

LLANGWM NEWS

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THE LLANGWM NEWSHEET

We have lots of thanks to hand out in this issue, firstly a big thank you for the very positive response to our first Llangwm News. We had lots of comments. We have taken on board as much as we can and you will notice a few changes to the layout. Most obvious will be the calendar of events taking place so you can see what's going on at a glance.

An even bigger thank you to everyone who took part in the Extraordinary Scarecrow Week for Extraordinary it was! As a fund raiser in the beginning we thought it might just make a few pennies and as we all know every little helps but never in a month of Sundays did we anticipate such a response. With over 110 registrations we thought we were laughing then came the cars and buses, people came from all over Wales. The most common question asked at the toll booths on the Cleddau Bridge was "How do we get to Llangwm?" We not only warranted a spot on the television but news coverage as far afield as The Northern Echo who dared to compare our Scarecrows with a similar event in the village of Sawley, I have to say that the report was not biased in any way and the consensus of opinion was that Llangwm came out on top. The real success however was not so much the funds it raised but the smiles it put on peoples faces. The judges had the most difficult task of all and though they thoroughly enjoyed themselves there were arguments, no discussions of the heated kind before they could reach a decision. Finally they chose three scarecrows which they felt represented ingenuity humour and tradition. Many thanks to the Vincent Davies family for giving up their time and donating a prize. It was felt that as everyone had made such an effort that we would hold a draw and the first three out of the hat would receive a box of chocolates a further prize of a shirt was donated by Frank and Josie Thomas.

Will we do it next year? you bet we will! In fact the suggestion is we hold a Festival week involving as many clubs and societies as possible. If you are interested please read the Millennium Committee section for further details.

Llangwm Longboat club have been busy on the river since purchasing their first training boat. It's been a joy to watch (and I mean watch!) them going through their paces and I'm sure it won't be too long before the name of Llangwm is up there with the best of them! Keep up the hard work.

If you missed the Gardening Clubs "Hidden Gardens of Llangwm" day you missed a treat it does seem a shame that these gardens are in fact fairly well hidden. Food for the soul it was to see what can be done. I must do something with mine I thought afterwards and then remembered with three children and various animals why I had more or less given up. I shall however be making a splendid effort for the Millennium, which means I suppose that I have to start the groundwork now. Help!

Talking of help I would like to thank Llangwm gardening Club for their sponsorship of this issue. I would also like to thank Rick Preen of Brunel Design for helping organise the format. Also all contributors.

It has been unfortunate that due to holiday commitments this issue has been compiled without certain entries and I feel is therefore lacking in some respects I apologise to anyone whom I have been able to contact in time to go to press. As before we welcome any items of interest and any comments. Our next Bumper Issue will be in Dec and will contain we hope a sheet of competitions and a quiz! Deadlines for submissions to this issue will be Nov 6th. Please note. Any queries or offers of help contact Linda Rees 891233.

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 4th. CAR WASH 9.30 - 12.00 Llangwm green £2 per car
Millennium Committee
September 11th. LLANGWM 1st XV's v PONTARDULAI
September 18th AUTUMN BAZAAR Village Hall 2- 4.p.m.
Millennium Committee
September 16th. School Harvest Festival 2.30 p.m. at St. Jeromes
Llangwm.
September 16th. Harvest Festival Evensong 7 p.m. St. Jeromes
Llangwm.
September 19th. Llangwm Methodist Church Harvest Services -
Morning Service and Sunday School Service - 11a.m. Evening
Service 6p.m.
September 20th. Llangwm Methodist Church Harvest Festival Sale.
7p.m.
September 25th. Harvest Supper 7p.m.
September 23rd. Harvest Festival 7 p.m. St. Justinians Freystrop.
September 26th. Harvest Festival 7 p.m. St. Peters Johnston.
September 26th. Harvest festival Services Galilee Baptist Church.
September 26th. Harvest supper.
September 30th. Parish outing to Hereford.
October 1st. Harvest meal Galilee baptist Church

