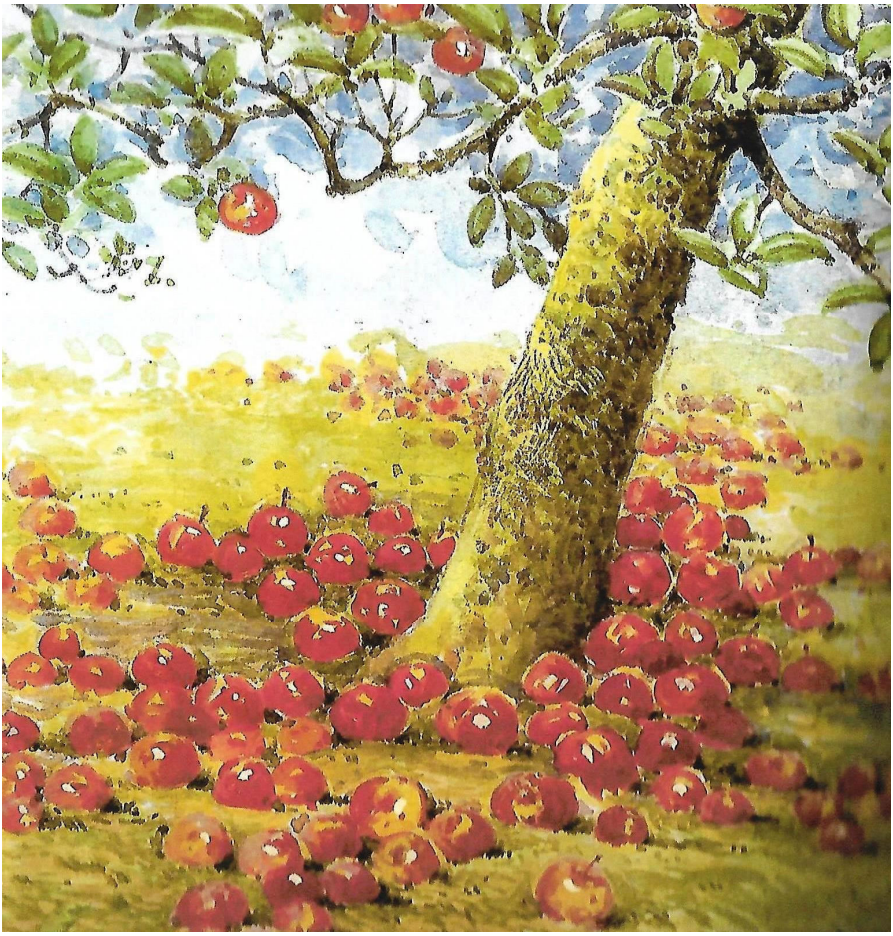
# *Llansilin Newsletter*

*Church, chapel and village news*



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# *And what more shall I say? – a final word of thanks*



It is now three months since I was relieved of my responsibilities as house for duty priest in respect of the churches of St Silin, St Cedwyn and St Cadwaladr, which has allowed me a little time to reflect.

Even now I look back on the end of it with astonishment, that incredible service lavished with gifts and Jac's speech at St Cadwaladr's, the final Evensong, more gifts and Peter's tribute at Cedwyn's, the sumptuous supper and entertainment organised primarily by Anne, in cahoots with Enid and heaven knows who else, at Llangedwyn Village Hall, and the final Evensong the following evening when, as Jeffrey put it, I was allowed to commit my 'final indiscretion'.

Nor, even then, was that all, invited not only to preach at St Dogfan's the following morning but to receive a lovely picture from the Mission Area at the hand of Lynette and to fall, in the style of my father, down the pulpit steps.

