# *Llansilin Newsletter*

*Church, chapel and village news*



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# *A thousand-year history now ends*




More than a thousand years of village history came to an end on 30th April when Llansilin lost its last resident vicar.. Richard has retired and although he will remain at the vicarage he no longer conducts services. St Silin's now relies on the Tanat Valley Mission area team; that is Rev Lynette Norman and Rev Peter Heaney supported by our worship leader Christine Williams.

We have had some notable vicars, though sadly no complete list of them appears in the church, although this is commonly found elsewhere. But there has been a line of succession from the Age of Saints and St Silin himself. Now the last page has turned, the book is closed. But the story goes on.

Richard leaves a thriving church. Under his care the congregation has increased; almost uniquely in the valley we are on a sound financial footing. Our lovely medieval building still lies at the heart of the village and gives the village a heart. Whether you attend church or not, it's always there for you - for weddings and funerals, a place where you can momentarily escape from all the hassle of the world.

# *The last word*

***The following is a brief extract from Rev Richard Hughes' last address in St Silin's***

Imagine the solemnity of it, an interview with the Right Reverend David Daniel Bartlett, Doctor of Divinity, Lord Bishop of St Asaph, on the eve of my ordination to the deaconate, Trinity Sunday, June 1st, 1958. A month next Tuesday I will be ordained 60 years. I remember it well, like walking into an El Greco painting, the gothic gloom of the Gladstone Library at Hawarden, in his purple cassock the bishop, his hair like so many tiny flames and his funny little voice .

David Bartlett was, I think, a good bishop of the diocese, though like most bishops he was far too nervous of the accountants. What is required is not accountancy but faith. If the church had been run on business principles it would have been bankrupt in the first century. The church survives on the loyalty and devotion its people

But ordination also endows the clergy with strange powers. Tom Morris, chaplain to the university and Euros Bowen, an eminent Welsh poet, came hurtling down the hill from St Mary's College, Bangor in an out of control Austin Seven which ran smack into the front of W. H. Smiths in the High Street. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. A large crowd gathered, a policeman attempting to disperse them. But Tom Morris knew the power of the dog collar. 'Let us pray,' he said. They pushed off at a rate of knots

In 1961 I was inducted Vicar of Towyn, Abergele, largely comprising 22 holiday camps. Towyn was a strange parish by any standards. Even the churchwardens were selling ice creams. I should be in the Guiness Book of Records as the vicar belonging to the most drinking clubs.

On several occasions I had seen them around the place, a baby in a pushchair, a weedy young man, his little dumpy girlfriend and her six foot three mother, built to size. She looked as though she could strike down Mohammed Ali. One evening they came to see me at the Vicarage. 'Could you marry these two?' So I made the necessary arrangements but the evening before the wedding they were back minus the young man. Granny smashed her fist down on my desk. '' He's got away,' she said. 'He got out when I wasn't looking. How are you going to get him back?' That surprised me. 'How do you expect me to do that?' She gave me a withering look. 'I always knew you was useless

And what now?. When we moved back from France in the wake of Ann's stroke it never occurred to me that I would again serve as a parish priest. In the event, four years ago Bishop Gregory inducted me at the age of 80 to the churches of St Silin, St Cedwyn, Rhiwlas and our beloved St Cadwaladr. It has been for Ann and I a sheer pleasure. We will never forget the many friendships and kindnesses that have ensued.

May God bless you, my friends.

*Richard Hughes*

# *How we beat the weather*

We did well to dodge the snow on 28 February and successfully held our Fairtrade Afternoon to which parents were invited. The children were very pleased to show off their work and managed to raise £17 in donations which has been forwarded on to the Fairtrade Association.

Other events which were casualties of the snow were our school eisteddfod and the cross country which were both rescheduled for later into March. The school eisteddfod went extremely well on 21 March and was well received by the parents – the children were brilliant. The cross country event at Welshpool on 23 March saw two of our pupils, Annabel Quance and Ffion Evans achieving 14th and 10th placings out of 50. Well done to them both. On 14 March two of our pupils, Lillie Morris and Marty Jones, qualified to go through to the next round of the WASPS swimming gala which was held on 20 April. Unfortunately Lillie couldn't make it but Marty did extremely well in the front crawl. Well done.



**Celebrating the royal wedding**

On 15 March our year 6 pupils attended a BBC News Theme Day at Llanfyllin High School and had an exciting day compiling reports for the Llanfyllin Newspaper which can be found at https:Llanfyllin-high-school.jbloggy.com/School-Report/

On 22 March the PTFA held an Easter Bingo which was extremely well attended and managed to raise a fantastic £290! There were lots of prizes of chocolate Easter eggs and a fab raffle too.

