Llansilin Newsletter

Church, chapel and village news



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Dear Parishioners,

So . . . the time is coming when, on 30th April, I will be going into my third period of retirement. I first retired in 1974 at the age of 41 because, having been vicar of Towyn, Abergele, for 13 years, a parish comprising mostly of holiday camps, I had had quite enough of front door bells and telephones, ice cream parlours, bingo callers and drinking clubs, endless crowds and wind-blown rubbish.

I remember in particular the notice on the side of the local off-licence, *Queue here for queue round corner*. Thereafter I retreated into the Bodleian Library where I spent a couple of years crawling up the spines of old books. Bliss!

I retired for the second time from my parish of Whitchurch on Thames on 1st August, 2000. I remember it well. The great cavernous Georgian house was emptied of furniture. (I tell people that there were eight bedrooms. In fact there were four bedrooms and four adjoining dressing rooms.) I was in many ways reluctant to leave it, the tennis court on the front lawn, the great cedar tree, the Thames at the bottom of the garden. For the previous 21 years it had given me delusions of grandeur. But we were removing to Gascony, anticipating a new lifestyle - shades of the Three Musketeers and *paté de foi gras*. Our leaving was not without its drama nevertheless; at five o'clock in the morning Ann was in hot pursuit of the cat which was leading her a merry dance through the neighbourhood gardens.



Relaxing at Whitchurch

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And now? Nothing, at least for the time being. Following my third retirement on 1st May, Ann and I will remain at the vicarage rented to us by the church authorities. But I will no longer be responsible for the affairs of the parish. It does not mean I cannot take services if required. My permission to officiate still stands. But the incumbent of the Tanat Valley Mission Area, Revd. Lynette Norman, will be responsible for life of the churches. That does not mean that Ann and I are expected to abandon the many friendships we have made during the past four years. . People will always be welcome at the Vicarage, but not on church business.



St Antoine - le chateau formerly a fortified monastery

So how does it come to an end? On the final Sunday of my responsibilities, 29th April, there will be a joint mission area service presumably at St Dogfan's. So I have decided to hold a service of evensong at St Silin's on the Saturday evening, 28th April at 6.30 p.m. so as to reminisce a little on the 60, admittedly intermittent, years of my ministry. (I was ordained deacon at St Asaph Cathedral on 1st June 1958.) If it sounds boring let me assure you it will be nothing of the sort. So put it your diaries and please come.

May God bless you,

Rev Richard Hughes

Thanks from Esther

As many will know Esther Milner has recently been seriously ill, but she's now on the mend and wishes to say thank you to everyone for their kindness, she writes; *Esther wishes to thank all for the lovely get-well cards and enquiries during her recent illness. She has been quite overwhelmed and now looks forward to a full recovery. Thanking you all once again,*

Esther



Church news

April is the cruellest month…

The oft quoted lines from TS Eliot have a particular poignancy for Llansilin for at the end of this month we lose our vicar – and he may possibly be the last. of a line stretching back to St Silin himself.

Richard was, literally, a Godsend to our village and under his gentle care the congregation has slowly grown to being by far the largest for Sunday services in the Tanat Valley. Now, perhaps a thousand years of history will come to a close. Faced with severe financial difficulties the diocese may decide that there will not be a successor. After Richard leaves on 30th April our services, along with Llangedwyn, Llangadwaladr and Rhiwlas will be in the hands of the mission area leader, the Rev Lynnette Norman of Llanrhaeadr, though local worship leaders will play a prominent role.

Few of us will forget Richard's sermons – often more history than theology and laced with quiet humour, they made us think, made us laugh and were admirably brief. All too brief has been his stay here, but fortunately we are not losing him altogether. Richard will remain at the Vicarage for the time being and hopefully involve himself in village activities, but he is definitely not there to be pestered with church business. He will lead a farewell evensong on Saturday 28th April and is promising that his final sermon will be something out of the ordinary, a moment of final indiscretion before he hangs up his dog-collar.