October 15 th. QUIZ NIGHT Llangwm Rugby Club £1 per person
up to six in a team 7.30p.m.
Millennium Committee
October 29 th. YOUNG WASPS FANCY DRESS HALLOWEEN
DISCO Rugby Club 6-8 p.m.
October 30 th. SENIORS FANCY DRESS DISCO Rugby Club 8 till
late.
November 13th. Church Bazaar 2.30 Llangwm Village Hall.
November 24th. Cheese and wine and silk painting demonstration.
Llangwm Village Hall.
Millennium Committee
December 3rd. Galilee Baptist Church. Christmas dinner.
December 10 th. POULTRY BINGO Village Hall Doors open 7.30
for 8p.m. Millennium Committee
December 25th. Christmas morning United Service conducted by
the Rev. G. Hooper at 10.15a.m.

Please keep an eye open for confirmation of dates and venues for
the following events
United Charity Concert with Llangwm school, Methodist Church
St. Jeromes Church and Galilee Baptist Church. October / November
- date to be confirmed
The Bishop of St. Davids Visit to the parish for a service of
confirtion, December 5th. Venue awaited.

LLANGWM HOME BREWERS CLUB

By special request the Home Brewers present their tried and tested recipe for elderflower Champagne- a perfect refreshing drink for quenching your thirst. Take four large heads of elderflowers (picked on a sunny day), the juice and thinly pared rind of one lemon two tablespoons of white vinegar, 1.5 lbs. of granulated sugar. Place all the ingredients in a large container with eight pints of hot water. Stir to dissolve the sugar then cover with a cloth and leave for 24hrs. Strain and pour into sterilised bottles that have previously held a fizzy drink. Screw tops on tightly and leave for 2-3 weeks to develop a fizz. Store in a cool place and drink within three months..

In order to enjoy this drink all year round, pick plenty of elderflowers in June and store them in boxes in your freezer. Simply make up batches as you run out.

Cut out and keep this recipe in a safe place until next June when you can pick next years crop of elderflowers!

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

Thank you all for what has been great support for our events over the past few months its made the world of difference I have to say we were becoming a little jaded. We have prepared a programme of events for the next few months which you can see along with all the fund raising events organised by the other groups on the calendar on the front page. Following the success of Scarecrow week it was felt that if organised properly a festival week next year was a good idea.

A letter will be sent out to all clubs and societies in the hope that we can combine forces to make this something very special. If you have any ideas or suggestions to make we would be glad to hear from you, in fact if you feel that you can contribute by joining the organising committee even though you are not actively involved in any of the clubs or societies please contact us on 891 233 and we will let you know when the first meeting is to be arranged.

Particular thanks are due to the Mr. and Mrs. James at Edwards Pill, the Evans family at Butterhill and Mr. and Mrs. Platten of Main Street for collecting on our behalf during Scarecrow Week. Those Scarecrows certainly had pulling power.

Thanks are also due to Pembs College who have donated theatre, restaurant and beauty salon tickets. Llangwm gardening Club for sponsoring this issue. Silent World Aquarium, Heatherton Country Park, Oakwood, The Paint pot, B and I Ferries, The Body Shop and Vincent Davies for donating prizes. We have received several donations from individuals and would like to thank you all.

We have arranged several events which we hope you will find entertaining over the next few months details of times and places will be on the Front page Calendar for ease of reference. Currently running are the Llangwm Picture Quiz and Junior Scavenger Hunt entry forms are still available from members of the committee and Llangwm post office. If you see someone wandering the streets with a puzzled expression and a few dog eared bits of paper then you know they've got the picture Quiz Bug. Winners will be announced at the autumn Bazaar for which we are looking for donations of Bric a Brac, Bottle, Books and toys, cakes and home produce and plants. If you can help please contact a member of the committee. To tax your brains a Quiz Night at the Rugby Club and to clean your car a Car Wash. A more relaxed evening with Cheese and wine and a demonstration of silk painting is planned at the village hall. Approaching Christmas we have organised Poultry Bingo. Check that front page for details.

