

# LLANGWM NEWS

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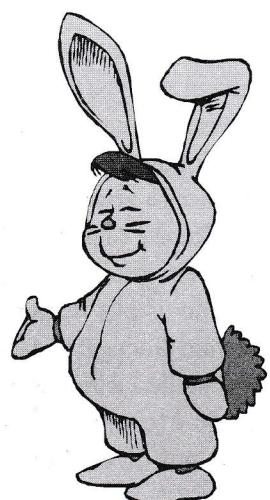
A happy group of Llangwm School children on St David's Day



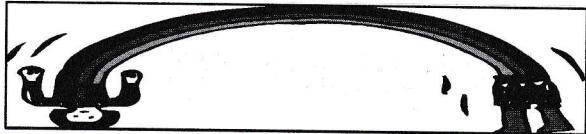
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## What's On in our Village...

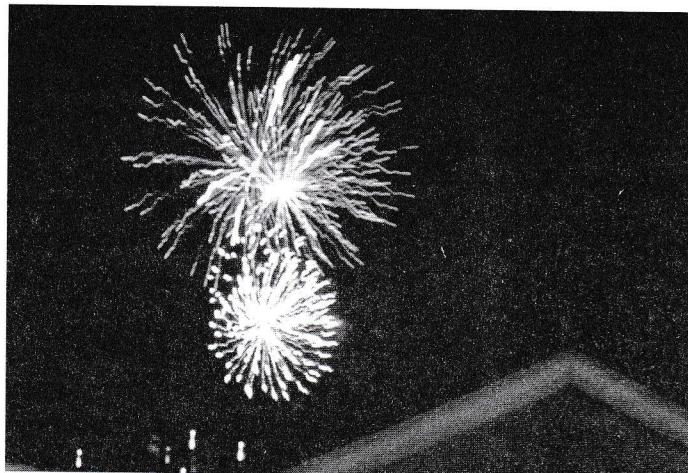
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A very happy Easter to all our readers!



**Fantastic fireworks** over Pill Parks Fields once again welcomed in the New Year, and we hope it proves to be a healthy and happy one for everyone - and a big thank you to all who gave donations on the night towards it.



The Festival Committee has already been very busy thinking about events in the coming spring and summer. If you would like to come and help this merry band of organisers, contact any of the members, who are: Claire Phillips - Chairman, Peter Owen - Vice Chairman Jeff James - Secretary, Lewis Tyler - Treasurer, Helen Carrington, Lisa Smith, Pat James, Marilyn Owen, Lorraine Grange, Patrick Wordsworth and Shirley Mathias.

We have a fantastic programme of events lined up, but first let us take a quick look back at Christmas time.

Just before Christmas, Santa arrived at The Green on his fabulous sleigh to listen to the Christmas List wishes for all the good girls and boys, and I am sure you all had what you wanted. The children from the school set the scene with some lovely carols and Christmas songs, and we all had some last minute stocking fillers in the Christmas Market. Many thanks to the children, Mr. Groves, Mrs. Martin and the Rugby Club for their help and time once again, to all those (non festival committee members) who helped us put it on from the mince pies donated by Eluned George and Janet Meopham, Tim Rees with the mulled wine and Llynos & Neil Martin for the music etc and of course thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Of course Santa could not miss Llangwm Village from

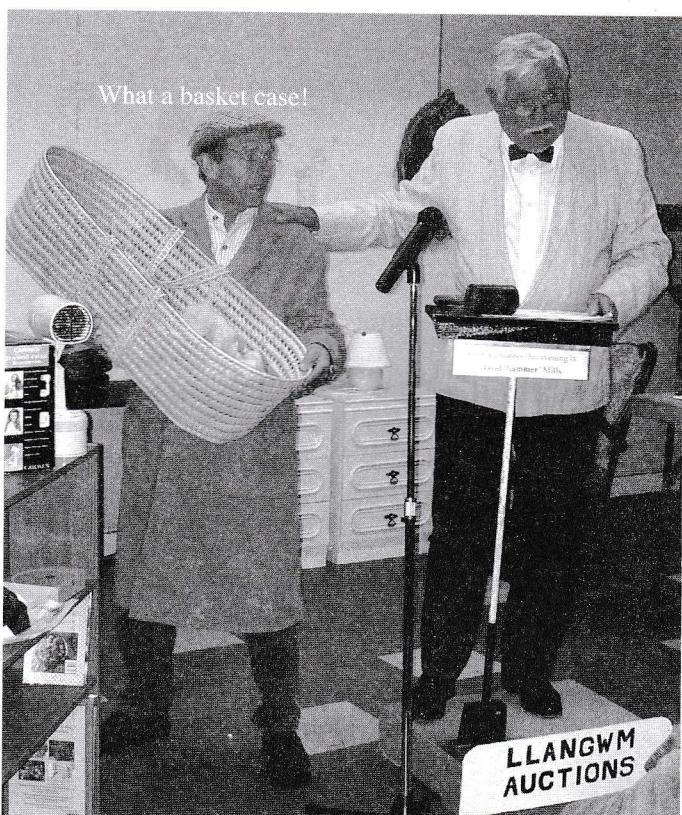
the sky this year with all the twinkly Christmas lights everywhere.