An eventful time

But before then there is plenty happening at St Silin's. On 6th April we have a fashion show in the church, staged in collaboration with M & Co. from Oswestry. There will be a splendid array of spring and summer fashion for everyone from schoolkids to their grandparents. The models will include a number of well-known local faces – turn up, or you may never see them looking so smart again.

Before then, on March 23rd, we host another concert by the renowned harpist Lily Neill whose recital last year was truly memorable. Details on page 6.

The gospel truth – or is it?

This year's Lent course at St Silin's will be focussed on St Paul's letter to the Hebrews, which was not written by St Paul, is not a letter and is not addressed to the Hebrews. Confused? Hopefully just intrigued, so come along to the parish room at 6.30pm each Wednesday until Easter to hear Rev Richard unfold the mystery.

More power to the flower ladies



Are you part of the team who help to keep the church clean or arrange flowers? Why not pop in on Saturday 24th March 10am – 12 noon when we will be spring cleaning. Coffee/tea and hot-cross buns will be provided. This will be a great opportunity for the whole team to get together, and who knows what ideas may blossom?

The silent killer in the churchyard

Silently its tentacles creep across the tombs, sucking life from the gravestones, its black fruit so like a blackcurrant – and so deadly. Ivy.

This rampant menace really is causing problems, inflicting serious damage to churchyard memorials, walls and trees. So we plan a spring blitz.

Unfortunately the usual weedkillers are largely ineffective so the only means of control is to pull it by hand. That means we need an army of volunteers for the great ivy blitz – planned for a spring day when the weather may be on our side. . Just keep an eye on noticeboards for the date to be announced and ideally before then let Val Burton (791274) know that you are interested in helping.

Bring your own secateurs and waste bags, and as an incentive there will be prizes for the biggest heap and the longest single strand.

And it isn't just the ivy

Grass has a habit of growing too, and without the help of volunteers the churchyard would become a jungle. In April we start mowing again and if you can spare an hour to help drop in on any Thursday evening from 6pm. Bring your own strimmer or use one of ours. You'll enjoy good company and refreshments are provided.

How shall we remember them?

Llansilin war memorial has now been fully restored. The cost was met by St Silin's and the Community Council with the help of a generous grant from Powys County Council. It will now be in pristine condition for the centenary of the armistice that brought the Great War to a close.

How else can we commemorate this historic event? The official national tribute website is at www.brunopeek.co.uk and already more than 800 sites have registered for hilltop beacons. If you have any ideas about ways that the village might recognise the great act of remembrance that will fall on 11th November the newsletter would be glad to hear, or speak to a community councillor or churchwarden.



Don't miss a musical superstar in concert

On 23 March harpist lily Neill will be returning for another concert in St Silin's. Last year Lily astonished the audiences with her musical virtuosity and we are lucky and delighted to welcome her back, playing the harp as few have ever heard before.

As a child, Lily performed for the likes of US President Bill Clinton and alongside Irish super-group, The Chieftains. Her original compositions with a dynamic mixture of Irish jigs and reels, Lithuanian dances, Finnish tangos and Tatar folk songs have enthralled audiences around the world. This is a rare opportunity to hear a world-class musician in Llansilin. Don't miss it.
Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from Rowanthorn, Oswestry or on the door.

Friday 23rd March 7.30pm, St Silin's Church

Revision of church electoral roll

It's time to revise the church electoral roll. A notice and copy can be found in the church. If you are already on it you need take no action unless there are any changes you want to make. If you are not already on the roll and would like to be you can fill in the form below and leave it in the box in St Silin's, or fill in one of the forms in the church.

Application for inclusion on the church electoral roll

Delete as appropriate Enter full Christian Names and Surname

I, Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr

Enter full postal address

Of……

……

Postcode Tel. No. E-mail (optional)

----- hereby apply to have my name entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish of **Llansilin** in the **Diocese of St Asaph** and I agree to accept and be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales. I declare that I am qualified according to the provisions of section 2(4) of Chapter VI of the Constitution (see below).

Signature Date

NOTE: A lay person who is over sixteen years of age shall be entitled to have his/her name entered on the Roll if he/she: (i) is a communicant, and (ii) is not a member of any religious body which is not in communion with the Church in Wales, without the written dispensation of the Diocesan Bishop from this requirement; and is resident in the parish, or, if not so resident, has habitually attended public worship in that parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and has signed a form of application for enrolment.,

Would you like to help?

