
30 Christine Williams

**August**  
6 & 13 Janet Davies & Rosemary Edwards  
20 & 27 Mary Morris & Christine Williams

**September**  
3 & 10 Glenice Jones & Val Talbot  
17 Joint clean for Harvest (watch for notices)  
24 Valerie Burton



#### NATIONAL THEATRE WALES

English drama presentation of

#### "THE VILLAGE SOCIAL"

Saturday 12th November 2011 7.30 pm

in Llansilin Memorial Hall - more details to follow



## IN LLANSILIN 2011

Why Nicaragua? What can be done to help? And what has happened at Matopeni in Nairobi where aid was given last year?

*Our United Christian Aid Service* gave some answers to these questions. Held in St. Silin's Church, when a congregation of some seventy people was present, young people led by Mrs. Christine Williams told us that Nicaragua has useful resources yet is the poorest country in Latin America. Branwen Nicklas, Christian Aid's Traidcraft Organiser, told of Christian Aid's promotion of Nochari, a co-operative which had helped to process fruit and flowers into medicines, soaps, juices, wines and jams. Women who had previously made these things at home were then able to sell directly to shops, restaurants and supermarkets, gaining more income. They showed again that co-operative trade can be a route out of poverty. At Matopeni in Nairobi work on foul drainage is complete while work on water supply continues.

All of this added to the air of thanksgiving which was enhanced by the quartet - Iona Jones, Muriel Griffiths, Maldwyn Jones and Gronwy Jones. Their splendid and moving rendering of Yr Arglwydd yw fy Mugail - Psalm 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd will be long remembered.

Thanks to Revd Stanton Evans and Mr. Leigh Northcott-Hammond, lay reader, for their leadership in this informative and uplifting worship.

*A super Soup Lunch* was also part of our efforts to bowl over poverty. Held in the Parish Room over twenty people came. They enjoyed a choice of soup with a roll followed by cheese and biscuits. Above all they enjoyed the fellowship, having a good natter and a kind laugh together. The cost was a modest £3.00 and a small surplus of food was auctioned to help bring a total income of £83.70. A very useful contribution to local Christian Aid activity and surely worth trying again next year.

*Our Coffee Evening and Table top sale* was well supported. Our speaker was Liz Perkins who has worked for Christian Aid and Fairtrade. She deftly wove into her talk matters people wanted to know about. Speaking fluently in both Welsh and English she showed energy, enthusiasm, humour and compassion.

We learned of the varying conditions which all kinds of organisations - public, commercial, producers - have to meet before they can display a Fairtrade logo.



Rob Ellis buying Fairtrade goods from Liz Perkins' stall

Entitlement to display the logo hinges upon being able to show that producers are put in a position where wages and prices are fair and contract terms allow trade plans to be made for the future. The basic security created enables other kinds of plans to follow, for example, education, road improvements, health services and water supply. All of this was described with a light touch and sweetened by samples of Fairtrade chocolate. Many thanks to Liz Perkins.

Important though that was, it did not displace the equally enthusiastic and energetic sale of goods and raffle tickets. Without the continuing loyalty of those who donated, displayed and sold, our efforts would be less successful. Many thanks to the table top team and to everyone who came to support the coffee evening.

*So what has been gained?* At the time of writing the financial reckoning is incomplete as other sources of income are still in progress. More about money in the next newsletter. But there is more than money to take into account. There has been spiritual uplift, learning, fun and fellowship. And these are also worth more than rubies.

## GWEINIDOGAETH BRO

Fe gawsom dywydd gwych adeg yr wyna, ond a ydym yn talu amdano nawr? Wrth ysgrifennu y pwt bach yma mae wedi glawio, chwythu ac oeri. Fe ddaw yr haul ar fryn eto mae'n siwr.

Ar y Sul cyntaf ym Mis Mawrth fe gawsom wasanaeth dan ofal y chwiriorydd. Merched Chile oedd wedi dewis y thema eleni, "A oes torthau?" Defnyddiwyd eu rhaglen ar gyfer "Diwrnod gweddi Byd-eang". Nos Sul y 15ed o Fis Mai darllenwyd Neges Ewyllys Da gan ieuencid yr ofalaeth fel rhan o wasanaeth dan y penawd "Tair Gardd". Diolch i'r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu'r ddau wasanaeth.

