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Easter 2004

Films about Jesus Christ inevitably lead to controversy and criticism so the reaction to Mel Gibson's 'Passion of Christ' is nothing new.

One commentator has said, 'we get little sense of Jesus the person, the man we are made to watch being persecuted in such a gruesome way from the opening of the film in a dark, misty Gethsemane until the end when we see him sit up and blink his large eyelashes in his tomb. I think it is more likely to be remembered for its brutality than for its portrayal of Jesus.'

On my visit to the Holy land, we traced the steps of Jesus from Gethsemane to the city of Jerusalem and visited the church of St Peter in Gallicantu. The name means 'Cockcrow' and the church marks the spot where Peter shed bitter tears after betraying his lord. On one of the walls there is a small, carved plaque which shows Jesus being bent forward and pulled along by his long hair while being lashed across his back. Nothing like the 'in your face violence' of Gibson's film but a chilling reminder of the brutality of what happened to Jesus.

For many, Christmas is the major holiday of the church year, not Easter. Is it that the grim reality of Good Friday and the mystery of Easter are not as personal or inviting as Christmas? Jesus' death on the cross, his time spent in a dark tomb and the 'surprise sunrise' of Easter do not appeal to the emotions like bright lights, favourite carols, gift giving, and the traditional festivities.

Easter was a day that changed everything. No one saw the resurrection happen though some of Jesus' friends saw signs of it—the empty tomb, folded grave clothes, an angelic vision, and then personal appearances by the Risen Lord to individuals and then groups of people. Evil forces combined to destroy him and thwart god's purpose for our world but, through the cross, the grave and the empty tomb came new life and new hope for us all. The eight days that changed the world began with Palm Sunday and ended gloriously on Easter Day and it is right and proper that we remember and celebrate them today.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

W.G.Hooper



The Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who attended an open evening earlier this year. We are grateful for the feedback—thankfully mostly positive—and for some good new ideas. Thank you also for the offers of help.

Unfortunately, the committee is sad to lose one of its stalwart members, Margaret Brace, whose contributions over the last few years have been great. She will be missed at committee meetings, not least for her wicked sense of humour which helped to make a lot of the drudgery fun. Many thanks, Margaret.

We are pleased to welcome on board two new, younger members; Claire Phillips and Helen Carrington. Claire has served time on the committee before and proved to be a valuable member and this, combined with Helen's enthusiasm, bodes well for the future.

What's coming up?

Well, before the start of the Festival (27 June—10 July), we have two events for your diary.

A Night of Auctions—Friday 16 April
£2.00 a ticket, includes cheese and wine. Tickets are available from the committee members or on the door.

Held in the community hall and starting at 7.00 pm with the Silent Auctions, bidding will cease at 8.00 pm. This will be followed by the 'Under the Hammer' auction. Auctioneer David Mills will be ably aided by Jeff James; priceless in themselves! Keep an eye open for details of this event and items to be auctioned.

Talking of which, if you have any items to donate or services to give, please contact either David Mills on 01437 890147 or Jeff James on 01437 890841.

Picnic in the Park 2004—Monday 3 May—Pills Park.
Now an annual event; just bring along your picnic and join us to celebrate community and the start of things to come. There will be music and fun and games as well as this year, for the first time, a companion dog show, promoting responsible pet

ownership. There will be classes for children and Llangwm residents. Bring your pet along! Details to follow.

If you are interested in using this event—or the Carnival and Festival—as a fund raising opportunity, please contact a member of the committee.

Then, Ladies and Gentlemen, we come to the Festival itself. The Scarecrows theme for this year: *Heroes and Villains*. Plenty of scope there for your imagination. Please get your scarecrows out as soon as possible as judging will take place during the first week.

Carnival insurance problems continue. If you can find someone prepared to insure their vehicle for the day for this purpose, all well and good. You must, however, state the number of people being carried and it is advisable to have at least one adult on board and, if possible, a couple to accompany the float on foot. (contd. from p.2)

The success of last year's entry from Glan Hafan—the dragon and Mardi Gras theme—gave us much heart that a walking procession is, in fact, as much—if not more—fun. More walkers this year, please—music, whistles, kazoos, people on bikes, jugglers—whatever you fancy!

You can expect the usual events; regatta, gardens open day, fun run, arts & crafts etc. Fliers will be sent out when all arrangements are finalised.

Arts & Crafts Exhibition

This year, we are looking for exhibitors and volunteers to man the exhibition. Last year's was a great success and the visitors' book is testimony to how much people enjoyed it. To keep the exhibition fresh, we would ask you to provide us with work not previously exhibited. There are no age limits and there is no charge for taking part. We'd love some work from up-and-coming craftsmen. If you wish to sell items, please ensure that you provide us with a list and that your work is priced and labelled. Ring Linda Rees 891233 for details.

We ask a lot of you, we know, but every year you surprise us with your talent, ingenuity and imagination; not to mention those who work behind the scenes. The Festival is about taking part, however you choose to do it. From all of the committee, our thanks go out to you for making this community what it is; a special place to live.

Linda Rees

Community Centre by Jane Mills **St David's Day Cawl Supper**

This year's cawl supper proved to be yet another sell-out success with frantic last minute phone calls as people tried to obtain an elusive ticket. Sadly, we cannot accommodate any more in the hall as we are restricted by fire regulations.

However, a great evening was had by all, with a traditional cawl and welsh cake meal served and a range of entertainment provided.

We were fortunate to be joined by Ursula who had travelled all the way from Colchester (despite appalling weather conditions) in order to play her beautiful English harp. Although she is a professional musician, she has only been learning the harp for eighteen months and showed considerable courage in coming to play before a Welsh audience. She spent the afternoon in the school rehearsing with the children and talking to them about the differences and similarities between her English harp and their Welsh harp.

In the evening, Llangwm School entertained us with songs from their eisteddfod before joining Ursula with some traditional Welsh songs and rounds. Following the meal, Ursula played more on her harp and also sang the beautiful song, 'The Ash Grove'. Many thanks to Ursula for making the evening so special.

Now that the community centre has a piano, everyone was able to join in singing a range of traditional songs, ending with a rousing rendition of 'Bread of Heaven'. This year, the words for 'Hen wlad fy nhadau' were provided—I wonder how many people will have learnt them for next year?

It was pointed out that evening that the community centre has become highly successful over the last two and a half years. Not only has £25,000 been raised through grants and fund-raising (and spent on improvements), but the usage of the centre has risen by 270%! There are many groups, organisations and individuals who use the hall on a regular basis and pay no more in hire charges than when the hall was originally built.

A great 'thank you' must be made to all the individuals who made St David's Day such a success; those who gave their time to prepare the centre, chop vegetables for the cawl, serve on the evening and sell raffle tickets, as well as the many individuals who donated raffle prizes and items for the supper.