More than that, however, I want to thank all those people which have been with me all along, the splendid churchwardens Mike and Dan, Christine and Jeffrey, the incalculable Graham and the wonderful Esther at St Silin's, Kath and the extraordinary Morfydd at St Cedwyn's, the remarkable Margery at Rhiwlas, Lowri, Richard at St Cadwaladr and, of course, Iona, not only for her playing but for supplying a substitute for an electric organ-blower.

'And what more shall I say?' said the author of Hebrews, 'for the time would fail me to tell of' all the others. It has been four very happy years for Ann and I.

May God bless you.

*Rev Richard Hughes*




# *We need a council clerk*

This small and friendly community council is looking for a clerk and responsible financial officer. Applications are invited for this position, which involves working from home and attending meetings.

The successful candidate should be able to work on their own initiative and in partnership with councillors. The job includes arranging and attending meetings in the evenings, plus undertaking training, attending council seminars and putting up notices. As clerk to the council you will ensure that all legal, statutory, financial and other governing provisions relating to the council are observed

- **Meetings** are held six times a year.
- **Skills required**: Good written and oral communication, literacy, basic IT.
- **Salary** £400 per year plus expenses for consumables.

For more information or an informal chat please contact the current clerk Laura Quance 01691 791692 or mobile 07951732066

**Please apply to Laura Quance, Tynllan, Llansilin SY10 7QB**
**or email on laura647@btinternet.com**
**Closing date 30th September 2018.**

At its AGM the council re-elected Malcolm Jones as chairman and Marjorie Evans as deputy chair. Recent meetings have expressed continuing concern at the state of the roads and the fact that the speed humps have not been removed. This was emphasised to our county councillor, Aled Davies, who was able to update members at the July meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7:30pm and all meetings are open to the public.

# *Work to start on new roof for Memorial Hall*

Work on a new roof for the Memorial Hall is planned to start in the autumn, now that the target of £54,000 has almost been reached..

In the last few years the hall committee has had to carry out repairs to the roof at an increasing frequency but it has now reached the point where the whole roof covering needs to be removed and renewed with felt insulation, timber battens and refixing of the existing slates wherever possible

. Tenders have now been invited for the work, which should be completed by Christmas. It is hoped that the usual wide range of community activities can continue without being affected.

The secretary of the hall committee, Arthur James, says they are very grateful to the Powys County Council CRDF (Community Regeneration and Development Fund), the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation whose generous grants have made the reroofing possible.

# *Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Caerdydd*

Llongyfarchiadau i Sarah Bickerton am gael ei dewis i fod yn un o'r tri beirniad yn y brif gystadleuaeth ddrama yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol eleni. I fod yn feirniad yn y Genedlaethol rhaid i chi fod yn feistr yn eich maes, felly da iawn yn wir Sarah.

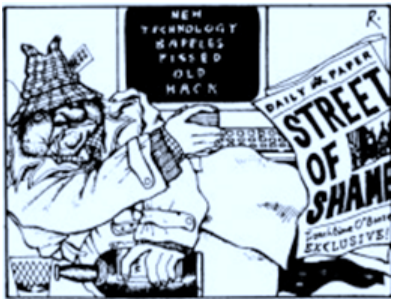
Congratulations to Sarah Bickerton on being chosen as one of the three adjudicators in the chief drama competition at the National Eisteddfod this year. To be an adjudicator at the National you must be an expert in your field, therefore Sarah well done indeed.

***Answers to the holiday treasure hunt in the last newsletter***

1.Margaret Lloyd George opened the Memorial Hall
2. John Edwards
3. A yew tree in the churchyard
4.The wooden bench opposite the village shop
5.Private Arthur Reynolds
6. A reliable water supply from the fountain opposite the church.

# *Free your creative spirit – whisky or gin?*

Once newspapers were printed in hot metal, recordings were edited with a razor blade and sticky tape, and Apples grew on trees.