Yes, you are right- it was the best Christmas tree ever on the Green this year—provided by Peter England at Deerland, and erected courtesy of Dorian at Sprinkle Farm who turned up with the mechanical effort. Many thanks to them.

And now for the coming year.... And what a year it will be!!

Firstly we have our ever popular Auction Night when the masterful David Mills becomes Auctioneer Supreme for the evening, assisted by the quietly competent (!!) Jeff James.

This comedy duo is worth the £3 entry fee alone, let



alone the wine, cheese and chocolate available on the night. So if you are looking for a bargain, or you have an item or a promise to auction, contact Jeff or David and they will do their best to auction it for you. Get your tickets early, this is always a popular and sell-out event.

**Auction Night is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.**

**Tickets £3 or £5 for two**

**See Pat at the shop**

**Picnic in the Park and Companion Dog Show  
Pill Parks Field,  
Monday May 1st at 2pm.**

This year we have arranged that the sun will shine, so you can pack up your poshest picnics, chill the bubbly, dress in your best sun hat and come and listen to the music, browse around the stalls in the park with all your family and friends. I cannot think of a more wonderful way to spend May Day. Bring your doggies to the ever popular **Companion Dog Show** run by the lovely Helen Carrington which will also be on the field, so start pampering those pooches to get them ready for the show.

**Festival Fortnight**

this year runs as usual the last week of June and the first week of July. At the same time from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Llangwm will be playing host to the **Sea Fair Haven**, when many traditional sailing craft will moor off Black Tar. This is part of the

main Sea Fair Haven event which is to run from Milford Haven.

Because of this the Festival Fortnight has gone Seafaring crazy! Scarecrows will be nautical as well as the usual categories, and will have to be out early for the visitors to enjoy. The welcome return of the **Arts and Crafts Exhibition** will have a seafaring feel to it, so get painting, modelling, knitting and drawing, as entries from all ages in any medium are welcome. All the usual events will happen during the Fortnight, see the notice board on the Green and flyers for details, culminating in **Carnival Day** on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and **Carnival Party** at the Cottage Inn that evening with pig roast and live music.

So let's look forward to a spring and summer of picnicking, festivals and getting together with friends and family for good times in lovely Llangwm Village.

*Claire Phillips (Chairman)*

**HOW THE AUCTION WORKS....**

**Silent Auction** from **7pm** to **8pm**. - if you've never done it before, it's simple – just look at the 'promises' on offer, write your name and bid down, then at 8pm, the highest bid purchases that item.

**Under the Hammer Auction** (around **8.15pm**) Don't worry—items go as "cheap as chips"!!

Also in the hall will be the usual 'bric-a-brac' stalls (on sale from **7pm**).

So please, if you have any unwanted gifts, items to donate, or a 'service' to give, i.e., dig a garden, a boat trip, a meal for 2 at your home, paint a picture (or a room!) etc., then contact Jeff James (01437 890841), or any member of the Festival Committee - by Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

(If you have an item of value that you want to **sell**, we will attempt to sell it, less a **20%** commission charge).

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**Top Honour for Llangwm's Olympic Chief**

January 2006 heralded a great announcement for **Llangwm** – one of its favourite sons, **Richard Palmer**, was awarded the CBE in the New Year Honours List, for the major part he played in the 2012 Olympic Bid.

Working from both London and Singapore (and Deerland, Llangwm) Richard had been part of the team who helped secure the Games for London – you may have noticed him on TV just after the bid was announced being hugged by a jubilant Denise Lewis, the sprinter!