Bu aelodau a ffrindiau'r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol yn dathlu gwyl ein nawdd sant, Dewi. Cawsom bryd blasus iawn ac yna cael ein diddori gan Alun Jones ac Elen Davies o Ddyffryn Banw. Noson gymdeithasol a chartrefol iawn. I gloi gweithgareddau'r gaeaf daeth cwmni drama Dinas Mawddwy i'n diddori.

Bu dwy o'n haelodau yn ysbytai yn ddiweddar, Rhiannon Lewis yn Ysbyty Gobowen a Llinos Evans yn Ysbytai Amwythig a Stoke. Erbyn hyn mae Rhiannon

## CALENDAR

### June

- 14 AGM of the Management Committee of the Memorial Hall and Institute at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall
- 17 International Evening of Song by a Mixed Choir from Bavaria, St Silin's, 7.30 pm
- 22 After Offa Project: Illustrator's Workshop at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith on the After Offa Map

### July

- 2 1 pm After Offa Project: strolls converging on Carreg-y-Big  
2.45 pm story presentations and Big Community Picnic

### August

- 27 Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue
- 29 Open Sheepdog Trials and Village Show.  
Green Exhibition in St Silin's whole weekend

### Looking ahead to September

- 11 After Offa Project: Llansilin StoryWalk 2 pm village car park or  
1.50 pm Wynnstay Inn
- 24 Annual Concert, 7.30 pm in the Hall

### Looking ahead to November

- 12 National Theatre Wales 7.30 pm in the Hall

**Details of regular church and chapel services are on page 20**

**Details of regular village activities are on pages 18 and 19**

## ROTA FOR READERS AND SIDESMEN AT ST SILIN'S

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<b>June</b>		
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19	Family Service	
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24	Deborah Hill-Trevor	Lynnette Moss
31 6.30 pm	Graham Moss	Margaret Lloyd

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## LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The March meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Cllr D Sockett, assisted by the clerk, Mr H Hughes. The Youth Club leaders Mrs Elena Jones and Mrs Wendy Jones were welcomed to the meeting and discussed with members the financial problems and future funding, following the decision of Powys CC to cease grant aiding Youth Clubs. The leaders emphasised that they were wholly reliant on outside funding, including honorariums paid by the Community Council. Members were fully supportive of the Youth Club and appreciative of the work of the leaders. It was agreed to continue paying the honorarium until the end of July, when hopefully further information will be available. C Cllr A Davies reported that the proposed traffic calming measures in Llansilin would soon be implemented. Two planning applications in respect of single storey extension at Ty Mawr and extension of sewage treatment works in Llansilin were supported. The clerk was asked to report the following potholes near Peniarth, Ty Ucha, Sarn and Moeliwrch.

At the Annual General Meeting Cllr Mrs Marjorie Evans was appointed chairman. She thanked members for the honour conferred on her and paid tribute to the excellent manner in which her predecessor, Cllr Dennis Sockett, had discharged his duties as chairman. He, in turn, thanked members and the clerk for their support. Cllr P Lovell was appointed Vice Chairman. The clerk, Mr H Hughes, informed members that, having commenced his sixtieth year in office, he would be retiring at the end of the current municipal year but indicated that ample time would be given to appoint a successor. Two planning applications supported were landscaping and layout on land at Felin Newydd and removal of hedgerows on land near Llansilin sewage work. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr E O Evans were appointed to the planning sub-committee; One Voice Wales area committee Cllr J M Jones and Cllr E O Evans; Youth Club committee Cllr E O Evans and C Cllr A Davies. Members agreed to continue membership of One Voice Wales and to fund the summer edition of the Llansilin newsletter. It was confirmed that Cllr Hugh Edwards represented the authority on the Llanfyllin Patient Participation Group. Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum invited town and community councils to conduct polls in their area to ascertain local opinion regarding the development of wind farms in Montgomeryshire and Cllr Lovell gave an in-depth report of a meeting he had attended on this subject. Whilst members were sympathetic, they felt that conducting such a poll in the limited time available would be most difficult, but agreed to gauge public opinion as much as possible. The clerk was asked to deal with the following complaints: overgrown area of land at Bryn Dentyr and the poor quality of meals on wheels delivered to Llansilin.

