

LLANGWM NEWS

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Editorial

This is a bumper issue this quarter, and thanks goes to all those who have submitted articles this time around. This is a wonderful resource and, if used properly, will make a difference to all clubs and societies.

As ever the village of Llangwm is a bee-hive of activity as the warmer weather draws nearer. This June will see celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee, and will be followed by the Llangwm Festival and the infamous scarecrows during the summer. Sport continues to play a major part in village life, with three senior cricket teams, plus all the junior section, as well as the Longboats.

You may notice a new section in this edition titled 'Farm Diary'. Thanks must go to Will Scale for this article, and if anyone has any other ideas, please send them on to me at the details below.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind people that articles received without the author's name may not be published (contact details will not be published without permission).

Also, I'd like to point out that the green page circulated with the last newsletter was in no way connected with the editor or the newsletter. It was a separate article issued at the same time on behalf of Llangwm Community Council.

If you have any questions or articles for the next issue in July, please contact Simon Preddy at the details below:

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LLANGWM VILLAGE WEBSITE



There is a new website focused on Llangwm Village. It has been created as part of a PAVS – ICT Web Project and it has links to activities that take place within the village.

There are links to the Longboats, the Rugby and Cricket Clubs, Youth Club, School timetables, Gardening Club, a For Sale section, previous firework displays, scarecrow pictures, religious bodies, Village amenities including opening hours and bus timetable, and a very useful Pembrokeshire links section.

You can access the site on www.llangwm-villages.org.uk If you feel anything has been missed out, or if you have any good ideas for the site then please contact Elaine Winfield on 891984.

Like any site, it is only as good as its content, so please keep Elaine posted of news so that the site is up-to-date and relevant.

One very useful item on the site is the events diary. If all clubs and societies provide information of events that they are planning it will not only be better publicised but will also prevent diary clashes.



Llangwm Community Council

Precept - Llangwm CC

The precept for the financial year 2002/03 remains unchanged from the previous year at £2,700.

Council Monthly Meetings

From April the Community Council meetings will be held in the Community Centre (Village Hall) and not at the school. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.00 pm except in August when there is no monthly meeting.

Notice of changes to the above or of any extraordinary meeting will be displayed on the village notice board at least 14 days beforehand.



Council Acknowledgement

On behalf of the community, members would like to thank all those involved in local community projects. These include the production of the Llangwm Newsletter, Summer Carnival, Scarecrow Week, Festival Fortnight, Father Christmas and the annual New Year Firework display. Their positive attitude in the village is much appreciated.

Dog Warden

The Community Council have requested more patrols by the County Council dog warden. There have been many complaints from residents that a number of dogs are left wandering around the streets. There is no improvement in dog fouling problems within the village. Pill Parks, The Gail and Llangwm Ferry are areas of particular concern. Dog owners must clean up if their dogs foul, owners who do not will give other owners a bad name as well as being liable to a fine.

Parking Restrictions

The Community Council unanimously support the plan to introduce restrictions as previously advised. This includes part of the Green, Chapel Row including access, plus the lower part of Pill Parks Way.

Municipal Services

The County Council have established a "First Call Centre" to receive any complaints or requests for services relating to highway maintenance, waste collection, litter and similar municipal services provided by the County Council. The Call Centre is available from 8 am to 6 pm weekdays and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. You are asked to call 0845 6021386 if you wish to report any specific locations where such problems require attention.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The Council have agreed to the purchase of Royal Jubilee china tankards for distribution on the basis of one per household within the community. The cost involved is hoped to be offset by grants which the Festival Committee are seeking.

Llangwm Public Toilets

The Council were presented with a proposal by the Community Centre (Village Hall) Committee to take over the responsibility of the public toilets. This would mean the toilets being used solely for people attending the Community Centre. They would be made available to the public, on request, for special occasions.

The Council felt that it would be sad if this facility was lost but had to recognise the regular vandalism by local youths. The latest reported damage occurred prior to the official opening of the refurbished centre. These vandals must be caught if this facility is to remain open to the public. Hook's public toilets were closed a few years ago by the County Council because of similar incidents and the same fate may fall on these public conveniences. It is well published that the County Council are eager to offload responsibility for such conveniences.

Public Meeting

A public meeting has been arranged to discuss the future management or closure of the public conveniences at the Community Centre (Village Hall) on Tuesday 16 April 2002 at 7.30 pm at Llangwm Community Centre.

Anyone For Bowls?

In the previous issue of the Newsletter the Community Council stated that they were looking for a socially acceptable use of the leased picnic area in Rectory Road. What a superb situation for a bowling green. Could this be worthwhile pursuing? - please contact Mike Hardwick.



