

# LLANGWM NEWS

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## THE LLANGWM NEWSHEET

Sponsored by Llangwm Community Council

Time for another edition of the Llangwm news, the last one before the village festival! The Festival Committee have been working hard co-ordinating and organising events and I think we have an excellent programme lined up. Considering the size of the village we compare very favourably with the likes of Haverfordwest.

The Art and Craft Exhibition will take place again, last year we had a wonderful display of work and it opened our eyes to the talents of many people. Do you have any work that you would like to display? As long as it wasn't in the exhibition last year we can use it, so get cracking now. We only had a few items from the children last year, this year we would like to see them contribute some more. We want to fill the hall with paintings, sculpture, photography, embroidery and a variety of craftwork. Last year we just saw the tip of the iceberg I know there is so much more out there. If you can help with manning the exhibition during the two week run then please let me know in fact for any queries to do with the festival ring Linda Rees on 891 233.

The Fun Run, well last year this proved so popular that we had to do it again. We want a bigger field this year, so get training.

The Carnival will take place on the last Saturday of the Festival. Again we had a marvellous response last year and we had a lot of fun taking part. Can we better it? That is up to you so get planning now! I would urge all clubs societies and places of worship that we are already taking bookings for stalls etc. so if you are thinking of taking part please let me know as soon as possible. It is an opportunity to raise funds.

Also if you intend to hold an event during Festival Fortnight please let me know as the advance publicity will have to go to print fairly soon.

We do need volunteers still so if you can spare a little time and would like to help with any event let us know.

The Village is to have a new youth club, a youth Committee has been formed and this committee with the support of their Leaders aim to get things going fairly soon so do watch out for details. Already they have begun fundraising with a sponsored litter pick, and I must say they made a very tidy job of it too. I hope that some of their future activities will also encourage them to take a greater part in the community.

We had wonderful support for the Menter meeting. I think that it was possibly the best response they have had. So many of us in fact that it was difficult to hear during the discussion time. We have been given some guidelines to work on and a further document will be distributed shortly, we are beginning to make some progress towards achieving some of those goals. However a fair bit of the work has to be done by those of you who volunteered so keep in touch with one another. The Newsheet is on its eighth issue and we are really pleased that so many of you have found it useful. We do however still have problems in compiling the information and following discussions deadlines will have to be strictly adhered to. The dates will be set out in the next Issue and contributors will be asked to make a note in their diaries so that we don't have to go chasing up news items. Please note that this is a community paper produced for your benefit if you have items to print be they items you think may interest the people of Llangwm then we want to hear from you. The news sheet welcomes your participation, tell us why you like living here, write some poetry, we are currently without our nature news and looking for something to replace that. Send us your favourite recipe. We are for the first time in this issue doing some free advertising so lets hear from you.

Also anyone wanting to help with production and or delivering please let us know we really could use some help. The "team" is stretched to the limit. Do ring Linda on 891 233.

## LLANGWM COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The result of the public meeting held on Wednesday 4th April to decide whether the Llangwm Community Centre should exchange premises with the Llangwm Rugby and Cricket Social Club was as follows:

**149** ballot papers, **106** for the proposal, **41** against the proposal, **2** spoiled

The public meeting and vote were held in accordance with the regulations laid down in the Trust Deed of the Community Centre.

This resulted in **71.14%** voting in favour of the motion. As the Trust Deeds of the Community Centre state that **75%** must vote in favour, the motion was therefore not carried.

## FOOT AND MOUTH

**H**opefully by the time this goes to print the worst will be over. In many ways it has been like being under siege. In a village like this where the footpaths are in everyday use it is difficult but necessary to obey the restrictions. For the general public it is an inconvenience but to the farmer it is his livelihood that is under threat. Thank you for following the current guidelines. Dog walkers in particular have found it inconvenient, however, comment has been made about the increase in dog excrement thus highlighting an already significant problem. If you do walk your dog around the village please make sure that you pick up any mess. A bin is to be provided specifically for this purpose and will be sited in the village at an appropriate position, so please use it.