To keep the church friendly and beautiful we rely on volunteers. Please tick if you would like to help, even if it's only very occasionally, in any of these ways:

Reading the lesson …… Taking collection/meeting and greeting……

Making tea and coffee on first Sunday…….. Mowing the churchyard……...

Cleaning the church and providing flowers……

We beat the weather – and the show went on

Despite the horrendous weather in December we still managed to get to our planned pantomime trip to Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury to see *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* - it was a brilliant performance which was enjoyed very much by the pupils (and staff). We are definitely looking to book again for next year.

The children's own pantomime production of *Aladdin*, (after being postponed due to the snow), was eventually staged on the last day of term. The children were amazing and showed some top class acting skills. A big thank you to Mr David Lloyd for producing the show and we managed to raise over £110 in ticket sales. Well done all round! We had a Christmas Jumper Day on 15 December with some wonderful jumpers on show. So there was much excitement in the run-up to Christmas.



Pupils enjoyed the snow as well as the show

After a bit of a quiet start to the year with sports events being cancelled, we were back on track in February kicking off (literally) with a 5-a-side football competition on the 1st in Llanfair Caereinion. The children, as always, played very well and enjoyed themselves too. On Thursday 8th February some of our Yr 5 and 6 pupils took part in a netball tournament at Llanfyllin High school winning five out of their seven matches. Well done.

Further on into February, on the 28th the children will be holding

a Fair Trade afternoon, a subject which they have been studying in school. They are very excited about this and all parents and friends are welcome to come along at 2pm to see their presentations.

On 1st March – St David's Day – we will be holding the School Eisteddfod at 2pm in the main hall to which parents are welcome to come. With three sports events lined up for later in March (Cross Country at Llanfyllin on the 8th and at Llanfair Caereinion on 15th) and a swimming gala at Welshpool on 14th I think the children will be just about ready for their Easter break on 23rd March.

The school continues to take part in the British Ironworks project (a metal bust of the Queen) and would welcome any donations of tin cans (washed and labels removed). Cans can be dropped off at school anytime and the Ironworks make periodic collections. We continue to collect used postage stamps, ink cartridges and mobile phones.

May everyone at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith with you all a very happy Easter.

Music and a marquee lunch

Friends of Llansilin Church

Ffrindiau Eglwys Llansilin

The Friends of Llansilin Church have an interesting summer programme with three major events in historic settings..

On Sunday 16 September we have a joint charity lunch with the League of Friends of the Oswestry orthopaedic hospital. Thanks to Dennis Morris we are able to use a marquee at Ty Newydd, following a family event there, for a fundraising lunch.

Full details will be available nearer the time, but we do hope to have an auction of promises so if you would like to donate a lot – goods or services – for these very important charities do contact the FoLC chairman Graham Kyle. (01691 791386)

There will also be a concert in St Silin's on Sunday 2nd September by a clarinet quintet whose members gave a memorable performance in the village a year ago. Again details will be posted later.



Putting the fizz into fundraising

Meanwhile the Friends plan to hold a summer wine event in the gardens of one of the oldest houses in the valley, Pen-y-Bryn. Fizz and rosé wine will be served with smoked trout canapés and strawberries and cream. It will be on 6th July; more details in the next newsletter but since places are strictly limited so you may want to book early. Call Graham Kyle if you do. The wine tasting in November, by the way, raised more than £500 .

