

LLANGWM NEWS

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Auntie Ellen, Kings, Queens, and THE RED ARROWS!



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LLANGWM VILLAGE FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT ROUND-UP

by Festival Committee Chairman Clare Phillips

Llangwm stepped out in **1940's style** as villagers celebrated two weeks of festivities. **Over 80 scarecrows** sprang up in gardens and hedges, and Llangwm folk (and some visitors) proved yet again just how creative and imaginative they are by producing some outstanding scarecrows this year. The delightful **Stephen Crabb, MP**, and family spent over 3 hours **judging** the scarecrows under the watchful eye of Helen Carrington, and he did a masterful job on Carnival Day when he joined us again to present the **prizes**. (Earlier that day Stephen on behalf of Llangwm Village had placed a **wreath of poppies** on the **Cenotaph** at the Village Green to remember those who lost their lives in the Second World War. A moment to reflect on the reasons for celebrating **V E Day** – an end of war and a new beginning for freedom.)



Stephen Crabb and committee members laying the chaplet at the Monument.

The most delicious **home-made cakes and teas** were on offer every day during the Festival at the Methodist Chapel, and in the old-fashioned way, served with a smile and a chat. Llangwm History Society put on an impressive **'wartime' exhibition** there, too, alongside a magnificent matchstick **model** of Galilee Chapel made by **Kenny Platten**. At Pill Parks Field most evenings the sound of leather on willow was heard as **cricket** was played.

The kick-off **gig** was new this year with the lovely Nagus providing music to the delight of the double Ds! Old favourites of the festival like the **Treasure Hunt, Open Mic (Mike?) Night, Fun Run** and **Family Quiz** attracted many talented villagers of all ages, and this year's **History Walk** around the village was immensely popular (even when they all got wet).

Look out Llangwm fish! The Llangwm fishermen are back! This **Fishing Competition** was a first for Llangwm Festival and there were many talented fishermen out there. We hope this will become an annual event during Festival Fortnight. Many thanks to **Alistair Platten** for organising it.

Llangwm gardeners opened their gates to the public on the 'middle' Saturday – there are clearly some green-fingered people in the village with **beautiful and unusual gardens**, some which you would have never known were there. It was a fantastic way to spend a Saturday morning or afternoon, and as an extra treat Pat and Jeff James's **private museum** was open. If you missed it this year, catch it next. I bet you didn't know there was a **railway station and coal mine** in Llangwm!

For the energetic, a lovely day at beautiful black Tar where the Llangwm **Longboat Club** held their **Regatta**. Teams of longboats from as far away as Aberystwyth raced on the glorious River Cleddau whilst the not so energetic had picnics on the riverbank, shouting encouragement to their teams.

And so with the sun shining and the village decked out in red, white and blue, the **Victory in Europe Carnival** paraded through the village to the applause and delight of the crowd. **Mrs Ellen Skyrme** led the Carnival in a beautiful **classic sports car** while Vera Lynn sang over the (1940s) 'tannoy' speakers. The **Carnival Kings, Queens and Attendants** looked stunning and Llangwm was truly transported **back in time** to the 1940s.

The **'Street Party'** and Fete were soon in full swing in the field, with **cream teas and ice-creams** competing with **Spam sandwiches, rock cakes, ginger beer** and other long-forgotten delicacies which people brought along.

We were grateful to those who brought along a **fire engine, police car and ambulance**, and allowed the children to go on them.

The **mock Air Raid** was to have had people diving for shelter – but everyone just looked up in astonishment as **THE RED ARROWS** performed a **magnificent fly past**, sweeping over Pill Parks and down the river against a clear blue sky — **Magic**. (Or was it just **Llangwm's best ever kept secret?** - Ed.)



And so one of Llangwm's most memorable days ended with a **pig roast and live music** at the **Cottage Inn**, with the car park teeming with people and some beers running out.

Well done, Llangwm! This year's Festival was surely your finest hour!



They don't only come out in the summer sunshine... all year round the Festival Committee work tirelessly at providing Llangwm with some notable village events and entertainment. (Editor)

Jeff James reports:

Another successful **Auction Evening** was held on **15 April** in the village hall, with over £500 being made from the **hammer auction, silent auction, and bric-a-brac**.

It was the third such event, with **auctioneer David Mills** keeping the bidders amused, and on their toes (well on their knees at least). After complaining to the Festival Committee, he actually had his **name in lights** this year, together with a **revolving podium**! Rumour has it that a 'spy' from Sotheby's was seen in the audience trying to poach him.

A **big 'thank you'** to all who gave items to auction/promises and bric-a-brac, to those who turned up on the night and spent their hand-earned cash, and to **'bouncer' John Skyrme**.

A little story worth telling is the one about the person (no names mentioned to avoid any embarrassment) who purchased an item from the bric-a-brac stall for pence then was asked by another person to sell it on to him. £5 exchanged hands, then the Good Samaritan gave the £5 to the ladies on the stall. They don't make them like that very often.

Picnic in the Park (2nd May, Bank Holiday) came with its share of **wind and rain**, although **"the show must go on"** as they say. Full marks to **Helen Carrington** once again for putting on another brilliant **Dog Show**.

Finally, we are always keen to get the opinion of everyone in the village, so if you have any ideas for future events/entertainment, then please tell us, or better still why not join the Festival Committee – we work hard and also have fun at the same time.