## HOMEWATCH

**D**eerland and the Kilns have chosen to become Homewatch areas. In this day and age it is not about nosy neighbours and twitching curtains or vigilante groups it is about looking out for one another. Something that we do in Llangwm anyway but there is more to this than that, advice on security both personal and property identifying problems and solving them. If you are interested then why not talk to someone taking part or ring the Home watch officer at the police station for further details. Statistics show that it can act as a deterrent and if it helps to make you feel more secure then maybe it is worth doing.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### Central heating installations

Council house residents are advised of Pembrokeshire County Council's policy in respect of new central heating installations. It is the County Council's intention that all properties in a given district are completed before installations commence in another. Bungalows would be converted first followed by houses. Tenants with medical problems are assessed on an individual basis.

### Youth Club

The community Council have agreed to sponsor two adults who have volunteered to act as Youth Leaders for the proposed re-opening of Llangwm Youth Club. The Council welcomed the initiative of all concerned in the re-opening of the club.

### Troopers Inn Junction

The Community council are still awaiting a decision from Pembs County council on splay improvements at the junction. They advise that progress is being made albeit slowly. The Community council hoped that a decision would be made as soon as possible.

### Footpaths

Further to the December 2000 item regarding changes of use from footpaths to Bridleways, it was thought ridiculous that the path from Guildford Bridge to Mill Street was also included, clarification from Pembrokeshire County Council was requested.

## LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

**T**he gardening club have been fortunate to have a series of excellent talks over the past few months and our March talk was no exception. Given by Roddy Milne, Head Gardener at Picton Castle, he spoke on the subject of exotic plants that grow well in Pembrokeshire. We were fascinated to see the full range of rhododendrons available, a black willow and many other unusual varieties of plant and have been inspired to try out some more unusual specimens in our own gardens. The programme for the rest of the year until July is as follows:

Monday 2nd April.....Hardy Geraniums .... An illustrated talk by Richard Cain there will be a propagation demonstration and plants used in the demonstration will be for sale after.

Monday 7th May (bank holiday).....Plant Sale.

Saturday 19th May.... Visit to Stammers Gardens Saundersfoot...£5 per person including cream tea.

Monday 4th June...Interesting Gardens in Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire. ....Colonel Richard Gilbertson.

Monday 2nd July... Annual General Meeting and BBQ.

Saturday 7th July... Llangwm Gardens Open Day.

As part of this years Festival, the Gardening Club will once again be organising its Gardens Open Day and Hanging Basket and container competition by popular request. July seems a long way off, but now is the time to start planning your entries. We had an excellent number of entries last year and this year, are hoping for even more to ensure that our village looks at its best for the festival and throughout the Summer. If you would like to open your garden, or know someone with a garden you think would be of interest do call 890147 or talk to anyone in the Gardening Club. You don't have to be a member to take part and it's great fun!

### The Flower Bed on the Green

It has been noticed that rubbish sacks have been placed on the community flower bed on the village green and that people are continuing to walk over it causing damage to the plants. As a great deal of work has been undertaken to create a feature to enhance the beauty of our village and over 300 bulbs have been planted which are beginning to emerge, we would be grateful if everyone would keep off this bed to ensure that no further damage occurs.

## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

### SERVICES

Morning – every Sunday-11am.

Evening – Last Sunday of each month – 6pm.

Family Service – First Sunday of each month – 11am.

Sunday School – Every Sunday – 11am.

Women's Fellowship – held on alternative Wednesdays

### Easter Services

Good Friday Service – 13th April at 3.30pm.

Afternoon Tea and Gift Day – 13th April at 4pm.

Easter Sunday – Sunday 15th April – service and Sunday School at 11am.

### Chapel Anniversary Services

Sunday 20th May – Morning Service and Sunday School 11am.

Preacher - Mr. Richard Laws.

Evening Service – 6pm.

Preacher – Rev. Linda Woolacott

### Sunday School Anniversary Services

Sunday 24th June – Afternoon Service – 2.30pm.

Evening Service – 6pm.

Items will be given by the children and the Adult choir.

Afternoon Teas: will be served throughout the Summer months, dates to be arranged.