Skateboarding

Llangwm Community Council is becoming increasingly concerned at the activities of a large number of youths involved in skateboarding. These youngsters present a serious danger, both to themselves, and to residents of the village. They adopt a very aggressive attitude when spoken to by individuals who find their behaviour unacceptable. Many people throughout the village have complained about the mess created by steel girders, pallets and concrete blocks being left at the end of Pill Parks Way where the skateboarders gather.



The Police have been advised of the situation and explained that it is an offence to obstruct the highway with skateboard equipment and if certain children become abusive then these issues must be dealt with on a specific basis.



1st Johnston Scout Group



During last year the Group was given an 18' catamaran by Mr Parker of Pontyclun. Mr Parker, because of ill health, decided he would have to give up sailing. He had spent happy times with his boat at Black Tar and, having connections with scouting in his youth, wished a Group in our area to have the boat. The Group's Venture Unit have been tending the boat as there is quite a bit of cleaning down and repair to do. The Port Authority Charity Fund gave a donation towards the repair costs and we are also approaching local businesses for sponsorship. If anyone out there knows about boats and is willing to lend a hand please ring Pat Dixon on 01437 890011. Sadly, Mr Parker died of a heart attack at the end of last year, so when the boat is eventually seaworthy we intend to rename her the "John Parker" in his memory.



This year is the Group's 25th anniversary and to celebrate this we are running an "in-Group" competition for the best badge design. The winning badge will be printed and worn by Group members throughout the remaining year and a Group T-shirt printed to mark the occasion. Later in the year an "old scouts" reunion is planned so any ex 1st Johnston Ventures/Scouts/Cubs reading this please get in touch for details. We also hope to run a Talent Show in the Institute Johnston and other Scout Groups have been invited to this which should make it go with a swing! If we get enough entries a panel of judges will be arranged and prizes given for the best "act".

At the end of October the Scout Troop spent a weekend at St Brides Cottages, St Brides Bay which is a very beautiful place all year round. These cottages are leased by Area Scouts from the National Parks and are rented out to organisations from all over the country/world, as well as being used by Pembrokeshire Scouts and other local organisations.



The Scouts will be taking part in a sponsored all-night night hike on the 21st June, to raise money for Group funds. The Troop will start hiking at around 11 pm and hike through the night arriving back at Headquarters in time for breakfast. Please support them wherever possible.

We are, as always, in need of Leaders, be it people willing to go into uniform or those willing to come along on a regular basis to give a hand, or how about starting up a Beaver Colony? If you are prepared to help or would like any information regarding what our Group has to offer, please ring Pat on the above number.

Llangwm Community Centre Reopening

St David's Day saw a wonderful gathering of the community of Llangwm to celebrate the completion of the Community Centre refurbishment project. As a result of grants obtained from Pembrokeshire County Council and SPARC/PLANED, the hall now boasts a new heating system, new lighting, double glazed windows and doors, new tables and chairs, a fresh coat of paint inside and out, plus a totally refurbished kitchen. The Cawl supper evening was a total sell out and the Committee was delighted to see so many people come to spend an enjoyable evening in the refurbished hall. Councillor Bill Hitchings undertook the reopening ceremony and the children from Llangwm School entertained everyone with a selection of songs and music. Many thanks to them for agreeing to take part on their busy St David's Day.

It was also the occasion to launch the Friends of the Community Centre. This is an opportunity for people to support the village hall by putting their names down to help in various ways such as with fundraising activities, assist in events organised in the hall, help with general maintenance and so on. If anyone would like to become a Friend, please contact any committee member or ring 890147.

The hall was also open on Saturday afternoon for tea and welsh cakes so that the whole village could have an opportunity to see the refurbishment. In addition, the judging of the children's art competition was held and the raffle was drawn by Councillor Bill Philpins, who attended as the representative of SPARC/PLANED. Artist Beverly Crawford found the judging of the two painting classes extremely difficult but was delighted that the standard of painting was so high. The winners of the competition were:

Under 7's:	First	Michael Phillips
	Second	Saffron Ewart
	Third	Megan Winfield
7 to 11's	First	Henry Brant
	Second	Eleanor Ewart
	Third	Matthew Pritchard

The winners received prizes which had been donated by Emrys Art Shop, Haverfordwest, Glyn Edwards Office Suppliers, Milford Haven, Margaret Watkins, Marion Eynon and Hazel and Tim Cripps. Many thanks to them. Each child who took part was also presented with a certificate of achievement.

