

LLANGWM NEWS

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A Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS from our RECTOR, REVEREND HOOPER

Christmas comes as a season of hope and goodwill. Once again, above and beyond all the glitter, the tinsel, the commercial pressures, the trials, the tribulations and uncertainties of life, we shall thrill to hear the familiar songs and stories. We shall hear the words of the prophet Isaiah as the carolers sing, 'To us a child is born, to us a child is given'. The prophet describes Him as saying, 'He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'.

That child Jesus was born for us, given by God the Father to be one of us, one among suffering humanity. This unique and precious Son is the Light of the World. He came into the world and died upon the Cross and rose again from the dead. Through His giving of Himself we learn of the deep and sacrificial love that God has for each one of us and all of us.

Through His Resurrection we learn that good will triumphs over evil.

At some time over the Christmas season we shall hear the carol, 'While Shepherds watched their flocks by night'. Those shepherds were ordinary folk, just like us, going about their everyday lives—but they were chosen to be the first to hear the good news of Jesus' birth. The angel told them, 'Be not afraid for I bring you news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord'. That news is still addressed to each one of us, regardless of who we are or what we are. That message cannot be silenced. To us is born a Saviour because we need Him.

To us is born a Saviour who will receive us just as we are. There is no need to pretend with Him for He knows our strengths and weaknesses. In Jesus, God holds out His arms to us in trust and love, just like a baby, but in that embrace there is Light and life, Hope and Love, Wisdom and Strength, Goodness and Joy.

Llangwm Festival Committee

After a successful fortnight, the Committee has taken a well-earned break but is ready to get back into harness in anticipation of the festive season.

Father Christmas will be switching on the Christmas lights again this year and mulled wine and mince pies will be available afterwards in the Club. Please come and join in the carols in the true spirit of Christmas.

New Year's Day we will be holding the Firework Display at Pill Parks. It has been said to us that things go a little flat after the display and wouldn't it be nice to have some kind of a family entertainment afterwards? So we are currently investigating the possibility of some kind of musical event that will allow us all to join in. Details will be confirmed later so please keep your eyes peeled for the posters.

No peace for the wicked, they say, and the New Year will see the Committee begin the planning of the Festival, which will start on the 30 June and run until 12 July. The Carnival will be on 12 July. If anyone has some new ideas for the Festival, or would like to volunteer to help, we would love to hear from you. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on 9 January, 8.00 pm, at The Cottage Inn. **We really need new members, and you will be very welcome just to come and say your piece.** Feedback is important—we need to know where you think we could improve things. We know we can do better but we need more help! **The Festival Committee is not about making huge profits. It is about community involvement and enjoyment so come along and get involved!**

dates for your diary

Mon. 16 Dec. The Green 6.30 pm	Father Christmas switches on the Christmas lights. Carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine, with squash for the children.
Wed. 1 Jan Pill Parks 6.30pm	New Year's Day Fireworks Display
Thur. 9 Jan Cottage Inn 8.00 pm	First Meeting of The Committee... come and have your say!

Llangwm Community Council

Vandalism closes Llangwm Public Conveniences.

Pembrokeshire County Council representative, David Howells, attended the October meeting. His attendance followed further vandalism of the public conveniences in Pill Parks Way. In the past, there have been many acts of vandalism with windows being broken, wash basins damaged and walls being smeared with excrement. These acts have been reported in past issues of the Llangwm newsletter.

The Police are continuing to make enquiries as to those responsible and the co-operation of the general public is requested to eradicate this unacceptable behaviour.

Someone must know who carries out these senseless acts. Your help is required. Please name those responsible. Please report the culprits to PC Susan Carriage at Neyland Police Station, tel. 01646 600221.

Pembrokeshire County Council has now invited the Community Council to reconsider the future use of the toilet block and any proposed plans to add disabled access will have to be reconsidered. The two councils agreed that, in the interim, the toilet block should be closed to the public until further notice. The facilities, after repair, will only be available to the Community Centre.

'An eyesore at the centre of the village'?

The situation with regard to the bus shelter on the Green is under discussion yet again. Views of many of the public are that the structure should be removed as it presents an eyesore at the centre of the village. Repairs are needed to the roof due to vandalism and the walls require painting.

In past years youngsters have frequently repainted the shelter in conjunction with the Community Council. It does appear that the County Council now regard maintenance of rural shelters as being the responsibility of the local Community Council. As for a replacement, a cantilever shelter sited closer to the roadway has been suggested. The costs, however, are about £3,000 - well beyond that which the council can afford out of the rate precept.

Whatever is decided, the financial cost of the vandalism has to be paid by the community.