## GALILEE CHAPEL

At Galilee Baptist Chapel services are held at 10.30 am and 5pm each Sunday, with a special Good Friday service on 13th April at 9.30 am, to be led by the Reverend Charles Campbell of Haverfordwest.

Prayer meetings are held fortnightly, on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the vestry, on alternate weeks to the Women's Fellowship, which meets on Thursday afternoons at 2pm. A popular Mums and Tots group is held on Thursday mornings.

Several interesting meetings of the Women's Fellowship which have been held in recent weeks include an informative and humorous talk on "The Pembrokeshire Dialect" by local historian W. Grenville Thomas, a demonstration of silk painting by Jan Bossom and an account by Mrs. Skyrme of "The Llangwm of my childhood". This evoked many reminiscences of the village for those present, and thanks were given afterwards for the blessing of Mrs. Skyrme's wonderful memory.

A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend our Sunday services or weekday meetings.

## SERVICES AT ST JEROME'S

April 8th. – PALM SUNDAY

9am. Parish Family Eucharist.

3pm. Holy Baptism.

April 11th. – Wednesday.

9.30am. Holy Communion (& Home Communions).

7pm. Lent Service at St. Peter's Church.

April 12th. MAUNDY THURSDAY.

7pm. Holy Communion.

April 13th. GOOD FRIDAY

10am. Children's Service.

11am. Devotions.

April 15th. EASTER SUNDAY.

9am. Parish Eucharist.

4pm. Family Easter Praise Service.

April 18th. Wednesday.

9.30am. Holy Communion.

10.45am. Herons reef.

April 22nd. Sunday.

9am. Parish Eucharist.

April 25th. Wednesday.

9.30am. Holy Communion.

April 29th. Sunday.

9am. Mattins.

4pm. Family Holy Communion.

May 2nd. Wednesday.

No Service.

May 6th. Sunday.

9am. Parish Eucharist.

## LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Llangwm longboat Rowing Club was held on Friday 30th March when there was a good attendance of members. A new Committee was duly elected to include Chairman, Graham Stephens, Secretary, Fay Keppel-Compton, and Helen Stewart and Dave Cooke as Team Captains.

The membership of the club is increasing and needs to build on the successes of the past two years and to do this more boats are desperately needed. A lottery bid has been submitted for three new Celtic longboats including necessary equipment and trailers; the total cost of this is £18,000 and the club needs to raise 30% of this before April 2002, i.e. £5,400. This is an ambitious project but the keen interest of members justifies it.

There have been several fundraising activities since Christmas which have included a Winter Walk, Quiz Night, Anne Summers Party, and most popular of all, a Salsa evening. This last event was very successful and was ably run by Brenta Pearn and her assistants, and many members put their skills to the test on the dance floor. A "Cumberland Curry" evening is planned for April and other Events are in the pipeline. We are very grateful for the support that the village as a whole gives the Club.

We have received a grant of £1,000 from Menter Preseli and with other promises and our Fundraising we now have £3,500 towards the total; we therefore have high hopes of raising the additional £1,900 before the deadline. If the bid is successful, the new boats will not of course be delivered till 2002 so this season members are having to make do with the current club boats and borrowing others as necessary. This is not a very satisfactory situation as there are currently 7 crews who wish to race, but it is born of success and demand and members live in expectation of better things next year.

There is a full calendar of races and challenge events lined up for this year. Three Club members had hoped to join with Neyland to row the Irish Sea, in the Annual Celtic Challenge event but unfortunately this has been cancelled. The Regatta at Black Tar is scheduled for the last day in the Llangwm Festival on 15th July and the Triathlon event, (rowing, cycling and running), is on the 1st Sept. For the Cleddau Race on 20th May, the teams have agreed to find sponsorship for "CLIC", which is a charity devoted to combating cancer and Leukaemia in children; Adam James is providing the sponsorship forms for anyone interested in supporting this worthwhile cause.

Those who have not yet tried their hand at rowing may join crews on most Saturday mornings at 10am. Visitors are insured for their first trial row, and having enjoyed their trip, would need to join the Club in order to continue. Paul Brant, on 891 572, will be delighted to welcome you and give you details.