Those were the days when the editor learned his craft, and all that explains why this newsletter looks predictable and dull. While he can happily quote Shakespeare or Horace, computer literacy is a closed book. So if you can lay out a page, manipulate images and fancy exercising your flair for design every now and then in laying out the newsletter, why not give him a call? It isn't difficult (well, actually, for an old hack it's impossible) and it might even be fun. No pay, but in the best journalistic tradition free alcohol may be available (soft drinks if appropriate) and you can learn the mysteries of sub-editing from an old BBC hack.. Just give Jeffrey a call on 791250.

# *Now you can shop in Llansilin on Saturday*

For a trial period the community shop ism opening on Saturday mornings. The new hours – below – will be particularly attractive to the younger generation since the shop has an excellent selection of sweets. But there's a great range of local produce as well as the store cupboard staples, so to save yourself the hassle of a trip to Oswestry, shop local.

Despite the later opening on Thursday the new hours do require more volunteers, especially on Saturdays, so if you would like to help call 791448

NEW OPENING HOURS:

**Saturday** 8.30am – 10.30am

**Tuesday** 8.30am- 12.30pm (post office 9.30 – 12.00)

**Thursday** 10.30 – 12.30.

# *A wizard show to end the year*



The month of July brought the end of another school year. It was a very busy month with a lot of rehearsing for the school play *The Wizard of Oz*. (pictured) Anyone who came to see the play will tell you how amazing it was – the children were simply brilliant so WELL DONE to all of them and also to Mr Hardway and Mrs Morris for making it all happen.

On Friday 13 July the whole school went on a trip to Legoland Discovery Centre and Sea Life at the Trafford Centre in Manchester. They all agreed it was a fantastic day and the pupils were a credit to the school.

Earlier in June four pupils attended Gregynog Hall to take part in a range of workshops and had the opportunity of having their say on a range of issues – it was a great success and one that will hopefully be repeated next year. On 29 June the pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in a rounders and cricket tournament at Llangedwyn Hall and won the rounders final! Well done children!

At the beginning of July Mr Hardway arranged for the pupils to Skype the Natural History Museum in the Seychelles which was a great experience for the pupils. They were shown around the museum and were able to ask questions. Apparently it was hotter here at the time than it was in the Seychelles! All in all a wonderful experience for the children.

Sadly we said goodbye to four pupils: Lillie Morris, Lucas Tyldesley, Paul Sissons and Kellyn McHugh. We wish them all the best of luck as

they begin the next chapter of their school lives. But, as we say goodbye, we also say hello and welcome to our six new pupils : Amelia Brook, Arun Clarke, Zak and Zara Goodchild, Tomos Jones and Seren Morris.

September is looking to be a busy month already. Year 5 will be attending the Lifeline event at Park Hall on 17th. On the 19th years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the annual Cobra tag rugby event at Meifod and on the 26th the whole school are going on a trip to Yr ysgwrn, Trawsfynydd where they will learn about Hedd Wyn in keeping with our school's theme of World War I.



**Skyping the Seychelles**

# *But what happened to Mrs Glyndŵr?*

An Australian writer is working on a novel that will tell the story of Owain Glyndŵr's wife, .Margaret Hanmer, who has long been forgotten by historians.. The author, Elizabeth Jane Corbett, spoke to Llansilin Local History Society about her research into Margaret's life and spent some time in the village visiting Sycharth, the Bwrth y Tri Arglwydd (pictured) and getting a feel for the place that Margaret would have called home.



Elizabeth, whose mother is Welsh and is herself a fluent Welsh speaker, has done a huge amount of research into Owain and Margaret's history, involving long days in the national archives. But much of Margaret's life remains unrecorded and, as with her husband, we know nothing of her final years or of her death. She was captured at Harlech in 1409 and imprisoned in the Tower of London where her son Grufydd, daughter Catrin and several grandchildren died, but Margaret is thought to have survived and perhaps returned to Hanmer.