Now that **"the Carnival is over"** (as they also say) (see Clare's report), the Committee are already planning for **Father Christmas's visit to Llangwm Green**, and the **New Year's Day Fireworks**. Not much rest for the wicked (or the Festival Committee, come to that). (Ed.)



LOST

IF anyone has any information on the whereabouts of the 2 lengths of flags/bunting (with Texaco stars on each flag) that were on the Methodist Chapel railings over Festival Fortnight, please contact any Festival Committee member, since they are used on other events we organise.



LLANGWM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The Village Hall has been delighted to host a series of events organised by the Festival Committee over the last few months.

The Night of Auctions proved to be yet another well attended and hilarious evening. That well-known auctioneer, David Mills, ably assisted and abetted by Jeff James, kept everyone in stitches, whilst raising money for a very good cause.

The Festival Fortnight itself proved a great success, culminating in a VE Day themed carnival and fete on the Rugby Field. Glorious sunshine heralded a brilliant day at which every organisation in the village was able to raise money for its own cause. Cream teas provided by the Village Hall Committee proved as popular as ever, and a big "THANK YOU" must be made to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success. What a shame we all missed the flypast by the Red Arrows as we were working hard inside the hall!

Goodbye and a big "THANK YOU" must be made to Peter Owen who is standing down as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. Peter has served on the Committee for ten years, the last seven as Chairman. He has provided excellent leadership throughout, has been very supportive of other Committee members, and has always been prepared to provide practical help in any way.

David and Jane Mills are also taking a sabbatical from the committee, having been involved for the last seven years in a variety of roles including Secretary and Treasurer. Both have been stalwart members and, with Peter, helped to regenerate interest in the Village Hall and its many activities. Many thanks to the three of you for all your time, hard work, and your dedication in supporting all events in the village hall.

We welcome on board four new members to the Committee – Liz Beresford, Ian Jacob, Val John and Brian Meopham. Their enthusiasm, support and expertise will give an added dimension to the exciting times ahead. If anyone else is interested in helping on the Committee, we would be delighted to talk to you about your possible involvement.

You may not be aware that the Village Hall Committee has to raise approximately £1,200 each year, simply to keep the Hall open. These costs are mainly for insurance, additional electricity, and maintenance. The social events organised by the Committee, together with hall bookings, raffles, and cream teas are the only sources of income available to the Committee. So a VERY VERY BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who supports us – by coming along to the St. David's Supper, for example; buying a raffle ticket or a cream tea; and even helping with the washing up! Without your help, your Village Hall would have to close, so again "THANK YOU"!

Next year's programme is already in the planning stages, with the following already booked:

Fri 7 th Oct	-	Harvest Supper
Sat 26 th Nov	-	Llangwm's Christmas Market
Fri 31 st Jan	-	Six Nations Night
Wed 1 st Mar	-	St. David's Day Cawl Supper

We also have other ideas, but we would like any suggestions from you to help with our fundraising efforts. Please contact any member of the Committee with your thoughts!

Jane Mills/Liz Jones

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HIRE OF THE HALL

With Christmas approaching, groups and individuals may like to hire the hall for any type of activity or event. Please see Pat Morris as soon as possible to avoid disappointment over dates. Charges for hiring the hall, which have not changed since its opening in 1978, are as follows:

Community group activities
eg Yoga Class, History Group, etc.,
(morning, afternoon or evening)
per session — £5

Parties: **Adult** — **£25**
 Children — **£15**

LLANGWM SCOTTISH DANCERS AT "WELSH DAY OF DANCE"

Six of the younger members of the Llangwm Scottish Country Dancers dressed in Welsh costumes with over 100 other children from all over South West Wales to celebrate a "Day of Welsh Dance" on 11 June at the National Botanic Garden of Wales near Carmarthen.

The children had learned a selection of simple Welsh dances so that they could enjoy the dancing on the day.

Classes which are open to all children over the age of 6 interested in learning Scottish country dances will start again on Wednesday 7 September at 6 p.m. at Llangwm Community Centre. Anyone requiring more details can contact Pat Rye on 01646 698463, or Mary Kinder on 01437 890189.

Exciting Times for Llangwm Yoga Classes

On the 6th September there will be an opportunity for everyone to attend a class in order to refresh ourselves after the summer break.

Then we have a very exciting opportunity, when Vincent Jones takes a 6 week course of T'ai Chi from Thursday 16th September. This will be an evening class from 6 – 7.30 and cost £18 for the course. As many of you will know, Vincent has himself been a National Champion and an international judge, and we are very privileged to have that level of expertise in the village. T'ai Chi complements Hatha Yoga as you will learn and practise relaxation techniques and how to use your body correctly.

The next Hatha Yoga classes recommence on Tuesday, November 1st. There will also be the opportunity to try Aqua Yoga during the winter months – the first classes to be held in Wales!!

Also, congratulations to Elaine and Fay who have 'graduated' to Stage 2. This means we have two spaces for beginners or those who are returning to yoga. If you are interested, please speak to Liz on 891706.

Liz Jones



GARDENING CLUB NEWS

September – "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." – but still plenty to do in the Gardening Club now we are back after a short summer break.

After a full programme of talks, visits and social events we are looking forward to some new treats in the coming season.

The **Summer Coach Trip** to Aberglasney was very successful, with a guided tour by one of the garden staff who was a fund of knowledge about the history and restoration of the house and gardens.

Our **June Plant Sale** raised some useful funds for the club – all going into the kitty to subsidise bus costs etc. The plants for sale were all contributed by members, who also raised some unusual plants from seeds distributed in the Club.

