

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
* 4th Sunday: October to March only 9 am Holy Communion (said)		
April to September only 6.30 pm Evensong		

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

4	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	Cymanfa Nadolig
11	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Rhiwlas	10.00 am	Carolau: Seion, Croesoswallt 2.00 pm
18	Gwasanaeth i'w drefnu	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
25	Gwasanaeth i'w drfnu	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	

Ion

1	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm	Gwasanaeth yr Ifanc
8	Parch Ddr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Llansilin	2.00 pm	
15	Mr T M Ellis	Cefncanol	10.00 am	
22	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm	
29	Parch Glyn Morgan	Llansilin	6.30 pm	

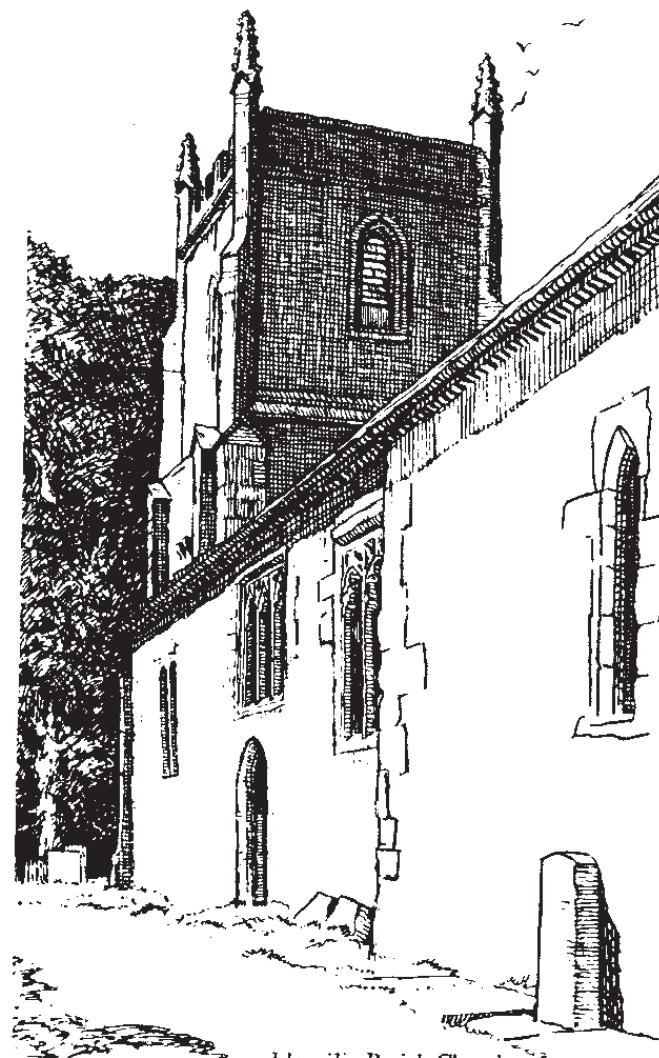
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5	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	10.00 am
12	Parch Raymond Hughes	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
19	Mr Gwilym Jones, Abergwili	Llansilin	2.00 pm
26	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	6.30 pm

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

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Church, Chapel and Village News



Clifford Milner

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Dear Friends

As we all know, Christmas will soon be with us again. Preparations for the Festival are well on the way. How do we celebrate Christmas? By feasting only? Do we ever ask why we celebrate? Is it because we feel better and happier thereafter?

Think about the shepherds and the wise men we read about in the Gospels. At the first Christmas, they went to Bethlehem to see the new born baby, but they went there to worship Him as well (Luke 2:v13). As for Herod the King, he said to the wise men (or astrologers, as they are referred to) that he wanted to know where Jesus was born, so that he could go and worship Him as well (Matthew 2:v8). However, it was for a different reason and purpose to that of worshipping Him, namely to get rid of the baby, being afraid of his own position as king. How will WE celebrate Christmas?