Road speed restriction signs

The Community Council has, over the years, requested the positioning of repeater signs along stretches of roadway where speed restrictions are regularly flouted. You may well see these smaller 30 mph signs positioned on posts between the start and finish of a 30 mph restricted area in other parts of the county.

The Community Council believes that repeater signs could act as a reminder and may therefore reduce speeding. We are advised, however, that under the Traffic Sign Reg. 1994, 30 mph repeater signs are not permitted on roads where lighting is provided to highway standards.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual remembrance service was held on the

Green, officiated this year by the Revd Hooper. There was a reading by Mr Barry Childs. A wreath was laid by the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Reg. Jenkins.

Dog fouling on the increase

The Rugby Club is concerned that, even though the public has been made aware of the laws relating to dog fouling, there has been a marked increase of the problem in the Pill Parks.

This is a major health concern, not only to the sportsmen and women who play organised sport but also to the many children who enjoy playing on the field. A reminder is given that dog owners who do not clear up after their pets face prosecution which could result in a £1,000 fine.

The public is also reminded that the bottom rugby field attached to Pill Parks is private property owned solely by the Rugby Club. The general public is not entitled to walk this area without prior permission. People who do so will be treated as trespassers. Dogs found wandering unattended will be, if possible, encased and handed over to the dog wardens of PCC.

There are also reports from Llangwm School of children walking dog excretion into the classrooms due to dog fouling in the roadways.

Over the past two years, the Community Council has highlighted the problem, but some dog owners obviously don't give a damn. Education has not fully worked. Is prosecution the only answer? We should not tolerate this filthy and unsociable behaviour. Lots of us are dog owners and are conscious of the responsibilities connected with having a dog.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act of 1996 was recognised by PCC in June 2000, when it became an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to remove the faeces left by that dog. There are powers to prosecute through the courts.

The Community Council urges anyone who witnesses dog owners contravening the Act to confront that owner and, if not satisfied with the result, to contact the Housing and Regulatory Service (dog wardens) at County Hall. If dogs are roaming unattended on any highway or public area, this should also be reported by telephoning 01437 775483.

Vacancy : Llangwm Village Warden

The council is looking for a suitable person to fill the above vacancy. The position is part time working to a maximum of 15 hours per calendar month at a rate of £4.10 per hour. Duties to include litter picking on a regular basis throughout the district, emptying of those bins under the jurisdiction of the council and other duties as may be agreed. If you wish to apply for the position or require further information please write giving details to

Llangwm Community Council,
C/o Hornbeam Cottage,
The Gail,
Llangwm. SA62 4HJ.

editorial

So we approach the end of 2002. Even as I write this, the last of the November fireworks are bursting into bloom over the river. The Christmas season is hurrying towards us with plenty going on in the Village. Check the dates carefully! Because we do not have, as yet, a coordinated calendar of events, there may be double-bookings. This is a real pity—so many groups making so much effort, so much commitment, but to a divided audience.

A pity, too, to read of so many matters of concern in the Community Council report. And yet...let us remember that there is so much to celebrate.

For example, this December newsletter has a new Youth Page. At short notice, Georgie Haldane was asked to contribute a report. She delivered the goods within two days - and it's all good news! The young people of Llangwm are an enterprising lot!

Note also that Youth Rugby was missing some team members. Where were they? In Canada and Cornwall on 'school duty'! And the Cricket Club? Stephen Inward and Mathew Kiff are selected to go on a cricket tour of South Africa.

Llangwm School's contribution comes via its pupils, following a visit to Llangwm, North Wales and to Folly Farm. Despite the notoriously busy schedule for all schools these days, these are only two of Llangwm School's 'extras'.

The Llangwm clubs, new and old, are flourishing—read their reports, support their activities!

Llangwm people, young and not-so-young, are busy at home and abroad. We are indeed fortunate to be in our own particular place and yet we can 'stay connected' to the wide world via our own village website.

I would like to say a special 'thank you' to all those who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter. It is a community newsletter and I hope that all sections of the community feel they are represented

At this special time of the year, I wish peace, happiness and a splendid New Year to you all.

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The Llangwm Village website is currently being updated by a volunteer working for the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services - PAVS. This edition of the newsletter will be included on the site and will provide an electronic copy for readers and may be accessed by former residents of the village who have moved away. If anyone in Llangwm would like to be involved updating and maintaining parts of the website, or to include new links, then please contact Elaine Winfield. In particular the site needs a member of the Community Council to help with information that may be made available that would be in the best interests for Llangwm.

Information to update the site is urgently requested from the following groups: Rugby Club, Cricket Club, Longboat Club, Gardeners Club, Youth Club, quiz teams, Art Club and perhaps the skate boarders. If anyone could supply any information (fixture dates, results, timetables or other information etc.) then the PAVS volunteer can add it to the site.