St Silin's Church Registers 2017

Marriages

August 19	Gary Adam Jones, Craigllwyn Catherine Emma Jones, Oswestry

Burials

January 13	Wyn Lloyd, Cefn-y-Maes Mawrs, Rhydycroesau, aged 90 burial only
February 6	Ann Roberts Roberts, Tynllan, aged 100
February 21	Selena Elizabeth Evans, Oswestry, aged 93
March 11	Arwel Lloyd Watkins, Bank Farm, Rhydycroesau, aged 58
March 22	Iris Elizabeth Marsden, Berth-y-Maen, aged 91, service only
May 19	Linda Dilys Jones, Hendy, aged 61
May 23	Mary Roberta Carlton, Sycharth Farm, aged 94
July 28	Cyril Lloyd Watkins, Bank Farm, Rhydycroesau, aged 88

Interrment of ashes

February 17	Anthony Christopher Parsons, Tops House, aged 62
Ocrtober 21	Kenneth Morgan, Liverpool (late of the Wynnstay) aged 95

Chapel registers

February 2	Arwel Lloyd Watkins, Bank Farm, Rhydycroesau, aged 58 service and burial Llansilin March 11
June 21	Edward Meirion Jones, Tymawr, aged 77 service July 6 Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog church burial Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr
July 11	Cyril Lloyd Watkins, Bank Farm, Rhydycroesau, aged 88 service and burial Llansilin July 28
December 26	Wyn Lloyd, Cefn-y-Maes Mawr, aged 90 Service Cefn Canol Chapel, burial Llansilin January 13

When do you want to shop?



Picture by Mary Cunnah

What's the future for the village shop? Don't Panic, it's not closing.... BUT Thursday mornings are not well supported and the committee is looking at other options.

It has been suggested that in addition to Tuesday mornings opening at 8.30 until 12.30 (the Post Office is open from 9.30 until 11.30) Saturday morning opening may be popular. As the running of the shop totally depends on volunteers, opening at another time will inevitably mean either more people volunteering or, possibly, not opening on Thursday morning as at the present. What do you think?

If the shop were to open on Saturday morning it would give people who work during the week the opportunity for support it, either as customers or volunteers, reinforcing the community spirit. Perhaps the local children could spend their pocket money on "Saturday Sweeties" (or fruit) giving them a sense of independence.

The Llansilin Shop Committee would like to hear from anyone who values this sterling effort on behalf of us all. And we thank everyone who supports us in this valuable community venture.

Please email your comments to andrew@pentrebarn.co.uk

Gweinidogaeth Bro



Mae prysurdeb y Nadolig wedi hen fynd heibio a phawb yn edrych ymlaen at y Gwanwyn a'i fywyd newydd. Parhau mae'r Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol i fynd o nerth i nerth. Ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn daeth Lloyd Davies atom i siarad am ei amser ym Mhatagonia. Cafodd Lloydd ei ddewis fel un o aelodau'r Urdd i ymweld a'r Wladfa i gymysgu a chyd-fwynhau gyda phobl ifanc Cymreig y rhan yna o'r Arianin. Profiad bythgofiadwy iddo. (Ewythr Lloyd yw Trefor Jones, Fodwen).

Noson arall a gafwyd oedd Gethin Thomas yn siarad am ei fywyd a'i waith fel gyrrwr tacsi yn Wrecsam. Mab Wil a Dorothy Thomas yw Gethin ac mae ei Gymraeg mor loyw ag erioed..

I gloi rhaglen y Gaeaf bydd ein Cinio Gwyl Dewi ddiwedd y Mis Bach pryd bydd Y Parch Bethan Scotford yn siarad ac yn ein diddanu.

Christmas jollities have long been a thing of the past and everybody is now looking forward to Spring time and it's new life.

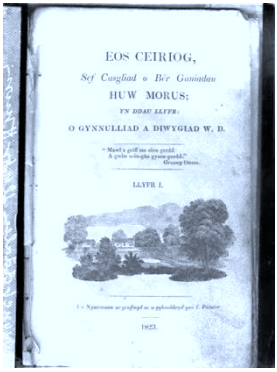
The Gymdeithas Ddiwylliadol is still going from strength to strength. At the beginning of January Lloyd Davies came and talked about the time he spent visiting the Welsh in Patagonia. Lloyd was chosen to represent the Urdd as one of a group of youngsters to visit and socialise with the young Welsh speaking people in that part of Argentina. An unforgettable experience for him.(Lloyd is Trefor Jones, Fodwen 's nephew).