Without their help, the event just would not happen. As a result of this, not only did everyone have a very enjoyable evening, but a profit of £400 was made for the village hall extension fund.

Future dates for your diary

Friday 2 April—Family Easter Bingo

Bring the children along and win all your Easter eggs at a fun evening in the Community Centre.

Doors open at 7.00 pm -eyes down at 7.30 pm

Tea and coffee available

October—Harvest Supper

November - Christmas Market

Do come along and support these events—not only will they boost the extension fund but you will have fun as well!

Public Meeting
Thursday 24 April
7.30 pm
Llangwm Village Hall

Over the last twelve months, PLANED, in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee, have run a series of six workshops which were widely publicised throughout the village.

Each meeting provided a wealth of materials, ideas and information leading to the creation of a village Action Plan that was circulated to every household on the Electoral List (Shortened Version).

The next step is to create a Community Forum that will consist of members from each organisation in the village plus an equal number of residents.

Concern has been raised as to the need for such a forum. Therefore, it has been decided to call a public meeting to give information to those villagers who have not yet been involved, and to vote on the setting up of a Community forum.

Please come along and vote on this important issue.

*******BT ROADWORKS*******

Hook New Road will be temporarily closed
From 19—30 April

There will be NO ROAD ACCESS to
Freystrop via Hook during this work.

LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB NEWS

With one season over, another one is just beginning, As we look forward to a new rowing season it seems strange telling you of the results of the league championships for the 2003 season. As usual Llangwm were fighting it out with the best of them and had their fair share of glory, perhaps best of all the win on our home ground at Black Tar. After all the racing was done, the results emerged with the men's teams coming 4th, 5th and 11th, not bad when you consider that 21 mens teams regularly take part in the racing. In the women's event our teams came 4th and 9th out of 13 regular attenders and in one of the fastest growing areas of the sport. The mixed teams came in 2nd and 7th positions and are hoping for greater spoils this season, training hard to better this result.

Training at Black Tar has been continuing throughout the winter months with a lot of interest being shown by newcomers to the club as well as the old stagers. Please do not forget you are welcome to join if you please. This excellent cardio vascular activity, non jarring exercise is quite simply one of the best ways to keep fit. For those of you concerned that everything is moving south and that time is catching you up, you are really never too old to enjoy this sport. It can be as hard as you want it to be, you can row as competitively as you like. We as a club are trying to encourage all persons to simply try it out, In particular we need to encourage the ladies and children of this village to give it a go. The sport itself is a team sport; four rowers and a coxswain are needed to steer the thing so why not get your friends together and make some enquiries with the club about how to start? We have very good safety equipment for you to use, including the obligatory lifejackets for junior members.

Four club members have recently completed a coaching course run by our governing body, the Welsh Amateur Rowing Association based at Cardiff, so expert help is on hand to get you started.

We've come along way with this sport; it really is something that the sport has survived. In recent years there has been a huge revival in its popularity in Wales. The sport started in Pembrokeshire between competing teams of sea faring folk from various public houses in the area. The competition between these pubs remained unchanged for many years, the boats used being the old wooden Pembrokeshire longboats strong but heavy. This continued until some Cardiganshire based boat builders took a mould from an Irish Curragh rowing boat that they found washed up on the shore. From this mould they formed a fibre-glass rowing boat that was to become the Celtic longboat we know today. When tested all those years ago against the old Pembrokeshire longboats in the village regattas it was dominant in the races and so over time has been adopted as the boat of choice of the league. As you compete in the sport you become

aware that there are never really any club houses as such but there is always a local chandlery which doubles as the clubhouse, carrying on that old tradition in modern times.

There are now over 25 clubs that regularly take part in the league races and range from Barry to Anglesey; the majority I am pleased to say remain in Pembrokeshire. As with all sports there is progression. In Llangwm we have four longboats as well as a two man double oared skiff used primarily to start juniors off in the technique but also great fun for adults. Very recently, a specialist surf rowing boat has arrived on the scene designed for use in heavy surf and one to which members of the club may have access.

There is a general concern over the amount of sport played by our children these days. This club really does want to encourage the young to compete in sport, enjoy it and hopefully succeed in it. For 2004 we want to get the kids involved in rowing as well as you all. There are organized training days at present on Sunday mornings but now, as the nights draw out, we have the luxury of enjoying evening rows and training. If you prefer to train as a team in your own time, feel free. I can hear you saying OK, but how much? As with all clubs of this sort, there has to be a membership to cover our insurance as well as the maintenance costs of boats and trailers. For family membership, using the boat as many times as you like throughout the year, the cost is £40, single rowers the cost is £30 and for students, OAP's and the unemployed £10 per year. There is no obligation to join straight away as you can have two sessions free before joining. There may be small extra costs of around £12 if you wish to row in the league and paid directly to the league.

This coming year, the Regatta at Llangwm will take place at Black Tar on the first Sunday of the village festival week on the 27th June. As well as the normal league races there are organized events around the country and abroad including a race down the Cleddau from Haverfordwest to Neyland on Easter Sunday, there are races organised around Ed-dystone lighthouse along the Menai straits in Anglesey races as well as along the Thames through the heart of the capital and many many more to choose from. There is talk that there may be organised races against Cornish gig rowers in the near future on courses around Ramsay Ireland.

In May 2004, six of our rowers will be joining six rowers from Dale in a bid to defend their world record time for the Celtic Challenge which is in the Guinness book of records as officially the world's longest ocean rowing race, a gruelling 100 plus miles from Arklow Southern Ireland to Aberystwyth and is raced throughout the night. This team holds the world record for the fastest crossing by a mixed team and is now set to defend their record amongst stiff competition during this years race. Good luck to them.

Community Council - your village issues

Christmas Tree Lights

Although this year's tree, kindly donated by Peter and Jean England, was a magnificent specimen, the lighting did not do it justice; in fact, the lighting system was a disaster.

Past years have not been much better but that has been due to vandalism with light bulbs being removed from the festoons. For safety reasons, a decision was made to purchase three sets of "rope lights" to replace the old lighting system. Unfortunately, only one set worked and it was later discovered that the manufacturer had recalled all sold lights because of faults. Due to work commitments and holidays, the electrical contractor was unable to replace the faulty lights before Christmas. We were therefore left with just one working festoon on the tree.

We hope to have better luck next Christmas. This was the seventh year of a village tree and the visit of Father Christmas. We hope it continues to be popular with all age groups.