Raffle

The raffle prize winners were as follows:

1. Print of Llangwm, donated by Graham Brace - M.Hunt, Lake Villas
2. 3 piece Wok set, donated by Arcade - Ward, Gail Rise
3. Decanter, donated by JBH Supplies - M.Owen, Gail Rise
4. Decorated Easter Cake, donated by S.Martin and A.Cox - S.Davies, The Kilns
5. Bottle of whiskey, donated by Daisy Windows - Z Aroz
6. Bottle of Vodka, donated by Neville Lewis - C.Vaughan
7. £5, donated by M.Sanzovo - L.Puttock, The Kilns
8. Bottle of wine, donated by Julia Golding, M.Llewellyn
9. Bulbs, donated by Joe Neal, W.Davies, Mill Street
10. CD, donated by Joe Neal - A Rawlings, Rectory Road
11. Clock, donated by Joe Neal - Lewis-Nenna, Belgrano

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated raffle prizes.

Now that the hall has been re-opened, it is hoped that it will be used for a wide variety of activities and functions. Already, there are two art classes which have started, the Youth Club has recommenced after a break during the refurbishment work, and there is the possibility of an amateur dramatics group, local and family history group and a keep fit class. The hall is a wonderful resource to have in our village - let's use it and make the most of it.

LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

The Club is beginning to plan for the 2002 Season and our welcome return to Pembrokeshire First Division cricket. We have already had two sessions of net practice at Thornton Sports Centre using the bowling machine, and more are booked during April - see the Club notice board for details.

We competed in the Querty Winter Indoor Cricket competition and recorded one win and five defeats with our young and relatively inexperienced team. It was great fun, and enjoyed by all.

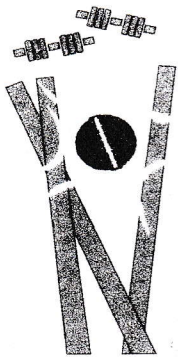
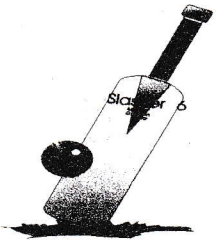
We have now added our own pages to the Llangwm-villages website, and intend to expand these over the coming season to give up-to-date news and results. Hopefully we'll be able to publish all the teams on the internet, and use e-mail for quick communication.

The Club A.G.M. Was well attended on Friday 29th March at which our Club Captains and Officials were elected. Mark Davies continues as captain of the 1st XI, Simon Richards takes on the 2nd XI, and Matthew Vaughan the 3rd XI. New members are always welcome. Why not become a member, playing or non-playing as it suits you, and enjoy many evenings and weekends of good quality local club cricket played at both senior and junior levels. And, of course, a cooling drink afterwards in the Clubhouse with the inevitable post-mortem on the game!

The Junior Awards Night was held on Tuesday 9th April at the Club, at which we presented playing certificates to last seasons' players, as well as merit awards and cups to our outstanding performers. Many represented the county, and one who represented Wales.

The Llangwm Cricket Club under 13 Cricket Festival is to take place this year at the start of the Llangwm Festival Week on Sunday 30th June. This is the fourth year it has been held and offers the opportunity to see the very best of the junior talent in the county at this age level competing against each other. Teams arrive at 10 am. and the final usually takes place about 5.30 pm. Two groups of four teams play each other using two pitches, with the two group winners meeting in the final, so there's plenty of action all day.

The club are organising a sponsored bike ride around some of the County's watering holes on the 2nd June to raise money for new equipment. Keep a lookout for further information.



Llangwm Local and Family History Group

At the village meeting organised some time ago by Mentor Preseli, the possibility of setting up a local history group was discussed and a number of people expressed interest in this activity. It is hoped to hold an inaugural meeting for this group in the near future in the Village Hall. If anyone is interested in taking part, would they please contact David Mills on 890147.

Llangwm Youth Club

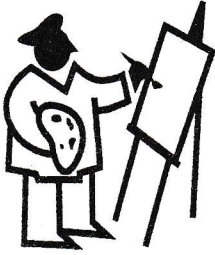
There has been a good deal of attention concerning the young people in the village and the impression some adults have them. The last newsletter showed the youth up in a poor light and they are keen to improve relationships. After a meeting of the Youth Club, the following idea was suggested and has been put into action.

A local history Youth Group has been formed with the intention of discovering what life was like for the youngsters of Llangwm years ago. Villagers who have lived here most of their lives are being asked for an interview and their stories will be recorded.

Some have already been approached and are very willing to take part. The group have already written to the Community Council who have indicated their support. When all the stories are gathered in, they will be published and sold for funds. A grant may also be found for publishing.

Anyone who would like to take part in this venture and show support for the group can contact Bill Brant 891572, or Hugh Jones 890789, who would be very pleased to hear from you.