SPONSOR A ROCKET !!!

Would you like to sponsor a rocket for the Millennium Firework display which is to take place on the evening of New Years Day (we thought you'd all have arrangements for New Years Eve). The Rugby Field is the venue and refreshments will be available. If the thought of sponsoring a rocket appeals then please contact Becky Gau on 01646 601 103 sponsors names will be read out in a roll of honour on the night.

Mid October will see the arrival of our third quiz sheet available from members of the committee something to keep you occupied as the nights draw in, winners will be announced at the cheese and wine evening.

'Police Bobby Bus'

The local Police Force employ a carpenter who will carry out repair work, including fitting of locks, free of charge for anyone over 60 who has suffered property damage due to burglary. The first priority is the victims of crime but they will also help anyone else with security matters. To access this help, contact Neyland Police on 01646 600221 or Milford Haven Police on 01646 692351.

Pembrokeshire County Council Library Service to the Housebound.

If you are housebound and are interested in reading, talking books or music, the Library service is able to help. For more information contact Mrs. Eleri Evans, Special Service Librarian, Haverfordwest, on 01437 775246.

LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the A.G.M. of the community council held on the 14th. June 1999, the following appointments were made:-

Chair:- Cllr. Hardwick.

Vice Chair:- Cllr. Childs.

Internal Audit:- Cllr. Morris

Membership to outside bodies

Pembrokeshire Assoc. of local Councils:- Cllr. Watkins.

Llangwm Village Hall Committee:- Cllr. Jenkins.

Mid Pembs. Police Liaison Committee:- Cllr. Hitchings.

The following items are amongst some that have been discussed during the June and July monthly meetings.

The council have for some time been concerned with the reclassification of recognised footpaths within the district to Bridleways. While not wishing to restrict the horse riding fraternity, some pathways, notably Reservoir Lane have become un-walkable.. Concern has been expressed to the Footpaths Officer of the County Council.

Reclassification of Darkey Lane to the Cleddau forshore seems to be totally inappropriate because of the width and therefore the safety afforded to walkers. The County council's reclassification of these and other former footpaths are being conducted to conform to the 'Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.'

The Community Council are still in discussion with the County Council regarding repairs to Anstey's Bank. It does seem that Pembrokeshire C.C. believe the item is not their responsibility.

Concern has been expressed as to the opening hours of both the Chemists and the Llangwm Surgery. The Council has requested information from both parties.

The Community Council has received complaints regarding the following, the parking of vehicles on the pavements, encroachments, the accumulation of litter on the footpath from River View to Guildford and the need for the trimming of branches overhanging the footpath at Lake Villas. The appropriate authorities have been informed.

All communications regarding these and any other matters should be addressed to the newly appointed Clerk to the Council Mrs. V.E. Sutherland. Bridge Cottage, Mastlebridge, Neyland. SA73 1ER.

PUFFINS PLAYGROUP

Puffins Playgroup have had a very busy Summer Term with some wonderful weather allowing us to use the facilities of PillParks Playing field. Playing outside has meant that we can use the sand and water features. The children have a wonderful time with these, they are very tactile sometimes messy but always great fun.

We have been very busy playing cricket in the field so look out Llangwm teams as these are future players.

We are very fortunate to have the playing fields as these provide us with a place to take the children outdoors in a safe environment. The children have enjoyed numerous walks this term providing us with the opportunity to discuss our surroundings and the current season.

The children have made some beautiful fish and butterflies this term and painted some lovely pictures of the Puffins Summer Trip. This year we went to Folly Farm, a good choice as it rained and there is always plenty to do there even in the worst of the weather.. We didn't allow the rain to dampen our spirits and we all had a wonderful day.

We also held our annual Summer Fete complete with cake stall, bouncy castle and various other stalls. Thank you to all who attended members old and new we appreciate your support.