JUDP

An Inquiry into the Joint Unitary Development Plan for Pembrokeshire (JUDP) commenced in January 2004. The Public Local Inquiry, held at the E-Commerce Centre, Warrior Way, Cleddau Bridge, Pembroke Dock is hearing objections to proposed alterations to the current local plan for Pembrokeshire. The proposal to extend the boundary to include an area of 1 hectare at the Kilns, Llangwm is programmed for the 28th April 2004.

Polling Day

Elections are to be held on Thursday, 10th June 2004. Electors in the area will be able to select who they wish to represent them on their local Community Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and also in the European Parliament.

The Llangwm Community Council consists of eight members and the period of office is normally four years. If more than eight people submit their names and they are qualified to stand, there will then be an election and, hopefully, that will be the case this year. At the beginning of May, people wishing to stand for election to County or Community Councils will be asked to submit their names to the Electoral Registration Dept, at County Hall. See press for details.

Community Councils are elected bodies with limited

powers on a range of activities. The council is able to function by the ability to levy a community charge to cover its expense. Community Councils have a vital role to play as a conduit for residents to raise issues with other bodies such as the Welsh Assembly, the County Council, Health Authorities etc. In Llangwm, council appointments are made to the Board of Llangwm School Governors and the Village Hall Committee. Members may also be appointed to county associations. There is an appointed clerk to the council, Ms Angela Jones; as with most community councils, this is a paid position. Council meetings take place at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month, except for August. Meetings are usually held at Llangwm School.

Car damaged on the Green

The anti social behaviour within the village has, within the past month, escalated into criminal damage. The Community Council discussed the situation at their March meeting after hearing of damage to cars on the Green, the bus shelter and the council notice board.

The Rugby Club stand has also been a target with glass panels smashed and other structural damage caused. Vehicles have been driven across the rugby field, causing damage to the playing surface. The Rugby Club is watching the situation and will, at the very least, prosecute offenders.

The police have been informed of all incidents. The Community Council has requested a meeting with the Police for their next meeting. Anyone with information about any of the incidents is asked to contact the Police at Neyland Police Station telephone 01646 600221. The Community Council urges members of the public to keep their eyes and ears open and to report any criminal acts or anti social behaviour.

Keep Llangwm Tidy

At the March meeting of the Community Council, the litter problem within the village was discussed yet again. To highlight the problem: a councillor had witnessed a car driver stop on the Gail, open the car door and throw empty plastic bottles onto the roadway. As it was late at night, the councillor was unable to recognise the vehicle or note the registration number. How do we educate people? There was apparently a suggestion in the press last year that the national government might re-institute a "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign but nothing further has been heard.

It was suggested that a "spring clean" litter pick could be organised for a day in April or May. Anyone interested? Please phone 890007

Road Safety of School Children

It is understood that the Welsh Assembly has recommended a speed restriction of 20 mph outside schools.

The Community Council has approached the County Council for their views on the matter and await their reply.

Future of the Village Shop?

It is believed that the post office and shop may close in May of this year, if a buyer isn't found. The Community Council is very concerned with the situation and hopes that there would be a satisfactory outcome. It would be extremely sad if a facility like this was lost to the community.

Dyfed Police

My name is Paul Rees. I am a police officer with Dyfed Powys Police, stationed by Haverfordwest on the roads Policing Unit.

During an eight hour shift, officers working on the unit are responsible for policing the roads of Pembrokeshire, from St Dogmaels in the north to St Davids in the west—and everything else in between!

A typical shift will see the usual crop of road accidents, public order incidents, livestock straying on the highway plus any number of other events occurring that require a police response.

The unit is in addition to the officers working out of the various police stations in the county and it will assist in coverage of outlying villages and as a first response to most emergencies.

The village of Llangwm, in the not-too-distant past, once had a police office, together with a local policeman who would be known in the community.

Unfortunately, this all came to an end and Llangwm is now policed via Neyland Police Station—which is also responsible for Hook, Johnston, Dale and St Ishmaels.

Over recent months, Llangwm has undergone major roadwork disruptions. During these road works, several instances occurred whereby the traffic lights were pushed over, cones were removed and various other incidents were reported.

I would like to believe that it was the wind that blew them over, but the presence of a size 9 boot print

on the traffic lights seemed to disprove that idea.

Please remember, if you are a car driver, the speed limit in the village is 30 mph and only increases when you see the de-restriction signs at both ends of the village—and not half way up The Kilns!

The evenings are now getting lighter, and the children are playing out later. Please keep an eye out for them and be safe on the roads in Pembrokeshire.

editorial

A quarter of the new year has passed already. It's the same old story; flying time but so much happening in the village.

The snow effectively closed down the village for the weekend. On Friday afternoon, I walked around Black Tar, Knapp Farm and back through the village. I have never passed so many people out and about, hugely excited. Those were the grown-ups! 'It's twenty years since we had snow', everyone said. And the hill was speckled with tobogganers, swooping down, trudging up. I bet everyone in Llangwm has amazing photographs—how about some for tomorrow's archive?

Graham Brace has 'done his bit' for a future archive by photographing our stalwarts of the village shop (see p.8). Losing the shop or post office is a daunting thought. Thanks to Graham as well for his regular 'notes...' and some wonderful scenes of snowy Llangwm.

Road works closed down Main Street, probably making the village a safer place to be in. The letter from Paul Rees of Dyfed Police is a timely reminder to be cautious when driving through the village. Our young people also need to show good road sense—driving at even ten miles an hour has a braking time and distance.

The newsletter continues to attract more and more items; such as Claire Phillips' short story (p.12) and a letter from Michael Thomas in Denmark (p.9) Michael is tracing his family history and asks for Llangwm's help. Please submit your stories or poems or letters! Send them to myself or Mike Hardwick, by hand, by post or by e-mail.

There is, however, a need to keep to a strict deadline. There are so many 'dates for diaries', it is important to get the newsletter out on time.

Deadline for September newsletter: 10 August

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ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

by Nikki Bosworth

Today we are lucky to live in a village that can boast a general grocery shop with post office as well as a chemist's shop, doctor's surgery, school and pub, but has Llangwm always been so well served?

Living in Llangwm 150 years ago, you would have had the choice of two grocery shops run by John Skyrme and Walter Wilkins. Their exact location in the village is not easy to identify, but they were probably in Main Street or Mill Street.

Ten years earlier, on the 1841 census, no shops were recorded in the village of Llangwm but, if you needed to buy something, it was probably available locally. Food would have been home grown or raised, supplemented with produce from local farms and market gardens.

Lewis Wilkins, cabinetmaker, David Harries, joiner, or William and John James, blacksmiths, would have made any necessary furniture and household items. Clothing and footwear would have been created by Richard and Phillip Thomas, tailors, George Cale, shoemaker, or one of several seamstresses or dressmakers working from home. Goods from farther afield would arrive by boat, having been transferred from a coaster or ocean-going vessel at Milford Haven.