A story that I have told congregations on more than one occasion is that of a young non-worshipper who lived next door to an elderly lady. She attended a place of worship regularly, three times each Sunday – the morning service, the Sunday school in the afternoon and the evening service. One Monday morning the elderly lady and the young lad were talking over the garden wall, when the young lad asked the lady, “Who took the service at the chapel the previous day?” She could not remember. Then the lad asked her, “What was the text of the sermon?” Again, she could not remember. Then the lad said, “What is the point of you going to services and you forgetting everything?” “Well,” said the elderly lady, “if I was to send you to the well or the river for water with a basket, no doubt there would be no water in the basket coming back, but the basket would be cleaner. That’s exactly how I feel after I have been to a service.”

The shepherds and the wise men no doubt felt happy after they had been to Bethlehem to see Jesus, but I wonder how WE will be feeling after celebrating Christmas? How will WE be feeling after being to a chapel or church service? I hope, cleaner, stronger and happier to face the future.

Happy Christmas to you all

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: Monday and Friday 8.45 am to 11.15 am £5 pers session. Contact Linda Jones ☎ 791 639

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

Post Office at Capel Wesle	Tuesday	8.30 am to 2.30 pm
	Thursdays	8.30 am to 12.30 pm

Rhiwlas Community Centre: contact 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 Wendy Jones ☎ 791 444

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep this list up-to-date. Please carry on checking.



Village Activities

and other useful bits of information



Bell Ringing practice on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm (6 bells, 5-3-0):

Bowls Club 8.00 pm in the Memorial Hall on Mondays. Ray Denye ☎ 791 434

Bus service no.78 Wednesdays and Fridays Oswestry Bus Station (stand 3) 10 am; Llansilin (Maes y Llan) 10.20 am; Oswestry Bus Station 10.42 am. Oswestry 1 pm; Llansilin 1.22; Oswestry 1.43 pm. Tanat Valley ☎ 780 212

Churchyard grass cutting: April to October every Thursday at 6 pm

Community Council meets every second Tuesday on alternate months 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Harry Hughes ☎ 657 972

Community Shop at Capel Wesle

Tuesday	9.00 am to 2.30 pm
Wednesday	3.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 am to 12.30 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

LLANSILIN CELEBRATES OUR GREEN VALLEY

The launch of 'Llansilin Celebrates Green' was opened by Brian Jones of Hampshire who had family connections with the village and has supported the church for many years. Punch and savouries were enjoyed by over 60 people who attended the preview. The church was a sea of green with over thirty displays with original interpretations of hymns, songs, poetry and art, all themed 'How Green is OUR Valley'. To name just a few of the many wonderful displays: All Around My Hat, Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (a crab apple tree with apples transported from Hampshire!), All Things Bright and Beautiful, the Creation on the Third Day and A Green and Pleasant Shade, which summed up the title.



From a Welsh Country Garden by Margaret Jones

The Celebration Service led by guest preacher Rev: Kit Carter with his wonderful poem tested the large congregation with his Biblical questions. Various members of the congregation read the lessons, including Hywel Jones representing the Llansilin Show, and children announced the hymns with Goronwy Jones representing the display of the River Cynllaith in announcing a Welsh hymn.

The Photographic competition had over 20 entries from adults and children. Catering, as always, was popular with traditional homemade bara brith and scones. The Grand Green Draw organised by Dan Jones had 23 excellent prizes, and was so popular that the tickets sold out! Bank Holiday Monday saw crowds in Llansilin visiting the church and the Annual Show – we even had a traffic jam!.



Jersus Christ the Apple Tree by Mary Jones and Margaret Betsworth

There are so many thanks to give on behalf of the Steering Group and members of the church. We thank most sincerely everyone who participated in many different ways to make 'Llansilin Celebrates Green' so successful. Special thanks to the many sponsors who very kindly donated prizes, both from the village and beyond. To the many, many people who visited, thank you for your valued support and generosity. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.** The hard work by everyone over this very busy and enjoyable weekend resulted in over £1,500 all together for church funds.



LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS

Harvest Festival

Even an early frost did not hold back those who did the floral decorations which graced windowsills, font, pillars and pew ends in celebration of harvest this year. It was also St. Silin's Day and so on the altar, with the staple items of Coal, Bread and Water, was the beautiful Icon of St. Silin gleaming as the sun shone through our windows. Rev'd Tony Dilworth took the service and introduced Mr Vaughan Prytherch. He is a friend and fellow Chaplain with the Air Cadet Corps, who had travelled to be our guest preacher from Anglesey and we were pleased to welcome him.