It is a critical part of website management that, once the site is established, continuing maintenance takes place to ensure that the material is relevant and not out of date. The maintenance of the Llangwm site **must** involve **all** the village clubs and societies who should see this as an opportunity to promote their activities.

Forthcoming Christmas events will be included on the updated web site provided by the Festival Committee so, if any group would like to advertise their own event, please contact Andrew Winfield on 891984. This could be a good way of promoting your event to attract increased attendance. Server readings of visitors (hits) on the village web site covering the previous two months has reached 1434.

There has been much interest from other communities in Pembrokeshire in creating similar village websites to that of Llangwm's. One currently being developed is Hermon Globe Village.

The Llangwm village website is **your** site. Make the most of it and use it to promote your group/club activities and, by doing so, promote Llangwm.

Community Centre 'continues to be well used'

Following on from the wide range of activities and events held over the summer, our Community Centre continues to be well used and to provide a base for a wide range of groups in the village. It is great to see such an excellent community resource so well used and the Management Committee is grateful to all for the support received from individuals and organisations.

application for funding –outcome awaited

We are continually working to further improve the facilities in the hall and are currently awaiting the outcome of an application for funding for a hearing loop and curtains. As with all grants, we have to raise part of the money ourselves and so have organised a number of events.

stressed out? no longer!

Friday 8 November—Bodyshop and Stressbusters Evening. This was an enjoyable and sociable evening with the opportunity to sample the latest Bodyshop products and learn about complementary therapies.

Willing 'guinea pigs' offered themselves for healing and reflexology, under the expert hands of Liz Jones and Eve Davies. Vincent Jones invited everyone present to join him in a session of Shiatsu, tapping along the meridian lines of the body. In the New Year, there is the possibility of Hatha Yoga classes, led by Liz Jones. Watch out for details!

December dates

Friday 6 December—Family Christmas Bingo. This will be a fun evening for all the family. Doors open at 6.30 pm with the bingo starting at 7.00 pm.

We are also running a raffle over the next few weeks with some excellent prizes donated by local organisations. Tickets are being sold by members of the committee so expect to be asked to buy some! The raffle will be drawn at the Family Christmas Bingo Evening.

help welcomed

If anyone would like to help with these events, or in any other way to support our Community Centre, please see any member of the committee—we are always grateful for help.

co-ordinate not clash

With so many organisations and groups organising events in Llangwm, it is inevitable that there are occasional clashes—despite the effectiveness of the village 'grapevine'. Can anyone come up with a way of co-ordinating dates so that we all win?



Congratulations

Congratulations to Natalie Lewis and Georgina Haldane for passing the first round of youth training!

N.S.P.C.C

The children of the village have been raising money to donate to the N.S.P.C.C. This has been done during Halloween when the children went round doing the traditional trick or treating but also asking for donations—and many people did kindly donate to the children.

Also the children did a sponsored litter pick; the money they collected also goes to the N.S.P.C.C.

The children of the village would like to thank all who kindly donated money to the NSPCC.

Guess who?

The skating committee has plans to fundraise by gathering together many photos of the elder members of the community—but they need your help!

Please—if you have lived in the village for many years, would you loan a photo of yourself to Miss Georgina Haldane, 8 Glan Hafon, Llangwm tel. 01437891425 Georgina is the fundraiser of the committee. Thank you.

REALITY BABIES

You may have noticed some of the local girls walking around during the summer holidays with a doll. Well, this doll is not any ordinary doll! This doll cries when it needs to be fed, cries when it needs to be changed and cries when it just needs to be cuddled. Just like a real baby, in fact.

This is a project to help prevent young girls having a child at such an early age. I do believe it did put a lot of our young local girls off early motherhood so **WELL DONE** to Sharon, our Youth Leader, for thinking of such a brilliant project.

Healthy Drinking

During Youth Club times the children have been doing a bit of healthy drinking. They have been making smoothies—and no ordinary Smoothies. These are *very* unique.

Here is one of the drinks made by one of the young boys. (Please do not try this at home!)

Oranges, bananas, milk, apple juice, Pepsi, strawberries... do you still want me to carry on? Didn't think so. Doing well boys - keep it up!

Dance

Three girls of the village have started a dance group. They meet in the village hall on Thursdays, 6pm - 7.30pm. It's only a bit of fun but who knows? Maybe next year they will be entering competitions. Everyone welcome! Entry 50p

Murder mystery

Members of the youth club are putting on a murder mystery play which will be shown soon, date still to be decided. Everyone welcome tea and coffee and cakes sold there so please come and watch!