The end of term party as always was a hectic affair but great fun. We hope that you have all had a good holiday and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new term. Anyone wishing to know more about the playgroup either ring Julie on 01437 891070 or come along and see us in action at the village hall. The new term begins on Tuesday 7th. Sept. at 9.30 a.m. at Llangwm Village Hall.

LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

Since the last edition the longboat rowing club has succeeded in purchasing their first boat. As a result we have up to five teams regularly training most weekday evenings from Black Tar. Interest and membership of the club has increased and as a result we have had to initiate a booking system. We have now raised the money to pay for the new boat, which will be delivered to us on 7 th. Dec. 1999. The delay has occurred as a result of problems with the design of the boat, unfortunately beyond our control. However, we are hoping that in the meantime we can raise enough money to purchase another second hand boat or alternatively have one on loan.

During this longboat season we have managed to race three teams on approximately four occasions and we have been very pleased with the results. We are hoping that by next season we will be able to field at least two teams per category in every race.

We have been asked by the welsh Longboat league to hold a league race at Llangwm on 22 nd. August from Black Tar. Racing will commence at 2 p.m. and we would be delighted to welcome any supporters.

Fundraising still remains a priority and as a result we hope to arrange a cheese and wine evening early in September and the Quiz nights have proved to be such a success that we have decided to arrange more in the future. Unfortunately we do not have dates available as yet.

If you would like to know more about the club or have any queries, please don't hesitate to phone Jane Jones, Secretary on 01437 890789.

LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

It was the splendour of the garden that was unveiled for all to see when the Llangwm gardening Club held its open day at the end of June. Eleven gardens around the village showed our numerous visitors the wide variety of styles and possibilities produced by some of our members ably complimented by the culmination of the Extraordinary Scarecrow week. This was the end of the successful first year of the Club and as a result it was decided at the A.G.M. that the club would sponsor this issue of the Llangwm News. We now see our meetings regularly attended by about 35 people. These cater for novices and experts equally and thanks to Jane and Neville's splendid hospitality provide us with an excellent social evening.

Pembrokeshire's notoriously fickle weather seemed likely to dampen all our outdoor events but when we went to Picton and Upton castles the skies cleared and we had wonderful evenings exploring the grounds led by exceptionally interesting guides. In the same way despite the rain in Johnston Llangwm had sunny weather for the open day and the rain even held off for the A.G.M. AND B.B.Q. someone must be smiling on us.

Events start up again in September when even more emphasis will be placed on the needs of beginners with a section on topical tips. Our first speaker is Menzies Sinclair who will be giving an enthusiastic talk on growing Fuchsias. Other topics planned include roses and house plants. Meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month starting at 7.30 in the Cottage Inn. Do come along and join us but in the meantime if you would like any other information please contact Jane Mills on 01437 890 147.

We welcome all interested in gardening. Llangwm is a lovely village which like many others, has lost some of its sense of communal involvement as people have had to work away from home and social life leads us all further afield. With the success of the Scarecrow Week fresh in our minds why not use a similar opportunity to enhance the beauty of our village for ourselves and for the numerous visitors who come in June and at other times? The Gardening Club would be happy to arrange help and advice (only where necessary) with ideas such as hanging baskets and planters and intends to arrange a competition for this linking with other events in the village in the early summer next year. Lets make Llangwm a byword for beauty.

To this end one member of the Gardening Club has already made a grand contribution. Mr. Joe Neal has donated a perpetual challenge cup to be awarded annually to the best plant of any kind grown in any pot not exceeding 4" in diameter- get growing!

LLANGWM RUGBY CLUB

The new season will soon be upon us and training has started at Pill Parks. Sessions are on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. New players of whatever age or standard will be welcome and can be sure of regular games in either the 1st. 2nd. or Youth XVS.

Younger players have the opportunity to join the club's Junior section which caters for players under eight to under sixteen. Junior training will start on the first Sunday in September under the supervision of W.R.U. qualified coaches.

Rugby Club Senior membership fees are not expensive being £7.50 normal, £15 for a vice president or £10 for a family.