Another evening was held when Gethin Thomas came and gave a talk on his life and work as a taxi driver in Wrexham. Gethin is Will and Dorothy Thomas' son and his Welsh is as fine and cultured as ever.

To close the winter's programme, our Saint David's Dinner will be held at the end of February, when the Reverend Bethan Scotford will address and entertain us.

Carys Evans

Cymdeithas Hanes Lleol Llansilin Local History Society programme for 2018


EOS CEIRIOG,

Sef Casgliad o Ber Gamddau

HUW MORUS;

YN DDAU LLYFR:

O GYNNULLIAD A DIWYGIAD W. D.

LLYFR I.

The programme for 2018 is coming together nicely. Our first meeting is on Monday April 16th, when there will be a talk by Roger Cooper on *Recent Excavations at Oswestry Castle and their Implications.* Then on Monday April 30th, Derek Williams will give a talk on a past Rhydycroesau rector, titled *The Reverend Robert Williams, Celtic Scholar*. **The Nesta Morgan Memorial Lecture** will be held on Friday, May 11th**.** Professor and Vice Chancellor Jerry Hunter of Bangor University, is coming to talk about Huw Morus, our local 17 century poet, and his connection with the Civil War.

For further information contact Carys Evans 01691 791240.

Crown of Light brightens our hospices

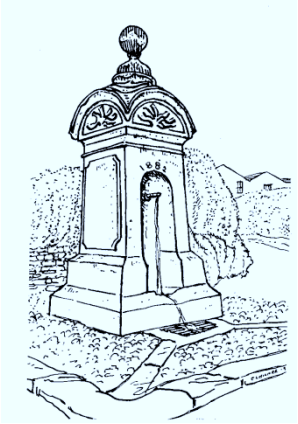
This year the Crown of Light on St Silin's tower was particularly striking, as the new lighting in the village allows the crown to shine in almost solitary splendour. And the splendid response from the village raised a total of £454 which is split between the Severn Hospice and Hope House. At a Tuesday coffee morning in the parish room a cheque for £227 was presented to Mike Perry from the Severn Hospice. He expressed warm thanks for Llansilin's generosity and reminded us that the hospice has to find £2m each year from voluntary donations and fund raising.



Pictured: Mike Perry receives the cheque from Rev Richard Hughes, Dot Renshaw and Ann Evans.

Parish pump

a round-up of village news



May is going to be a busy time at the Wynnstay with events almost every week. The traditional duck race will be on 7th May and as always the proceeds will go to the village playing fields. Anyone using the new fish pass will be disqualified.

The playing fields will also benefit from a tractor run that is planned for April. These runs attract more and more support every year and even if you aren't driving a tractor it's well worth going down to the Wynnstay to watch them setting off. Other off-road vehicles may be able to join in, but it can be rough going so check with Wayne first.

On 12th May it's The Full Monty when Wayne and his team will… well, wait and see. And as if that wasn't enough excitement for one month the traditional village fun day will be on bank holiday Sunday, 27th May. For more details of all these events keep an eye on the pub's noticeboard.

A day for crafty kids

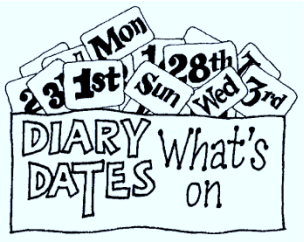
On Easter Saturday, 31st March, there is an Easter Craft Afternoon for Children. It will be in the parish room, starting at 2 o'clock and finishing around 3.15, depending on how people are getting on. You don't need to bring anything and all are welcome.

If you want a good read...

Don't forget that both the community shop and St Silin's church have shelves of secondhand books for sale to help raise funds. From local history to epic romance, it's all there., and if you find your own bookshelves are getting overcrowded they will both be happy to receive donated books.

Clocking on

We have a new winder for the village clock. Huge thanks to Paul Jones for climbing the belfry tower every week to keep Llansilin on time.