Youth club times

Monday 6pm till 9 pm

Thursday 7.30pm till 9pm

30P ENTRY

Llangwm V.C.P. School...

...visits Llangwm School, North Wales

From Wednesday 9 October to Friday 11 October, Class 4 from Llangwm School, Pembrokeshire met with Llangwm School, North Wales.

This is Ella's diary:

Day 1—Wednesday 9 October

We went to school at 9.00 am to do the register. Then we went down to the bus 9.30. My mum gave me my luggage and I burst into tears because I've never been anywhere without my dog and parents. We were on the bus and we stopped at King Arthur's Labyrinth at approximately 12.00.

It was very exciting. We set off on more of our journey at 2.10. We arrived at the school 4.15. We had some cakes made at the school and a drink. Then at 5.30 we went to the swimming pool and had dinner. We went to bed at 9.00 but that is not the time we went to sleep.

Day 2—Thursday 10 October

On Day 2 we woke up and put our clothes on and had breakfast. I had Coco Pops. We went on the coach and went to the Slate Centre. It was FANTASTIC. The best thing I liked was seeing the man splitting slate. Then we went on the train up Snowdon. There were wonderful views from the train and after we went to the gift shop.

Later we had a game of beetle drive.

Dinner was a delicious buffet.

After, we watched Monsters Inc. It was great. Then we got into our pyjamas and went to bed.

Day 3—Friday 11 October

We put our luggage in the bus about 9.30 and, at 10.00, we set off for home. At 12.00 we had lunch, stopping at McDonald's in Aberystwyth (this was a surprise and a treat) and at 2.30 we were home from North Wales. I was a bit sad and a bit happy. I was sad to leave some of my friends and happy to see my family.



In September, the infants went to Folly Farm...

with Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Martin, Mrs O'Donoghue and Mrs Morris. We saw lots of animals. We went on the trailer ride. After that, we went on the pirate ship. We went into the shop to buy things then we went back on the bus. It was really fun.

By Saffron

Llangwm School forthcoming events

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| Tues. 10 Dec.
6.00 pm | Christmas Concert
Llangwm Methodist Hall |
| Wed. 18 Dec | School Christmas Party—
Christmas Raffle to be
drawn |
| Thurs. 19 Dec
2.30 pm | Christmas carol service
St. Jerome's Church |
| Fri. 20 Dec | Whole School to Milford
Haven Torch Theatre |
| Fri. 20 Dec | End of term—
Christmas Holidays! |
| Tues. 7 Jan | Children return to school |



Eyes Down at Llangwm School

On Friday 8 November, Llangwm School held a Bingo Evening that proved to be a great success.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us. The grand total raised of £250.00 includes bingo, raffle, refreshments and the 'Bargain Hunt Style Auction' that was held during the interval.

Thank you once again for this tremendous effort. All proceeds go directly to help the children at our school.

(Thanks to Georgina Haldane and Jane Mills for this quiz page -ed.)

Merry Christmas

Try to find all of the items to do with Christmas.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS
TREES
TURKEY
DECORATIONS
CANDLE
RUDOLF
SNOWMAN

PUDDING
STOCKINGS
CALENDAR
CHOCOLATE
CAKE
STUFFING
SLEDGE

A CHRISTMAS FUN QUIZ

- 1 What are the names of the Three Kings?
- 2 What do their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh signify?
- 3 Who sent the first Christmas card?
- 4 Who introduced the first Christmas tree to England and when?
- 5 On which pagan festival does Christmas Day fall?
- 6 Who is the original Santa Claus?
- 7 What do mince pies represent?
- 8 Why is Boxing Day so called?
- 9 Who is appointed to lead the festivities on Twelfth Night?
- 10 Traditionally, what does the first person to enter the house on New Year's Day bring with them?

(Answers to Christmas Fun Quiz on page 11)



A Butterhill House Coincidence

by Jane Mills

Have you ever received a letter which appeared to make absolutely no sense whatsoever?

Well, we received just such a one last year simply addressed to The Owner, Butterhill House, Llangwm. The gentleman who wrote it, Colin Rees, went on at great length about how his daughter had won a scholarship to Australia, fell in love with an Australian and was getting married in three weeks' time. It appeared that the family she had stayed with was coming over for the wedding, which was taking place near Carmarthen.

Baffled, as we could not think what this had to do with us, we read on. It appeared that this family, Andrew and Sarah Randell, knew little about their family history apart from the fact that their ancestors had emigrated to Australia in 1852 and had lived in Butterhill House, Llangwm and, while they were in Wales, they wanted to photograph the house. Would we object?