The **Summer Festival activities** by the Gardening Club were very successful – Pat James & Co. supplying teas at the Museum, and members welcoming visitors to their Open Gardens – hard work by all concerned but enjoyed by everyone, and many thanks to all involved.

The new programme kicks off in **September** with a talk by one of our stalwart club members, Jane Mills, on "**Container-Grown Vegetables for Christmas Dinner**" – Jane is famous for her new potatoes for the festive feast! The programme to Christmas is detailed below.

Mon 5 th Sept	Jane Mills "Container Grown Vegetables"
Mon 3 rd Oct	Col. R Gilbertson "Old Roses"
Mon 7 th Nov	Richard Bramley "Hellebores in the Garden"

Dec (date to be confirmed) Christmas Dinner

All our meetings are at 7.30pm at the Cottage Inn (restaurant area).

If you would like to join us (gardening knowledge is not a requirement!) just come along to one of our friendly and sociable evenings. If you would like to know more about anything, contact our Chairman, Vincent, on 01646 601906.

Maureen John

LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

At the time of going to press, the season's results had not been finalised or announced for the various clubs in the League. A full report will therefore appear in the next issue of Llangwm News.

It was great to see the Club performing so well this summer, particularly some noteworthy performances from the Junior Girls.

Anyone interested in rowing or helping with the Club's fundraising or other activities, please contact

Membership Secretary, Rick Harold on 01437 891938 or Secretary Bob Charles on 01437 891068.

Good Luck to the Rowing Club in September in the Thames River Race and the Eddystone Challenge!

(The photograph below shows the end of the first stage of the 'triathlon' held as part of Planed's Waterway Festival 2005. Rowers brought longboats from Neyland to Llangwm, where they were welcomed by Llangwm Community Council Chairman Barry Childs, before the commencement of the next stage of the race, a cycle ride to Haverfordwest.)



START SPREADING THE NEWS....

Tasmin Ayers and Richard Nash, whom you may have seen hard at work renovating the attractive stone cottage on Guildford Bridge, are also hard at work training to take part in the **New York Marathon!**

Inspired by a Sunday Times article on Charity Events, and a small Western Telegraph ad looking for people to participate in the Marathon, Tasmin and Richard saw it as the challenge of a lifetime. They are out to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care, and would welcome your support in this worthy cause. Both have had family members affected by the disease.

They hope to raise £4,000 from the West Wales area, starting with a fund-raising day on Saturday 27 August in Llangwm Community Centre from 1pm to 5pm, with teas, cakes, stalls, a bottle stall, prizes to be won and a giant raffle supported by local businesses.

You can donate online at <http://www.justgiving.com/nash> or contact Tasmin or Richard direct at 6 River View or on 01437 891030.

They fly out to New York in early November, to take part in the Marathon on November 6. We wish them good fortune (and not too many blisters)

*** Don't forget our London Marathon runner Andrew Mathias of Glan Hafan, featured in the last edition of Llangwm News, who earlier this year raised a substantial amount of money for Spinal Research with his successful completion of the course.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Each year Llangwm Community Council endeavours to spruce up the village and its surroundings in good time for the Festival Fortnight at the end of June and beginning of July.

Pembrokeshire County Council were urged to trim the hedges – and did a prompt and tidy job on most of them.

Llangwm Church was contacted (as is usual each year) and a contribution made towards grasscutting at Llangwm Cemetery in Pill Parks Way (which is multi-denominational).

The Village Warden has been doing a good job of keeping the village tidy over the recent months, and the newly formed Coastcare Group have done several litter picks along the shoreline.

All this, it is hoped, helps set the scene against which the Festival, in particular the Scarecrow Competition, Longboat Regatta, Gardens Open Day, Carnival and Fete can take place. The Community Council expressed particular pleasure and thanks this year to the Festival Committee for a commendable, action-packed and good-fun fortnight, which offered something for everyone.

There are of course always on-going matters to be tackled as part of general Community Council business. Planning applications have been reviewed, and comments submitted. Various instances of possible encroachments of the highway are being looked into. The Llangwm bridges, such as the one at Edward's Pill and the footbridge from the Rugby field to Knapp, are being monitored as repairs have been promised.

One of the main issues over recent months has been the fact that the public toilets in Pill Parks Way – in common with many conveniences throughout villages and towns in Pembrokeshire – have remained closed. They were badly vandalised a few years ago, which is one reason for closing them; cost is another.

Many in the village are keen to see them re-opened as a facility needed by visitors, sports spectators, etc. Others do not see the point of wasting public money putting them right if the inevitable result would be more vandalism – so much would depend on a sense of pride of place, and community.

The Council was fortunate to have Mr David Howells, Project Coordinator at Pembrokeshire County Council, along to their July meeting, who explained the County Council's position. He listened to the comments made, and promised to look carefully into the matter with Pembrokeshire County Council then report back to Llangwm Community Council. One major point that he made was the fact that Llangwm cannot expect two sets of public toilets – and the conveniences at Black Tar are deemed to be essential, too. Again, no complaints had been received at Pembrokeshire County Council concerning the closure of the Pill Parks Way convenience (perhaps because it is opened by the Village Hall Committee when an event is held). We await the outcome.