It is interesting to conjecture on the skills of some of these craftsmen. For example, George Cale was described as a labourer when he married in 1839. By 1841, he was a shoemaker and, according to the 1851 census, he was then working as a lighterman on the river. Where did George learn his shoemaking skills? Was he a poor shoemaker or was there no demand for shoes in Llangwm? George was the son of George and Lettice Cale of Llangwm Hill. He was baptised at Llangwm church on 11th September 1814 and married Anne Lewis, a servant and from Nevern originally, on 13th October 1839.

By 1861, Llangwm appears to have developed into a busy village. John Morris was the village's first postmaster and his married daughter, Sarah Morgan, was his assistant. Hester Esmond, from Narberth, was an egg-merchant and publican at the Church Inn. Ann Skyrme, from Camrose, was a grocer and innkeeper, with her sister Hannah Edwards and her sister-in-law Sarah Edwards as grocer's assistants.

John Morris had served 20 years in the Royal Navy

and was supplementing his pension by running the Post Office. By 1871, he and his wife Sarah were living solely on his pension and sharing a house next to the Black Horse Inn with their daughter Sarah and six grandchildren. Sarah Morgan was the wife of a seaman, William Morgan, serving aboard HMS Andromeda.

In 1871, Ann Skyrme was still selling ale at the Three Horse Shoes, but appeared to have given up the grocery side of the business. Maria Shrubshall had established herself at the Black Horse Inn as an innkeeper and grocer, while Mary Grimes and John James were both trading as grocers in the village. An interesting snippet from the 'Western Telegraph' newspaper of 24th December 1873 reveals that Mary Grimes was fined 2 shillings and sixpence for allowing her donkey to stray onto the highway. This was the animal's third offence, but one would have thought that the magistrates might have been more lenient at that time of the year - he was probably only looking for the stable in Bethlehem!

Generally, by 1881, changes in the village left a more lasting impression on Llangwm. At Rock House [now the Cottage Inn], Alfred Joseph Anstee had opened a grocery shop and general store. Mr Anstee was the son of a gamekeeper and had grown up on the Ffynone Estate at Manordeifi. He was shopkeeper and postmaster at Rock House for 44 years, marrying twice. His first wife Alice died in 1891 aged 32 and is buried at the cemetery in Pill Parks Way. Mr Anstee was buried in the same grave in 1922 following his death from pneumonia.

The 'Western Telegraph' of 14th August 1912 reported that "a fire broke out in the shop of Mr A J Anstee, the Llangwm Post Office, on Saturday evening [10th August]. Fortunately a plentiful supply of water was available from a pump nearby and, with the prompt assistance of the villagers, the fire was extinguished, but not before all drapery goods in the window had been destroyed. It is supposed that the fire originated from a petrol lamp."

Mr Anstee's widow, Annie, continued with the shop at Rock House, and expanded the business to include the sale of newspapers. Sometime between 1924 and 1928, Mrs Anstee transferred the business to a house in Main Street. Back at Rock House, William Hill, and later John Palmer, was in business as a baker, while another bakehouse had been established by John John at 24 Main Street, adjacent to the Rock House bakery.

To return to 1881, at Trindall House in Mill Street,

Trindall. The Llangwm baptismal register records the father of the child as being James Thomas of Llangwm Farm; James Thomas, the widowed brother of Maria Shrubshall of the Black Horse Inn, died in 1898, having bequeathed the leasehold of Trindall House to Emma.

By 1891, William G Palmer had established a reputation as a pie baker at Church End Road; presumably this was at Cleddau House in what is now known as Rectory Road. The business was later expanded to include the sale of groceries.

In 1901, 14-year-old Richard Lewis of Main Street was employed as a grocer's errand boy, probably by Mr Anstee, to help support his widowed mother.

The valuation list for 1928 records 4 shops in Llangwm - apart from those of Mrs Anstee and Mr Palmer - including a grocery shop run by Thomas Davies at Cambourne House, Main Street, and Thomas Llewellyn's store on the Green.

For newcomers to the village (and those with shorter memories), the post-war years brought further changes to the local shops. In 1956, the Palmers were still in business at Cleddau House and the Johns continued with their bakery in Main Street. Mrs Roach ran the shop at no. 7 The Green, whilst the Post Office was based at Nash Villa, 5 Main Street.

The moral of this tale is that our local shops, post office and other businesses are dependent on the support of their customers; it is up to us who live in Llangwm to ensure that we continue to be served.

Modern Archive

At the time of going to press the future of the village shop and post office is uncertain due to the retirement of Mr and Mrs Tudor Thomas. For the sake of posterity here are the cheerful faces of the present staff...Pat Thomas (proprietor), Pat Morris and Jennifer Mathias.
(photos by Graham Brace)



Gardening Club

Although the weather hasn't been kind lately to gardeners, members have enjoyed club evenings in the warmth of the Cottage Inn, with a very interesting talk by a speaker from the Pembrokeshire National Park, and a specialist evening on auriculars.

Members are also preparing themselves for the spring and summer. We always make a special effort for the Summer Festival, and plans start early.

Details of the programmes of meetings for the next few months are listed below, all are welcome—garden knowledge is not necessarily required to enjoy the evenings with friendly company!

April 5 hanging baskets—Trade Winds - Stuart Kemp-Gee will have plants for sale after his demonstration so folk can be better prepared for this year's hanging basket competition during the Village Festival in July

May 10 (*1st Monday is a Bank Holiday so meeting is 2nd Monday*) venue to be confirmed

John Drakes of Beelief in Cardigan - talking on Bee-keeping & Hive Related Products

Is asking for Arthritis sufferers for LIVE Bee Sting Therapy Demonstration - he has many alternative therapy creams & potions & lotions on sale after his talk

June 7 plant sale

July 5 AGM

Sept 7 lavender and lavender products

Meetings are on the first Monday of the month, in the Cottage Inn, at 7.30 pm.

Letter to Llangwm

(This e-mail arrived just as I was finalising the newsletter.)

I was very interested to read the article by Nikki Bosworth about Llangwm in 1803 as I am researching my family ancestors from Llangwm around that period.

My ancestor James Thomas from St Twynells married Elizabeth Dalley from Cosheston on 19th November 1814 in Cosheston, but the family is living in Llangwm in the 1841 census, the first census that actually gives much information. His occupation is given as a farmer. The information it gives about the ages and place of birth of their children tells you that their eldest son, George, was born in 1815 in Burton, but their other children were born in Llangwm in 1821 (Sophia), 1824 (Maria), 1827 (James junior) and the black sheep of the family, Anne, was born in 1819.