# *Parish pump*

**a round-up of village news**



## *How will we remember them?*

On Sunday 11th November we will commemorate the centenary of the signing of the armistice that brought the First World War to a close in 1918. Our village events will be tied in with the national and we plan to light a beacon on the Gyrn at 7.00 pm as one of a nationwide chain of more than 1,000 beacons. This will need a large quantity of wood pallets and suchlike so start saving now.

At 7.05 pm St Silin's bells will ring out with thousands of others throughout the British Isles and that evening we hope to stage a special event in the Memorial Hall, which was opened by Margaret Lloyd George – wife of the prime minister – and is our lasting memorial to those who served and died in the war. The school will also be involved and there will be a special service in St Silin's. Plans are still being prepared but notices in the village will keep your informed. Meanwhile, if you would like to contribute, or have any ideas, or if you have any mementoes or family memories that could contribute to the exhibition do contact a member of the community council or the church committee.

### *Apples, pumpkins and an early new year*

Apple Day will again be greeted at the Wynnstay with a cider festival on 20th October. As usual there will be a selection of exotic and befuddling potions that can knock your legs out quicker than a premiership full-back.

Hallowe'en on 31st October sees the annual children's prize pumpkin carving competition followed by a fancy dress party, and for the not-so-grown-ups there's fancy dress party on the following Saturday, 3rd November. And yet another fancy dress party will celebrate the New Year on 1st December. That's because Brian, the usual New Year DJ will be in Australia then. The theme, inevitably, will be Aussie, so get your kangaroo costume out, and all didgeridoos are welcome.



*Church news*

# *Some you win, some you lose*

It has now been officially confirmed that Rhiwlas mission church is to close and arrangements will be made for a final service. No decision has yet been made about the fate of the building, though the graveyard will be maintained and remain open for burials. It is, of course, the final resting place of Arthur Jebb who gave the land to the church and several of his family are also buried there – with one notable exception his daughter Eglantyne.

She is celebrated as the founder of Save the Children and was a visionary social reformer. Now her story has been brought to life in a compelling one-woman show – *Eglantyne* - which has been written and performed by actress Anne Chamberlain to great critical acclaim. We are talking to Anne in the hope of staging a performance here in Llansilin next year.



Meanwhile the good news is that the bishop has agreed to lift the suspension on St Cadwaladr's and it can remain open provided the roof is repaired. It is hoped that the re-opening will be celebrated with a mission area service on 30th September at 10.30 am.

St Silin's took advantage of the heat wave to hold a barbecue in the churchyard (pictured). Although it was something of a last-minute, first-time venture, the hard work by members of the church committee ensured a huge success with many of the younger generation enjoying Mr Keegan's burgers – which sold out – and various games and side-shows.

Looking ahead, on Sunday 21st October – Trafalgar Day – we will have our harvest festival service. This will be at 10.30 am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. And we'd like you to think about sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves; all items donated to decorate the church will be given to the Oswestry food bank, so please think of those for whom there is no harvest and make a generous contribution.

Not so much looking ahead as looking upwards now. When you're at the top of a 20ft wobbly ladder replacing a light bulb in the church it's tempting to start singing 'Nearer my God to thee…' You certainly pray hard. But as the old spotlights fail we hope to start replacing them with new LED lights. These not only have a long lifetime – probably longer than the chap up the ladder – but are very much cheaper to run. Unfortunately they ate not cheaper to buy, so if you'd like to sponsor one – perhaps in memory of a loved one, so that their light can shine in the church for years to come – why not contact one of the churchwardens, Christine or Jeffrey (details p17) and let them know.

You cannot be unaware that this November marks the centenary of the armistice that brought the Great War to a close. We will be commemorating this with a special service at St Silin's on 11th November and contributing to the community events that mark this very special anniversary.

## *Organ donors needed –*

### *but the only surgery is on your wallet – and a mystery deepens*



The organ in St Silin's is 'a little gem' according experts, and way beyond the quality usually found in churches. This, perhaps, gave rise to the claim that it was originally bought second-hand from a private house.