The annual Football Fundays are upon us once again, the first of which takes place on Saturday 12 May in Llanrhaeadr and the second at Pennant on Saturday 16 June. These are always good fun family days and we wish our teams the best of luck. We also have our own school sports day to look forward to on 20 June and the area sports at Llanfyllin on 14 June for our years 4, 5 and 6. Keep everything crossed for good weather.!

Last but by no means least we are delighted to announce the news that our teacher Mrs Lucy Eyres gave birth to a beautiful bouncing baby boy on 20 April – many congratulations and a big welcome to little Oliver Ryan.

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.

## *Holiday treasure hunt*

The village is full of interesting things – you just have to look for them. See if you can find the answers to these questions; they are all hidden in Llansilin;

1. The wife of a prime minister opened an important building in Llansilin. Who was she?
2. There are only 28 days in February, but someone was buried on the 31st. Who was he? (Clue: the grave is on the south side of the church.)
3. What can you find in the village that is a thousand years old? (Your grandfather doesn't count.)
4. What in the village commemorates the Queen's diamond jubilee?
5. Only one soldier from Llansilin was killed in the Second World War. Who was he?
6. What did Dr Walter Jones inspire in the village in 1882?

Answers in the next newsletter.

# *Gweinidogaeth Bro*




Am Wanwyn oer a gwlyb, hei lwc y cawn haf heulog a chynnes.

Dechrau Mis Mai cafwyd Cymanfa Ganu wych iawn yn Seion, Croesoswallt. Iona Jones oedd yn arwain y canu ac fe roddodd ychydig o hanes yr emynwyr a chyfansoddwyr y tonnau cyn canu'r emynau. Nerys Pritchard oedd yr organyddes a hanner amser rhoddodd ddatganiad ar yr organ. Mae wedi bod yn canu'r organ am 70 o flynyddoedd, tipyn o gamp. Noson arbennig iawn.

Nos Sul yr 20fed o Fai, cafwyd gwasanaeth dan ofal naw o ieuenctid yr ofalaeth. Gwasanaeth i gyflwyno Neges Ewyllys Da yr Urdd oedd hwn a Lowri Griffiths ddarllenodd y Neges. Ar ddiwdd y gwasanaeth gwnaed casgliad tuag at Cymorth Cristnogol.

Mae'r Ysgol Sul Rhiwlas wedi ail-ddechrau ar ôl prysurdeb yr wyna. Mae yna dri dosbarth ar hyn o bryd, un i'r plant lleiaf, un i'r arddegau ac un i'r oedolion. Croeso i unrhyw un ymuno, 10-00 o'r gloch bob bore Sul.

What a wet and cold Spring, let's hope we'll have a warm and sunny Summer.

The Singing Festival was held in Seion Chapel, Oswestry. Iona Jones was the conductor and she gave a brief history of the poets and composers of the tunes before singing each hymn. Nerys Pritchard was the organist and at half time she gave a masterly recital on the organ. She has

been an organist for 70 years, quite an achievement. A very special evening.

On Sunday, May 20th, the service was led by nine youths of the Wenidogaeth Bro. This was a service to deliver the Urdd's Peace and Goodwill Message. Lowri Griffiths read the message this year. The collection at the end of the service went to Christian Aid.

The Sunday School at Rhiwlas has re-started after the busy lambing season. There are three classes, one for the children, one for the teenagers and one for the adults. There is a warm welcome for anybody who wishes to join, ten o'clock every Sunday morning.

***Carys Evans***

***NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL***
***MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE----ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***
***Tuesday 12thJUNE 2018, 7:30pm***
***(Registered Charity No.216682)***

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL AND INSTITUTE will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7:30pm. All inhabitants of the area of benefit (i.e. Llansilin, Llangadwaladr, Moelfre, Cymdu, Cefn Canol and Rhiwlas) who are aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting in the appointment of elected members only (NB not representative members of community organisations) to serve on the hall management committee as trustees of the registered charity known as LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL. Existing elected committee members can be re-elected if they have not given notice of their non availability for re-election in writing to the Chairman no later than 8th June 2018. Please note that any nominations for new elected members must be given to the Chairman Mr.E.O.Evans, Cefn y Braich, Llansilin, in writing together with the written consent of the nominee no later than Friday 8th June 2018. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary Mr. A.E.James 2 Pentre Felin Cottages, Llansilin Tel: 01691 791346

# *Protecting your data – you must act now*

By now you will have received so many emails and letters about the new data protection regulations (GDPR) that you will know we have to get your consent to keep any personal details – even your address – on a computer file. Apart from your postal and email address the only other data we are likely to have would be details of donations or gift aid, but not your bank account.