Prize Draw

Our thanks to Churchwarden Mr Dan Jones for all his work in the co-ordination and collection of the various prizes for the Church Grand Draw. We underestimated its appeal; you supported it so well we ran out of tickets! The list of names of all the winners is on the church porch notice board for all to read. Congratulation to the winners, and better luck next time to all the others. Thank you all for your support in helping us to raise £800.

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

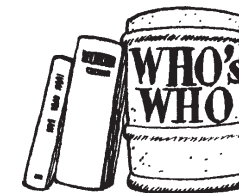
Churchwardens, St Silin's
Vicar's Warden: Christine Williams 791 563
People's Warden: Dan Jones 791 296

Organist, St Silin's
Morfudd Williams 659 369

Communion Assistant
Margaret Lloyd 791 472

Parochial Church Council Secretary
Valerie Burton 791 274
email: vmb@envex.demon.co.uk

PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary
Graham Moss 791 528



Bellringing, St Silin's
Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
791 274

Tower Captain: Christine Williams 791 563

Ringling Practice
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Rhiwlas Mission Church
Contact Marjorie Evans
600 228

Llangadwaladr Church
Contact Vera Evans
791 471

Parish Room Bookings
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mcmajc1@yahoo.co.uk

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Distributor: Christine Williams, tel: 791 563. You can get your newsletter by post for a year by sending 4 stamps to Christine at 4 Maesyllan, Llansilin, SY10 7QE

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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.

Readers**Sidesmen**

22 Margaret Lloyd
 29 Esther Milner

Christine Williams
 Deborah Hill-Trevor

February

5 Glenice Jones
 12 Jeffrey Olstead
 19 Family Service
 26 Chris Burton

Dan Jones
 Vera Evans
 Valerie Burton

March

4 Mike Coppack
 11 Mary Cunnah
 18 Mothering Sunday Service at Llangedwyn
 25 Christine Williams

Mary Morris
 David Bickerton
 Dennis Sockett

Winter Services

The PCC has decided that during the winter, if it gets very cold like last year, when needed services will be held in the Parish Room.

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

December

3 & 10 Glenice Jones & Mary Cunnah
 17 & 24 Valerie Burton & Christine Williams
 31 Margaret Jones & Janet Davies

January

7 Margaret Jones & Janet Davies
 14 & 21 Lynnette Moss & Deborah Hill-Trevor
 28 Valerie Burton

February

4 & 11 Alma Jones & Christine Williams
 18 & 26 Diane Carter & Mary Cunnah

March

3 & 10 Mary Morris & Rosemary Edwards
 17 & 24 Marjorie Evans & Val Talbot



Please look out for notices regarding decoration for Christmas

Crown of Light

By now this has become a much loved annual feature of the village during the month of Advent. This year the lights will again be shining over the valley – thanks to the intrepid volunteers who will once again brave the heights to install the cables on the church tower. As always, the income from the £3.00 per bulb donations will go direct to the Severn Hospice and to Hope House Hospice – to people who will appreciate your generosity.

Plygain

The annual Welsh traditional Christmas Plygain service takes place in the church on Friday 2nd December 7.30 pm. All are welcome – form a singing party or come to enjoy the unaccompanied carols. Some have been handed down through family generations, others can be quite modern.

**Annual Christmas Fair**

**Father Christmas is coming to Llansilin
 for the Christmas Fair!**

**Craft and Produce stalls for early Christmas shopping
 Games and activities for the young ones
 Special seasonal raffle**

**Saturday morning 26th November
 at 10.30 am.**

Admission £1 children free

Tea, coffee and mince pies

Gweinidogaeth Bro

Ar y Sul cyntaf ym Mis Medi heidiodd 21ain ohonom i'r Bala, ble bum yn ymweld a'r Coleg a Chapel Tegid cyn mynd ymlaen i weld bedd Thomas Charles ym mynwent Eglwys Llanycil. Ar ddiwedd y dydd cawsom bryd o fwyd blasus yn Neuadd y Cyfnod. Diolchodd Emyr Evans i'r Parch Stanton Evans am drefnu'r bererindod a'r tywydd.

