

## 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 Cylech

### Maw

4	Parch William Davies	Rhiwlas	2.00	pm	
11	Parch Ddr Nerys Tudor	Llansilin	2.00 pm		
18		Gwasanaeth i'w drefnu	Cefncanol	2.00 pm	
25	Mrs Dilys Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm		

### Ebr

1	Mr Ieuan Jones	Llansilin	10.30 am		
8	Parch Stanton Evans (C)	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	Sul y Pasg	
15	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm		
22	Parch T R Wright	Llansilin	2.00 pm		
29	Parch T Leonard Williams *	Cefncanol	2.00 pm		

### Mai

6		Rhiwlas		Y Gymanfa Ganu, Cefncanol 6.00	
13	Mr Dafydd Owens	Llansilin	2.00 pm		
20	Parch Stanton Evans	Cefncanol	6.30 pm	Sul Ieuenctid	
27	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm		

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

# Llansilin Newsletter

## Church, Chapel and Village News



Mary Cunnah

Number 77  
Spring 2012

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*My dear friends,*

Once more I am privileged to have been asked to write the introduction to the Spring edition of the newsletter. It is good to be able to share a few thoughts on the life we share in this beautiful part of Mid Wales.

As I put my mind to what I should write I am minded of the date. Just over sixty years ago Princess Elizabeth, King George VI's elder daughter, acceded to the throne while on a tour in Kenya, upon the King's sad death. I always thought this to have been earlier than it should, and brought on by the pressures of his responsibilities, especially through the immense weight of work done by him and Elizabeth the Queen Mother during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. This work was done as a matter of duty and discipline under God, things that are seemingly in decline as opening prayers are given the heavens by councils under a judgment by a high court judge even as I write. But neither prayers nor God are so easily silenced!

I have the greatest respect and admiration for our present Queen Elizabeth II and remember her promise made as a young girl to serve the people in much the same way as her father, under God's direction and will.

As a chaplain, a padre with Merseyside Royal Air Force Cadets, I helped many young people and their adult leaders to both understand the vows they made and reaffirm them, 'to serve God and the Queen, our country and our flag.' That duty and discipline are not easy to maintain in today's society and when the young people put on their uniforms they took upon themselves the taunts and the flack of their peers. But they did it and became young men and women of integrity, leaders in tomorrow's society and I am proud of them. They have followed in the self-same promise of that young lady who made her vow and has kept it steadfastly for sixty years without flinching, a perfect pattern and example to all our young people. At our Wing Dinners we always joined in with gusto to toast Her Majesty with the words of the loyal toast 'The Queen, Duke of Lancaster'. I retain that addition as a privilege of birthright, my mum and dad were both Lancastrians.

We hope to be joining together as a community with celebrations in June. As a church we are minded to have a special service on the Sunday to which all will be invited.

**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

<b>Police</b> (Wales) <b>0845 330 2000</b> for non-emergency calls (messages left will be picked up and dealt with quickly)
<b>Police</b> (West Mercia) <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

*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 9.00 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

Well now to more weighty matters! Do you not think that Spring is around the corner? I do, the buds on the horse chestnut in the vicarage garden are beginning to become sticky, soon all will be green again and beautiful, with crocuses, snowdrops and daffodils making their appearance to gladden our lives. But of course they are not the only things to do this, a good sense of humour goes a long way and I have to pass on a little story concerning our youngest granddaughter Mathilda Sian, whom we call Tilly, its much easier. Well, Tilly has an eight year old's sense of humour and we were playing a game which involved lots of little cards on which were written pop songs from the sixties onward. She spotted one and with glee and shrieks of laughter pointed out the title 'Fat Bottomed Girls'. She's obviously never heard of the Rolling Stones!

I raise a glass to Tilly's humour and zest for life. Oscar Wilde had a favourite saying, 'The old believe everything; the middle aged suspect everything; the young know everything.' Think about it. Did not Jesus teach us 'If you want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven you must become as little children?'