However, we now need your consent to contact you - to send details of events or even to deliver this newsletter. And there are conditions.

Very briefly, the church must keep your information confidential and only use it for church purposes, it must only keep the information it needs, not give it to any third party and ensure that it is protected.

You have a string of rights and safeguards. This includes the right to see your personal data, to request changes where it is inaccurate or out of date, to ask for it to be erased and to withdraw your consent entirely for any data to be kept.

You can find a detailed explanation of all the legal; requirements and conditions on the noticeboard in St Silin's porch. Meanwhile, if you would like to continue receiving the Llansilin newsletter please fill in your name and address on the form below, tear it off and leaver it in the box in the church porch or in the village shop. Or simply email j.olstead@cantab.net

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*Church news*

# *Farewell to a friend and the end of a thousand-year history*

At the end of April Llansilin saw the retirement of its last vicar. The Reverend Richard Hughes took his last service, preached his last sermon and left a hole in the fabric of the village which will not be mended.



**Richard preaching his last sermon in the pulpit of St Dogfan's, Llanrhaeadr**

On Friday 27th more than 70 people attended a farewell dinner in Llangedwyn. The village hall overflowed with guests and goodwill leaving Richard and Ann in little doubt how much we have valued their time with us. Fortunately it is not quite over as they will be staying in the vicarage, delighted to meet old friends though definitely not on call.

The following day saw Richard conduct a special evensong in St Silin's where his 'sermon' was a memorable looking-back over his 60 years as a priest. His final bow was taken on the Sunday when the Reverend Lynette Norman invited Richard to preach his last sermon from the pulpit in St Dogfan's where his father had first preached as a curate so many years ago.

The Rev Norman, as Tanat Valley Mission Area leader now takes responsibility for St Silin's, St Cedwyn's and St Cadwaladr's bringing to an end the line of parish vicars in Llansilin that stretches back to the sixth century – the Age of Saints.

## *Fashionable fundraising*

The church isn't often seen as a leader of fashion but St Silin's was packed for the M&Co fashion show organised by Glenice Jones, Mary Cunnah, Ann Edwards and the Mothers' Union. The locally recruited models, ranging from tots to the slightly tottering, transformed the aisle to a catwalk and made a big impact, particularly on funds. The event raised more than £1,300 which has been divided between St Silin's and the air ambulance.

Another fundraising success was the concert by harpist Lily Neill. Her programme ranging from medieval to modern was spellbinding and not surprisingly she is already being booked for 2020.



Meanwhile the Crown of Light was particularly spectacular last year as a result of the new lighting in the village and it raised a fairly spectacular amount in donations. As always this was split between our two local hospices – Hope House and the Severn Hospice. The picture shows Lynsey Kilvert of Hope House (second left) receiving a cheque for £227 from Ann Edwards, Alison Beeston and Christine Williams.

As always St Silin's will have an open weekend over the August bank holiday. The church will be open for refreshments and there will be a display of local historical interest.



## *Ivy blitz - help fight the green invader*

The rampant ivy in the churchyard is doing enormous damage, smothering headstones and killing trees. It can only be controlled effectively by hand pulling. Please spare an hour on any Thursday evening to give a hand. In the picture you can see a headstone that has been cleared and one awaiting treatment.

Friends of Llansilin Church

Ffrindiau Eglwys Llansilin

# *FoLC puts the fizz into fundraising*

Highlight of the Friends' summer programme is spectacular event at Pen y Bryn. The oldest house in the valley, with its beautiful terraced garden is the perfect setting for a summer night's wine tasting – and this will be no ordinary wine.

From the country's best regional wine merchant,- Tanners of Shrewsbury, we have a selection of summer fizz; compare cava and prosecco, appreciate the difference between French and Aussie bubblies and along with this you can enjoy smoked trout canapés and strawberries and cream.



It's only £20 a ticket and numbers are very strictly limited and already selling fast, so to book your ticket(s) now by emailing jeffrey.olstead@cantab.net or calling Jeffrey on 01691 791250.

More wining and dining in September when there will be a charity lunch at Ty Newydd. After a family celebration Dennis Morris has generously allowed us to use the marquee for a fundraising event which we will share with the friends of the orthopaedic hospital. Besides a sumptuous lunch there will be a grand raffle and entertainment from Strictly Songtime, fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe. More details to come but put the date in your diary – 16th September and to book your place now you can email grahamkyle33@gmail.com

Another early warning - on 2nd September there will be a clarinet quintet concert in St Silin's. Again, more details will follow later.