Other Pembrokeshire County Council officers who have worked very cooperatively with Llangwm Community Council recently were those involved in the upgrading of the recycling area at Nash, and thanks go to them for their efforts. In particular they were at pains to ensure that Llangwm Councillors' wishes were met in order not to have too prominent or garish a scheme; signs were kept to a minimum, and the area was kept – literally! – as 'green' as possible within the confines of the available grant. Now that it's up and running, the Llangwm Recycling Point has been generally well received, and continues to be well used.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE

WAR MEMORIAL
ON LLANGWM GREEN

TO COMMEMORATE THOSE MEN OF THE
VILLAGE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE
FREEDOM WE ENJOY TODAY, AND ALL
THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES
IN WAR.

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

AT
10.00 A.M.

SERVICE WILL BE LED BY REV. LINDA
WOOLACOTT.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

Llangwm Coastcare Group Up & Running

The **Llangwm Coastcare Group (LCG)**, is now official! A constitution has been written and approved by Keep Wales Tidy (Coastcare is part of Keep Wales Tidy), and officers have been appointed.

So what are the goals of the LCG for the next twelve months?

In late May the LCG undertook an assessment of the estuary foreshore, which resulted in four projects being targeted:

1. Regular Estuary Litter Picks

These are planned to coincide with the Spring tides, which frequently leave behind in their wake high levels of marine litter. The most recent Litter Pick took place on Tuesday, 26 July. Together, three teams of volunteers covered the entire Llangwm estuary from the Vitling Rock round Edward's Pill and Guildford Pill to Llangwm Ferry and Port Lion.

The Litter Pick dates scheduled for the remainder of 2005 are:

Thursday, 22 September
Friday, 21 October
Friday, 18 November
Monday, 5 December

2. Heavy Duty Litter Pick Requiring a Skip

The assessment of the stretch of foreshore between the Vitling Rock and Edward's Pill identified a variety of items, which would be best removed for reasons of safety and conservation: an abandoned and holed boat, several broken and rusting boat trailers, abandoned fishing nets.

The intention is to go through the necessary and appropriate procedures prior to arranging a skip for their removal. It is hoped to remove the items in question before the arrival of Autumn.

3. Replacing of Seats

Between the Black Tar Slipway and Edward's Pill there are three seats. These seats are in a very poor state of repair. The proposal is to replace them with a new design using natural materials such as stone and slate.

A design has been produced and a proposal has been put to the Llangwm Community Council for their consideration. The proposal was discussed at the Community Council's July meeting and approval to proceed has been given. The LCG would like to thank the Community Council for the speed with which they reviewed the proposal and the positive nature of their response.

The next step is for the LCG to also present the design to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and to Keep Wales Tidy. Following their approval, LCG will then arrange for the project to go to tender to at least three local builders. It will then be the responsibility of LCG to orchestrate the process of raising the required budget to commission the project.

4. Hedge Trimming

It is proposed to trim the hedges in places between the

Slipway and Edward's Pill where access and vistas are impeded and can be improved. This may well be done in stages and LCG will follow the appropriate steps of approval prior to commencing this project.

5. Black Tar Pollution

The Group is concerned that the intermittent discharge of foul water on the foreshore adjacent to the slipway still remains unresolved and continues to be investigated by the local authority. It has been suggested that signs be erected to warn shore users of this ongoing pollution.

Finally, it goes without saying that everyone is very welcome to help.

Freystrop & District Women's Institute

President- Mrs Liz Puttuck

Secretary – Mrs Shirley Thomas,

Treasurer – Mrs Jo Parry

Activities for the year 2005

The members of Freystrop & District have enjoyed an eventful year so far.

Among the Speakers we had this year are a session on advise and Healthy Eating and Exercise, a demonstration and talk on Spinning, a talk and slides on the Total Oil Refinery in Milford Haven, value your Antiques, Dowsing & Healing.

We are looking forward to a Hands on Computer Session and Card Craft later this year. So you can see we are not all Jam and Jerusalem!

In February of each year we celebrate the formation of Freystrop WI by going out for an Anniversary dinner. The Institute was formed in 1981 so we are looking forward to our 25th Anniversary next year – 2006.

We also go on various outings throughout the year organised by both the Institute and The Pembrokeshire Federation.

Outings have been to Picton Castle, a County Treasure Hunt, a two day visit to London and a 5 day Holiday in Holland. To look forward to we have our Christmas Dinner in December.

There are quite a few members interested in walking, and a number of walks has been arranged for this year which is the 90th Anniversary of the WI, members are counting the miles they have walked hoping to reach (90 miles for 90 years)

The Anniversary Walks arranged every month by the Federation Walks Organiser (Shirley Thomas) will culminate in Anglesey on September 17th – in Llanfair PG where the first WI started.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, and if anyone thinks they might be interested in joining, please get in touch with Shirley on 01437 760492 (Secretary) or with Liz on 01437 710074 (President)

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Reverend Linda Woolacott
TREASURER: Mrs. Llinos Martin
SECRETARY: Mrs. Jane Brock

Sunday Services:- Morning 11.00 am
Sunday School 11.00 am

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly on Wednesdays -
2.00 pm Commencing 1st week of October 2005

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18th September Harvest Festival Service
11 am - Reverend L Woolacott
6 pm - Reverend M Shapland

'Gourmet Harvest Supper' - Please join us for a spectacular four course Gourmet Harvest Supper on Friday 21st October. A menu that has been inspired by the renowned celebrity chef, Gordon Ramsey, using classic French and Irish recipes with the very best of Welsh produce. Tickets are limited so make a date in your diary for a night of great food and great company.