Lewis gartref ac yn dod yn ei blaen yn dda. Ar hyn o bryd mae Llinos Evans yn parhau yn Ysbyty Stoke ond hyderwn y daw gartref yn fuan. Braf yw clywed bod Mrs L.M.Jones gartref o'r ysbyty a'i bod nawr wedi ymgartrefu ar hyn o bryd gyda'i merch yng Nghefn y Braich.

*This year we had wonderful weather for lambing but are we paying for it now? As I write this it has rained, blown and the temperature has dropped, but the sun is sure to shine yet again.*

*On the first Sunday in March the ladies led the service. The women of Chile chose the theme this year, "Are there any loaves?" The programme for the World Wide Day Of Prayer was used. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May the Goodwill Peace Message was read as part of the service led by the youths of the congregation under the title "Three Gardens". We are grateful to the Reverend Stanton Evans for organising both services.*

*The members and friends of the Literary Society celebrated St. David's day with a meal and musical entertainment by Alun Jones and Elen Davies. A most homely and sociable evening. To close the winter's programme we were entertained by the Dinas Mawddwy Drama Group.*

*Two of our members have been in hospital. Rhiannon Lewis, who had a hip operation at the Orthopaedic and is now recovering at home, and Llinos Evans, who is still at the Stoke Hospital but hopes to be home soon. We wish both of them a full recovery. We were pleased to hear that Mrs L.M.Jones is out of hospital and is at the moment living with her daughter at Cefn y Braich.*

### **THE VILLAGE SHOP - TWO YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG**



It may surprise you to know that the village shop has been up and running now for two years. We opened for business in June 2009 – doesn't time fly? A village shop that is run by volunteers on a non-profit making basis needs two key factors to keep it open - a committed group of volunteer workers and the support of the local community. If you are a regular customer you will have noticed how the shop has developed over the last two years. For example, the new counters, a new till and scales, resulting from grant applications, and a new freezer, thanks to the wonderful support from the community on our first annual sponsored walk.

We have gradually increased the range of items that we sell in the shop. We try to stock a reasonable mix of everyday goods and specialist products. We also try to stock what our customers request and we have a policy of supporting local suppliers. Our sausages, bacon, pork chops, meat pies, pork burgers, cakes, quiches, ice cream, bread, eggs, jams and chutneys are all locally sourced. We also support

local gardeners who bring in their produce and plants for sale in the shop and this helps to supplement our weekly delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. If you haven't visited the shop yet, you may be surprised to find that most of our prices are in line with or below those charged by local supermarkets.

Some price comparisons between Oswestry Supermarkets and Llansilin Community Shop as at 30 April 2011

	Supermarkets	Llansilin Shop
Heinz soups, 400g	82p	<b>79p</b>
Weetabix, 24 biscuits	£1.98	<b>£1.75</b>
Coca Cola, 330ml	54p	<b>50p</b>
Napolina tinned tomatoes	98p	<b>79p</b>
Princes tuna in brine, 185g	£1.60	<b>95p</b>
Country Life butter	£1.30	<b>£1.29</b>
Free range medium eggs x 6	£1.68	<b>£1.10</b>
Stork margarine, 250g	69p	<b>58p</b>
Whiskas cat food, 390g	58p	<b>58p</b>

**Great Value and Friendly Service**

**Tuesday 9 am to 2.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 3.30 pm to 5 pm**  
**Thursday 9 am to 12.30 pm**



### PLANTS FOR SALE - Kate Beecroft

Weather permitting I will be in the Llansilin Chapel courtyard, on Tuesday and Thursday when the Post Office and Shop are open. A percentage of all sales will go to support our Community shop. We are offering plants hardy enough to withstand the exceptional winters, bedding plants as well. Thanks to all of you who have taken an interest in the plants, hanging baskets and other items.

### Do you know? ....

Valerie and Chris Burton have a photograph from about 1930-35 of Emlyn Morris standing outside Afon Fechain when it was a shop. Unfortunately, we can't reproduce it in the newsletter, though we have tried. Does anyone have any information about the shop from those times? Apparently, the land at the side of the shop was a meeting place in spring for local mares to be served by stallions travelling the district.