Ann Thomas was my great-great-grandmother who, according to the baptismal record for Llangwm parish church, had her 'base son' Charles baptised on the 5th August 1845. No father's name is given. While he was baptised in Llangwm, his place of birth is given as Thurston, Burton. No doubt she was shipped out of the prying eyes of the neighbours until she had given birth to Charles.

Charles is living with his grandparents in the 1851 and 1861 censuses and goes on to marry Letitia Harries, the daughter of miller David Harries, also from Llangwm. They marry in St Thomas in Haverfordwest and he is the innkeeper of The Dragon Inn, Haverfordwest, in the 1871 census.

His aunt Maria, born 24th October 1824, was also occupied as an innkeeper, or 'grocer and purveyor of ale' back in Llangwm at the Black Horse Inn, situated on Main Road or Main Street, after having married an oyster fishmonger from Kent, James Shrubsall, and being widowed soon after.

She takes Charles and Letitia's eldest son, James Seaward Thomas, under her wing and he lives with her until he takes his tailor's apprenticeship and moves to Dover in Kent.

I visited Llangwm in September 2003, but was not able to find anyone who could point me to the site of the Black Horse Inn, although the helpful landlord of the present inn in the village was of the opinion that it

had been outside the actual village on the road to Trooper's Inn. This is borne out by the order of entries on the census sheets, as it comes just before Trooper's Inn.

I would be very interested to know if anyone could fill out any blanks for me in my family history.

I tried to access the Llangwm History Society website but was not able to see any of the research done by members. There might be something there that could help me. Are these pages out of date or have they been moved?

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By an amazing coincidence, this e-mail arrived just as the newsletter was being finalised, ready for printing. Michael Thomas' ancestors are some of the very people mentioned by Nikki Bosworth in her article. I hope he will be pleased when he reads this on the website. He would like to correspond with members of the community who may help him in his research.

Transformation Hatha Yoga News

Both classes at the Village Hall are progressing to Stage Two. There have been incredible achievements over the last year - in fitness levels, flexibility, coordination and balance.

We are now moving on to anti-ageing asanas - watch this space! You'll soon be able to spot any of the Yoga students walking through the village - they're the ones with perfect posture, poise and grace!

As both classes are currently full, there is a possibility of a third class taking place if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please ring Liz on 891706

After School Kid's Club

The Kids Club is developing well and uses the school facilities to provide out of school hours childcare.

Kids Club is held every evening

Monday - Friday (3.30pm - 6.00 pm)

Breakfast Club is held every morning

Monday - Friday (8.15 am - 8.55 am)

LLANGWM SCHOOL NEWS

After a very busy Autumn term, the children were welcomed back to school on Monday 5th. January 2004. We had a number of new starts and are pleased to say that everyone has settled in so well to school life.

Working up to Christmas!

Communion: our termly communion service took place on Friday 5th. December. This was led by Rev. Hooper.

Red Riding Hood Pantomime: both performances were held at Llangwm Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, 8th. December and Tuesday evening 9th. December. The children were a credit to all, the practising that took place - learning their lines, songs and the actual acting. Thank you to all parents who helped make their children's costumes.

After all the hard work by the children, it was a pleasure to see the Church filled to capacity on the Tuesday evening.

Traditional Carol Service: this service was held on Thursday 18th. December at St. Jerome's Church. The children performed carols, poems, traditional readings and items given by the musicians.

Christmas Party/Torch Theatre: The whole school enjoyed their Christmas Party on Wednesday 17th. December. Santa visited school and gifts were given to all. Again the whole school and staff enjoyed the Christmas production of *the Christmas Cuckoo's Cooking* performed at the Torch Theatre.

What has happened so far this term?

Stackpole Visit: Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed their day visits to the Stackpole Centre. Class 3 visited on Wednesday 27th. and Class 4 on Thursday 28th. January.

Withybush Hospital visits the Infants On Wednesday 4th. February, Nurses Jackie and Sandra visited Classes 1 and 2. This coincided with our theme for this term 'People who help us'. They explained what happens on the children's ward, how they help and told us that the children on the ward also go to school, if well enough, during the mornings. Our children now look forward to their visit to the ward later on in the term.

St David's Day

St. David's Day celebrations commenced at 9.15 am to a school hall packed with parents and grandparents. Thank you to everyone who attended; we hope you had a most enjoyable morning. The children performed songs both in Welsh and English, poetry, a short play and folk dancing. All were welcome to stay and share the refreshments of Welsh cakes, tea/coffee.

We again joined with the village Cawl evening. The children sang a number of songs accompanied by Ursula Searle-Granger, Harpist for the evening. Thanks to the committee for inviting us to take part again this year.

Sport at School

The school football team played their second round match against St. Aidan's, Wiston. They won 3-2; goals were scored by Adam Williams (2) -the third was an own goal. Maddie Rees saved the day by making a brilliant save in the last minute of the game. Well done to the team. The B team lost 2-0 but still played well in their first match as a team.

The next round in the competition is on Wednesday 31st. March against Spittal Primary School.

The Netball team played very well despite losing 12-2. Ceri Brown scored both goals. The next match is against Spittal Primary School on Wed 31st. March.

County Rugby

Joseph Kiff and Adam Williams continue with their County Rugby. We are very pleased to announce that Adam Williams will be representing Pembrokeshire Schools' Under 11 rugby in Spain at the end of the month. We wish Adam a very successful and safe tour.

Cricket/Cross Country

Joseph Kiff is successfully through to the next round of the Welsh trials, a two-day trial at Sophia Gardens. We are so pleased for him and look forward to his progress. He continues training with West Wales at Neath on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Jennie Brock continues with her success at Cross Country. She represented Pembrokeshire Schools at the West Wales Cross Country event, coming 9th. (over 100 competitors took part) She goes on to the Inter-County Schools later in the month. With Pembrokeshire Harriers, she is 10th over all from her races in Bridgend, Cardiff, Bristol and Bath. Her last race of the season is at home in Carmarthen at the end of March. She is running against clubs from all over Wales, South West England and the Midlands.

Pembrokeshire Schools Gymnastics

Rhiannon Morgan entered the above competition back in January at Tenby Leisure Centre. Schools from all over Pembrokeshire took part in this annual event, sponsored by Oakward. Rhiannon did extremely well in her age group

Pembrokeshire Swimming Gala

Enfys Bosworth and Poppy Leggett entered the Pembrokeshire Swimming Gala for their club. Enfys had a very successful afternoon, finishing 2nd in the front crawl and joint 1st in the breast stroke. Poppy came 3rd in the relay race.