Art Classes



Run by local artist, Beverly Crawford, two art classes have started in the Community Centre on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. No experience was required, as Beverly has been taking students through the basics of watercolour painting, with some excellent results. Topics covered so far have included perspective, a seascape, the colour wheel, and the human form. Her experience and skill as a teacher have delighted everyone, and the exercises undertaken have ensured that all who are taking part are seeing progress at each lesson.

There are still a few places remaining in the classes, so if anyone is interested in joining, please contact Beverly on 01646 693022.

Llangwm Community Centre - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Llangwm Community Centre will be held on Tuesday, 30th April, at 7.00 pm, in the Village Hall.

All are invited to attend this meeting.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee is re-named, for one year only, to incorporate the planning of events for the Jubilee celebrations.

There is a new committee this year and we are extremely grateful for the work that the original committee did to develop, what are now, well established village events like the Festival Fortnight, the Scarecrows, Llangwm Carnival and New Year's Day Fireworks. Thanks to you from all of us.



We are planning a series of fundraising events over the coming months, and of course the Festival Fortnight, which begins on 30th June. Also, we are putting together a programme of activity which we can submit as an application for funding from the Awards for All Wales, as part of the Jubilee anniversary.

You can obtain more news of these events if you have access to a computer and the internet. There is a new web site for Llangwm, which has information on the village including, all up and coming events and latest news from the Jubilee Festival Committee. If not, look out for posters around the village.

This committee tries to ensure that all village clubs and societies are aware of Jubilee pre-planning and to involve them in the preparations. If we have missed you out then our apologies but please contact us to become involved.

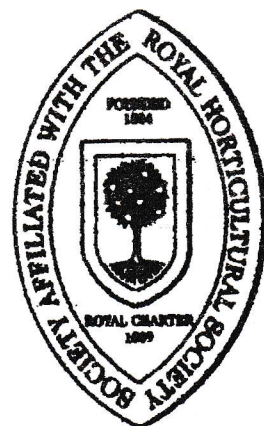
One important date for your diary is Monday 3rd June which is a Bank Holiday. A Jubilee Day Picnic and Kids Sports is planned to be held at the rugby field from 1.00 pm. More information on this later.

For more information on the Jubilee Festival Committee, telephone Bog Tyler on 01646 602132 or Andrew Winfield on 01437 891984.

Llangwm Gardening Club

The Gardening Club continues to hold its informative and informal meetings at The Cottage Inn. Normally meeting on the first Monday of each month, several dates have been altered to take account of the upcoming Bank Holidays. Our programme for the year to July 2002 is as follows;

Monday 29th April	Mr G.Nicholle - My Cottage Garden Primula (holds the National Collection of Auriculas).
Monday 27th May	Plant sale Lyn and Len Toms - Garden Design.
Saturday 22nd June	Gardening Trip (details to be announced).
Monday 1st July	Annual General Meeting and BBQ.
Festival Fortnight 30th June - 13th July	Hanging Basket and Container Competition.
Saturday 6th July	Llangwm Gardens Open Day.



Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Membership is just £5 per year, or visitors can attend any meeting at £1 per person.

We are delighted that work on the Llangwm School garden will be commencing shortly. The children have already produced ideas and designs for their garden, which have been incorporated into the finished overall design. The plan is to produce a creative garden, which can be used for story-telling and artwork. Work is under way to design and produce a story-telling chair, which will be the focal point of the garden. The Prince's Trust have agreed to undertake the hard landscaping of the garden as one of their community projects, so all the hard work will be done by a team of fit youngsters! Once this has been completed, the remaining areas will be planted and mulched, and bird boxes put up. If anyone would like to help in any way with this project, please contact either the school or the Gardening Club. There will be an opportunity for everyone to see the finished garden, which will be open on Saturday 6th July, as part of the Gardens Open Day.

The Club will be organising its popular Gardens open day as part of the Llangwm Festival this year. As usual, we are on the lookout for additional gardens to be part of this day, so if you would like to open your garden, or know of someone who has a garden of interest, please get in touch with the gardening Club. We have a great variety of gardens, which our visitors enjoy, and it is always great fun to spend time with people who appreciate your creative efforts.

Special Bargains for Scarecrows (and Humans)

Now's the time to start spring-cleaning your cupboards and wardrobes.

Apart from looking out old clothes and bits and pieces for *your* scarecrow this summer, why not bag-up what you don't need and give it to the **Scarecrow Jumble Sale** so that everyone can have a good rummage for suitable scarecrow gear.

We need not only coats, hats, shirts, trousers, scarves, gloves, dresses and skirts - not forgetting your old crowns and ermine for any right Royal scarecrows this year! - but also old blankets, pillows, sheets and suchlike, which come in very handy for stuffing.

And don't forget Scarecrows need "props" too, so bric-a-brac of every kind is welcome -

bags, walking sticks, pots and pans, plastic flowers, teapots, broken radios - any old thing that comes to hand!