## HEAVY METAL SOUL MUSIC

What has this to do with Llansilin?? If you come to the belfry in the church tower you'll be surprised. Climb the stairs and go into the Ringing Chamber.

Heavy? yes – the heaviest bell in the tower is 6 cwt!

Metal? the bells are made from an alloy of 77% copper and 23% tin

Soul? the bells are rung to remind people of the church's presence.

Music? 6 bells each with a different note, 720 combinations

How do the ringers pull a 6 cwt bell? Come and find the secret (it is nothing to do with strength). It's a very clever design. Ring Christine on 791563 - she is the Tower Captain. Arrange to come and have a look. Learn the centuries old terms the ringers use - "look to", "trebles going, treble's gone", "grandsire doubles", "catch the sally". Anyone from the age of about 12 can learn, you don't have to be strong or musical - just willing to "have a go" or just simply come and watch - it's fascinating. A grand tradition.



### GET FIT FOR SUMMER!!

Now running .... until 20th July  
 Exercise sessions at Rhydycroesau Village Hall

#### "FOCUS ON FITNESS"

Get fitter, Get Leaner and Feel Fantastic!  
 Mondays 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm

#### "SIZZLING SALSA"

Fun, lively, keep fit sessions for the 50+  
 Wednesdays 2.30 pm to 2.20 pm

£3.50 per session

Everyone welcome, all equipment provided  
 and no previous experience necessary

For further information please call Marion on 791277

### Players At LlanSilin

PALS are currently looking for scripts for their next production which is scheduled for the 10th and 11th February, 2012. Please contact Alison Beeston on 791262 if you would like to be involved.



**NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, 14 June 2011  
(Registered Charity No.216682)

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL AND INSTITUTE will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7:30pm. All inhabitants of the area of benefit (i.e. Llansilin, Llangadwaladr, Moelfre, Cymdu, Cefn Canol and Rhiwlas) who are aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting in the appointment of elected members only (NB not representative members of community organisations) to serve on the hall management committee as trustees of the registered charity known as LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL. Existing elected committee members can be re-elected if they have not given notice of their non availability for re-election in writing to the Chairman no later than 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Please note that any nominations for new elected members must be given to the Chairman Mr.E.O.Evans, Cefn y Braich, Llansilin, in writing together with the written consent of the nominee no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary Mr. A.E.James 2 Pentre Felin Cottages, Llansilin Tel: 01691 791346

*Llansilin Looks Ahead*

An inspirational Floral Demonstration by Julie Walkey of Efailrhyd was recently held in St Silin's Church, followed by afternoon tea in the parish room. Julie, assisted by Jonathan, gave lots of suggestions and ideas for our forthcoming event entitled 'How Green is Our Valley'. We are most grateful to everyone who gave raffle prizes, refreshments and donations. The amount raised was £310. Thank you to everyone who supported this very enjoyable afternoon.

**AN INTERNATIONAL EVENING OF SONG**

**St Silin's Church**

**Friday, 17 June at 7.30 pm**

Come and listen to an incredibly talented mixed choir from Bavaria - they have an amazing programme of unaccompanied song from all over the world sung in many languages

**Tickets £5.00 to include light refreshments  
Children of school age free**

**LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS**



**Mothering Sunday**

A specially adapted service with Holy Communion was held this year. Posies of flowers made up by Christine Williams were handed out to the mothers and taken home to those who were unable to attend.

**Eastertide**

On Palm Sunday the Family Service children enacted the differing welcomes given to Jesus and Pilate as they entered Jerusalem. Everyone went up to collect their Palm Crosses from a newly made Oak Cross made by Jonathon Walkey. It looked very striking with and without the palms.

On Maundy Thursday a shared Communion Service was held at St. Cedwyn's, followed on Good Friday by a Service of Devotions with both church and chapel members taking part.

On Easter Sunday, the congregation was greeted by flower arrangements and a display of lilies by the Altar. There was a good attendance with everyone receiving a small chocolate rabbit or egg.

**Easter Vestry**

This annual meeting reports on the life of the church during the preceding twelve months. It was the first time for our Vicar Rev'd Tony Dilworth to chair this meeting. We have had a full programme of services, even with some hindrance from the weather, and several special occasions. Volunteers were thanked for everything they do in and around the church to keep it functioning well. The Vicar's Warden, Mrs Christine Williams, has accepted the Vicar's invitation to continue in office and members reappointed Mr Dan Jones as People's Warden.