## **FRIENDS OF LLANGWM SCHOOL**

The friends of Llangwm School Christmas raffle was a great success thanks to the generous support of the community. There were many donations for the raffle prizes and this enabled us to make lovely hampers and lots of smaller prizes! The children participated in a chain link raffle, the winners of which received books, provided by FOLS. A total of £320 was raised from the raffles.

During February 2001 FOLS were pleased to be able to pay for two special events for the children at the school. These were:

A day of Dance for the infants, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! A Science Road show, for all the children. Throughout the day all the children took part in 'hands-on science', with a visiting speaker.

During May 2001 FOLS are part funding a visit to the school by an author who will spend the day working with the junior children.

We have a few events planned as follows;

Friday 23rd March- Pub Quiz- Cottage Inn, Llangwm 8pm. (max. of 4 per team at £4 per team with a cash prize of £20).

Easter Bonnet competition for the infants and an Easter Egg Collage competition for the juniors open to Llangwm school pupils.

May half term holiday – Walking Treasure Hunt around Llangwm. There will be thirty questions and entry will be just £1. Entrants can complete the Treasure Hunt in their own time during the holiday. The questions will be available just before May Half Term.

Friday 29th June – Summer BBQ.- Llangwm school.

Carnival float – FOLS. Are to organise a float again this year for all the children at the school to be part of.

FOLS usually meet every month to discuss fundraising ideas. Meetings are held at the Cottage Inn in Llangwm . All parents are welcome.

## **LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB**

It was unfortunate that we were unable to be included in the last newsletter, since although it is a quiet time of the year for us fair weather sportsters, there were promising signs of activity amongst the under 11s. Two young villagers, Stevie Inward and Mathew Kiff, have attended Welsh coaching sessions and have high hopes of making the Welsh squad for the coming season. Congratulations to them both; we wish them lots of luck.

Dragon coaching is now complete with several village boys taking part. It is from these sessions that this year's County squads will mainly be chosen for more preseason coaching so it is well worth attending to improve both cricketing skills and the chances of being spotted.

Congratulations are due to Mike Milward who for the second year running claimed the "Best Bowler" Ocky White Award for division 4 last season. It was presented at the Annual County Dinner. Well done Mike. The Club has entered the Winter Indoor Cricket League and has now played 6 matches. It is a steep learning curve for us as we've not participated before, so our one win so far gives us some encouragement. One more match against Neyland to go on 4th March – wish us luck. Courses are due in the next couple of months for aspiring coaches at both preliminary and level1. Several Club members have already enlisted, and anyone else interested should contact Ray Kane on 01646682106 for further details. There may also be First Aid courses available in the near future.

The Junior Awards night is to be held at the Club on Thursday 3rd. April at 7.15 pm. When we shall be celebrating our bagging of the Ormond County Youth Cup last season. Refreshments are available, and all are welcome. Junior coaching will commence on Wed/Thurs 18th/19th April – see notice for details.

Two 2-hour Club net sessions have been booked at Thornton for the consecutive Sundays of 22nd and 29th of April starting at 5pm. All players welcome.

It is hoped that our Ladies Cricket team will come alive again this season. Anyone interested should contact Tina on 01646 601 954. Please note the date of our AGM – Thursday 29th March at 8pm. At the Clubhouse.

## **RECIPE BANANA and WALNUT LOAF**

Do try this at home

4oz butter or margarine. 4oz soft light brown sugar. 3 eggs beaten. 3 large bananas, mashed. 1tsp lemon juice. 8oz sieved self-raising flour. Half-teaspoon ground cinnamon. Half teaspoon of ground nutmeg. 3oz walnuts , chopped .

Set your oven temperature to 180 degrees C, cream butter and sugar till light, gradually beat in the eggs. Add bananas and lemon juice, blending well. Fold in flour, spices and walnuts. Pour into a prepared tin and cook in the centre of the oven for one hour or an hour and a quarter. Leave to cool for five minutes turn out of the tin and leave till cooled completely.

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