

LLANGWM NEWS

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THE LLANGWM NEWSHEET

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*Wishing you all a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST UPON US and with the rushing around and preparations to do it is often hard to find that good old Christmas spirit. So why not take a little time out to enjoy some of the events that have been organised. Llangwm School will be presenting "Jack Frost" a charming little tale with some good songs and excellent costumes.

Father Christmas will be switching on the lights on the Christmas tree on the Green on December 18th. if you are in good voice come along and sing some Christmas Carols. It is hoped that we will have some musical accompaniment this year along with mince pies and refreshments. Guaranteed to get the Christmas Spirit going.

Over the Festive season come along and attend one of the Services, amidst all the commercialism of Christmas you may be surprised to find how a few moments of contemplation in the company of others helps to put it all in perspective, it is after all what Christmas is about.

New Years Day we will be having the Firework Display as it proved so popular last year we had to do it again. Hopefully there will be refreshments available at the Village Hall afterwards. The fireworks this year have been paid for by the Millennium Committee. Future events will be organised by the new Festival Committee. We don't want to charge for this event but if you want to see this sort of thing continue then the new Committee will require your support, a bucket collection has been organised for this purpose. The Festival Committee will be responsible for next years Carnival and Festival Fortnight and will be organising events throughout the year, do please support them. Last years success proved that we do have a great Community spirit in this village and we should be proud of that.

FIRST MEETING OF

LLANGWM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE 2001

on Wednesday 6th December 2000

at the Cottage Inn, Llangwm

at 8.00 pm

- All Welcome -

LLANGWM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE 2001

DO YOU HAVE any views on what the Festival should contain or ideas on any other events you'd like to see put on throughout the year? Any ideas on how to improve on what was done? Do you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions?

If so then please try and attend this, the first meeting of the Committee. We need new blood and ideally would like representatives from all the different bodies in the village be they social, recreational or religious. Not a member of one of these ? it really doesn't matter we welcome anyone who will spare the time and energy! Faces old and new.

The new Committee will be responsible for the organisation of the Festival and Carnival in 2001 and we are keen to get it right. Last year the Millennium Committee got the ball rolling and though they were only a few in number achieved a great deal but imagine what we can achieve this year with just a little more help.

If you can't manage the committee meetings but would be prepared to offer occasional help with various events we will be opening a list of volunteers who could help with manning exhibitions, serving tea, helping construct carnival floats, marshal races, make signs or posters etc.

Basically if you have a skill we can probably use it and if we can spread the workload we can do so much more. So don't hesitate let us know now!

Contact :- Sharon Haldane, Glan Hafon Llangwm Tel. 891 452 or Linda Rees, 4, Mill St. Llangwm Tel. 891233.

So if you have something to say or something to contribute please try to attend. Your input is valued your contributions appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you on December 6th. at the Cottage Inn at 8.00 p.m.

AROUND THE CHURCHES

THE PARISH OF LLANGWM, FREYSTROP AND JOHNSTON

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY SERVICES.

- Sun. 3rd. December 4.00 p.m. St. Jerome
Advent Carol Service
- Wed. 6th. December 7.15 p.m. Herons Reef
Carol Service.
- Thur. 14th. December 7.15 p.m. St. Jerome
Carol Service with Mothers Union Choir.
- Fri. 15th. December 6.30 p.m. St. Jerome
Carol Service : 1st. Johnston Scouts.
- Sun. 17th. December 4.00 p.m. St. Peter Carol
Service.
- Sun. 17th. December 6.00 p.m. St. Justinian
Candlelit Carols with Mothers Union.
- Thurs. 21st. December 2.30 p.m. St. Jerome
Llangwm School Carol Service.
- Sun. 24th. December 9.00 a.m. St. Jerome
Holy Communion.
- Sun. 24th. December 10.15 a.m. St. Peter Holy
Communion.
- Sun. 24th. December 11.45 a.m. St. Justinian
Christmas Mass.
- Christmas Eve 3.00 p.m. St. Peters Christingle
Service.
- Christmas Eve 5.00 p.m. St. Jerome Crib
Service.
- Christmas Eve 10.00 p.m. St. Peter Christmas
Mass.
- Christmas Eve 11.00 p.m. St. Jerome Christmas
Mass.
- Christmas Day 10.15 a.m. Galilee United
Christmas Service.
- Wed. 27th. December 9.30 a.m. St. Jerome
Holy Communion.
- Thur. 28th. December 10.30 a.m. St. Peter
Holy Communion.
- Sun. 7th. January 4.00 p.m. St. Jerome
Epiphany Carol Service.