The Scarecrow Sale is scheduled to take place at the Village Hall on Friday, 14th June at 7.00 pm (proceeds to the Festival).

Come early for the pick of the crop to ensure that yours is the Best Dressed Scarecrow in Town (well, in the village at any rate). Who knows, you may even get yourself or the kids a new outfit into the bargain.

Please phone 891580 with any offers of help, jumble, storage space (please!) or to have your jumble collected.



Thanks.

LLANGWM V.C. PRIMRY SCHOOL

Quality Mark

As a school, we were delighted to be recently awarded the prestigious Basic Skills Quality Mark. On Tuesday 22 January the staff, pupils and governors received the Quality Mark certificate and plaque from Mr Bryn Davies, Development Officer for the Basic Skills Agency, at a special assembly. The Quality Mark is about our school having a clear strategy for improving the basic skills of reading, writing and number work. It is a real achievement to gain the Quality Mark since it is only awarded if a school achieves high standard in each of the ten areas which are assessed.

Official Opening

On Wednesday 6 February the new classrooms and the work undertaken in the main school building was officially opened by the Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council, Mrs Rosemary Hayes. During a special assembly Councillor Hayes and the Chairman of the Education Committee, Councillor John Thomas, joined Governors and Staff in listening to the children who celebrated the changes through songs and poems which focused on how the recently improved buildings had benefited them. At the end of the assembly Councillor Hayes unveiled a special commemorative plaque in the hall.

Maths Evening

A maths Curriculum Evening took place in the school hall on Wednesday, 13th February. Mrs Jane Rees, Maths Co-ordinator, provided parents with the opportunity to;

- See some of the work undertaken by children in their Maths lessons
- Watch some children work on different mathematical problems
- Find out about the three part Maths lesson
- Look at books and resources used
- Try out some of the computer programs linked to Maths
- Find out about the Mathematical Standards the children are encouraged to reach during Primary School years
- Take away information so that they can help their child at home

The evening was very well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. The Friends of Llangwm School provided the refreshments for the evening.

Out of School Childcare Clubs

At present, we are working towards getting a grant to set up a Breakfast Club and After School Club, which will be based at the school and run on a daily basis during term time. There are also plans to establish a School Holiday Scheme, which will be based at Llangwm Community Centre (Village Hall). It is hoped that the school-based clubs will begin in September, and that a trial holiday scheme will run during the summer holidays. By the next village newsletter, we hope to have more detailed information available.

St David's Day

A communion service was held during assembly, led by Reverend Hooper, with the children singing and reading prayers. St David's Day celebrations took place in the school hall. The children all looked very smart dressed in traditional costume, Welsh rugby shirts, and Cub, Scout and Brownie uniforms. They performed to a packed hall singing St David's Day songs, reading poems and acting. The junior children were invited to sing at the opening of the refurbished Community Centre during the evening. It proved to be a very busy day for the children, but everyone who was fortunate to see them perform, enjoyed the events during the day.

Visits made during the Spring-term

The infants made an enjoyable visit to Haverfordwest Fire Station, on Wednesday, 27th February. They experienced the day-to-day running of the station and were shown around one of the fire engines, which they were allowed to sit in. The infants are working on the theme this term of 'People who help us'. So going to the Fire Station made them realise the importance of the Firefighters and the way that they are able to help us.

The juniors had a very early start for their trip to St Fagans, Cardiff. The coach left Llangwm at 8.30 a.m., full of very excited children. Class 3 spent their day studying the homes through the ages, while Class 4 wore Victorian clothes and spent their day taking part in a typical Victorian school day and also explored Victorian housing. They arrived back safely at 5.00 pm. All the children and the teachers and helpers had a very enjoyable and interesting day.

The School Garden

During the winter months the staff and children have been developing plans to create a school garden next to the infant playground. The garden will be a valuable teaching area and also a beautiful addition to the school grounds.