**STOP PRESS - a spectacular FoLC tractor run on 16th June –see page 14**

# *The end of the road for Rhiwlas*



Rhiwlas Mission Church is to close. Regular services have been suspended by order of the bishop since January but now the church committee has, with heavy hearts, recommended that it should be permanently closed. No decision like this is easy. But the facts are stark; only a handful of people attend services and certainly too few to bear the financial burden involved in retaining the church. Just meeting the demands of the diocese would be a challenge but the principal problem is the condition of the building, which is in a sad state of disrepair.

It was built in the 1880s and, as the name mission church suggests, it was a daughter church of St Silin's and never a parish church in its own right. The money for the building was raised by St Silin's and it's believed that the present church may have been built on the site of a ruined chapel. The land for the churchyard was given by Arthur Jebb who owned 520 acres around Rhiwlas.. He was a distinguished barrister, and although his family home was in Ellesmere he also lived at Tydraw and was a JP for Denbigh. Besides his legal and landowning concerns Arthur seems to have had literary interests too and was a contributor to *A Book of Psalms Rendered into English Verse* published in 1898, after his death in 1894. Arthur was buried at Rhiwlas, along with other members of the family.

. St Silin's church committee has recommended that although the church should be closed the churchyard must be kept open for burials and the CC would assume responsibility for its upkeep. The building will probably be demolished since there is no obvious alternative use. And here we should record Rhiwlas' huge debt to Marjorie Evans who as churchwarden has kept the church going for so long. Indeed the Evans family have served as lay readers and churchwardens in an uninterrupted succession ever since the church was built.

# *Llansilin Show – fun for all on the August Bank Holiday*



Llansilin show and sheep dog trials are a very important time for our village. The show committee work hard preparing for the show throughout the year to make it a special day for all. The local sheepdog trials, quad bike competition and a family barbecue will be on **Saturday 25th August** in Cae Dentyr.

The main show day is on **Monday 27th August**. Open sheepdog trials start from 8am on Cae Dentyr, the hall opens at 9 am for displaying produce, floral and cookery entries alongside children's entries and crafts. The hall is open for public viewing from 2 pm. A horse show takes place throughout the day and a dog show from 12.45, both in the Tynllan Field.

## *You can take part too*

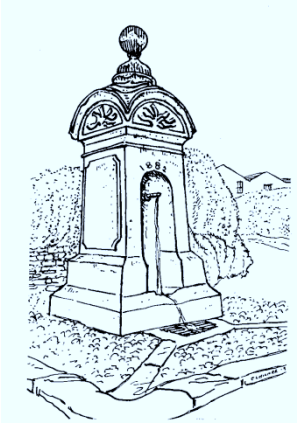
Asda always there is a huge selection of competitions from floral art to the art of baking The arts and crafts competition includes photographs of ice and snow, wildflowers, sky or celebration, while for the more crafty competitors this year sees a new competition for a metre of homemade bunting. For those whose skill is with the pen rather than the needle the writing competitions include a humorous poem "Potholes" - well the county council's attempts at mending them are always worth a laugh.

Under 5s are challenged to make an edible face on a plate, The 5-8 years-olds can try an animal made from fruit and veg, while for 9-11 years, there's a decorated T-shirt competition.

The field family competitions include anything made from a cardboard box, decorated egg, and the tallest thistle. So now you have plenty of time to get thinking and preparing. . The full show schedule comes out in July and will be available in the village shop.

# *Parish pump*

## a round-up of village news



So what has Margaret Charman been up to since she left the village? You can find out when her work is on display as part of the Border Visual Arts Open Studio programme. Margaret's studio at 1 Jemmett Close, Oswestry, will be open for two weekends in June. They are 9th/10th and 16th/17th and visitors from Llansilin are very welcome. Some of Margaret's work will also be on show in the Willow Street Gallery in Oswestry throughout the whole of June. You can find out more from leaflets in the village shop.

## *Who's got the pulling power?*

On 23rd June there will be another tractor run from the Wynnstay Inn organised by Stephen Jones to raise money for the Friends of St Silin's Church. But for those who really want to show off their tractor's pulling power Wayne will have a dynamometer set up at the end of the run.. You simply hitch up your tractor, give it some welly and see just how much horse-power it can deliver. That should settle a few arguments among the cognoscenti (which is a posh word for nerds). Tractors should meet at the Wynnstay at 9.30 am and it will cost you a £10 donation to FoLC.

But the big test comes in July with the Wynnstay's Roast Potato Challenge. If you know your goose from your gammon it should be easy – just identify each of the five different fats which Wayne will use for the roasties. For details keep an eye on the pub's noticeboard.