Even if you are not a player then please come and give your support to Captain Tim Pounder and his men as they try to build on last years much improved season. The club's 1st. XV's first game of the season is against Pontardulais on the 11th. September.

Not a rugby follower? Why not join the club as a social member? This enables you to take advantage of the clubs facilities and very reasonable prices as well as attending club events. Social membership costs a meagre £5. for an individual or £7.50 for a family. Members may also hire the club for private celebrations. The first social events arranged for this season are the very popular Halloween fancy dress Discos. The 'Young Wasps' junior disco will be held on Friday 29th. October between 6 and 8p.m. and the adult disco is on the 30th. and will go on just a little later!

Whatever you decide to do we look forward to seeing you all down at the club!

LLANGWM SCOTTISH DANCERS.

Lessons will resume on Sept 8th. Llangwm Village Hall at 5.30 p.m. New members 6 and over will be very welcome.

LLANGWM SCHOOL NEWS

It has been an eventful year for the school, the children have taken part in so many events and gone on so many trips but the major feature of the year has been the departure of Mr. Paul Hughes. This years school barbecue was tinged with a note of sadness as staff, parents and pupils alike gathered to say their farewells. Mr Hughes was presented with a number of gifts to thank him for all the work he has put into the school following his eight years of service. We wish him well.

Mrs. Angela Mills has been appointed as his successor and parents were given the chance to meet Mrs. Mills personally at a coffee evening organised by the school at the end of the term.

Mrs. Jane Rees will also be absent for the first part of the term as she will be on maternity leave, we look forward to hearing her news in September. Mrs Gerson will be covering for her leave.

The school produce their own newspaper at the end of term packed with the children's own reports of the events they have taken part in, written with enthusiasm they convey the children's obvious enjoyment and show well the benefits of using the facilities that are provided within the county. Worth a read, well done all of you.

Many thanks to everyone who saved Tesco vouchers and Walkers crisp tokens these have meant that the school has been able to purchase 18 new books for the library as well as a video recorder and other I.T. equipment.

ST. JEROMES

St. Jeromes Family Service and Sunday School Party

Our Sunday School children and their families attended a family service on July 4th. and this was followed by a party and games for the children. The adults joined the children for a quiz which ended with a close finish, but it was the 'beetle drive' which was played with the most determination and effort to complete a beetle.

The afternoon ended with a presentation of books for the children to mark their good attendance at Sunday School throughout the year and a wish that they enjoy the summer and coming holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mothers Union Llangwm and Freystrop Branch

What a wonderful beginning to the month of July was the Mother's Union Diocesan Rally at Carmarthen on Saturday 3rd.. Bishop Hugh of St. David's together with our Diocesan President and members of the Committee welcomed the 900 members who had come from all over the dioceses. For over a year we had been looking forward to this event which would bring our Worldwide President to visit and meet members and we were not disappointed on the day. We have all seen Lady Christine Eames and read her letters and reports in our Quarterly magazine but to see and hear her in the flesh was an experience we will long remember and talk about. This lovely lady won the admiration and hearts of every member at the Rally and was an inspiration to us all. Suddenly membership of the M.U. opened up far and beyond our branches and we were reaching out and touching sisters all over the world sharing the same 'aims and objects', receiving and feeling their prayers and support for us and at the same time returning to them our prayers love and support for the witness to our Lord and the far reaching work they carry out in His name in small villages and large towns, many in some of the poorest countries all over the world. We realise now if we didn't before what a privilege it is to be a member of such a far seeing organisation and be proud to wear our badges and proclaim our presence in communities. The rally will be long remembered by our branch choir, who sang so well for this special occasion.

July 5th. was the annual evening 'mystery trip. Members and friends set off on a beautiful summer evening once again enjoying the Pembrokeshire countryside at its best. A warm welcome awaited us at the lovely church at Lamphey where the Rev'd G.A. Davies conducted a short but special service before sending us on our way. Our next stop was the Cheesery at St. Florence. Here with a glass of wine and crackers we were able to taste a fine selection of cheeses. The cheesemaker himself gave us an in depth 'step by step' on how cheese is made and then with the coach several pounds heavier with purchased cheese we were off again. Our supper destination was The Forge and here we enjoyed a fine meal in good company.