*"O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."*

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

Minister :- Reverend Linda Woolacott

SERVICES

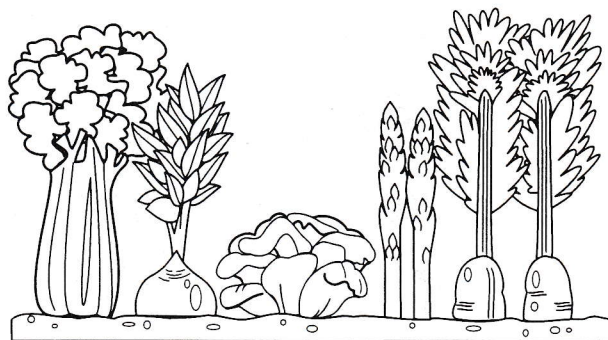
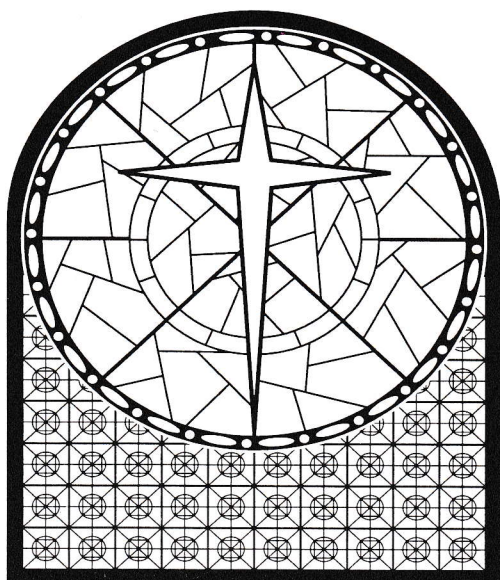
Every Sunday Morning - 11 a.m.
Sunday School every Sunday - 11a.m.
Evening Service - Last Sunday of every month 6 p.m.
Family Service - First Sunday of Every month - 11 a.m.
Women's Fellowship - Once a fortnight on
Wednesdays.

SPECIAL DATES

Thursday 23rd. November Mince pies, coffee and
miscellaneous stall.- 2- 4 p.m.
Friday 15 th December Our local councillor, Bill
Hitchings, Chairman of Pembrokeshire County
Council, will be holding his Chairman's Carol
Service at Llangwm Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
Collection for local charities.
Sunday 17th. December Carol Service - 6 p.m.
Christmas Day - United Service at Galilee Baptist
Church.
A warm welcome is extended to everyone to all the
above services and events.
Treasurer:- Mr. L. Curtis. 38, Riverview, Llangwm.
Tel. Johnston 890153
Secretary:- Mrs. J. Brock. Woodlands, Nash Road,
Llangwm. Tel. Johnston 890704

GALILEE

Morning service and Sunday School - 10.30 a.m.
Afternoon Service - 5 p.m.
United Christmas Service - 10 a.m.
No Evening Service on
24th December or 31st December



LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

As many of you will know, earlier in the year the Gardening Club was asked by the Community Council to take over one of the flower beds on the Village Green.

We were delighted to accept this invitation and although little could be done over the summer, plans were made for a flower bed 'makeover'. A general tidy up took place prior to the Village Festival with the bed weeded, shrubs pruned and the whole area mulched. In addition the the bed was surveyed, plants identified and a new design drawn up which will show the existing plants to their best effect and identify gaps for extra planting. Then on the one Sunday when it didn't rain (a most unusual occurrence this Autumn), the Gardening Club set up it's own groundforce team to blitz the bed. Plants were lifted, the whole area dug over and a good application of well rotted manure applied, thanks to the generosity of Llangwm Farm.

Finally everything was planted back in it's new position and the area tidied up. And all this was accomplished by lunchtime, after which the rain came to water everything in! We are planning to add bulbs and some more unusual plants which will grow well in Pembrokeshire, so that there will be colour and interest all the year round in a bed which the whole village can enjoy.

An update on The Millennium Yew project - our yew trees will be planted on Sunday 10th. December after the children's service. We are delighted to be part of this nationwide project to celebrate the millennium and are looking forward to the planting ceremony.