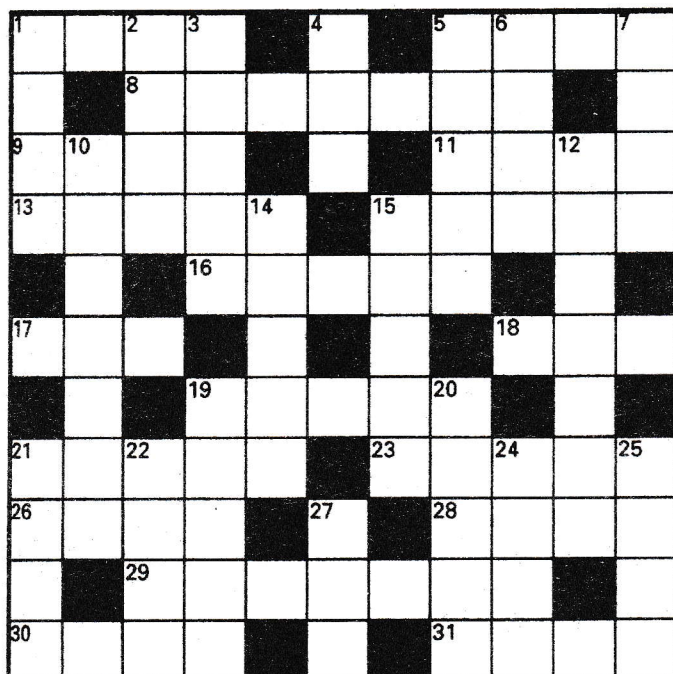
The children have been working with a local sculptor, Mr Richard James, from Tenby. They have been busy designing a large story-telling chair, which will be the central feature of the garden. Mr James took away the children's ideas and last week a few of the children visited his studio to view the chair as it was being worked on. He is coming back to school after the Easter holiday and the children will be helping him with the final touches on the chair.

During the last week, the Princes Trust have been helping us to build the pathways and central paving for the garden. Although the weather could have been kinder to us, the work carried on and a good start was made.

After the Easter holiday, we will be holding several evenings where staff, pupils, parent/grandparent volunteers and members of the Llangwm Gardening Club can work together on establishing the garden.

World Book Day

A special assembly was held for World Book Day during which the children discussed their favourite reading books and each received a £1 book token.



ACROSS

- 1 Float through air
- 5 Assist in crime
- 8 Traveller's bags
- 9 Thin
- 11 Stand for plates
- 13 Old-fashioned
- 15 Aladdin's servant
- 16 Topical show
- 17 Go by plane
- 18 Acorn tree
- 19 Black-and-white animal
- 21 Rot
- 23 Type of duck
- 26 Spoken
- 28 Imperial measurement of distance
- 29 Student
- 30 Moderate
- 31 Profound

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- 1 Untamed
- 2 Level
- 3 Piano adjuster
- 4 Sell
- 5 Tally
- 6 Coffee seed
- 7 Accept
- 10 Before then
- 12 Fortress
- 14 Postpone
- 15 Tourist's handbook
- 19 Lost colour
- 20 Intended
- 21 Terrible fate
- 22 Short visit
- 24 Dreadful
- 25 Harvest
- 27 Cook in oil

Answers in next issue

Friends of Llangwm School

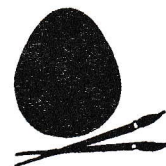
On Friday, 15th March, a Family Bingo Evening was held in the school hall. The evening was enjoyed by a packed hall. Prizes had been very generously donated by parents and local businesses, of which we are extremely grateful. Refreshments were provided half-way through the evening.

Easter Competition

The infant children were invited to design an exciting Easter hat/bonnet or headband while the juniors were given a template of an Easter egg to design. These were put on display during the last week of term.

Forthcoming Events

Mon	29th April to Fri. 3rd May (inclusive)	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon	3rd June to Fri. 7th June (inclusive)	Half-term holiday
Sat	15th June	Summer Fete (on the school field)
Tue	2nd July	School Sports Day
Fri	19th July	School BBQ
Tue	23rd July	Break-up for Summer holiday



School returns on Monday, 15th April, to start the summer term.

Local Farm Diary

This farm diary is an attempt to inform the local community about what work is carried out on a typical family farm in the area. My aim is to bridge the gap between media misunderstanding, the public and farming practices at community level. I hope that when you look out from the window of your car or home, you may have a better understanding of what is going on in the surrounding fields!

We farm at Great Nash between Llangwm and Troopers Inn, on a medium sized family farm. I farm with my parents and employ Peter who works with us full time.

Since the New Year we have been concentrating on preparing the land for potatoes, although only recently has the weather been kind enough for us to start planting. We buy our potato seed in November from various places including Scotland and Holland, which provide us with high quality disease free seed (because they have fewer aphids and a cooler climate). These are then put into trays in the shed to encourage them to sprout (chit). This chitting means that as soon as the potatoes are planted they will start growing. The potatoes are grown in ridges to allow maximum heat to surround the soil and speed growth.

Not too many years ago we would have planted all our potatoes for the once famous "Pembrokeshire early potato market", though nowadays the supermarkets are demanding potatoes that last longer under the store lights, with more developed skins, so fresh early potatoes no longer form a big part of the market. We now start planting later and don't stand the risk of a late frost delaying growth.