Cawsom gyfarfodydd o ddiolch am y cynheuaf bendithiol iawn eto eleni yn enwedig yr un dan ofal yr ieuencid. Thema eu gwasanaeth oedd, "Rhoi a Derbyn". Yn goron ar y gwasanaeth derbyniwyd Linwen Thomas yn gyflawn aelod ac fe gafodd Feibl yn anrheg gan Y Parch Stanton Evans i gofio'r achlysur. Mrs Dilys Jones oedd y pregethwraig wadd i'r oedfa bregeth.

I agor tymor Y Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol cafwyd noson dan ofal Henri Evans gyda'i luniau o'r ardal. Yn yr ail gyfarfod, Robin Gwyndaf fu yn ein diddori gyda'i storiâu o bob math. Nosweithiau hwyliog iawn.

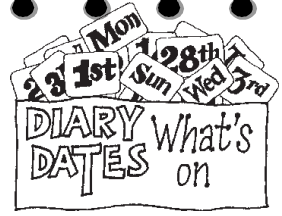
Erbyn i'r rhifyn yma ddod o'r wasg mi fydd bron yn Nadolig, ac fe hoffwn ddymuno hedda thangnefedd yr wyl i bawb.

On the first Sunday in September, 21 of us headed towards Bala for our annual pilgrimage. There we visited the Collage and Capel Tegid before proceeding to Llanycil Churchyard to visit the grave of Thomas Charles. We ended the day with a meal at Neuadd y Cyfnod. Emyr Evans thanked the Reverend Stanton Evans for organising the day and the weather.

We celebrated the harvest thanksgiving with numerous services. The youth service was excellent as usual under the theme, "Giving and Receiving". To crown the service, Linwen Thomas was confirmed as a full member of the church, and she received a Bible from the Reverend Stanton Evans to remember the occasion. Mrs Dilys Jones of Shrewsbury was the guest speaker at the preaching service..

The Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol opened the season with a talk and photographs by Henri Evans. Robin Gwyndaf was our second speaker and he entertained us with humorous stories. Both evenings were very entertaining.

When this edition sees the light of day it will be almost Christmas and I would like to wish the peace and goodwill of the season to one and all.



November
26 Christmas Fair in the Memorial Hall 10.30 am

December
2 Annual Plygain at St Silin's
4 Special sung Evensong at St Silin's with the Pradoe Singers 6.30 pm
8 Concert by BOSCO St Silin's 7.30 pm
15 Christmas service Ysgol Bro Cynllaith at St Silin's 6.30 pm
18 Family Carol Service 10.30 am at St Silin's followed by party
18 Rhiwlas Carol Service 2.30 pm
24 Midnight Holy Communion 11.15 pm
(Llangadwaladr Carol Service to be arranged)

January
1 New Year's Day Holy Communion at St Silin's 10.30 am

February
10/11 PALS production (look for posters with details)

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

	Readers	Sidesmen
December		
4	Mary Cunnah	David Bickerton
11	Vera Evans	Esther Milner
18	Family Service	
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January		
1	Lynnette Moss	Graham Moss
8	Vera Evans	Esther Milner
15	Family Service	

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Earlier on this year I asked around my local area of Priddbwl to see if anyone would be interested in setting up a Farm Watch scheme. Colin Edwards, Mike Taylor and Martin Evans thought it was worth making some enquiries. Since then I have also spoken to Dennis Socket who is keeping the community council informed.

PC Andy Price, Powys Police, is working with the NFU to get a text messaging service, informing farmers of criminal activities in the area. This is a more site specific targeting of resources than the current 'ring master' service which operates across Powys. The idea is that the police will report criminal activity to the NFU and they will send a text to members in the relevant areas.

This idea is still in its infancy as issues relating to data protection have to be addressed. If farmers are members of the NFU it is envisaged they will sign up to the messaging service. PC Andy Price said there is no funding at present but they are in discussions with the NFU to resolve some of the issues and get the scheme up and running.