Having already done some research on the history of Butterhill House, we were intrigued and looked up our notes. What a surprise to find that the Randell family had lived in the house from 1796 to 1854, when the last member of the family, Sarah Randell, died. It was, presumably, her relations who had emigrated to Australia. We immediately wrote back, inviting them all for lunch, so that we could compare notes on Randell and Butterhill House history.

Sarah and Colin Rees subsequently arrived with Andrew and Sarah Randell and their son Tom and we spent a fascinating afternoon trying to fill in the gaps in our knowledge of the family and the house. We discovered that it was Mr and Mrs James Randell (nee Jones), who emigrated to Australia in 1852. Judging from a photograph of them which Andrew produced, they must have been in their sixties at the time. We found references in local history books referring to the Randell men as 'mariners' and also references to three members of the Randell family who are buried in Burton Church near the door – Butterhill being at that time part of Burton parish and not Llangwm. However, there were also references to Randell marriages in Llangwm Church. The family managed to see Burton Church and photograph the Randell graves but, unfortunately, could not gain access to Llangwm Church.

We also discovered that Andrew's father was an historian who had unfortunately fallen out with his own family, so had only researched his wife's family tree. However, we did learn that he had visited

Sanzovo family lived in Butterhill, and had his photograph taken in front of the house.

The Randells are now back in Australia and are attempting to research their family history from 1852 to the present day. We are trying to find out more about the Llangwm Randells and would be really grateful if anyone has any information about them or, indeed, Butterhill House, which we could pass on to Australia.

We are hoping to add to the history of Butterhill House that we already know about, to find out more about the people who lived here and to learn of anyone's reminiscences about the house.

The moral of this story is not to dismiss baffling letters—you never know how intriguing they may turn out to be!

LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The group is continuing to develop and grow.

Graham Stephens kindly organised and led a Village Walk in September. It was a glorious, warm, sunny day and Graham, along with other members, shared their memories of childhood in post-war Llangwm.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the Group hopes to organise another Walk, covering other areas, at a later date.

Sadly, at short notice, the 'Fireside Chat' ladies were unable to attend. The evening had attracted a large audience who stayed to listen to Mrs Skyrme's recording, brought along by Joe Neale and previously unheard by many of the audience.

Liz Jones, who has been involved in undertaking local history research, discussed the type of projects which could be done without involving personal and individual issues of village life. Members had brought photos and magazines and the discussion went on until quite late in the evening!

Due to increased personal commitments, Eve Davies has resigned as Chairman of the Steering Committee and Sue Edwards has agreed to take on the role for the time being.

Meetings continue to be held on the second Wednesday in the month, at 7.45 p.m., in the Community Centre. Research is already under way. New members would be made very welcome - though please note that no meeting is planned for December.

Llangwm Gardening Club

After a welcome summer break, the Gardening Club resumed business in September, with Lyn Smith and Maureen John joining the committee. Welcome!

Our first meeting in September was planned to be a session about herbs. Unfortunately, the speaker was unwell and cancelled the same morning. In spite of a brave effort by Angie Cox, our programme secretary, a replacement could not be found. The evening then turned into a social event, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

October's meeting was very different to our usual meetings—a practical session on 3D Garden Planning, led by Maureen John. This was an evening with a totally hands-on approach—everyone using pencils, rulers and even protractors!

Richard Cain of Penylan Nurseries gave an inspired talk at our November meeting on The Eden Project and Cornish Gardens. He illustrated his talk with many fascinating slides and gave us an insight into the treasures of Cornwall.

Our December talk is on Trees and Shrubs and Robert Isherwood is our guest speaker. Our final meeting of the year is our Christmas Dinner on Monday 16 December. This year we are going to The Glen at Merlin's Bridge, and the Gardening Club is providing a free bus for all those who wish to attend. We all intend to have a brilliant time! Neville and Jane from The Cottage Inn are our guests this year—as a special 'thank you' for being so welcoming.

Llangwm Gardening Club is open to everyone—visitors and members alike. It is a very pleasant way to meet people in a convivial atmosphere. So, if you wish to come and join us at The Cottage Inn, meetings are the first Monday of every month.

Liz Jones (Chair) tel. 891706

Liz has included some pre-Christmas gardening tips for Newsletter readers...