God bless you all

Tony Dilworth

## Church and Chapel Registers 2011

### Baptisms

20 February

Daniel Lee Ashford, Tynlllyn, Moelfre

20 November

Siriol Medi Griffiths, Rhiwlas, at Rhiwlas

### Chapel

11 December

Georgina Mary Sinclair, Birmingham (Sycharth Smithy)

### Marriages

17 September

Awel Haf Jones, Cefn Canol, to Roger Allan Pryce Jones, Montgomery, at Cefn Canol

### Chapel

24 September

Lisa Jones to David Andrew Owen, both of Tree House, Llansilin

### Burials

28 March

Elsie May Jones, 5 Maesyllan, aged 87

8 August

Rosaline May Williams, late of Bryn Cefyn,

# LAST TANGO IN LLANSILIN

Who in the audience was going to admit that they knew what that title meant?! Did they turn out on those two wintry evenings to find out who was in the bath on the posters and what the vicar was doing in her bathroom?

It all started off innocuously enough with the AGM of the Llansilin Amateur Dramatic Society and the bad news that hard-hearted Arthur James was about to evict them for non-payment of rent. They needed a blockbuster to save the day, draw in the crowds. There was only one thing for it, declared Gordon, the domineering chairman, – SEX. It's sex and nudity that sells tickets, he The



Gordon talks the rest of the group into performing "Last Tango in Llansilin"

told his horrified crew, and he had the very play. Joyce (played by Suzanne Kirkwood) was thrilled when he told them the title because she thought that, at last, she was going to appear in a musical. Bernard, the stage manager (played by Hywel Jones), was all ears and insisted that this meant that Margaret had to "to flash her boobs", as he so delicately put it. Margaret (played by Sheila Wilks), always played the lead and was the prima donna of the group (though she did like to accuse others of her own failings). The thing that clinched it was that they could do without posters by leaking information to Sarah James and it would be round the village in no time!

This is a complicated play to describe as it turned out to be rehearsals of a play within a play performed by Llansilin's very own drama group! A very witty play it was too, by David Tristram, directed by Alison Beeston and adapted throughout to take place in Llansilin. Unfortunately we didn't get to see Joyce

## 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

*The newsletter is produced by Jeffrey Olstead (contact details below) and the Chapel news by Carys and Emyr Evans (Tel: 791 240)*

*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 7JN*

*Items for the Summer 2012 issue please by the end of April to: Jeffrey Olstead, Hafotty, Llansilin SY10 7JN (jeffrey.olstead@basc.org.uk Tel: 791 250)*



## Bellringing, St Silin's

Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton  
791 274

**Tower Captain:** Christine Williams 791 563

**Ringing Practice**  
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

## Rhiwlas Mission Church

Contact Marjorie Evans  
600 228

## Llangadwaladr Church

Contact Vera Evans  
791 471

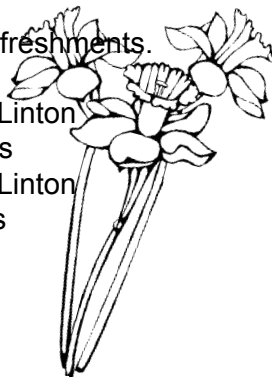
## Parish Room Bookings

Mike Coppock  
791 590  
mcmajc1@yahoo.co.uk

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
<b>April (continued)</b>		
15	Family Service	
22	Vera Evans	Margaret Lloyd
29	Lynnette Moss	Graham Moss
<b>May</b>		
6	Deborah Hill-Trevor	Jeffrey Olstead
13	Margaret Lloyd	Vera Evans
20	Family Service	
27	Mike Coppock	Mary Morris
<b>June</b>		
3	Chris Burton	Valerie Burton
10	Mary Cunnah	David Bickerton
17	Family Service	
24	Christine Williams	Dennis Sockett

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

<b>March</b>	
3 & 10	Mary Morris & Rosemary Edwards
17 & 24	Marjorie Evans & Val Talbot
31	Joint clean 10 am onwards. Refreshments.
<b>April</b>	
1	Dorothy Renshaw & Joan Fox-Linton
8	Joint decorating 10 am onwards
15	Dorothy Renshaw & Joan Fox-Linton
22 & 29	Janet Davies & Margaret Jones
<b>May</b>	
6 & 13	Jonathan & Julie Walkey
20 & 27	Diane Carter & Fiona Holloway