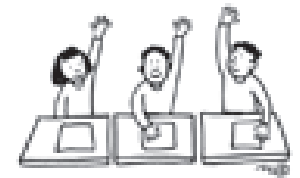
Meanwhile, if you are interested in a Farm Watch scheme and would like to find out more a meeting could be held for people interested in the current Farm Watch scheme available. If you would be willing to attend a meeting please contact Kate Beecroft 791300 or email katefarmwatch@gmail.com

Time to hand over ...

The next edition (spring 2012) will be our last as editors of the newsletter. We have done it for over 8 years now and feel that the time is right to hand it over to someone new who can give it a fresh approach. Whoever that is, I'm sure will find it as enjoyable and worthwhile as we have. If anyone is willing, please contact Valerie Burton on 791 274 and if you would like more information about how we produce it, plus help with the hand over, please ring us on 791 310. Thank you for all your contributions and, in particular, for the ready advice and help we've had every step of the way.

Val & Dave Talbot

NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



- ▷ Years 4, 5 and 6 - Tag Rugby at Meifod Rugby Club
- ▷ Year 5 Lifeline at Park Hall with Oswestry Borderland Rotary
- ▷ Impact School Assembly with Darren Mayor
- ▷ Holly Kalra talked to us about her trip to Uganda
- ▷ The PTFA are in the process of starting a new garden at school - plans have been drawn up by Shelley Wilde
- ▷ We have started a Breakfast Club which is very popular at the moment.
- ▷ At the Harvest Service held on 18th October we raised money for Cancer Research and the Dog's Trust
- ▷ Farmers' Market - December 2nd
- ▷ Christmas Service in Church 15th December at 6.30 pm
- ▷ We're all going to a Panto in Shrewsbury on 16th December
- ▷ When Mrs Mair Morris retired at half term after over 20 years of working at the school she was presented with gifts from the children

A MEMORABLE TRIP TO UGANDA by Holly Kalra

In July, I was lucky enough to be part of the group of 11 students and 4 teachers from Llanfyllin High School who went out to Uganda for two weeks. Our trip was primarily to visit our partner school, Busoga High school in Kamuli, but we did other things too.

Our first week began with a 7 hour drive up to Murchison Falls National Park in the NW of the country. We visited the falls, cruised down the Nile and went on an early morning safari where we saw giraffes, hippos, buffalo, elephants and caught a glimpse of the king of the jungle, a male lion. Our next stop was Jinja, Uganda's second largest town. We visited the source of the Nile at the end of Lake Victoria. We also visited the bustling market, full of colours and exotic smells, which sold everything from padlocks to smoked fish. Highlight of the week: white water rafting down the Nile. A day-long trip involving seven massive rapids that could quite easily 'suck you in'; floating on our backs down the river between rapids; with a much welcomed BBQ at the end.

The second week of the trip was spent with our partner school, Busoga High School in Kamuli. During our time there we worked on two projects: Art and Media. With a few paintbrushes, some dyes from the back of a cupboard and some good old sugar, both school logos were painted on a wall. In Media, we somehow managed to create a 30 second advert despite the snail paced computers and intermittent power! When not at Busoga, we paid fleeting visits to the numerous surrounding primary schools. At every school we were welcomed with traditional singing and dancing; had a chance to sit in on lessons; and without fail, food whether it be a cup of tea and groundnuts or an 'all you can eat' spread - we certainly didn't go hungry! Our last afternoon all together was spent playing sports on the school field at Busoga with our new friends, some of whom we may be hosting over here in Wales next year.



After we had dropped the rest of the group off at the airport, my friend and I spent the following two weeks in Kampala volunteering at Sanyu Babies Home, an orphanage for babies aged 0 - 4 years old. There are many orphanages here, unlike in rural areas where orphans tend to be taken in by members of their extended families. So, after one of the most amazing months of my life, I left Uganda with a better understanding of the country, many, many stories to share but more importantly a huge desire to return to Africa.. Without a doubt, even though many have next to nothing, the people are the most welcoming and hospitable group I have ever met.