Growing spuds is becoming quite an advanced sport nowadays. (It is almost a sport rather than a job because it is so hard to know how successful you will be each year!) We use specialist machinery to take out the stones from the ground and put them to the side of each potato ridge to speed up harvesting. Also, one needs to adopt quite a scientific approach to irrigation and disease control to ensure good quality. One of the pleasures of driving our very slow de-stoning machine all day though, is seeing the farm's dozen or so lively pied wagtails that seem to delight in bobbing up and down on the rills and ridges, feeding on the small insects the inverted soil provides.

Elsewhere on the farm, the sheep that we look after in the winter have gone back to Builth Wells for lambing. The farmer up there will keep them on his pastures until his grass growth starts slowing in the autumn, they will then return to us where our lower altitude means that grass growth lasts nearly two months longer. Last year during the foot and mouth outbreak he couldn't move them back home and I had to attempt lamb them. I was inexperienced and my success rate wasn't great so I think he has been keen to get them home this year!

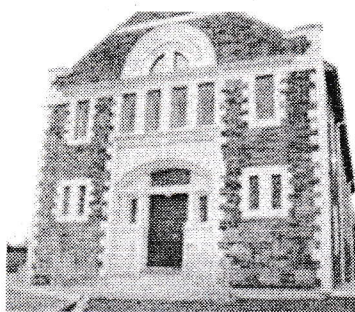
If you have any farming questions then feel free to e-mail me and will do my best to answer.

By Will Scale.

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Around the Churches

"SANKEY" CONCERT AT GALILEE



As part of their annual celebration to mark the founding of the Sunday School and to commemorate Jubilee Year 2002, Galilee Baptist Chapel are holding a special concert on the evening of Sunday June 16th.

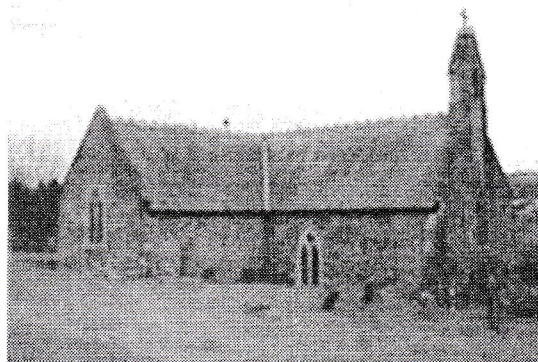
A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come and join in the traditional rousing singing of favourite "Sankey" hymns - singing for which Galilee was renowned in past times and which continues to the present day. Items by guest singers will also be given.

Anniversary services in Galilee and in the Wesleyan chapels were formerly the highlight of the summer in Llangwm with children performing songs, recitations and choruses together with adult soloists and choirs. For those who have not yet experienced an "Anniversary Sunday" at first hand please note that Galilee's Anniversary is always held on the third Sunday in June and the Wesleyan Anniversary on the fourth Sunday - each chapel attending the other's service to swell the congregation (and, in times gone by, to see who sang the best anthem!),

Watch village notices for more details of the "Galilee Anniversary" and "Jubilee Festival Sunday Concert"

Services at St Jeromes

Wed	17 Apr	9.30 am Holy Communion
		10.45 am Herons Reef
		11.30 am Fairfields
Sun	21 Apr	9.00 am Parish Eucharist
		4.00 pm Evensong at St Peters
Wed	24 Apr	***** No Service
Sun	28 Apr	9.00 am Parish Eucharist
Wed	1 May	9.30 am Holy Communion & Home Communion
Sun	5 May	9.00 am Parish Eucharist
		4.00 pm Evening Prayer



LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

Treasurer:

Mr Lloyd Curtis
15 River View
Llangwm

Secretary:

Mrs Jane Brock
Woodlands Farm
Llangwm

Minister:

Reverend Linda Woolcott

Sunday Services:

Morning Service held every Sunday - 11 am

Sunday School held every Sunday - 11 am

Evening Service held on the last Sunday of every month - 6 pm

All Age Worship (Family Service) held on the first Sunday of every month - 11 am

Women's Fellowship held fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon - 2 pm

Forthcoming events:

Chapel Anniversary, Sunday 19 May, Services at 11 am and 6 pm

Sunday School Anniversary, Sunday 23 June

Festival Fortnight, Teas served daily in the Sunday School room

Sandwich Tea, Thursday 8 August



Llangwm RFC 1st XV

The 1st XV have continued to have a mixed bag of results this season. A handful of wins have accompanied some more narrow defeats.

Llangwm will be hoping for a better overall performance next season, and will hope to benefit from the experience this time around. There are unlikely to be many changes in the squad at the end of the season, which will help to increase the growing spirit among the existing players.

Last month summed up Llangwm's season as a whole with two good home wins against the improving Swansea Uplands and Llanybydder, sandwiching a very disappointing defeat at the hands of St Davids.