Pembrokeshire Sailing

We are very pleased to report that Connor Goddard came 8th. out of 150 at a recent sailing competition held on the River Cleddau

Show Jumping

Jack Kersey and Charlotte O'Donoghue have both successfully completed the Open Show Jumping trials held recently at Moor Farm. They go on to

compete in the County Show at Haverfordwest in August.

Good luck to all our young people!

VOUCHERS COLLECTED AT SCHOOL

If anyone shops at Tesco and has no young family attending primary school, we would be delighted to accept the vouchers towards purchasing IT equipment for our school.

Our School does it again!

Following the recent very successful inspection report, Llangwm V.C. School has further enhanced its reputation as a centre of excellence.

This time it has achieved the prestigious **Investor in People Award**.

In order to reach this status, it had to convince a very thorough assessor that it valued its staff at all levels and had the confidence of all concerned with the effective running and management of the school.

Much preparatory work was done prior to the visit of the assessor who spent a considerable amount of time looking around the school and interviewing **all** who work there. In her report back to the Headteacher and Chair and Vice-chair of Governors, she made it clear that she had been left with a most favourable impression and would be recommending that the full range of criteria had been met and that the Award be granted. Her recommendation, having been accepted by the awarding body, a presentation ceremony was held at the school on Thursday 12 February.

Present at this event were staff (teaching and non-teaching), governors and guests of Honour; the chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council, Mr Folland and his wife, the Director of Education, Mr Gerson Davies, the school's link advisor, Mrs Pat Carr and Mrs Carol Evans of the L.E.A. All warmly congratulate the school on yet another fine achievement. Mr Nick Groves, the Headteacher, received the Award from Councillor Folland and then paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of all the staff at the school who, in turn, were grateful to a very supportive governing body.

Once the formalities were completed, a buffet was provided as a thank you to all who helped to make this memorable day in the life of a school which is going from strength to strength.

Well done to all concerned. May your success continue.

Barry Childs—Chair of Governors of Llangwm School.





First Day by Claire Phillips

I woke up early today. It was first day at the big school. I had a funny feeling in my tummy and I was excited and scared all at the same time. In the corner of my bedroom, ready on the chair, was a brand new school uniform. The pinafore and tights were grey but the jumper was the brightest, reddest red I had ever seen. It seemed to glow in the early morning light.

I wondered how many friends would be made in the new school and if the teachers would be friendly. I wondered what the dinners would be like and who would cut the food into bite-size pieces. I wondered who would help pull up baggy, saggy tights and put shoes on the right feet and hair clips back into wild, windy hair. I wondered about letters and numbers and what the lessons would be like and where to sit and who to sit next to. I wondered about playtime and about the big boys and girls running around like trains. What would happen if there was a bump in the playground—would there be a kind person to help put plasters on grazed knees?

A big breakfast in a small tummy to keep hunger away and a secret snack and drink in the school bag, just in case. Wash face, clean teeth, uniform on, shoes, quick photo, coat, hat, quick, quick, bag and off we go up the hill to school.

A lady in a big yellow coat helps us cross the road and I can see the school. The gates are huge. In we go and the playground is a blur of boys and girls. They all seem so big. They all have friends. There are mums and dads and nannas and grandads here too and they all seem to know each other. I don't know anyone at all.

Then a whistle shrieked and it was magic; boys and girls formed neat lines; it was suddenly very quiet.

I let go of my little girl's hand and she joined the Class 1 line. She looked so tiny and her little white face looked at me so anxiously. I smiled, encouragingly. I watched her walk into her classroom and was proud and sad and happy and anxious all at once.

And then she was gone, out of sight

I walked home and watched the clock all day.

History Society AGM

This was held on 10 March. We welcomed Katie Jones of Planed, who outlined some of the ways in which the Society could contribute to the village heritage project.

Sue Edwards, retiring Chairman, gave a summary of the year's events: guest speakers on a variety of subjects, from rugby to the census returns; visits to St Jerome's church, the National Library of Wales, and the Water Garden in Milford for a Christmas meal. Members have contributed a great deal, not only to the Society's Action Plan and the monthly meetings, but through their own research, and we hope this will continue in the coming months.

Joan Stephens, Treasurer, presented the accounts, which were enhanced by donations from the public at our photographic exhibition during last year's village festival.

Jane Mills was elected chairman and village forum representative. Patrick Wordsworth was elected to the committee, and all other members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

The secretary asked for comments on a list of suggestions for the year's programme; it was agreed that, at our members' meeting in April, we should discuss the heritage section of the Action Plan and how we can research, present and preserve our village's unique history.

Eve Davies proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and to all the committee, and Margaret Llewellyn thanked everyone for their help and support—especially the tea makers!

Membership of the Society is free. Anyone interested in local history, or with any Llangwm connections, is welcome to join. We are always pleased to see visitors and friends at our meetings. These are held in the community Centre on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm.

More details from Margaret Llewellyn at:
swancorner.co.uk

Daniel Morgan caught on the wing

I caught up with Daniel in Pembrokeshire College canteen on a dull day in February. Over a cuppa of College tea, I asked him about Life 'n Things.

'You've come to The Legend,' he told me. 'I'm the biggest liar in Llangwm and the biggest prankster. If there's a scam, I'm involved...'

When I asked him to tell me more, he wouldn't. 'No, can't tell you about them - it's Llangwm Youths' secret.'

What he did tell me about was how his life had changed since leaving school last summer. Daniel is now a student at Pembrokeshire College, studying Environmental Conservation. 'It's sometimes much the same as school; by that, I mean some of the lessons can be boring. It is what I expected but now that we only have one day a week practical, it really can be a pain in the backside.'

Daniel spends part of his College time out on the land, in practical activities such as clearing undergrowth at Castell Henllys and planting 'whips' - young hazel trees - or at Tiers Cross, planting hazel to form a boundary. 'The weather makes a difference,' he said. 'We were hedge laying on Monday in the pouring rain. How wet is wet?' He laughed. I was interviewing him in early February, while rainstorms were flooding Wales.

Daniel starts his day at 5.30 am, on Llangwm Farm, 'doing a bit of milking or feeding. I finish at 7.55, have a shower, catch the bus at 8.10 and I'm in College for 8.30. That's why I'm grim in the mornings.' That's six days a week, with a lie-in on Sundays. Thinking about the rain outside, I asked about farm life.

'I wouldn't say it's a mud bath - it can be at times.'

Daniel is very definite about life as a farmer. And it's 'No!'

'Farming's not for me,' he said. 'Falconry is what I've always been interested in, ever since I was very young. I go to all the shows, including the County Show and the Royal Welsh.' He is hoping that he may have a job in the Falconry Centre, Carmarthen, after he finishes College - and he's also hoping for work experience there.