No altar flowers during Lent

Please look out for notices regarding decoration for Easter  
Contact - Esther Milner 791647

in the bath but she gave a very lively rendition of “I’m going to wash that man right out of my hair” in one of the rehearsals – so she did get to sing in the end. Gordon (played by John Neilson) was the frustrated and stropy director and Bernard was dragged kicking and screaming into an acting role as the rather risqué butcher. He was obviously much happier hammering away at the set, which he did with great gusto until ordered off. Margaret flounced her way through the rehearsals - but she was the one who saved the day when they were on the point of being booed off the stage. Having flatly refused to “flash her boobs”, she realised that only she could save the play. “It was do or die, so I did!”



The shocking news that the Memorial Hall is to be turned into a Cabaret Club

evening’s entertainment also included musical interludes and humorous poems. Norma Garment read “I’m Fine, Thank You” about the joys of getting older and Awel Jones read “The Ambulance in the Valley”. On the Friday evening, two very talented local musicians delighted the audience. Martha Fensome performed a selection of rousing fiddle tunes and she was followed by Vera van Heeringen on the guitar, playing four of her own compositions, among others. Vera has just finished recording an album, which is in the process of being mixed and will be available to buy early July. This is called “Standing Tall” and will be mostly her own compositions. On Saturday evening, The Bordermen entertained us from their repertoire of “timeless songs of yesteryear”. The group - Dave Morris, Fred Howe and Peter Wilks, ably accompanied by Sarah Morris - is available to book for events.

PALS, Players At LlanSilin, go back to 2004 and tend to put on one production a year. It’s always a lot of fun and if anyone is interested in being involved in any way – acting, prompting, helping with props or costumes – they’d love to hear from you. No experience needed. For more information, please ring Alison Beeston on 791262.

## LLANSILIN PARISH NEWS

### Plygain, 2011

A really lovely evening of Welsh tradition took place in early December. The annual Plygain draws in singing parties and an appreciative congregation from a wide area. The rendering of the swper song sung by the men at the end was a fitting finale, after which there were refreshments provided by most generous supporters. Having had to cancel the previous year's Plygain due to snow and ice it was particularly enjoyable to have support to continue the tradition.



### Crown of Light

Once again, to the pleasure of everyone, the lights shone out over the valley for the month of Advent. There were several very anxious days when very strong winds raged round the tower. However, a kind volunteer scaled the heights several times and was able to replace broken bulbs – fortunately not too many. Both the Severn Hospice and Hope House Children's Hospice have benefited by generous donations, which amounted in total to the splendid sum of just over £512.00. Thank you to everyone – including the valiant tower climbers.

### Christmas Fair

Organised by the church and held in the village hall, the Fair at the end of November, was a splendid chance to visit Father Christmas and to do some early Christmas shopping. There were lots of most interesting stalls, games for the children and free seasonal refreshments – a happy event. Apart from the pleasure the Fair gave to many there was the added benefit of a small income to augment the money needed to care for our lovely church. Thank you to everyone – helpers and supporters.

### Candlemas Service

A well attended congregation welcomed the Bishop of St Asaph to St. Mary's Church, Llanfair Caereinion for the Candlemass Service on 29 January. With the merger of the deaneries of Caereinion and Llanfyllin, the Bishop in his address reminded us that in all life there is change including within our churches. Representatives of churches of both deaneries lit floating candles to represent the joining together. St. Silin's candle was lit by Mary Morris. Ladies of the church served tea and cakes to all after the service.

## CALENDAR DATES

### March

- 1 Start of Lent Course in the Parish Room 7 pm and thereafter on 8, 15, 22 and 29 March
- 2 After Offa Celebratory Tea from 2.45 pm in the Parish Room
- 2 Start of Local History season 7 pm in the Institute (see page 8 for further dates)
- 8 Mothering Sunday Service at Llangedwyn 10.30 am
- 18 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion St Cedwyn's 7 pm

### April

- 6 Good Friday Devotional Service St Silin's 2 pm
- 8 Easter Sunday Holy Communion St Silin's 9 am
- 21 Bilingual Concert by Parti Moeldrehaern St Silin's 7.30 pm