MORE ABOUT AFON FECHAN

Following on from the last two editions, during the early 60's the Scouts, Cubs and Guides met in the old shop which is now Afon Fechan. We more or less ran it all ourselves and held a stall there on Saturday mornings selling old things such as second-hand comics to raise funds for equipment and upkeep.

Carys Evans

'AFTER OFFA': LIVING LIFE ALONG THE BORDER

Final Family Story Walk From Cottage to Castle

Sunday 11th December 1.30-4.00/4.30

Meet 1.30 pm at Bronygarth Lime Kilns (turn off the B4500 at Castle Mill, or meet us at Chirk Castle car park at 12.45 pm

A glorious saunter along Offa's Dyke from Bronygarth valley up to Chirk Castle, through fields, forest and footpaths. Follow the footsteps and share the stories of local lords, ladies and laundry maids, farm lads and foresters, poachers and gamekeepers, archers and armies and all sorts of creatures ... plus a special talk on Crogen Battlefield from Mark Williams. Approximately 2 miles, mostly uphill, some steep sections and muddy terrain, not suitable for push chairs, etc. Dress for cold weather.

4 pm refreshments and celebrations on arrival at Chirk Castle.

'After Offa' brings together people of all ages to share the oral history of the English and Welsh border community around Offa's Dyke between Bronygarth, Candy and Llansilin. In case of bad weather on the day, ring 01691 791333.

We gratefully acknowledge support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Shropshire LJC - Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn and Oswestry District Arts Association.

All the sayings on page 10 are from the King James Bible translation:

"Eat, drink and be merry" is from Ecclesiastes

"Nothing new under the sun" is also from Ecclesiastes

"Pride goes before a fall" is from the Book of Proverbs

"By the skin of your teeth" is from the Book of Job

"Wheels within wheels" is from the Book of Ezekiel

"A sign of the times" is from Matthew

Many of these sayings had actually been in use and recorded in earlier Bible sources. It is thanks to the major translation (which was the definitive version for 250 years) that the phrases were retained and became embedded in every day usage right till now! Valerie and Chris Burton learnt all this at the King James Bible exhibition in Oswestry Church in the summer.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

In July Llansilin Mothers' Union organised another Antiques Roadshow in St Silin's Church July, following the success of the first one held three years before. Graham Parker, chairman of the Antiques Collectors' Club in Shrewsbury, who knows us well, kindly arranged for some of his members to come to the church to value the antiques which people brought along. Graham and another member were the expert valuers for coins and jewellery, Ron Hartshorn for silver items, Peter and Pam Evans for porcelain, Stephen Chapman for art and paintings, Roger Bennett for books and Brian Jones and his wife also for porcelain.

A member of the Mothers' Union set up a bring and buy stall of antique items and there was a raffle and a sumptuous lunch in the parish room, for which a donation was asked. With a valuation charge of £5 in addition, around £600 was raised for St Silin's, the Mothers' Union and a cancer charity. The day was much enjoyed by all and we thank the members of the Collectors' Club for helping to make it such a success.

| PALS (Players At Llansilin) members are hoping to start rehearsals |
| soon for their next production, which is scheduled for Friday 10th |
and Saturday 11th February 2012

Looking for Ancestors

We get many enquirers looking for the history of their families, and we have quite good records, some going back to 1700. One of the things of interest is the location of grave memorials in the churchyard, and again, good up-to-date records are kept. In addition, the Shropshire Family History Society sells a booklet containing the inscriptions on the memorials.

In 1984, the Women's Institute did a similar survey of the memorials in Llansilin churchyard, and the original manuscript records are contained in two large books. Mrs Jessie Hanson asked whether these could be looked after yet made accessible to researchers. This we were glad to do and they now form part of the records kept in the church. We are grateful to her and the WI for the opportunity to make sure that these books are preserved and available to look at.

The Committee of the Llansilin Community Shop would like to express their thanks to all the volunteers who so willingly help in the shop and thank our Customers and also those who support us in any way.



Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

CONGRATULATIONS ON YET ANOTHER BRILLIANT SHOW!