**Archdeacon's Visitation**

Rev'd Tony Dilworth with the Churchwardens from all the churches in this parish, attended a service recently at St Michael's Church, Kerry. With other Churchwardens from around the Montgomery Archdeaconry, they were admitted as Churchwardens for another year.

**TRACTOR RUN**

As some of you are aware, Wayne Beach and Alan "Hafod" Richards are doing a tractor run to Ireland and back in aid of Cancer Research UK. They are currently doing well considering how awful the weather has been. If anybody would like to donate please see Jeanne, Dolly, Wayne, Alan, Jenny or Simon and Jon at the Wynnstay. I will give an update about it and how much money they have raised in the next newsletter. *Jeanne Kulig*

## LLANSILIN SHOW AND SHEEPDOG TRIALS

**Saturday, 27 August**  
Local Sheepdog Trials and Family Barbecue



**Monday, 29 August**  
Open Sheepdog Trials, Horse Show, Home and Garden Competitions, Dog Show, Children's Sports, Car Boot Sale

### Arts and Crafts Competitions

Photography, Knitted Article, Soft Toy, Painting and Drawing, Sewing, Greeting Card and a Decorated Watering Can

### Special Attraction in St Silin's

Come to the church to celebrate "How Green is OUR Valley". Lots of things going on - displays, competitions, photograph exhibition, refreshments and, of course, no entry fee.

## Arts and Crafts for the Llansilin Show

Time to start preparing for the Llansilin Show. The categories in the photographic classes give plenty of scope - "A Local Scene", "Happiness" and "Water". There are two knitting classes - one for any knitted article and one for a soft toy to a given pattern which will be available locally soon. As usual artists can enter a painting in any medium and a pencil drawing. Those who sew can prepare a cushion cover, a cross stitch item and any hand sewn article. A further category is for a home made greeting card and, new for this year, a decorated watering can.

The Stick Making competition, held on the Cae Dentyr field, is scheduled again this year and we are looking forward to lots of entries.

## St Silin's Celebrates Green - August Bank Holiday Weekend

During the past few months an enthusiastic group from Llansilin has been busy planning a celebration of 'Green'. The main event is to be a display of green foliage on the theme of 'How Green is OUR Valley' with each exhibit depicting a hymn, song or poem. Committee member Marjorie Evans said, "This special weekend will also include a festive service, a photographic competition, exhibitions, homemade refreshments and much more. We welcome and invite everyone who is interested in arranging a display, both adults and children, to join us at a meeting

in St Silin's Church on Saturday 2 July at 2.30 pm.. For further information please contact me (600228) or Mary Morris (662569)."

The photographic competition is on the same theme, 'How Green is Our Valley', and will be divided into three classes: primary school children, secondary school children and adults. We encourage everyone to participate. The photograph can be any size up to a maximum of A4. All entries should be submitted to Esther Milner (791323) or Christine Williams (791563) by Friday 29 July. After being judged, the photographs will be displayed in St Silin's Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend, coinciding with the Llansilin Show. Spring is now with us so why not get your camera out and show how green you think our valley is?

Event organiser Mary Morris added, "We are running this event as a fund-raiser for the church. Like every other place of worship, St Silin's faces a financial squeeze with the economic situation tending to reduce income but unavoidable costs, especially energy costs, increasing significantly. Our Parish share and everyday costs come in at nearly £300 per week before we tackle any work on the fabric of our beautiful mediaeval Grade 1 listed building. Above all, we hope this will be a really enjoyable and successful event not only for church members but also for the wider community both locally and further afield."

## NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL

### CYNGERDD MAWREDDOG (GRAND CONCERT)

gyda/with

**MARY LLOYD DAVIES**  
(Soprano)

a/and

**CÔR CYMYSG LLANSILIN**  
(Llansilin Mixed Choir)

*Arweinydd/Conducto Iona Jones*  
*Cyfeilydd/Accompanis Eleri Owens*

Nôs Sadwrn/Saturday 24 Medi/September 2011 at 7:30pm

Tocynnau/Tickets £6 (Plant/Children £3)  
Ffôn/Telephone 01691 791346 for tickets