### May

- 13-19 Christian Aid Week

### Looking ahead to June

- 3 Community Service to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee St Silin's 10.30 am
- 26 Concert by Cantiones Choir St Silin's 7.30 pm
- 30 Gymanfu Ganu St Silin's 3 pm

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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8	Christine Williams	Esther Milner

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The closure will take place as soon as the upgraded facilities are in place with a latest date of April 2014 being contemplated. Some activity is already being diverted to Sealand and this is the likely new location for the civilian gun clubs also currently using Llansilin. Defence Training Estate, the MOD department charged with providing training facilities for all three Services, say that on closure, all the range facilities will be removed and the sand berm flattened after decontamination. The restored pasture land would then be sold by auction. The future of the woodland in the safety area behind the range is unclear at this point. These changes will remove the noise nuisance of current range operations, and provide improved recreational access in the Cynllaith Valley.

### THANK YOU

*to the Chapel Congregation and the Village Coffee Morning Group for jointly funding this latest edition of the newsletter. It is remarkable that the newsletter, which costs no mean £93 to be printed, is able to be delivered free of charge to every household in the parish – and without having to resort to advertising. I am sure that everyone would like to join in saying a hearty thank you to the Church, the Chapels and the Community Council for their regular sponsorships and to those who fund other editions when the need arises.*

### Handing Over to the New Editor

We are very pleased to announce that Jeffrey Olstead has agreed to take over the production of the newsletter, starting from the next edition. Jeffrey's contact details are on page 17 and we are very much looking forward to sitting back and enjoying his newsletters. Thank you for all the articles and photos you have sent in over the years, together with your suggestions and ideas. We would like to pay special tribute to the regular contributors, not just for their contributions but for the help and encouragement that they have given so willingly throughout our editorship. We could not have produced the newsletter without them.

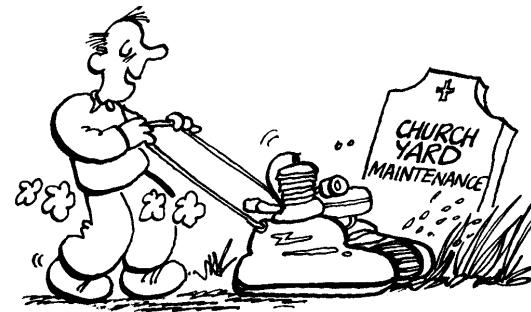
Good luck and grateful thanks to Jeffrey and his team and please do keep the articles and photos rolling in to him.

### Church Inventory

Towards the end of 2011 the church was the recipient of a most lovely and unexpected gift: a beautifully bound copy of the Church Inventory. It was donated by Mrs Elizabeth Mason, in memory of her Grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Morris (Foulks) of Lloran Ucha. The original loose leaf book had been produced in 2009/10, after extensive research, by the Montgomeryshire branch members of NADFAS (the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society.) The church is most grateful to Elizabeth for her kindness and generosity. It is planned to have a church Open Day to be able to display the original loose page book together with the new bound book for people to browse and learn more about the many church treasures.

### Churchyard

The winter has provided a well earned break for the volunteers from their weekly grass cutting sessions. The very moist weather has seen an increase in the spread of moss on the tarmac paths so one of the first jobs soon will be to get out the knapsack sprayer. Can anyone take up the challenge? One remedial task during the winter has been to spread hard core on the muddy entrance to the churchyard from the Old School – another result of the wet weather. Help would very much be appreciated – do please come any Thursday evening starting around the beginning of April.



### Church Maintenance

Damp stains on a wall at the back of the church have been causing concern for some time. Investigation eventually identified the possible cause and the decision was taken to remove all the hard plaster to allow a period of observation. Just before Christmas the go-ahead was given for the builder to re-plaster the wall with lime plaster – an old technique for early buildings which allows the wall to “breathe”. We are hoping that after a further period of observation the wall can be painted. Caring for an ancient structure is not without its problems and costs!