But the notebook of the builder, John Nicholson of Worcester, states that it was indeed built for Llansilin in 1858. Why it was not installed until 1859 remains a mystery. Perhaps work was

being done in the church and it was stored in a private house giving rise to the myth of it being second-hand, or perhaps the builder's note 'Llansilin' refers to a private house rather than the church and the first owner had second thoughts about his purchase.

It was originally installed in the gallery but as part of the Victorian restoration in 1889 the organ was transplanted to its present position in the choir. Opinions vary on the wisdom of that move, especially since the floor under the organ has shown some movement but one thing is certain; the organ itself now needs a thorough restoration, and that will not be cheap.

So what is special about it? The distinguished organist Graham Bint has described his first experience: "I have had fond memories of the organ at St. Silin's since my first visit here which must be nearly 30 years ago. One winter's afternoon my father-in-law, Dr. Llew Jones (of Llanfyllin), had taken me on a tour of some of the far-flung places which were on his "patch" when he practised medicine in the area. We arrived at St. Silin's at dusk and through the kindness of Bell Hughes (who I believe was the verger at the time) were admitted to the church. Bell stayed to listen to the organ, and in particular a generous selection of his favourite hymn tunes!

"The organ is an excellent example of a small instrument by the famous old firm of Nicholson of Worcester, who are still building today. It dates, I think, from the mid-nineteenth century. The array of stops is quite generous for a village church instrument, with a 2' stop giving a brightness of tone which is often lacking from small instruments of the period. I was also struck at the time by the sweet tone of the stopped diapason."

But the brightness and sweetness are now deteriorating and the organ needs to be cleaned – an operation that involves taking it to pieces and cleaning each of the 350 pipes individually. An expensive business.

In fact it's likely to cost around £8,000. Obviously we will look for grants but it will be difficult to raise so great a sum, so when fundraising events are announced please support them.

Nicholson & Co are still flourishing organ builders. In the past they built organs for Manchester and Birmingham cathedrals and in 2013 the firm completed the first wholly new instrument in a British cathedral since 1962, at Llandaff Cathedral. The installation, at a cost of £1.5m, took 18 months to design and construct and contains a total of 4870 pipes.

# *Gweinidogaeth Bro*




Eleni fe gawsom haf hir felyn tesog a phawb yn cwyno bod yna brinder dŵr. Dyden ni byth yn hapus !

Mae'r Beibl gyda llawer o enwau pobl wedi eu claddu yn Llansilin wedi cyrraedd o Henley on Thames. Fe es i gyfarfod Angela Joes a'i gŵr yng Nghanolfan Garddio Moreton un prynhawn yn ystod Eisteddfod Llangollen. Cawsom sgwrs ddifyr ac roedd yn awyddus iawn i'r Beibl ddod yn ôl i Lansilin.

Un nos cawsom gyfarfod dan ofal y brodyr. Thema'r gwasanaeth oedd "Canu Mawl". Gwasanaeth bendithiol iawn.

Prynhawn Llun ddiwedd Mis Awst fe ymgasglodd aelodau'r Ysol Sul ac un neu ddau arall, ym muarth Brynhafod i fynd i gopa Foel Rhiwlas sydd dros 1400 troedfedd uwchben y môr. Cerddodd nifer i fyny ac fe gafodd y gweddill eu cario mwen cerbydau 4x4. Wedi cyrraedd y copa ac edrych ar yr olygfa a gweithio allan ble oedd bob man eisteddodd pawb i lawr i fwynhau picnic ac i sgwrsio am hyn a'r llall. Yna i lawr i Frynhafod i chwarae a datrus sefyllfaoedd roedd Rhian Davies wedi paratoi ar ein cyfer. Prynhawn hapus iawn.