Finally , a reminder that the Gardening Club is now meeting on the first MONDAY of each month at the Cottage Inn. Our December talk will be given by Pamela McGrath who is coming back by popular request after her highly entertaining talk two years ago. New members or visitors are always welcome to our meetings and a list of speakers for January to July 2001 will be published in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS

QUIZ COMPETITION

Tax your brains with this one devised by someone who shall remain nameless at least for the moment (for their own safety). This quiz is designed to keep you puzzling over the holiday. To enter all you have to do is write the answers on a sheet along with your name and address enclose a £1.00 entry fee and either hand them into Pat Morris or drop them in to Linda Rees at 4, Mill St. Llangwm. Proceeds from this quiz will go towards the Festival Committee 2001.

HAVE A GO

- 1) What is the name of the world's highest waterfall?
- 2) Which new type of passenger ferry appeared in 1989?
- 3) Who invented the first internal combustion engine to run on petroleum in 1885?
- 4) Which was Shakespeare's shortest play?
- 5) Who is the sixth in line of succession to the throne?
- 6) Who is the world's most capped goalkeeper in soccer?
- 7) In which year did Llewelyn the Great set fire to Haverfordwest town?
- 8) Whose schoolmates were Bob Cherry, Frank Nugent and Harry Wharton?
- 9) Which King of England was the first Prince of Wales?
- 10) They may be complex, vulgar or mixed. What are they?
- 11) What was Ringo Starr's original name?
- 12) What is the fundamental oath usually associated with doctors called?
- 13) In what year was Scolton Manor built?
- 14) What would you do with a Wandering Sailor?
- 15) What is the official language of Zambia?
- 16) How did Lawrence of Arabia die?
- 17) Who is the Patron Saint of music?
- 18) In which month and year did Queen Elizabeth the Second accede to the throne?
- 19) What is the capita of Estonia?
- 20) What are the grasslands of North America called?
- 21) What is the chief ore of Mercury?
- 22) Who fought Rome in the Punic Wars?
- 23) What was the Beatles first Single?
- 24) What are the North, South, East and West points of the compass called?
- 25) Which was the first British football club to win the European Cup?
- 26) Which dancer was killed by her own scarf?
- 27) What is the world's smallest moth called?
- 28) Who said "Guns will make us powerful, butter will only make us fat."
- 29) The word 'Hepatic' refers to which organ of the body?
- 30) On which island is the Dominican Republic situated?
- 31) In which American State is Fort Knox?
- 32) In Greek mythology Gaia was the goddess of what?
- 33) Which of the seven wonders of the world did Nebuchadnezzar build?
- 34) Who lived at Railway Cuttings East Cheam?
- 35) For which Catholic order was the Haverfordwest priory built in the 13th Century?
- 36) Which country has "Suomi" printed on its postage stamps?
- 37) "Blood and Fire" is the motto of which organisation?
- 38) Cork is a natural product of which tree?
- 39) John Stafford Smith composed the music to which National Anthem?
- 40) Which famous battle was fought on St. Crispin's Day?



LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Pill Parks Cemetery

The Council is proposing to offer help with the upkeep of the Church of Wales cemetery in Pill Parks Way. It is hoped that the regularity of grass cutting can be improved and that a central gravelled pathway can be provided. Consideration is being given to the most effective way of disposing of rubbish connected with the cemetery. The Deerland cemetery is totally controlled by the County Council

Ansteys Wall

A survey by Pembrokeshire County Council on Anstey's Bank has been completed. It is anticipated that the costs of maintaining the wall will be met from the P.C.C. year 2000 / 01 expense budget, subject to funds remaining. (Anstey's Wall is the roadside bank bordering the approach to the Cottage Inn.)

Village Warden

The Council is considering the principle of employing a Village Warden for 2001. We had the services of a Village Warden up until the separation of the district into the Hook and Llangwm councils. In the past money was available from the County Council to offset the cost of employing wardens in rural areas, unfortunately this is not available anymore. The Wardens duties used to be concentrated on litterpicking in pre-designated areas as well as some light handiwork.

Footpaths

We have been advised that those footpaths for which written objections were submitted to the Welsh Office had failed to stop their redesignation to Bridleways. These included Reservoir Lane (Black Tar Road to Deerland / Pill Road, Hook) and Darkey Lane (end of Edwards Pill to shoreline at Black Tar). The Council were upset that the appointed Planning Inspector had failed to recognise the problems especially in regard to Darkey Lane in its change to a Bridleway.