Although this may seem to be a quiet time in the garden, it is never too early to start planning for next year:

- Plant fruit trees
- Plan the rotation crop for your vegetables
- Search through catalogues for new varieties and old favourites

Tasks in the garden could include:

- Collect fallen leaves and add to your compost heap
- Remove any fruit left on fruit trees as they become mummified and form a source of infection. Also, dispose of fallen fruit affected with brown rot
- Tender plants need protection if they are to survive the winter e.g. dahlias. Wrap them in a warm coat of fleece or move them inside
- Once blooms of herbaceous perennials have faded and the foliage has turned brown, cut back any untidy stems to just above soil level
- It is important to divide clumps of established perennials every 3-5 years when the soil is moist but not frozen. Rotate this process around the border over the next few years

Winter containers brighten up gardens otherwise devoid of interest at this time of year. Plant up pots with winter bedding plants, spring-flowering bulbs and grassy foliage. Favourites are polyanthus, winter pansies, Bellis daisies, small evergreens, trailing ivy, winter-flowering heathers, Carex oshimensis 'Evergold', Iris reticulata, tulips, dwarf narcissus.

Llangwm Drama Group



Llangwm Drama Group is progressing well and continues to be an exciting group to be part of. We have had a number of very successful rehearsals involving story-telling, poetry and song. We meet on the third and fourth Wednesday in the month and, every meeting, the group grows in confidence, both as individuals and as a company.

In but a few weeks, the Drama Group will be making its first public appearance. On Friday 13 December, starting 8.00 pm, we will perform a family evening of entertainment in The Cottage Inn. Its short title is...Once upon a time, gentlemen, please...and ladies and children too! Its longer title invites you to 'come and join Llangwm Drama Group, the baker, the miller, the policeman, Santa Claus and a cast of thousands...' This is going to be an evening of stories, poetry and song for the whole family. Everyone in Llangwm and beyond is invited. There is no entrance fee but we would appreciate any contributions.

Please come and join us in an evening of what we hope will be great fun!

Llangwm 100 years ago

Researched by Nikki Bosworth

(No newspaper survives for 1902 at Pembrokeshire RO. so Nikki has researched details of everyday life...)

One hundred years ago, Llangwm would have been largely self-sufficient for everyday items. Many of the residents would have grown their own vegetables and fruit, kept hens and perhaps a pig, caught fish in the Cleddau, made their own clothes. The village shops would have stocked a wide range of household items, but a wider choice of goods would have been available in the nearby towns.

You could buy your paint and wallpaper (cheap!) from Earnest E. Powell of Charles Street, Milford Haven.

Price and Russell (established 1856) of Tower Hill, Haverfordwest, would redecorate your home for you. If you planned to build an extension to your house, the Johnston Brickworks would supply the bricks. To heat your house, William Jenkins (adjacent to the Railway Station in Milford Haven) would supply the coal.

Clothes were available from David Davies of 41 High Street, Haverfordwest, or Fred T. Phillips of Leicester House, Bridge Street, Haverfordwest. To make your own clothes, you might visit the emporium of Greenish and Dawkins in Market Street, Haverfordwest, to buy dress material and haberdashery.

Edgar W. Rees of High Street, Haverfordwest would supply your groceries ('largest stock, finest quality, lowest prices') with wines and spirits available from L.H. Thomas Caastle Square, Haverfordwest. Eggs could be purchased from Lewis & Son, Elm Cottage, Llangwm.

If you needed to order goods from further afield, the Bristol steamer 'Menapia', (1000 tons, delivery every Friday) would trans-ship the order on to a lighter at Milford Haven and the goods would be brought up the river to Black Tar.

There were vacancies at Tasker's High School for Girls (Headmistress—Miss Waddy). Fees for the term were £1. 5s. 8d, with Greek, German and painting extra. Singing, organ and pianoforte lessons were available from Mr C Bulmer of Bulmer House, St Thomas Green, Haverfordwest.

Mrs Ellen Skyrme remembers Christmas

At Christmas, the big families would have a batch of cakes baked at the bake house. We would take them up in a bath or clothes basket with our names on, and collect them about nine o'clock. Out goose would be cooked there as well. Most Llangwm people had goose or duck—no-one except the Palmers at the shop had turkey. Turkey was dry and chicken not much thought of.

We always had a Christmas Bush—a round bush of holly which was hung in the ceiling and decorated with small, polished red apples and small oranges. Holly with berries, picked locally, was the only decoration—on the mantelpiece, behind pictures and around the room. No tinsel or anything. We all hung our stockings up on Christmas Eve, and had different nuts wrapped in paper, sweets, a handkerchief. Nearly all the girls would have a doll. Christmas puddings were made weeks beforehand and covered with boiled and fresh cloths after baking in order to hang on ceilings. They were eaten with custard, not white sauce or cream.

On Boxing Day, the hounds met on the Green.



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LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

...HAS ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT SEASON!

An excellent win in the last match of the season against local rivals, Hook, ensured our survival for another season of Division 1 cricket in the village for our first XI. This, coupled with our appearance at the Harrison Allen Cup final and the lifting of the under 14 Trophy, made for a successful and enjoyable season.