## LLANSILIN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### 29th Annual programme 2012

#### **APRIL 2nd Monday**

Get-together at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**"Medieval & Modern Icons"** by Aidan Hart

#### **APRIL 23rd Monday**

Meet at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**"Cowboys, Indians and Gauchos - Establishing New Frontiers"**

a talk by Robert Pugh

#### **MAY 14th Monday**

Meet at the Institute 7.00 pm

**"Pentre Issa – a House and History"** by Wendy Burton

#### **MAY 28th Monday**

Leave The Institute at 6.30 pm or meet at site at 7.00 pm. Visit to

**Tuhwnt I Gain** Mediaeval House in Llansantffraid.

#### **JUNE 11th Monday**

Meet at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**"The Howard de Walden years 1911-1946"**, a talk by Jill Burton.

#### **JUNE 25th Monday**

Leave from The Institute at 6.00 pm.

Visit to **Ruyton XI Towns** led by Stewart and Yolande Brown. Followed by Society Supper.

#### **JULY 16th Monday**

Meet at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**"Life in the Borderlands - Llansilin in the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> centuries"**, a lecture by Dr David Stephenson

#### **JULY 30th Monday**

Meet at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**"Artist Kyffin Williams - Llansilin connection"**, a lecture by David Meredith

#### **AUGUST 20th Monday**

Visit to **Bersham Heritage Centre**. Led by Jonathan Gammond

#### **SEPTEMBER 10th Monday**

Meet at The Institute 7.00 pm.

**Annual General Meeting**, followed by **Members' Evening**

## LLANSILIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The January meeting was chaired by Cllr Mrs M Evans, assisted by the clerk, H Hughes. A belated application was received for the post of part-time clerk and it was agreed that the applicant be interviewed on 21 February. Notification from BDO stated that the Annual Return for 2010/11 had now been completed. This was accepted and approved by members. County Cllr Davies informed the meeting that the remaining youth club leader had resigned and that the club was no longer active. It was agreed to levy a precept of £5,000, the increase to cover the cost of a possible election in May. Three applications for financial assistance were left on the table. CC Davies agreed to deal with the following complaints: poor condition of the road from Rhydycroesau to Llansilin; the need for the road from Rossett to Pentre to be swept; water hydrant marker near the Lledrode turning in dangerous position.

### *CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN LLANSILIN*

It won't have escaped anyone's notice that 2012 is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. County Councillor Aled Davies has called a meeting to discuss ways in which the village might celebrate this momentous occasion. Information was not available by the time the newsletter went to press but will be circulated via the usual channels.

## LLANSILIN RIFLE RANGE

THE NEWSLETTER has learned that following the recent Strategic Defence and Security Review, the Ministry of Defence is to close Llansilin Rifle Range. The Review was aimed at matching armed forces resources to the future size and shape of the Army, Navy and Air Force. It concluded, amongst many bigger decisions, that the role currently played by the range at Llansilin would be superseded by the existing facility at Sealand on the Dee estuary and upgraded ranges at Whittington (Staffordshire) and Kingsbury (Warwickshire).





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13 to 19 May

Christian Aid has a vision – to end poverty – and they are doing everything they can to make that vision a reality. They work entirely through local partners, local organisations on the ground, who know the needs of the communities in which they work. Around the world, Christian Aid responds to the terrible catastrophes that people have to face from conflict and natural disasters, catastrophes that we can hardly begin to imagine. Last year it was the drought in East Africa that grabbed the headlines, but when disaster strikes a poor part of the world, it doesn't go away or get resolved just because it no longer makes the news. These people then need years of help to get back to some sort of normality, rebuild their homes, plant their crops, restore their livelihoods. An important element of this help is giving people the means to help themselves, so that they do not become dependent on aid. There are many parts of the world, which may not be in crisis, but where people are so poor that they struggle to survive. All they need is a start, a hand-up, rather than a hand-out.

People all over the country in villages like ours, give their time and money during Christian Aid Week to help provide the means these people need to lift themselves out of poverty so that they can look forward to a better life. Rhiannon Lewis has called together her band of volunteers to plan this year's Christian Aid Week in Llansilin. Details will be on posters nearer to the date and please do support her and her team, as always.

**CELEBRATORY TEA**

**To mark the end of the After Offa Oral History Project**

**Friday, 2 March 2.45 to 4.30 pm**

**In the Parish Room, St Silin's**

**Presentations to participants of project publications,  
story maps, CD's and Living Life Along the Border booklets**

LLANSILIN



COMMUNITY SHOP

### 50p Books for Sale

We are now stocking a small selection of second hand books for sale in the shop. If anybody has any suitable books they would like to donate we would be happy to accept them. The books are all priced at 50p and proceeds go towards shop costs.