*June*

**4** Llansilin Local History Society, Discovering Old Welsh Houses, Llansilin Institute 7.30 pm
**12** Llansilin Memorial Hall management committee AGM 7.30 pm
**18** Llansilin Local History Society, visit to Ceiriog Memorial Institute
**20** Ysgol Bro Cynllaith school sports
**23** Tractor Run for Friends of Llansilin Church, meet at the Wynnstay Inn at 9.30 am, £10 per tractor

*July*

**2** Llansilin Local History Society Llanymynych Lime Works, Llansilin Institute
**6** FoLC Summer Fizz, Pen y Bryn 6.00 pm
**16** Llansilin Local History Society, visit to Tanat Valley Railway, Nantmawr, and annual dinner.

*August*

**25-27** Open church weekend: exhibition and refreshments
**25** Llansilin Show; local quad bike competition and sheepdog trials and family barbecue
**27** Llansilin Show – details on page 13.

*NEUADD GOFFA LLANSILIN MEMORIAL HALL*

CYNGERDD MAWREDDOG

(GRAND CONCERT)

**gyda/with**

***National Eisteddfod 2017 male voice choir winners***

CÔR MEIBION MACHYNLLETH

MACHYNLLETH MALE VOICE CHOIR

***with supporting artists***

***Arweinydd/Conductor---Aled Myrddin***

**Nôs Sadwrn/Saturday 29th Medi/September 2018, 7:30pm**
**Tocynnau/Tickets-£10 (Plant/Children-£5)**
**Ffôn/Telephone 01691 791346 for tickets**

# *St Silin's readers and sidesmen*

| *June* | *Reader* | *Sidesman* |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Lora Sockett | Jeffrey Olstead |
| 10 | Linda Batho | Mary Cunnah |
| 17 | Family service | |
| 24 | Graham Moss | Lynnette Moss |
| ***July*** | | |
| 1 | Brenda Jones | David Bickerton |
| 8 | Dennis Sockett | Dan Jones |
| 15 | Family Service | |
| 22 | Mike Coppock | Mary Morris |
| 29 | Mission area service | |
| ***August*** | | |
| 5 | Angharad Jones | Samantha Evans |
| 12 | Val Burton | Chris Burton |
| 19 | Family Service | |
| 26 | Dot Renshaw | Mike Coppock |

## *Flower and cleaning rota*

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| *June* | 3rd & 10th | Janet Jones & Kim Ashford |
| | 18th & 24th | Valmai & Angharad Jones |
| *July* | 1st & 8th | Marjorie Evans & Mary Cunnah |
| | 15th & 22nd | Alma Jones & Mary Morris |
| | 29th | Christine Williams |
| *August* | 5th & 12th | Avril Jones & Julie Jones |
| | 19th & 26th | Christine Sockett & Lora Sockett |

**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***
**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 605616

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## *Llansilin Community Shop*

**Every Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am - 12.30pm**
***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 Hartshorn pies
**Post office: Tuesday 9.30-11.30 am**

# *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

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| 1st Sunday | | Holy Communion | 10.30 am |
| 2nd | " | Evensong (Apr-Sept) | 6.30 pm |
| 3rd | " | Family Service | 10.30 am |
| 4th | " | Evensong ( Apr-Sept) | 6.30 pm |
| 5th | " | Group service | |

## St Cedwyn's, Llangedwyn

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| 1st Sunday | | Evensong (Apr-Sept) | 6.30 pm |
| 2nd | " | Holy Communion (said) | 9.00 am |
| 3rd | " | Evensong (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.*

## Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

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| 3 | Mr Aled Lewis Evans | Cefncanol | 6.30 pm |
| 10 | Parch Robert Parry | Rhiwlas | 6.30 pm |
| 17 | Parch Roger Ellis Humphreys | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |
| 24 | Mr Alun Jones | Cefncanol | 10.00 am |

**GOR**

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| 1 | Mr David Barker Jones | Rhiwlas | 10.00 am |
| 8 | Parch Dilys Jones | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |
| 15 | Gwasanaeth y Brodyr | Cefncanol | 6.30 pm |
| 22 | Parch Gwilym O Jones | Rhiwlas | 2.00 pm |
| 29 | Mr Thomas Morris | Llansilin | 2.00 pm |

**AWST**

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| 5 | Parch Glyn Morgan | Cefncanol | 6.30 pm |
| 12 | Mr RA Platt | Rhiwlas | 2.00 pm |
| 29 | Parch J Gwyndaf Richards (C) | Llansilin | 6.30 pm |
| 26 | Parch Ddr Goronwy Prys Owen | Cefncanol | 6.30 pm |

*(C) Cymun*