Treefelling

It has been noted that the treeline at the end of Glyndwr House, Llangwm Ferry bordering Llangwm Pill has been removed. It was felt that the felling of these trees spoilt the visual appearance of the Pill. The Council were to advise the National Park of the situation.

Questionnaire

The Community Council are still waiting to meet with Menter Preseli to discuss the way forward after receiving the results of the Community Questionnaire. The Questionnaire you may remember was initiated by the Millennium Committee in 1999. There have been considerable delays in analysing the results by Menter Preseli and an organisation called Jigsaw who undertook the actual analysis.

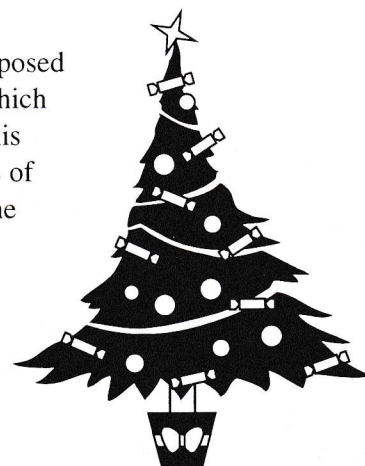
Any group wishing to see the report can obtain a copy numbers are however limited. Please contact a Community Councillor.

Litter

A small number of plastic and polystyrene plant pots have been dumped at the junction of reservoir Lane and Black Tar Road. The items, there are so few, could have been disposed of along with the normal domestic waste. Why people dump undegradable items in the countryside is beyond belief.

Dog Fouling

Dog owners are again reminded that it is an offence not to remove dog faeces from open land where their dog has fouled. Penalty for failure to do so is £25 and possible prosecution. Many owners have always removed dog faeces using 'poop scoops' or plastic supermarket bags. The Community Council wish to point out however that the plastic bags and faeces should not be disposed of in community bins which are not designated for this purpose. Please dispose of the bags safely within the curtilage of your own home.



LLANGWM SCHOOL NEWS

Forthcoming Events

Llangwm School present "Jack Frost" 2.30 p.m. Tues.
12th December and 7.30.p.m. Weds. 13th. December
Tickets available through the school.

Weds. 20th. December Christmas party at the school.

Thurs. 21st. December School Carol Concert at St.

Jeromes Church - 2.30 p.m.

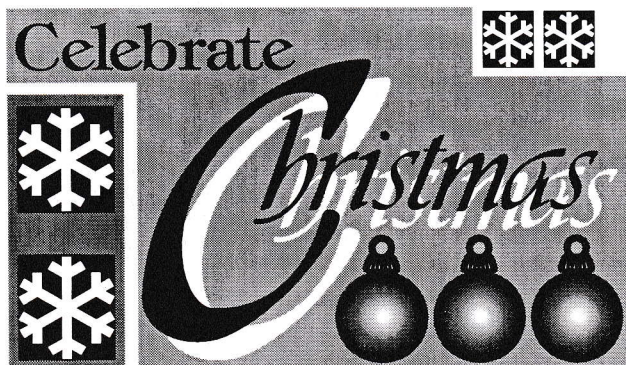
Friday 22nd. Dec School visit to the Torch Theatre
Pantomime.

The school have been involved in many events this term and the children have been actively involved in doing fundraising for a number of charities. Harvest Festival raised a total of £116.70 which was donated to World Vision. Dressed in Denim saw a total of £35.95 donated to Jeans for Genes.

The children also took part in a sponsored exercise as part of the Hectercise programme for Help the Aged the amount is yet to be calculated as money is still coming in. The Millennium Charity Concert in which the children took part meant that a sum of £105 was donated to The Pembrokeshire Charitable Trust. The concert organisers donated £50 of the total raised to the School for which we say thank you.

The children in Class 4 will be taking part in a visit to Llangwm North Wales at the end of November, continuing the links which began with the visit of the Cor Meibion Llangwm. The children raised some of the money towards the visit themselves with a Toy Sale but the visit would not have been possible without the support of the parents and donations received from various local bodies. We are grateful for this support. Next year we will play host to the North Wales children.