March

1 St David's Day service, St Cadwaladr's 6 pm
School Eisteddfod, Ysgol Bro Cynllaith 2.00pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Lent course, the Epistle to the Hebrews, St Silin's parish room 6.30 pm
11 Mothering Sunday service, St Cedwyn's 10.30am
23 Lily Neill harp concert, St Silin's, 7.30pm
24 Flower arrangers and church cleaners get-together and big clean for Easter, St Silin's 10.00am-12 noon.
30 GOOD FRIDAY. Meditation on the Cross; St Cedwyn's 12.00 noon-1.00pm; St Silin's 2.00pm-3.00pm

April

1 EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION: St Silin's 10.30am**;**
St Cedwyn's 2.30pm
6 M&Co Fashion Show with refreshments, St Silin's, 7.30pm
12 St Silin's Easter Vestry, 7.00pm
28 Vicar's farewell evensong, St Silin's 6.30pm (Saturday)

May

7 Duck race on the Cynllaith for the playing fields
12 The Full Monty at the Wynnstay Inn
27 Village Fun Day at the Wynnstay Inn

Step out in style this summer

M&CO Fashion Show

St Silin's Church Friday 6th April 7.30 pm

Fashion for all ages with generous refreshments provided by the ladies of the church.

Tickets £8 (under 16 free)

All proceeds will be shared between St Silin's and the Air Ambulance.

St Silin's readers and sidesmen

March	*Reader*	*Sidesman*
4	Mary Cunnah	Margaret Jones
11	Mike Coppock	Samantha Evans
18	Family service	
25	Angharad Jones	Mary Morris
April		
1	Jeffrey Olstead	Dennis Sockett
8	Vera Evans	Mike Coppock
15	Family Service	
22	Samantha Evans	Brenda Jones
29	Mission area service Llanrhaeadr	
May		
6	Lynette Moss	Graham Moss
13	Chris Burton	Val Burton
20	Family Service	
27	Marjorie Evans	Angharad Jones

Flower and cleaning rota

No flowers in Lent

MARCH	3 & 10	Mary Morris and Christine Sockett
	17 & 31	Brenda Jones and Christine Williams
	24	Big clean for Easter
	31	Decorate with flowers for Easter
APRIL	7 & 14	Janet Jones and Kim Ashford
	21 & 28	Julie Jones and Christine Williams
MAY	**5 & 12**	Marjorie Evans and Fiona Hollway
	19 & 26	Valmai and Angharad Jones

General information: Flowers and cleaning - whichever day suits. All individual floral displays should be removed by the arranger. Please look out for posters for special events

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
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Vicar's warden: Christine Williams
791 563

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Communion assistant
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Ann Edwards
Gift Aid secretary
Graham Moss 791 528

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Steeple Keeper: Chris Burton
791 274
Tower Captain: Christine Williams
791 563

Parish Room Bookings
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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
Christine Williams 791 563

A name that rings a bell - or four

A slip in the last issue when we said it was Bell Hughes who rang several bells at St Silin's simultaneously. In fact it was it was actually Jack Morris who rang four bells, using his hands and feet, seated on a chair in the middle of the ringing chamber.

The late John Williams used to hold up a hurricane lamp for him to see what he was doing.

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 and Thursday 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

Post office: Tuesday 9.30 am – 11.30 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: every second Monday in the month at the Maes-y-Llan car park from 12.00 to 1.00 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

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	"	Group service	

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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	"	Group service	

Please contact the churchwardens to arrange home communion, visiting or special services. Vicar – Rev Richard Hughes 01691 791876

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Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

MAW				
	4	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Llansilin	2.00 pm
	11	Gwasanaeth y Chwiorydd	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
	18	Parch Rhys ab Ogwen Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
	25	Parch Ddr Goronwy Prys Owen (c)	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
EBR				
	1	Parch Eric Greene	Cefncanol	6.30 pm
	8	Parch Robert W. Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
	15	Parch J Gwyndaf Richards	Llansilin	6.30 pm
	22	Parch Ddr Siôn Aled	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
	29	Mr Ieuan Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 pm
MAI				
	6	Y Gamanfa Ganu	Llansilin	6.00 pm
	13	Parch. Gwilym O. Jones	Cefncanol	2.00 pm
	20	Sul Ieuenctid	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm
	27	Mr Thomas Morris	Llansilin	2.00 pm

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