Fe gafodd Cadi Davies, un o blant yr Ysgol Sul, y fraint o berfformio yn yr Wŷl Geltaidd yn Llydaw. Roedd yn un o bedwarawd telynau taires Robin Huw Bowen. Da iawn Cadi. Hefyd rydym yn llongyfarch Shona Glennie ar ennill gradd dosbarth cyntaf mewn Cemeg ym Mhrifysgol Leeds.Pob lwc i'r dyfodol iddi. Mae'r haf yn dirwyn i bena'r wenoliaid yn ymgynull yn barod i hedfan i wledydd cynhesach, ond fe ddon yn ôl yn y Gwanwyn.

This year we had a wonderful summer and yet we complained that there was a shortage of water. We are never happy!

The Bible with many names of people buried in Llansilin has arrived here from Henley on Thames,. I went to meet Angela Jones and her husband in the Moreton Garden Centre one afternoon during the Llangollen Eisteddfod week. We had a very pleasant hour and she was keen that the Bible be returned to Llansilin.

One Sunday night we had a meeting led by the brothers, Iola Evans had arranged the service under the theme "Singing Praises". One Monday afternoon the Sunday School members and one or two others met at Brynhafod yard ready to venture to the top of Foel Rhiwlas which is 1400 plus feet above sea level. The younger ones walked up while the not so young were carried in 4x4's. After arriving at the summit and discussing the panorama everybody sat down to enjoy their picnic . Then down to Brynhafod to play games and unravel a few tricks that Rhian Davies had organised. A very happy afternoon.

Cadi Davies, one of our Sunday School children had the honour of performing in the Celtic Festival in Brittany. She was one of Robin Huw Bowen's quartet of triple harpists. Well done Cadi.

We also congratulate Shona Glennie on gaining a first class degree in Chemistry at Leeds University. We're sure there is a bright future ahead of her. The Summer is coming to an end and the swallows are preparing to fly to warmer countries, but they 'll be back in the Spring.

*Carys Evans*

**Children's harvest craft afternoon**

Saturday 13 October 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm

In the Parish Room

# *Summertime booze*

Friends of Llansilin Church
Ffrindiau Eglwys Llansilin

With no fewer than three fund-raising events – two down and one to go - it's been a busy summer for the Friends of Llansilin church.

A long hot July evening was perfect for the wine tasting at Pen y Bryn. Needless to say it was fully booked and selection of bubbly wines from Tanners was complemented by smoked trout canapé (the trout home-smoked at Pen y Bryn) with Shropshire strawberries and cream.



The cream of classical music came to St Silin's when the Temple Ensemble (right) played some spellbinding music by Mozart and Finzi. This group of young musicians, who met at the Royal College of Music, is rapidly establishing an international reputation and we were extremely fortunate to have them playing in Llansilin. In future you'll probably have to go to the Bridgewater or Royal Festival Hall to hear them but they loved the magical acoustic of our church and we hope to persuade them to make a second visit next year.

On 16th September there will be a splendid lunch at Ty Newydd. Dennis Morris has a marquee there for a family event and has most generously allowed us to use it on the Sunday for a fund-raising which we are holding jointly with the friends of the Oswestry orthopaedic hospital.

### *He gin trap is set – a tonic for the winter blues*

If gin's your tipple, this is your event. As a change from the winter wine tasting we have a gin tasting on 23rd November. The recent proliferation of artisan distillers has produced a bewildering array of gins and here'd a chance to sip your way through some of the best. As usual tickets are limited and will go fast so book now through Graham Kyle (791386) or Jeffrey Olstead (791250).

### *...and for our next trick*

The Friends 'mission is to preserve the fabric of our beautiful and historic Grade 1 listed church. Among its treasures is the clock which was installed in the tower in 1832. Although it is recorded as having been made by Thomas Bingham of Birmingham that description only fits a bucklemaker who died in 1790.

But whoever made the clock did a good job and it still chimes the hours across the villager. However it needs a facelift; the face is in poor condition and the Friends would like to see it properly restored and repainted since it is a focal point of the village. That is planned to be the next project.