Children from Class 4 will also be taking part in a dance event on Wed. 29th. Nov at Hook Social Club and attending Arad Goch Theatre Production at Hook the following week. Class 3 have a visit to Swansea Orthodox Synagogue planned. Some of the children will be taking part in the Urdd Swimming Gala in Pembroke comprehensive School. All the children will be attending the Christmas Panto at the Torch Theatre on the 22nd of December A busy term as you can see and this is just a sample of the things that they do. The new Term will start on Tues. January 9th.



2000

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

As the year 2000 comes to an end, as chair of the committee, I must publicly thank the wonderful group of people who formed the Llangwm Millennium Committee back in Sept. 1998.

Since that inaugural meeting the group have strived very purposefully towards funding the celebration of the year 2000. Their efforts insured that the celebrations were of the highest standards and the fundraising activities and events were enjoyable for all who took part.

It is hoped that the legacy will continue, the Scarecrow Competition, Village Festival and annual Firework display perhaps getting even larger.

We have had a great deal of fun over the past two years together with of course a lot of work!

It was all made easy by a most enthusiastic committee full of wonderful ideas for which the community should be grateful.

My thanks go to Fran Bosenius, Becky Gau (Joseph), Elaine Mackeen, Pat Morris, Avril Platten, Peter Owen, Linda Rees and Paula Thomas. I must also thank those who helped the Committee in organising and supporting events.

I feel a special mention is due to Patrick Wordsworth for organising the wonderful Firework Display, Graham Brace for designing the Millennium mugs and Sharon Haldane for being at the forefront of the Carnival revival.

To all those involved in the Festival 2000, Thanks to you all.

Mike Hardwick.

The Income and Expense accounts of the Llangwm Millennium Committee are to be published in the New Year. The March 2001 issue of the Newsletter will include details of these accounts.

THE PEMBROKESHIRE GIG AT LLANGWM



Llangwm is taking something of a lead in the Pembrokeshire Atlantic Challenge Gig Project. This 38ft., 13 crew mini "tall ship", a replica of the longboats carried on 18th. Century men of war, is being built at the Milford Haven Community College by shipwright students and volunteers.

The aim is to provide traditional sailing and rowing in this impressive vessel at modest cost for anyone in the county who is so minded. While our vessel is being constructed, we have the use of the U.K. National boat "Integrite", now on a mooring at Llangwm.

Among the Llangwm residents who have assisted on the project are Paul Brant who undertook a great deal of the initial design lofting, Jane Mills who is Membership Secretary of The Gig Association, and 2 qualified coxswains, Bill Keppel-Compton and Dee Demengel. In addition 12 people from Llangwm sail regularly on "Integrite". All participants will be eligible for the Pembrokeshire team, at the first U.K. Atlantic Challenge regatta in Northern Ireland next August, and for the U.K. team at the next 8 nation international event in Maine, USA in 2002.

"Integrite" will be operating every weekend throughout the winter, and all who would like to try a sail or row, before committing themselves to membership would be very welcome.

The cost is just £1 per trip and the subsequent membership would be £10 (standard) £15 (family) and £5 (junior).

The Pembrokeshire Gig Association already has a growing number of members but we need more young people, because 50% of the crew at international Atlantic Challenge events have to be under the age of 25.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn traditional sailing and seamanship skills, no previous experience is necessary.

For more information or for a trip, please contact Jane Mills at Butterhill House (tel: 890147), or Bill K-C at The Ferry (891356)



LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

Since our last report in September this year, Club members have continued to practice and enter League races and other events. The most notable occasion was the participation of 6 crews in the Great Thames Race, when 300 crews in many varied boats rowed a distance of 22 miles.

This event required considerable organisation on the part of members: longboats had to be borrowed; all boats and crews had to be transported to Richmond; arrangements made for two overnight stays; and then the boats had to be towed from the finishing point at Greenwich back to the start to be reunited with their trailers, for return to Pembrokeshire.

However all the effort was thoroughly worthwhile according to those who took part, in spite of aches, blisters and bruises. All our crews camped at Richmond and although some of the facilities left something to be desired, the atmosphere there was tremendous and the after - race celebrations too by all accounts.

The crews all finished in very creditable times and also came away with trophies to show for their efforts, (and a determination to better their times next year).