We had a tremendous village show this year – the village was full of people enjoying the weather and all the interesting things to see. History was made when we had our first ever traffic jam!

The Sheep Dog Trials were well supported with competitors from a wide area. The winner of the prestigious Open Trials was John Lightfoot, the judge being Mr Norman Green, Nantyr. The overall winner in the Agriculture Classes was Gary Foulkes. The Horse and Dog Shows have proved to be popular added attractions. Thanks are due to Mrs Sue Roberts, formerly of Bodlith, for the use of the two splendid fields and to Jeff and Tom for supplying the sheep for the trials.

In the village hall the tables were groaning with entries and the judges had a really difficult time. The main winners were: Cookery Ruth Evans; Produce Gareth Jones; Arts and Crafts Gill Avery, Anne Lloyd and Susy Nicholson; Writing Liz Evans; Floral Art Heidi Breeze and Marjorie Evans; Young people Delyth Williams and Lisa Jones.

Thanks are due to so many people – the judges, the stewards, the caterers, the school for the sports field and, not forgetting the Llansilin craft ladies who created such a splendid display centred on the Village "fountain". Long may the show continue!

CONCERT WITH BOSCO

Start the Christmas season with a special evening out in Llansilin's beautiful historic church!

Thursday 8 December 2011 at 7.30 pm

*Tickets £7 (free for accompanied child under 16)
Refreshments available*

Bosco return to Llansilin after their sell-out concert three years ago. The group combines the talents of four fine musicians, three of whom live in Llansilin. Jock Tyldesley (fiddle/banjo) tours Britain and overseas in the famous and hilarious New Rope String Band, as, until last year, did Vera van Heeringen, who is not only an astonishing guitarist but also plays fiddle, mandolin and bass, and sings. She is currently recording a solo CD. Meri Lawes is much in demand as a guitarist and plays in several combinations. John Neilson (accordion, harmonium) is well known for his part in bands such as Manticore and Francisco the Man. Separately, they bring many influences, from English and French traditional tunes to American Old Time music, via Ireland, Brittany and a dash of Parisian musette, as well as some original music. Together they weave a rare kind of magic: music which is both energetic and atmospheric. They play in their home village all too rarely, so don't miss them this time.

Tickets required to guarantee entry, available from:

Llansilin Community Shop (Tue/Thu am)
Rowanthorn, Beatrice Street, Oswestry
The Gates shop, Church Street, Oswestry
or by phone on 07972 149246.
(credit card bookings 25p extra per transaction)

Where do you think these sayings come from? - answers on page 14

“Eat, drink and be merry”
“Nothing new under the sun”
“Pride goes before a fall”
“By the skin of your teeth”
“Wheels within wheels”
“A sign of the times”

Friends of the Fountain in Llansilin

Friends of the Llansilin Fountain met in the Parish Room on 7 October for a fundraising coffee morning when over £94 was raised, which will go towards the cost of the water rates, a new tap and flower tubs. Members thanked the Tuesday Coffee Club members for allowing us to join in with them, when a bring and buy stall and raffles were well supported. A beautiful iced cake, given by Jessie Hanson and made by Bronwen Lloyd, was enjoyed by all. An interesting display of pictures of the fountain, old and new, was put up by Chris Burton (Secretary).



Mary Cunnah

LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The September meeting was presided over by Cllr Mrs M Evans, assisted by the Clerk, Mr H Hughes. Mrs Wendy Jones, Youth Club leader, was welcomed to the meeting and discussed with members the ongoing problems relating to the Youth Club. The vacant post of joint leader had not yet been filled. County Cllr Davies informed members that a County Youth Officer would be visiting the club and it was hoped that councillors would be able to attend. Three applications had been received for the post of part-time clerk with the Community Council, all of whom resided a considerable distance away. Members were disappointed that no local persons had shown an interest and decided to delay making an appointment and to again advertise locally with an increased salary. In order to avoid a recurrence of last year's frost damage, it was agreed to close the public conveniences from 1 November to 29 February. Cllr Lovell and the clerk were appointed to attend a reception in Neuadd Maldwyn hosted by the Chairman of Powys County Council, Cllr Barry Thomas.