**Forthcoming Events**

The Llansilin Community Shop Committee is planning:

**Bingo Evening**  
Saturday, 3 March at The Wynnstay 6 pm

**Sponsored Walk**  
to be held in May (details available soon)

Please contact us for more details

### NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH



; Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a workshop run by Mr Tim Hall, when they talked about the world of work and managing money, etc. They all thoroughly enjoyed it.

; Our 5-a-side football team took part in the Urdd competition at Llanfair Caereinion. They did not get through to the next round but they all played very well.

; Years 4, 5 and 6 went to a Jambori in Newtown run by Menter Maldwyn and the Urdd.

; Our next Farmers' Market will be in March.

## Gweinidogaeth Bro

Ar Dachwedd 20fed, hyfryd oedd cael gwasanaeth bedydd, sef bedyddio Siriol Medi, merch Arwyn a Gwenan Griffiths, Brynhafod, Rhiwlas. Y Parch Stanton Evans oedd yn gyfrifol am y gwasanaeth arbennig yma.

Unwaith eto fe gawsom Gymanfa Garolau lwyddianus dan arwainydiaeth fedrus Nia Turner.

Ar y 18fed o Ragfyr cawsom wasanaeth i ddathlu'r Nadolig yn Nghanolfan Rhiwlas. Rhanwyd anrhegion i blant Ysgol Sul Rhiwlas ac yna cafwyd paned a chacen cyn troi am adref.

Cyfarfodydd dechrau'r flwyddyn – ieuencid yr ofalaeth fu'n gyfrifol am un gwasanaeth a'r Parch Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts oedd y pregethwr gwadd. Fe aeth y casgliadau i Gronfa Cyfeillion Yr Orthopaedic.

Ym Mis Tachwedd, dwy ferch ifanc, Catrin a Ffion Jones, fu'n rhoi sgwrs i ni yn y Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol am eu taith i Batagonia dan nawdd Yr Urdd. Buont yn ymwneud a'r bywyd Cymreig yno, yn cystadlu yn yr Eisteddfod, helpu yn yr ysgolion a llawer mwy. Sgwrs gartrefol iawn.

Edrychwn ymlaen nawr at y Gwanwyn a llu o flodau hyd y cloddiau.

*On November 20<sup>th</sup> it was a great joy to be part of the service when Siriol Medi, Arwyn and Gwanan Griffith's daughter, was baptised. The Reverend Stanton Evans officiated.*

*Again a successful Gymanfa Garolau under the talented leadership of Nia Turner, was held in December at Cefn Canol chapel.*

*On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December a service was held in the Rhiwlas Community Centre to celebrate Christmas. After distributing presents to the Rhiwlas Sunday School children, a cup of tea and a cake was enjoyed by all. The young people took the first of the New Year services and the Reverend Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts was the guest preacher in the second service. The collection went to the Friends of the Orthopaedic Fund.*

*In the Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadolt, two young girls, Catrin and Ffion Jones gave a homely talk about their journey to Patagonia where they joined in with the Welsh community out there, competing in their eisteddfod, helping in the Welsh schools and generally enjoying themselves with the Welsh youngsters over there.*

*We now look forward to the Spring and its many wild flowers along the hedgerows.*

## UNMISSABLE MUSICAL TREATS AT ST SILIN'S CHURCH

### BILINGUAL CONCERT

by renowned family group, Parti Moeldrehaern,  
with compere Glandon Lewis

Saturday, 21 April at 7.30 pm

Tickets £7



### SUMMER SOIREE

A midsummer evening concert by the Cantiones Choir  
from Oswestry

Singing popular songs from the American musicals

Tuesday, 26 June at 7.30 pm



### GYMANFA GANU

A singing festival with famous soloists, Gaynor Ellis  
and her husband, Howard Smith

Organised by the Mothers' Union and including  
the very popular afternoon tea

Saturday, 30 June at 3 pm



Everyone welcome - croeso i bawb.