Two crews took part in the local Triathlon which involved cycling from Fishguard to Neyland, rowing from Neyland to Milford Haven and then running from Milford to Little Haven - quite a testing event! The Llangwm Ladies came first in their class which was a tremendous result.

The last league event of the season was a regatta at Llys-y-Fran reservoir on a sunny but chilly and blustery day. As usual the Llangwm teams acquitted themselves well and enjoyed the competition.

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On the social side a Laying Up supper with Disco was held at Beggars Reach, when 65 members and guests attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

More than 20 Llangwm members attended the Welsh Cymru Longboat League annual dinner at the Fishguard Bay Hotel on 18th. November. Prizes for attaining first place overall in the Pembrokeshire Longboat categories were awarded to both the Llangwm Men's and Ladies teams. In addition the Catastrophe Trophy was presented for the 'best disaster of the season' to the Llangwm Men's team, which managed to capsize in the Newport surf, the team members on that occasion were Gareth Jones, Paul Brant, David Cooke and Andrew Winfield, coxed by Angela Sweeney.

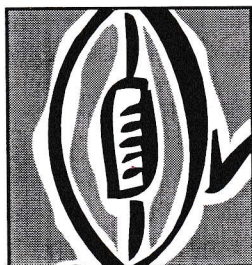
There has been a fundraising Quiz night at the Cottage Inn recently and we hope to arrange other social events in the near future.

It now remains for the crews to continue winter training and for the longboats to be repaired as needed and maintained.

The Club has an urgent need for temporary storage under cover, so that the boats can be refitted one at a time and we would be glad to hear from anyone who might be able to offer such a short term facility.

We have high hopes for the next season now that the crews have more experience and their enthusiasm is unabated.

Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club Website now at - www.website.lineone.net/~llrc



LLANGWM RUGBY CLUB

The pre-season proved disappointing after the euphoria surrounding the clubs promotion to Division 6 West, the previous season. A number of 1st. XV players decided to leave the club for greener pastures reducing the numbers of players available for the senior sides to a worrying level.

Many feared that the club would be unable to field a 2nd XV and might struggle to fulfil fixtures at the higher level of Division 6.

These earlier worries however, were overcome with a number of players joining the club and youth products James Kelly and Lewis Woods adding strength to the club stalwarts. Both youth players impressed greatly at the start of the season but unfortunately for the club James has since gone on to university. Lewis has acquired many admirers by his commitment and outstanding ability and will we hope be an ever present member of the 1st. XV for the rest of the season.

The 1st XV although losing early season matches are competing well and have recently recorded their first League win which was over Pembroke RFC. The second XV have played three games so far this season but would you believe it are finding games difficult to arrange as other clubs are having difficulty in raising sides.

Unfortunately this year the club are not running a youth XV due in part to the WRU's initiative in organising League systems for schools throughout Wales.

Llangwm Juniors are again having regular fixtures competing at under 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 years. On Saturday 25th. November the under 12's have a prestigious fixture playing at the Gnoll, the home of Neath RFC. They will be competing against Ystalyfera as a curtain raiser prior to Neath's game against Edinburgh Reavers. We hope the boys will fully enjoy this experience. Coaching for those years under 10 will continue on Sunday mornings at 10.30 a.m. and for the older boys on Tuesday evenings commencing at 6.30 p.m.

DIARY DATES

Friday 15th December WRU. monthly National Lottery Draw, live in the clubhouse 7.30 p.m. 1st. Prize a car as well as 10 other cash prizes.

Monday 18th December Llangwm RFC. Christmas Raffle 9 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Sunday 31st. December New Years Eve Disco, ring out the old ring in the new.

RUGBY FIXTURES

Senior Home Fixtures for the next 3 months

December 9th. 1st. XV - v - Penygroes.

December 16th. 1st. XV - v - Llandybie.

December 16th. 2nd. XV - v - Milford Haven.

23 rd December 1st. XV - v - Aberaeron.

December 30th. 1st. XV - v - Laugharne.

January 6th. 2nd. XV - v - Pembroke Dock.

January 13th. 1st. XV - v - Pontardulais.

January 20th. 2nd. XV - v - St. Davids.

January 27th. 1st. XV - v - Bettws.

February 24th. 1st. XV - v - Pembroke.

Junior Home Fixtures for the next 3 months

December 10th. Juniors - v - Milford Haven.

January 14th. Juniors - v - Neyland.

Feb. 4th. Juniors - v - Pembroke Dock.