The Ladies also had a good season, and our second XI did extremely well, finishing high up the 4th Division table.

This was all celebrated in traditional fashion at the Club's Annual Dinner held, this year, at the Lord Nelson in Milford, with dancing well into the early hours. The Club Awards were announced and are listed below:

1st XI League & Overall Batting	William Beresford
League Bowling	Darren Brick
Overall Bowling	Andrew Phillips
2nd XI Batting Award	Roger Morgan
Bowling Award	Chris Inward
3rd XI Batting Award	Stuart Beresford
Bowling Award	Matthew Vaughan
Ladies Batting Award	Mandy Davies
Bowling Award	Louise Bowen

Penry Esmond Cup	
-Outstanding Performance	Darren Brick
Jamer's Cup—Player's Player	Ian Gow
Clubman of the Year	Colin Phillips
Ladies Players' Cup	Mandy Davies
Club Lady of the Year	Anne Lewis

Special Presentations were also made to Stephen Inward, Mathew Kiff and Will Beresford. Stephen and Mathew have both been selected to go on a cricket tour to South Africa in the New Year and will carry our good wishes and the good name of Llangwm to those distant shores.

County League Honours were bestowed upon Darren Brick who won the 1st Division Bowling Award, and Mathew Vaughan, who won the 6th Division (south) Bowling Award. Very well done!

Dragon Award Coaching has now started for our juniors and we look forward to taking part in the Indoor Winter Cricket League in the early months of 2003. Contact the Clubhouse for further information.



Winners of the 2002 County under 14 Cricket League.

Back row, left to right

Jonathan Brock - James Venables - Aled Morgan - Mathew Kiff
Rhys Davies

Front row, left to right

Jonathan Hughes - Josh Davies - Luke Brock - Andrew Brock (Captain)
Carwen Morgan - Joseph Kiff

Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club

Since the last newsletter, the club has taken delivery of two more celtic longboats and the skiff, which brings the total fleet to four longboats and one skiff.

The two Pembrokeshire longboats were sold to a group in the Llyn Peninsular—with some regret as club members had become very attached to them, being the first boats owned by the LLRC. However, it was felt that, with the addition of the new boats, the continuing necessary maintenance was beyond our resources.

The second new boat has yet to be named by Chris Kersey, and we are organising a competition to choose the name of the third. Details of this will appear shortly in The Cottage Inn.

Inter club racing continued throughout the summer as well as participation in special events. Five crews entered the Great River Race on the Thames in September where, once again, the junior crew did very well. They were placed first in their class and second overall. Several crew members, together with members from Solva, recently travelled to France for a rowing regatta—a very enjoyable time was had by all but whether rowing or social has not yet been revealed!

Crews, including juniors, plan to continue rowing and training, weather permitting, over the coming months and new members are always welcome.

Llangwm RFC

Senior Rugby

As we enter November, it is a bit disappointing to see that the 1st XV are still looking for that first elusive win of the season. However, there are signs of a turnaround and there is an air of optimism in the squad. The season started off on a low note in September as several players had left the club over the summer months to seek their fortunes in pastures new. The low playing numbers were then compounded by other players deciding to hang up their rugby boots for various reasons. Since then, however, there have been new signings at the club and the current squad of boys has buckled down to get on with the task in hand—playing rugby.

Following the sterling efforts of stand-in manager, Roger Lewis, the present squad, behind Captain Hamish Nicholls, has competed well in recent games. Club Coach, Steve Lay, can be certainly optimistic that the rest of season will see a marked improvement in results. Training takes place every Wednesday at 7.00pm.

Youth Rugby

The Youth XV have so far played three matches this season with varying fortunes. The season kicked off for the Youth with a narrow defeat away to Pembroke Dock, despite leading at half time. This represented a real turn around in competitiveness over last season and the hopes were high that we would have a successful season.

The following games against Crymych and Milford Haven coincided with some boys being on school duty in Canada with Sir Thomas Picton and on County Schools duty in Cornwall. Last season this would have meant that the games would have had to be postponed due to lack of numbers but, with the current healthy playing numbers at Youth level, this gave the younger players the chance to take the field and make their debuts. The result did not go our way but the important thing is that the team played and were commented on for their commitment and combativeness. Particularly Captain James Lewis who is so keen he likes to tackle *before* they have the ball!

Training takes place Mondays and Thursdays at 7.00 pm with Youth Coach Phil Clark.

Finally, a reminder that the Llangwm Youth web site can be found at...

<http://www.dragonsrugbytrust.com>

Once on this site, follow link to...

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Junior Rugby

Junior Rugby continues to flourish at the club with teams now running at Under 8,10,11,12 & 14 levels.