Please contact any member of the chapel for tickets or telephone 01437 890704

Sunday 18th Dec - Christmas Carol Service - 6 pm

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL TO JOIN US AT THE ABOVE SERVICES AND EVENTS

GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Galilee looks forward to its Harvest Festival, when services will be held on Sunday 25 September at 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Rev. Lawrence Mitchell of Milford Haven will lead both times of worship.

Looking further forward, the village's United Christmas Service will this year be held at Galilee, with Rev. Raymond Webb preaching, on Christmas morning at 9.30.

Times of worship and fellowship at Galilee continue to be as follows:-

- Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10.30 a.m.
- 'Mums and Tots' on Thursday mornings each week at 10 - 11.30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. - please contact Mrs Maureen Kiff of Port Lion (Tel 01646 600 432) for details of dates and speakers.

All are warmly welcomed to come along.

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH, LLANGWM

A church service is held every Sunday at 9 a.m., taken by Rev. Bryon Jones.

Mothers' Union meets on the first Monday of each month commencing 5th September at 7 p.m. when a Communion Service is held.

Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday 15th September. The School Harvest takes place at 2 p.m. in the church, with the church's own Harvest Festival at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The following poem has been copied from a leaflet called 'THE HAVENS, JULY 2005' produced by the churches in that area of Pembrokeshire - I hope they don't mind.

Computer Group - Spell Checker

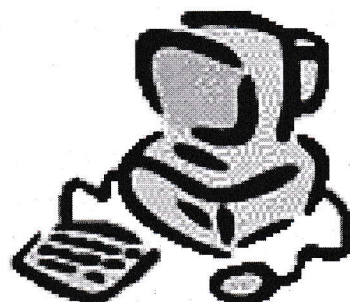
Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea see
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye stroke a quay and type a word
And weight for it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong

Eye halve run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter purr fact awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

(from an un-noun sauce!)



LLANGWM V.C.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER TERM



The children started back after their Easter holidays on Tuesday 12th April 2005. We are delighted to report that all new starts both in the Reception and Nursery Classes have all settled into school life so well.

Quality Mark Renewed

Staff, pupils and governors of Llangwm School celebrated the school's success in renewing its Basic Skills Quality Mark for a further three years.

Ian Wells, Director of the Basic Skills Agency, presented the award, which provides a framework for the continuous improvement of basic literature and numeracy skills for pupils in the school.

This was followed by a special presentation assembly in which he praised the efforts of the staff, governors and parents in working together to develop important learning skills.

At the end of the morning the children were given Quality Mark badges and bookmarks to celebrate the renewal of the award.

Poet visits Class 4

Poet, Mererid Hopwood, visited Class 4 on Monday 20th June. Please enjoy the poem which they wrote together. (see opposite page)

School Visits

Classes 3 and 4 spent the day of Tuesday 5th May at St David's Cathedral to celebrate Ascension Day. They all had a very interesting and enjoyable day.

They also had a great day out visiting the National Assembly and Techniquet in Cardiff on Thursday 28th April.

Classes 1 and 2 visited Manor House, Tenby on Tuesday 17th May. The children enjoyed seeing all the different animals and had a fun ride on the tractor and trailer.

For the last four consecutive Thursdays of the summer term, Class 4 has visited the Pembrokeshire Watersports. They all enjoyed learning the general safety on the water, sailing and raft building.

During July, Class 3 visited Cilrhedyn Woodland Centre at the Gwaun Valley. They found out how a woodland is managed and all about the life that exists in a woodland.

On Wednesday 13th July Class 3 also visited Carew Castle and Mill to learn about the Tudors. They looked so smart dressed up as Tudor boys and girls.

Collective Worship

Reverend Chris Barnes joins us regularly on a Friday morning for assembly.

Reverend Linda Woolacott and Mrs. Cheryl Jones join us on separate occasions on a monthly basis.

We always look forward to the above coming in and joining us for our assemblies.

We held a special assembly for the children on Friday 22nd July for Year 6 pupils who will be moving to Tasker Milward in September. During the assembly, presentations will be made and certificates awarded to all pupils. Each individual child will also recall their memories of their life at Llangwm School.

Presentations were made by Mrs Pat Morris for the Jubilee Award which was donated by the Community Council to Jack Kersey. The Jamie Smith Victor Ludorum was presented to Sam Hughes and the Natalie Smith Victrix Ludorum went to Poppy Leggett. We had a new cup presented to school this year from Reverend Hooper. The 'Hooper Cup' for musical achievement went to Alice Edwards.

Sport at School

Mrs. Rees took our Netball team to a Netball Festival at Thornton, Milford Haven. The team enjoyed the day and benefited from the experience.

The cricket team entered the Pembrokeshire Friday 1st July for a music morning along with Schools' Cricket competition in June. They had the rest of Year 6 children from around the a very busy day winning 2 matches and losing 1. county who will be starting at Tasker Milward in September.

Swimming Gala

Our annual Swimming Gala was held on Year 6 also joined schools from the County at a Wednesday 15th June. After a very close special Prom evening held at Sir Thomas Picton competition throughout the morning, Caldey School, Haverfordwest on Tuesday 5th July. won by 1 point from Skomer.

The team captains were James Griffiths and Alice Edwards, Caldey and Poppy Leggett and Sam Hughes, Skomer.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was held during Festival Fortnight on Tuesday 28th June. We were very fortunate as the weather was very hot but rumbles of thunder could be heard in the distance. The children all competed.