Asked why he is so interested in birds of prey, he said, 'Consider yourself a peregrine and there's a pigeon. Peregrines can dive at up to 200 miles an hour and take the pigeon on the wing.' It's a demonstration of power, skill and grace.

Meanwhile, when he's not working on the farm or studying at the College or following his interest in Fal-

conry, Daniel is in training for the First Division Llangwm Youth Rugby, practising three times a week in winter. In summer, he has three times a week cricket practice. He put in a PR bid for Youth Rugby - it needs more players!

With such a packed timetable, I was left wondering just how Daniel found the time for pranks and scams - unless the 'biggest liar in Llangwm' has had me believing all I've reported here?



Farm Diary: Will Scales

The dormancy of winter is nearly over. It is the signal that the winter jobs of fencing and looking after the gate-crashing cattle and sheep are almost over. We have started to do some fieldwork for the first time in half a year.

I say 'gate-crashing' because the cattle had escaped from their winter quarters one day in February; I had not shut them in properly. With steam billowing from collective nostrils fusing into a cloud above them, they charged down to the moor fields, relishing these fleeting moments of freedom. They were bored, I think, with their straw bedded yard and silage. With help from neighbours, we managed to herd them back in after almost two hours of gentle coaxing and 'c'mon boys'. An eager-to-please sheepdog did not realise that barking and nipping hocks makes defeated bovine escapologists irritable and capable of some mean back-kicks! I'm sure they would've thanked me when the snow came though.....

To prepare a field for the forthcoming crop, the first job is ploughing. We turn over the residue of the last crop to clean the land of weeds. Ploughing is a popular job with a lot of farmers and 'tidy ploughing', a stock phrase for Pembrokeshire farmers, is quite an art. The rich smell of the freshly turned earth, the furrows neatly sliced and inverted in light and dark stripes, and the company of hundreds of worm-hunting, squabbling gulls make for an absorbing day's work. Sometimes a gull gets too close and will get a wing ploughed under. They are rarely hurt by this—they are feisty little creatures at close quarters and will helplessly try to bite you when you come to their aid.

After the ploughing we will wait for exactly the right time before sowing corn. Spring is an optimistic time of year and, though the glory of harvest is some time away, when the sown crops burst through their earthen bounds for the first time it is a reassuring indicator that yet again nature hasn't let you down.



WILDLIFE MATTERS

Notes by Graham Brace

Since the last report in November the winter has passed with the usual species present in and around the Pill and neighbouring shoreline.

The Canada geese, in varying numbers up to around 500 birds, have been much in evidence with 3 snow geese (not difficult to spot in the throng!) and as many as 6 barnacle geese tagging along. Numerous teal, mallard (including the white individual that thinks it's a mallard), shelduck and occasional wigeon have been present together with regular visits from one or more little egrets.

Up to 3 little grebes (*aka* dabchicks) have been seen almost daily since the first week of December diving between the Cunnigar and the Vitling Rock. This morning (12 March) I watched a fine, solitary great crested grebe, the largest of the grebe family, paddle sedately out of the Pill past the Cunnigar.

There seem to have been larger numbers of lapwings present this winter compared to previous years with 300 counted on one occasion in the Pill and even greater numbers mingling with the geese in the fields adjacent to Knapp Farm on another occasion. Also abundant have been golden plover, with a 'cloud' of a few thousand birds being seen around Sprinkle Pill and over the fields on the opposite shore at Coedcanlas.

As for waders, occasional greenshank have been stopping over in the Pill as well as small numbers of black tailed godwits. Snipe can be flushed from the vegetation along the shoreline at Llangwm Ferry and the Cunnigar. They never fail to give you a start, particularly if you're strolling along in a reverie! On the sunny morning of 24 January, I was standing at the water's edge on the slip at Black Tar when several thousand dunlin, in waves, flew over and past me at low level in a northerly direction. I don't recall ever seeing so many at once before and the noise created by their wings was amazing. Shortly afterwards, the vivid blue and orange flash of a kingfisher shot by in the same direction.

Also overwintering with us was Juan Brown, the warden of Skomer Island, and I gather he spotted two firecrests (similar to a goldcrest but far less common and with a distinguishing white stripe over the eye beneath the black and yellow/orange crest) at the sewage works at Llangwm Ferry, together with an overwintering chiffchaff. Mervyn Jones in Gail Rise and Pat Morris in Lake Villas have had siskins visiting their garden feeders on several occasions and Mervyn has also re-

ported seeing up to 3 blackcaps (warblers, which are normally summer visitors) in his garden on several days in January and February. The lucky fellow also spotted a female merlin on a hedgerow between Nash and Troopers Inn on 7 February.

Bullfinches appear to be scarce at the moment but Clare Barker at Beggars Reach on Ferry Hill has seen them in her garden and we've also had occasional visits in our garden over the winter. Clare 'eyeballed' a badger through her patio doors just recently as it nonchalantly helped itself to the food she had put out for the birds. Badgers, and foxes for that matter, seem to be gradually losing their fear of humankind.

OTTER SPOTTERS.

Keep your eyes peeled for otters. There are definitely otters active (mostly nocturnally) around the Llangwm area, evidenced by 5 identified spraint points between Port Lion, the Pill and the Vitling Rock.

Otters mark their territory by depositing spraints (droppings) at various locations significant to them. You'll be glad to know that four brave Llangwm residents (myself included) have been on an intensive training course to enable us to recognise an otter spraint (by sight, smell and consistency!!) so that each month we can collect, age and record them and send them off for analysis. This is to help the Pembrokeshire Coastal Otter Survey monitor otter activity and their feeding habits around our coastline. The freshness of some of the spraints that we found recently suggests that otters are presently at large around here.

I'll be glad to hear about any interesting bird and other wildlife sightings to report in the next Llangwm News. If you've anything to report please phone me on 891580 or email me at grahambrace@btinternet.com

Bob Lewis, aged 92, of River View, Llangwm, is a retired Merchant Navy Officer, Serviceman and Coastguard. He isn't surprised to hear predictions of dramatic weather changes in store for us.

Weather Watch by Bob Lewis

'There is always much discussion about the weather. It is described as "variable" and "with a vast change to come".

This is nothing new.

As far back as 1947 this was anticipated, when the Gulf Stream decided to change its course.

Prior to this, the British Isles had the flow running up the Irish Sea before splitting up into three parts;

one third going up the West of Ireland, one part up the Irish Sea and the other into the English Channel - and all to meet off Stornoway.

The weather changed from then on. The Beaufort (Wind Force) Scale had to be adjusted from Force 12 to Force 18 - which is 75 miles per hour to 118 miles per hour. Now that has been overridden.

The vast changes taking place at the North Pole are causing some concern, combined with the cooling of the Sun. We shall have to order our sledges and skates!