### *September*

**16** Charity Lunch at Ty Newydd for Friends of Llansilin Church and the Orthopaedic Hospital

**17** Llansilin Local History Society AGM and members' evening Llansilin Institute 7.30 pm

**23** Farewell service for Archdeacon Rev Peter Pike at Welshpool 4pm

**29** Machynlleth Male Voice Choir grand annualconcert in the Memorial Hall

**30** mission area service to celebrate reopening of St Cadwaladr's church 10.30 am

### *October*

**13** Children's harvest craft afternoon 2.00 – 3.15 pm, Parish Room

**21** Harvest Service St Silin's 10.30 followed by bring and share lunch

### *November*

**11** Remembrance Sunday: service St Silin's 10.30, bonfire 7.00pm.church bel;ls 7.05pm and event in Memorial Hall.

**13** Community Council, Memorial Hall 7.30 pm

**23** FoLC Gin Tasting; for tickets call 791386 or 791250

### *December*

**7** Plygain, St Silin's 7.30 pm

# *St Silin's readers and sidesmen*

| *Sept* | *Reader* | *Sidesman* |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | Mary Cunnah | Dennis Sockett |
| 9 | Glenice Jones | Dan Jones |
| 16 | Family service | |
| 23 | Andrew Hollway | Angharad Jones |
| 30 | Mission Area service Llangadwaladr | 10.30 am |
| ***Oct*** | | |
| 7 | Marjorie Evans | Eaton Evans |
| 14 | Angharad Jones | Brenda Jones |
| 21 | Family service | |
| 28 | Vera Evans | Jeffrey Olstead |
| ***Nov*** | | |
| 4 | Lynnette Moss | Graham Moss |
| 11 | Remembrance Service `10.30 am | |
| 18 | Family service | |
| 25 | Linda Batho | Mary Cunnah |

# *Flower and cleaning rota*

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|---|---|---|
| ***Sept*** | 1st & 8TH | Mary Cunnah & Linda Batho |
| | 15th & 22nd | Dot Renshaw & Mary Morris |
| | 29th | Christine Williams |
| ***Oct*** | 6th & 13th | Alma Jones & Christine Williams |
| | 20th & 27th | Janet Davies & Mary Morris |
| ***Nov*** | 3rd & 10th | Val Burton & Linda Batho |
| | 17th & 24th | Valmai Jones & Angharad Jones |

**General information:** Flowers and cleaning - whichever day suits. All individual floral displays should be removed by the arranger. **A very sincere thank you to all who participate in the flower arranging, decorating, cleaning and whatever else. We are always very grateful for your support.** IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH FLOWERS AND CLEANING PLEASE CONTACT THE CO-ORDINATOR **– Christine Williams 791 563**




*CHAPEL*
**Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin A'r Cylch**
**Ysg** Wyn Davies 791 395
**Trys** Carys Evans 791 240

*ST SILIN'S*
**Churchwardens**
People's warden: Jeffrey Olstead
791 250
Vicar's warden: Christine Williams
791 563

**Organist**
Esther Milner 791 647
Assistant; Beverley Parry-Jones

**Communion assistant**
Margaret Lloyd 791 472

**Parochial Church Council Secretary**
Valerie Burton 791 274 email:
vmb@envex.plus.com

**PCC treasurer**
Ann Edwards
**Gift Aid secretary**
Graham Moss 791 528

**Bellringing, St Silin's (**ringing practice Wednesdays at 7.30 pm)
Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
791 274
Tower Captain: Christine Williams
791 563

**Parish Room Bookings**
Mike Coppock 791 590 email
**mcmajc1@yahoo.co.uk**

**Rhiwlas Mission Church**
Contact Marjorie Evans 600 228

**Llangadwaladr Church**
Churchwardens: Richard Pugh 791380 and Lowri Williams 791218.

*TANAT VALLEY MISSION AREA*
**Mission area leader**
Rev Lynnette Norman, The Vicarage, Llanrhaeadr, 780 341
**Wardens**
Jeffrey Olstead 791 250
Sarah Chandler 07817 60561