A number of positives can be taken out of this season, including as mentioned before, the growing team spirit. Added to this is the break through of a number of youth players into the senior squad, further highlighting the importance of a youth team and the hard work carried out by Michael John and his team of supporters.

With the end of the season rapidly approaching the work of team manager Simon Richards and captain Richard Scriven must be acknowledged once again. The commitment shown by these individuals has paved the way for whoever will be in their shoes next season.

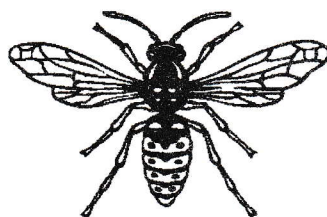
Remaining 1st XV Fixtures

Sat April 20th Alltwen (H)

Sat April 27th Furnace United (A)

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Llangwm RFC Youth XV

With the end of the season fast approaching it is time to reflect on what has been a hard winter for the boys and to look forward to next season.



This season has been a very hard one and the results have not gone our way. There has, however, been improvements over the months with closer results on most return fixtures, one of the targets set at the start of the season. There have been matches where the team has played with true spirit and taken the game to the opponents only to lose out late on when injuries and fitness took their toll. Notable performances include the second Whitland match and Aberystwyth in the Pembrokeshire Youth KO. Cup. Both of these teams are near the top of their respective leagues yet for a great part of both games Llangwm competed well and caused real problems for their opponents.

The feedback received from outside the club has all been positive, commenting on the determination within the team and their refusal to "throw in the towel" (which is all too easy). It is fair to say, that although this season's results have not gone Llangwm's way, the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the small squad of players has been first class and they are a credit to Llangwm and the club.

The season will be completed on Friday 3rd May, with a sevens tournament at Pembroke RFC.

Looking to next season, we will again, be entering a team in the league and training will be taking place over the summer. If you are interested in playing or want any information on youth rugby, please contact Michael on 01437 890175. You must be aged 16-19 to play but we welcome anybody who has anything to offer the club.



Finally, a reminder that Llangwm Youth now have a web site which can be found at www.dragonsrugbytrust.com. Once on the site follow the link to CLUB SITES.. LLANGWM



Llangwm Festival Committee 2002

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	WHAT	TIME	WHERE
3 / 6	MONDAY	VILLAGE SPORTS, PICNIC & PHOTOGRAPH		CRICKET GROUND
14 / 6	FRIDAY	SCARECROW JUMBLE SALE		
15 / 6	SATURDAY	SCHOOL FETE + CARNIVAL KING & QUEEN ELECTION		SCHOOL
16 / 6	SUNDAY	GALILEE ANNIVERSARY & JUBILEE FESTIVAL SUNDAY CONCERT	EVENING	GALILEE CHAPEL
24 / 6	MONDAY	SCARECROW REGISTRATION STARTS		POST OFFICE
FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT STARTS				
30 / 6	SUNDAY	LONG BOAT REGATTA		BLACK TAR
1 / 7	MONDAY	GARDENING CLUB AGM & BBQ.	7.30pm	COTTAGE INN
1 / 7	MONDAY	ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR STARTS	10.00-12.00am 2.30-8.00pm	VILLAGE HALL
1 / 7	MONDAY	TEA & STICKY BUNS START	12.30am-8.00	GALILEE CHAPEL
2 / 7	TUESDAY	SCHOOL SPORTS DAY	1.30pm	SCHOOL
3 / 7	WEDNESDAY			
4 / 7	THURSDAY	VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING EVENT	TBA	TBA
5 / 7	FRIDAY	LAST DAY FOR SCARECROW REGISTRATION		
6 / 7	SATURDAY	GARDENS OPEN DAY		EVERYWHERE!
7 / 7	SUNDAY			
8 / 7	MONDAY	SCARECROW JUDGING STARTS		COULD BE YOUR HOUSE!
9 / 7	TUESDAY			
10 / 7	WEDNESDAY			
11 / 7	THURSDAY			
12 / 7	FRIDAY	SCARECROW JUDGING ENDS		
13 / 7	SATURDAY	CARNIVAL DAY & EVENING EVENT		MAIN STREET

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AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE ABOVE LIST WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD, CLUB NOTICE BOARDS AND AT THE POST OFFICE.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE VILLAGE SPORTS/PICNIC (BRING YOUR OWN) WILL TAKE FORM OF A SCHOOL SPORTS DAY WITH THE ADDITION OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS.

****THERE WILL BE A QUIZZ NIGHT SOME TIME DURING MAY, A LOCATION AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.****

*****PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE NOTICE BOARDS FOR VENUE TIMES AND LOCATIONS*****