Tennis

Children from both Years 2 and 3 have enjoyed being coached on a Friday by a Tennis Development Officer from Pembrokeshire County Council. To mark an end to the coaching, a Tennis Festival was arranged for the girls from Years 2 and 3 at The Dome, Tasker Milward on Friday 8th July. They had a very exciting morning and were given pens and stickers.

Golf

Sam Hughes entered the Haverfordwest Junior Open 2005 recently. Sam entered the sub-junior section and was absolutely delighted coming into school with his trophy and £30 for finishing in 1st place out of 50 other children who entered the competition. Sam's new handicap after this 'Open' is now down to 36. We wish him success for the future golf tournaments he will be entering.

Music at School

Our Year 6 children visited Tasker Milward on

Our school joined with Burton and Hook Primary Schools to form an area choir at the Festival of Hope at Carew Pavilion on Saturday 16th July. They sang four songs taught by Mr John Roach, Headteacher, Hook School.

NEW STARTS

The children who are due to start both Reception and Nursery classes in September spent a morning in their new classes on Monday 11th July.

Our Year 6 children had an Induction Day at Tasker Milward on the same day.

SCHOOL BROKE UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY 22ND JULY AND WILL RETURN ON MONDAY 5TH SEPT.

This poem was written by class 4 at Llangwm School with the poet Meredid Hopwood.

St Jerome's

The church is empty
And there's plenty of pews
Waiting for people
To hear the good news,

The hymn books are humming
The stained glass is glistening,
The stones and the stairs are listening
The pulpit and the piano
Are preparing for prayer.

But there's nobody there,
Only the musty moss on the tomb,
And the looming light
Even though it's almost night.



SUMMER NATURE NOTES

By Graham Brace

As usual the Pill was virtually devoid of notable bird activity during April, May and June. Most of the ducks and waders departed in the last week of March including our *spotted redshank* that had been present since December.

Early on 5 April I watched 15 *sand martins* circling low over the mudflats at Llangwm Ferry. Later the same day 4 *swallows* (the first I had seen this year) flew past our house in a north westerly direction. Again on 24 May I saw a flock of 25+ *sand martins* circling over the woods near Port Lion moving slowly in a northerly direction.

Having watched a *great spotted woodpecker* feed a youngster at a bird table on BBC's 'Springwatch' in early June, we were treated to a similar spectacle from our kitchen window on 8 June when a female adult *g. s. woodpecker* picked insects off the underside of the leaves on one of our apple trees and fed them to a young male waiting patiently on a branch below.

After a 3 month absence the first *redshanks* reappeared in the Pill on 27 June and steadily increased in numbers as the weeks progressed – as did the *black headed gulls*.

On Thursday, 30 June, lo and behold...our *spotted redshank* returned virtually black all over in its breeding plumage. It's very likely that this is the same individual that had wintered with us previously and is probably a male who, having travelled to northern Scandinavia to breed, presumably left its mate to raise the family while it returned to the warmer climes on its favourite stretch of shore at the top end of the Pill. I last saw it on 1 August by which time it had almost reverted to its normal plumage. Spotted redshanks are much paler, slightly larger, more slender with longer legs and bills than their dowdier common cousins. They are scarce and generally regarded in the UK as passage migrants. It is unusual for them to remain in one place all winter in this country and only small numbers (80 to 200 individuals) are reported to do so each year.

Sparrowhawks have nested in the woodland above Port Lion beach this year and the adults have been creating havoc among the small bird population in the neighbourhood.

Four *lapwings* were present in the Pill on 13 July and a couple of *little egrets* returned on the 19 July. During the morning high tide on 9 August there were 20 'decorating' a dead tree overlooking Fowborough. What a sight!

Rounding the Rectory Point early on 8 August I was lucky to see a *kingfisher* basking in the sunlight on a rock while on another rock nearby a *common sandpiper* 'bobbed' its tail vigorously before taking off to Llangwm Ferry opposite.

Otters are still active in the Pill. I have found occasional deposits on the two spraint points and in early July an otter was actually seen clambering on a boat on the south side of the Pill early one morning at high water.

The Llangwm Garden Birdwatch in the spring was not well supported (only 4 participants sent in their species count). This may be due to the inadvertent inclusion of 2 different dates for this event in the spring issue. Sorry about that! Perhaps we'll try again next spring.

Don't forget – if you have anything noteworthy to report, ring me on 891580 or email me at grahambrace@btinternet.com

LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club's first ever Golf Tournament was held on 29 June at Milford Haven Golf Course, a highly successful event which raised much needed funds for the Cricket Club.

A great day was had by all, with 32 teams of four taking part (and all enjoying a two-course roast dinner afterwards).

The team winners were "Chippy Champs", with "Manderwood Roof Trusses" second and "Sevenoaks" in third place.

The Club Committee would like to say a big thankyou to their main sponsor for the day, Talbot Timber, along with all those who sponsored individual holes around the course. Thanks too to all those who took part.

Another Golf Day is already planned for 28 July next year so watch for details nearer the time.

The Llangwm cricket season ends on Saturday 27 August, when a Presentation Night is being held, and Club awards made.

Congratulations to Stephen Inward, who continued to represent Wales throughout the season, and has gained his under-15s cap.

Several of the Juniors also bring credit to their Club by having represented Pembrokeshire in their different age groups during the summer.

LANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Members of the Society have been working on a leaflet about our village history, and we are grateful to those residents with longer memories than ours who have helped with suggestions and comments. When published, this document in the "Secret Waterway" series will be available free from local tourist offices and information centres.

In the spring we had an enlightening talk by the archaeologist Paul Sambrook of Eglwysrw, showing us how to glean information from maps and the landscape. This was illustrated by slides, and afterwards Paul said that he would like to actually take us on a walk around the village and show what he meant. Of course we called his bluff and invited him back on a wet Sunday night during the Festival – another interesting evening which resulted in a document about St. Jerome's Church being forwarded to the Society.

Our thanks are due to the Methodist Chapel for allowing us to stage an exhibition of photographs, joining in the theme of Llangwm in 1945.



We were delighted with the response to our Electoral Register questions, and hope to collate the results in the near future. Thanks to Liz Jones for working on that, and to everyone who helped with setting up and stewarding the displays, or made donations to our funds.

We rewarded ourselves with an excellent barbecue and social evening at Butterhill House in July – well done, Jane and David – and look forward to our Autumn programme: a visit to Castle Pill, a day's outing to St. Fagan's with the Gardening Club, (to be arranged), and a talk by our archivist Nikki Bosworth on Tracing the History of your House. Second Wednesday of the month in the Community Hall – watch out for posters!

Margaret Llewellyn

CLOSER FAMILY TIES

In the last issue of the "Llangwm News", there was a report on Margaret Llewellyn's talk about family history research at the National Library of Wales. but did you know that: -

- * The Pembrokeshire Record Office, based in Haverfordwest Castle, contains 2 miles of shelving in 6 strong-rooms.

- * The historical documents contained in these strong-rooms date from the 13th C to date

- * Over three-quarters of the people visiting the Pembrokeshire Record Office are tracing their family history.

- * No Reader's Ticket is necessary.

- * There are parish registers for all 150 parishes and chapelries in Pembrokeshire.

- * The censuses for Pembrokeshire are available for every tenth year between 1841 and 1901, with personal name indexes for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1881 and 1901.

- * Genealogists have access to chapel registers, school log books, Will abstracts, electoral rolls, land, hearth and window tax assessments, Quarter Sessions records, maps, photographs - and much, much more!

With all this in Pembrokeshire, why go all the way to Aberystwyth?

Nikki Bosworth

Archivist Pembrokeshire Record Office

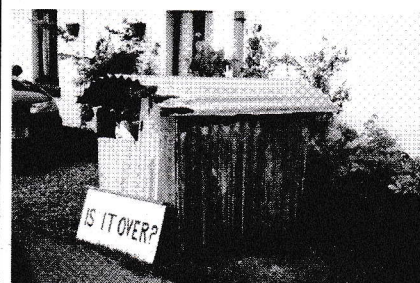
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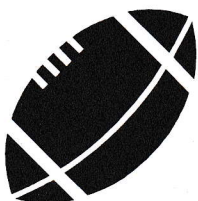
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WANTED

1940s Anderson air raid shelter - for Jeff's Museum at Edwards Pill - any info, please contact Jeff on 01437 890841



No. Dilys & David, not exactly what we had in mind !



Rugby

Senior Rugby

With the Summer once again drawing to a close it is time to put our thoughts to the coming 2005/2006 season. Last year the 1st XV finished a very creditable 4th in the league having been in the promotion chasing group until the final stages of the campaign. Unfortunately a few matches didn't go our way towards the end season and we missed out on the 2 promotion places. Coach Alan McClelland is determined to go one better this season though, and has had the players training hard since mid July on Broad Haven Beach as well as the usual training on Pill Parks.

The players have put in a lot of hard work and let's hope this transfers to positive results on the pitch.

Johnny James has taken over the post of 1st XV captain from Greg McCann and I'm sure that all at the club will wish him well. John has served the club for many seasons and never gives less than 100%.

The club also managed to field a 2nd XV for several matches last season and this will continue this coming season, numbers permitting. All who played enjoyed the matches which were played with true rugby spirit. Julian Platten acted as team manager for the 2nds and anybody interested in playing will be most welcome.

Youth Rugby

The club has not entered a team in the Youth league this year but we do hope to play some friendly matches as the season progresses. If you want any further information on Youth Rugby or wish to play for the club please contact Michael John or Jeremy Brock.

Junior Rugby

It is intended to run teams at Under 8, 9, 11, 13,14,15 this coming season which is a very good playing base for a village club. All players should contact their coaches for

training details and the fixtures will start in September.

If there is anybody new to the area or wanting to take up rugby and play for Llangwm, they are most welcome and should contact the club for details. All coaches have the necessary WRU coaching qualifications as well as now qualified as referees to ensure we fulfil matches. Parents are also needed to assist with the other jobs which need to be done to ensure rugby continues across the age groups.

Social Club

A reminder that Llangwm Rugby & Cricket Club is a private members' club and only Members and their guests are permitted to use the Club's facilities. Membership is due for renewal 1st September and can be paid at the clubhouse.

If you wish to become a member, please contact the club for details on 01437 890462

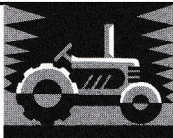
Michael John

You're late for training, Kenny !



FARM DIARY

By Will Scale



Being a farmer and conservationist doesn't always sit happily side by side. Perhaps Will's Diary this time should be renamed Will's Quandary...