Our Wave of Prayer was arranged at short notice this year and our allotted time was Friday 16th. at 5-5.20 p.m. Sadly members attending were few in comparison to last year but our service did not lack because of numbers. Our three hymns were sung with enthusiasm and we felt close to our members overseas as we read the intercessions and prayers from Wangaratta, Grahamstown and St. Davids. Our thanks to the rector for leading the service with Mrs. Hooper.

September 1st. First meeting of the autumn session 2p.m. Eucharist which the Rector will celebrate and preach.

St. Jerome's Church Event Diary Sunday School

This will recommence on Sunday 12th. September at 2.30. New members will be very welcome.

Lantern Group

The Bible Study Prayer Group will hold a first autumn meeting on Thursday 21st. October at 7.30 p.m. The book for study will be the "Book of Revelation"

Bishop's Visit

On 5th. December at 3 p.m. the bishop of St. Davids will visit the parish for a service of confirmation and celebration of the Eucharist. The venue will be announced at a later date. The rector will be arranging confirmation classes to begin in September. For the dates for Harvest Festivals and other Church events please refer to events Calendar on the front page.

Baptisms and weddings by arrangement with the Rector Tel. 891317

We extend a warm welcome to all our Services- please come along and join us.

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

On 2nd. August Rev. K Chorley retired from the ministry and left for a new home in L. Ludlow. The Rev. Linda Woolacot has been appointed our new minister and will be inducted on 24th. August at Albany Church, Haverfordwest. Anyone wishing to contact her please go through the Secretary of the Church. (see contact addresses below) Rev. Woolacot will commence her ministerial duties on 1st. September 1999.

Secretary:- Mrs. J. Brock. Woodlands, Nash road, Llangwm. Pembro. SA62 4NH. Tel. Johnston 890 704

Treasurer:- Mr. L Curtis. 38, River View, Llangwm. Pembro. SA62 4JW. Tel. Johnston 890153.

SERVICES

Morning Service - 11a.m.

Sunday School - 11a.m.

Evening Service (once a month) 6p.m.

Family Service - 11a.m. - first Sunday of each month.

Women's Fellowship - Wednesday - 2p.m. - September to May inclusive.

For details of Harvest services and forthcoming events please refer to front page calendar.

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANGWM

We are grateful to the Millennium Committee for starting the Llangwm News with its attractive format and interesting news. The start of the millennium marks the 2,000th. anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. The western calendars are based upon this fact:- time before 0000 is called B.C. or Before Christ and after 0000 is called A.D. or Anno Domini -in the year of our Lord. Recently when commenting on the format of the New Year's Eve celebrations at the Millennium dome, the Jewish Chief Rabbi said that the millennium is not a Jewish festival, nor a Muslim festival but distinctly a Christian festival. When someone has a special birthday such as at 50, 80 or 100 we always think of them in a special way, and we trust that at the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, you will begin to think of him in a special way. If you would like someone to talk with you about any aspect of the Christian faith, please feel free to contact one of the people listed below.

We try to be a friendly and welcoming church and would love you to join us.

Regular Meetings

Sunday 10.30 a.m.- Morning Service and Sunday School for children

5.00 p.m.-Evening Service.

Wednesday 7.00 p.m.- Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Thursday 10-11.30 a.m.- Mums and Tots (during Term time
2.00p.m.- Ladies' Meeting (alternate weeks)

Pastor: Rev Alan Ashworth, The Manse, Glebelands, Johnston.
01437 891 247

Secretary: Mr. Huw Breeze, 61, Newtown Road, Hook. 01437
890 695

Treasurer: Mr. Peter Phillips, 2a, Foxhall, Llangwm. 01646600734.
For details of forthcoming events please see front page calendar.



Bingo Night Llangwm Club

Bob Jackson