## *Llansilin Community Shop*

## NEW HOURS

**Tuesday 8.30 am - 12.30pm**
**Post office 9.30 – 12.00**
**Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 am**
**Saturday 8.30 am – 10.30 am**

*We stock*

grocery/dairy/chilled/frozen foods/pet food and household goods / fresh fruit & vegetables/ Tanat Chocolate /home-baked organic products and have a weekly delivery of bread and Hartshorns pies

# *Village activities*

## *and other useful information*

**Baby and Toddler Group** in the Hall Monday and Friday 9.00-11am £2.50 per session, call in for a free taster session or contact Linda Jones on 791639

**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. Owens Coaches 01691 415000

**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 Laura Quance 791 692

**Community Shop at Capel Wesle**

**Tuesday 8.30 am - 12.30 pm (PO 9.30 - 12.00)**

**Thursday 10.30 am – 12.30 pm**

**Saturday 8.30 am – 10.30 am**

**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

**Farmers Crisis Network:** www.fcn.org.uk 0845 367 9990

**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 Memorial Hall. Henry Evans 791 410

**Local History Society:** contact Carys Evans 791 240

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

**Mobile Library:** first Thursday of the month at the Maes-y-Llan car park from 12.50 to 1.30 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**: meets on second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Room

**Playgroup: Cylch y Meithrin** in the Hall: Monday 1.30pm - 3.25pm; Wednesday 9.00am - 10.55am £6 per session. **Ti a Fi** (1-2 years**)** £2.50 and under-1s are £1, Contact Anwen Evans 780717

**Police** (Wales) **0845 330 2000** for non-emergency calls (messages will be picked up and dealt with quickly)

**Police** (West Mercia) **08457 444 888**

**Rhiwlas Community Centre:** contact Gwennan Thomas 07711335828

**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 Sept 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

**YFC:** contact Richard Evans 600 22

## *Need transport? Don't forget Llansilin's own taxi service*

John's Taxis will undertake all journeys including airport. Call John Morris on 07896 523226

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# *Times of Worship*

## St Silin's, Llansilin

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Sunday | | Holy Communion | 10.30 am |
| 2nd | " | Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm) | |
| 3rd | " | Family Service | 10.30 am |
| 4th | " | Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm) | |
| 5th | " | Mission area service | |

## St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Sunday | | Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm) | |
| 2nd | " | Holy Communion (said) | 9.00 am |
| 3rd | " | Evensong (Oct-Mar 4.00 pm; Apr-Sept 6.30 pm) | |
| 4th | " | Holy Communion | 10.30 am |
| 5th | " | Mission area service | |

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

## Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

**MEDI**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Mr Eifion Thomas | Rhiwlas | 2.00 pm |
| 9 | Mr Dennis Davies | Llansilin | 10.00 am |
| 16 | Mrs Beryl Vaughan | Cefncanol | 2.00 pm |
| 23 | Parch Ddr Nerys Ll Tudor (c) | Rhiwlas | 2.00 pm |
| 30 | Parch Gwilym O Jones | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |

**HYD**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Diolchgarwch yr Ifanc | Cefncanol | 6.30 pm |
| 14 | Parch Ddr Siôn Aled | Rhiwlas | 10.00 am |
| 21 | Parch Robert W. Jones | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |
| 28 | Parch. Gwilym O. Jones | Cefncanol | 2.00 pm |

**TACH**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Parch Eric Greene | Rhiwlas | 6.30 pm |
| 11 | Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |
| 18 | Parch Roger Ellis Humphreys (c) | Cefncanol | 2.00 pm |
| 25 | Parch J Gwyndaf Richards | Rhiwlas | 6.30 pm |

*(c) Cymun*