There is regular training on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am for boys -or girls -who wish to play at any of these levels. The exception is the U14s, who train on Thursday evenings.

The coaching is carried out by parents who have passed the necessary WRU courses. Throughout the season, there are regular matches for the teams which also take place on Sunday mornings.

If you want information on Junior, Youth or Senior Rugby, please contact the club on 01437 890462

Llangwm Skateboard Association

The Association was set up in May 2002 with a view to providing a designated area for the dedicated skateboarders in the Village to pursue their sport.

We need to find a piece of a land which can not only be used for this purpose but also maybe cater for other children to play netball or basketball.

We will be fund-raising in a number of ways; a quiz has already proved popular, and we hope to carry on by holding a prize bingo and also a car wash in the near future.

As a gesture of goodwill and commitment, the children held a meeting with several parents and a member of the Community Council. It was suggested that efforts be made, by several projects, to 'show willing' to improve relations in the community.

It was agreed that the bus shelter was in need of a lick of paint and this would be a priority. As soon as the go-ahead is received, we can complete the transformation.

Any other ideas would be gratefully received. Ideas and offers of help to:

Francesca: 890087

**PARISH of LLANGWM, FREYSTROP &
JOHNSTON
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2002**

Fri	13 Dec 6.30 pm	Scouts Carol Service	Johnston
Sun	15 Dec 6.00 pm	Carol Service	Freystrop
Thurs	19 Dec 2.30 pm	School Carol Service	St Jerome
Sun	22 Dec 4.00 pm	Carol Service	Johnston

Christmas Eve 24 December:

3.00 pm	Christingle Service	Johnston
5.00 pm	Crib Service	St Jerome
10.00 pm	Christmas Eucharist	Johnston
11.30 pm	Christmas Eucharist	St Jerome

Christmas Day 25 December:

9.00 am	Christmas Eucharist	Freystrop
10.15 am	United Carol Service	St Jerome

Sunday 29 December

4.00 pm	Carol Service	St Jerome
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Our services will include carols old and new, sung by soloists, choir and congregation. We look forward to friends, old and new, joining us to celebrate

JESUS' BIRTH

We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas
O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD

Llangwm Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Linda Woolacott

Secretary: Mrs Jane Brock

Treasurer: Mr Lloyd Curtis

Services:

every Sunday morning 11.00 am

Family service: first Sunday in month 11.00 am

Sunday School: every Sunday morning 11.00 am

Women's Fellowship fortnightly on Wednesdays
at 2.00 pm

Forthcoming events

Coffee/bacon rolls morning/stalls.....

Thursday 28 November 10-30—12.30 pm

Llangwm Primary Christmas Concert.....

Tuesday 10 December 6.00 pm

Carols/mince pies and coffee....

Thursday 12 December 7.00 pm

Christmas Carol Service....

Sunday 22 December 6.00 pm

**A warm welcome is extended to all to join us at
the above services and events.**

GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

'Looking Ahead to Christmas'

It was lovely to see so many friends at the Harvest Services this autumn, and we look forward to sharing times of friendship and fellowship together in the weeks approaching Christmas and the New Year.

Christmas naturally has a very special place in our hearts, and it will be wonderful to share this year's 'Christmas at Galilee' with the young children who have joined our Sunday School, and with all those who attend the 'Mums and Toddlers' group.

This popular group continues to meet every Thursday in the chapel vestry at 10.00 am.

There are regular meetings (on alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.00 pm) of the Women's Fellowship, when a variety of speakers is invited along. A wide range of interesting topics is covered. Anyone who wishes can come along to these meetings—tea and biscuits and a friendly chat afterwards are always on the agenda!

Sunday services are held at 10.30 am and 5.00 pm each week. Invited ministers and lay preachers lead the worship, each with a unique and interesting message. Here is a list of those who will be taking the services over the Christmas season:

15 Dec 10.30 am Rev. Gwyn Rogers (Simpson Cross)
5.00 pm Rev. Elwyn William (Haverfordwest)
(The ordinance of Holy Communion will follow both these services)

22 Dec 10.30 am Rev. Stephen Woods (Hook)
5.00 pm Mrs Melanie Ablitt (Camrose)
(Special family services of carols for Christmas)

On Christmas morning, 25 December, at 10.14 am, the congregation of Galilee will join with others at the combined Christmas Service—this year it is the turn of St Jerome's to hold the service.

29 Dec 10.30 am Rev. Richard Williams (Woodstock)
5.00 pm Mr Mervyn Strand (Johnston)
(The last services of the Old Year)

5 Jan Both services, the first of the New Year, to be taken by Rev. Raymond Webb of Haverfordwest.