Will there be problems? Yes, with fuel and fresh water - and we shall have to go back to our school-days and re-study the Quantum Theory with Crystal Energy.

There is such a lot to think about - after all, 200 years or so will soon pass by!

CRICKET

THE CLUB looks forward to the new season ahead and to repeat last year's senior successes—The Dugie Morris Cup, well up the first Division for our first XI and promotion for the second XI to Division 3.

And not forgetting our juniors who won the under 14 Festival and performed well in all the junior leagues and Welsh Cups. Llangwm School did brilliantly to get to Sophia Gardens in Cardiff to become runners-up in the their all-Wales competition.

The season has started with the usual bit of fun indoor cricket, but no silverware came our way! This was followed by our AGM which saw all the officers re-elected. First XI captain Darren Brick and second XI captain Paul Morgan were enthusiastically re-elected to lead our seniors. Senior nets are being arranged—watch the Club notice board for dates.

The Club is to run a third XI again after a one year gap and is looking for several more (mature!) players to enjoy a Saturday out on the square and help bring on all our very talented village youngsters and keep our Club going from strength to strength.

A brief word about Child Protection. The Club takes this very seriously and has appointed two Child Welfare Officers to ensure that only appropriate people have contact with our juniors. All our coaches are already fully CRB checked, and many players and others who are part of our Club have also been cleared ready for the season.

DATES

The under 14 Junior Tournament will take place on Sunday 27th June at the start of the Llangwm Festival fortnight. The Junior Awards night will be held during April in the Club and all players, parents and supporters are very welcome.

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SENIOR RUGBY

The 1st XV have shown great strides forward this season under coach Alan McClelland with some great results in recent weeks, notably beating Penygroes 14-13 and St.Clears 55-17. It is always a positive step forward when you start beating teams higher than yourselves in the league and to see the team win gave everyone at the club a lift.

The training has continued to be well attended and the enthusiasm in the squad is in marked contrast to last season.

If the boys now stick together and train hard over the Summer months, then this season could well be a springboard for greater things to come next season.

YOUTH RUGBY

Unfortunately, Llangwm Youth had to withdraw from the Dragon's Trust Youth League in January as we were unable to fulfil our fixtures, having postponed 4 matches. Although the playing numbers seemed healthy at the start of the season, the commitment of some boys was not what it should have been, which is of great disappointment to the coaches and a let-down to fellow players who continue to turn up for training week in, week out.

There is hope for next season however. The numbers have picked up over the last few weeks and we have managed to play an under-18 match against Pembroke Dock. Jeremy Brock continues to coach the team and the club is optimistic that we will be back on course next year.

If you require any information regarding youth rugby, please contact Michael John on 01437 890175

JUNIOR RUGBY

The junior teams have performed admirably this season with over 30 games having been played across the age groups. The enthusiasm on Sunday mornings makes all the hard work worth while.

Fixtures have been played at Under 8, 9, 11 and 12 this season with almost 50 boys (and 1 girl) having represented the club across the age groups.

There is regular training on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am for any boys, or girls, who wish to play rugby.

Coaching is carried out by parents who have passed the necessary WRU coaching courses and we are always looking for more volunteers to assist.

There are regular matches through the Winter, also held on Sunday mornings.

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

Holy Week Services

Llangwm, Johnston, Freystrop

Palm Sunday

9.00 am	Eucharist	Llangwm
10.15 am	Eucharist	Johnston
11.45 am	Eucharist	Freystrop
4.00 pm	Evensong	Llangwm

Monday

7.30 pm	Eucharist (mu)	Llangwm
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Wednesday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Llangwm
7.00 pm	Lent Service	Johnston

Maundy Thursday

10.30 am	Holy Communion	Johnston
7.00 pm	Eucharist	Llangwm

Good Friday

10.30 am	Devotions	Llangwm
12.00 pm	Devotions	Freystrop
2.00 pm	Devotions	Johnston

Easter Day

9.00 am	Eucharist	Llangwm
10.15 am	Eucharist	Johnston
11.45 am	Eucharist	Freystrop
3.30 pm	Holy Baptism	Llangwm

Galilee Baptist Chapel

After the peace and beauty of the winter snow, the many blessings of springtime and Easter lie ahead - a time of renewal and redemption, new life and hope.

Please join us in our worship as we recall the message of Easter, and sing the well loved Easter hymns.

Easter Services are as follows:

Palm Sunday (4th April) -

10.30 am, Morning Service with Rev. David Pusey of Saundersfoot.

5.00 pm, Evening Service with Mr. Dennis Payne of Haverfordwest.

Good Friday (9th April) -

9.30 am, a United Service, to which all are welcomed, with Rev. Ron Price of Milford Haven.

Afterwards, tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be served in the Vestry - a special time of friendship and fellowship.

Easter Sunday (11th April) -

10.30 am and 5.00 pm, Morning and Evening Services with Rev. Raymond Webb of Haverfordwest.

Thinking ahead to summer, watch for Galilee's Sunday School Anniversary, on the third Sunday (20th) of June.

Later, the ladies of the chapel will once more be taking part in the summer Festival celebrations in the village - cakes and donations will again be most welcome at Galilee's Cake Stall at the Village Carnival and Fete on Saturday July 10th.

Women's Fellowship continues fortnightly on Thursday afternoons at 2 pm, and Mums and Tots Group meets weekly on Thursday mornings at 10 am. Both are held in the chapel schoolroom.

Finally, a reminder about our very special Centenary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 12th September, at 2.30pm. Almost one hundred years ago (it was actually 13th September 1904) the newly built Galilee Chapel was dedicated by the (then) Principal of Cardiff Baptist College; it will be with a great sense of joy and celebration that Galilee welcomes Rev. Dr. John Weaver, the present Principal of Cardiff Baptist College, to lead this Centenary Thanksgiving Service. This will be followed by Afternoon Tea in the Vestry, with 'Songs of Praise' provisionally planned for the evening.

Methodist Chapel

Sunday Services:	Morning	11.00 am
	Sunday School	11.00 am

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly Wed. 2.00pm

Forthcoming Events

Friday 9 April: Good Friday Service 3.30pm
In the main Chapel followed by the Good Friday tea and Gift Day in the Sunday School Room at 4.00 pm

Sunday 11 April: Easter Services 11.00am

May Scone tea—date t.b.a.

Sunday 16 May Chapel Anniversary
11.00am & 6.00pm

Sunday 20 June Father's Day Lunch—Hook Sports
Association Clubhouse 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Sunday 27 June Sunday School Anniversary 6.00pm

Monday 28 June—Festival Fortnight

Friday 9 July teas—commencing 12pm— 8.00pm.

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