"The other night I couldn't sleep properly, I was lying in bed at midnight staring at the ceiling, unable to fall asleep. You see reader, I was worried – about weeds....

And at that moment a little green man appeared on my right shoulder dressed from head to toe in a tweed cap and jacket, blue dungarees, and wellies, and he was holding a spanner.

"Hey Farmer Scale! I know what you're worried about - weeds!" he declared with a flourish "I suggest the first thing you do tomorrow is get on the tractor and sprayer and kill 'em all, ha ha!"

And at that moment another little green man appeared this time on my left shoulder, this one was dressed in sandals, socks and shorts, he had binoculars round his neck, a knapsack on his back and a huge bushy beard.

"Oh no" he fretted "don't kill the weeds. The weeds are important because without them you don't get any food for insects, and then you don't get any food for the birds who eat the insects, some are getting quite rare y'know" as he spoke his eyes aimed skyward and glazed over, as if he was thinking about being in a field observing the mating habits of a lesser spotted something or other...

"Bah! Nonsense to that" bellowed the tweedy one turning slightly pink "If he has too many weeds in his wheat then the miller won't want to buy it will he? You wouldn't want to eat nettle seeds in your bread would you, you hairy oaf" said tweedy rather rudely.

"But what about giving other things a chance to live as well. He needs to learn to love the weeds as he loves himself, man" said hairy.

"Other things?" said tweedy now turning scarlet "never mind doing any loving, he's got a farm to run and I shall help him burn some diesel tomorrow, spraying all those pesky weeds vroom, vroom!"

And with that the hairy one whacked the tweedy one with his binoculars knocking his cap clean off his head and into the air. "Nobody knocks my cap off and gets away with it!" bellowed a now purple coloured tweedy boiling with rage.

Then the two little men started fighting in front of my very eyes, fists and legs flailing in a blur, and every so often a sandal or a spanner would come flying out of the skirmish.

And with that, I suddenly awoke, I had been dreaming. The green men were no more and I was none the wiser, can I learn to let the weeds live a bit? The answer is somewhere between the two little green men I think.

1st Johnston Scout Group

Many Llangwm children past and present – boys and girls alike – have reaped the benefits of belonging to the local Scout Group at Johnston. Read on to find out more about what they do, and whether you would like to join them.

1st Johnston Scout Group are delighted to have received a grant of £3,019.00 for new camping equipment from the lottery-funded grants programme 'Awards for All Wales'. The money is to be spent on new camping equipment such as gas camping stoves and tenting.

Camp this year has been held locally at St. Bride's. Camp is the ultimate event in the Scout year where the scouts work as teams and use their initiative to help to build their confidence and self esteem. The Scouts cook their own meals – and wash-up! They hike, play group games and generally come home, after the week, exhausted but very happy.

The volunteer leaders work very hard for the youngsters and their efforts are rewarded when the scouts eventually leave as confident, well rounded people. Parents are always supportive but qualified leaders are always needed. If anyone would like to become a Scout or Cub Leader telephone Harry Dixon on 01437 890011 for further information.

Anne Dixon who has been a Scout Leader for many years is leaving the Scout group to pursue her teaching career and to marry Simon Preddy in October. Anne will be missed very much at Scouts but we wish her and Simon all the very best for the future.

Simon is taking some Scouts to the Eurojam camp in August. This is an international event spaces have been very limited. The Scout agenda has been busy this summer; many evening meetings are held outside rather than in the church hall. There has been "wide games" at Scolton Manor – the Scouts had the park to themselves! Newgale beach saw a games evening which turned out to be dry after rain all day and the incident hike was from Port Lion to Black Tar.

The Scouts and Cubs were invited to take part in the VE Day celebrations. A march past was held at Pembroke Dock when the "Sir Galahad" was in dock. There was a service in the restored dockyard chapel and the sun shone.

The Cub group have also been climbing great heights – they built a ladder and climbed it to see if it worked, including the Leaders! It worked very well. The Cub night has changed to Friday from 5.00 to 6.30 p.m. which seems to be popular.

New Scouts and Cubs are always welcome. Cubs are from age eight years and Scouts from ten and a half years. Anyone interested in putting their child's name on the waiting list should phone Harry Dixon on 01438 890011.



Did you realise just how many Clubs and Societies there are in and around Llangwm? How many events are held throughout the year? And just how much goes on behind the scenes to plan, prepare and promote them? *It's all to be found in the ever-increasing scope of your very own LLANGWM NEWS.*

Many of our readers tell us how they immediately stop what they are doing when the Llangwm News is delivered to their doors – and read it avidly from cover to cover.

Others from outside Llangwm are amazed at how much goes on in such a small village, in a (supposedly) sleepy backwater.

With the greater use of digital text (such as emails) and photographs, there's more chance of you – *yes, you* – being “in the News”. We welcome your photos, your news items relating to Llangwm – not just the established Societies but individual items, too. Contact any of the following:

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The Rosemarket ‘Street Party’ float



Glan Hafan's winner - The Old Woman in the Shoe

CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for submission of items for the next edition is

Friday 14 October 2005.

It sounds early, but it is necessary so that we can publish all your information relating to pre-Christmas and New Year events. Please think ahead and get news items to us in good time. Thanks for all your help this time.

Articles preferably to be supplied in Microsoft Word, and photographs in JPEG format, on a floppy disk, or as an attachment with an email. Please provide a hard copy (paper copy) in addition to the disk if possible.

The carnival street party