Richard has worked for the Olympic Movement for many years, latterly as *Chef de Mission*, organising the teams in all aspects from travel to trainers, telecommunications to tracksuits! His strongest lasting memory is of the time he marched alone bearing the British flag at the much-boycotted Moscow Olympics 1980, when it was decided that the team would not parade around the stadium in the Opening Ceremony.

He is currently adding his organisational expertise to the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Many congratulations go to Richard, who will receive his honour later this year at Buckingham Palace.

(See also photograph of Richard Palmer in the Llangwm Cricket Club Tournament 2005, on page 11)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

School Admissions—apply NOW for school next year.

An announcement from the Education Department at Pembrokeshire County Council advises parents about the importance of applying in advance to register your child's name at the school you wish your child to attend.

If your child is due to start school between January 2007 and December 2007, you must apply in writing to the school by 30 April 2006 (this month).

Application forms are available from the school, on the Pembrokeshire County Council website ([www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk)), or from County Hall, Haverfordwest.

There is a poster to this effect in Llangwm Shop, and anyone requiring further details can contact Teleri Williams, Admissions Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA61 1TP. Tel: 01437 775030.

### **Maintenance Hotline**

If you spot anything in the village that needs fixing, replacing, clearing or removing, the number to ring is 0845 6021386

That's the hotline to PCC's Maintenance/Works Department, who process all calls of this nature, and set works in motion.

If it is a broken or mis-timed street light, try to take details of the reference number – all lamp posts carry this now. If it is a blocked drain, please have accurate directions ready, for the Council to locate it.

### **Recycle All you Can!**

Apart from seeing bin bags torn open by animals overnight (PLEASE don't put them out too soon...) there's nothing quite so demoralising as seeing rubbish inside them which COULD HAVE BEEN RECYCLED. Please help everyone avoid the problems of refuse landfill disposal by separating out all cans (steel and aluminium), plastic bottles (but not plastic cartons), newspapers and magazines, paper and cardboard for your ORANGE BAGS - as well as taking glass bottles to the bottle bank at the Recycling Point in Nash Lane, on the road to town.

### **Keep Llangwm Tidy!**

Please also endeavour to keep the streets and roadsides clear of litter, and keep the village tidy, particularly for the forthcoming busy summer season. It will be much appreciated if you take your litter home with you, or at the very least use the litter bins which are provided at key points around the village - thanks.

### **Stay Warm in Winter**

Of interest to anyone feeling the cold particularly keenly this winter are the Heating and Insulation Grants of up to £1,500 or £2,700 if you qualify under the terms of the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Householders (owners and tenants) can apply to upgrade their present heating systems (including central heating, radiators, solid fuel conversions, storage heating, hot water, cavity wall and loft insulation, and general draught-proofing).

Conditions that apply include: if you're in receipt of Income Support, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, State Pension Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Maternity Benefit, Attendance Allowance or Disability Benefits.

Freephone 0800 316 2815 to find out if you might qualify.

### **Fire Safety Help and Advice**

To develop fire safety awareness and reduce the risk of fire

accidents in your home, you can ask for a free home check-up to be carried out by the professionals.

The Community Fire Safety Department of the Mid and West Wales Fire Service is offering an audit of your house, which should take no longer than about half an hour, to make you aware of any potential trouble-spots, or risks you may be running.

If necessary, they are able to provide you with free smoke alarms, not to mention general good advice.

Ring 0800 389 9279 to make use of this worthwhile service.

I have been asked by the Community Council to stress the importance of driving safely and sensibly in all areas of our village. One particular stretch causing concern at this time is that between the Kilns and Nash Farm. This country road is governed by a speed limit of 60m.p.h. though in most circumstances that figure is unrealistic and excessive. The potential danger of this stretch of road has increased of late because of the installation of the recycling centre. Though the development has been enthusiastically welcomed it does mean that traffic turning in and moving out of it can present problems if care is not taken. We would therefore respectfully ask all drivers to be mindful of this and to exercise extra caution on this stretch of road. Local residents have, quite rightly, made representations to the Community Council and we fully support their entirely legitimate point of view. Many thanks.

*Barry Childs  
(Chair of the Council)*

### **WHY NOT JOIN THE "TUESDAY CLUB"?**

Not everyone is aware that there is a lively, friendly group of Senior Citizens from Llangwm and Hook who meet on a weekly basis.

Every other Tuesday they meet up at Hook Social Club, at 2.30p.m, for a get-together, while in the intervening weeks, every alternate Wednesday, they go across to the Stable Bar in Burton, for a two to three course lunch, at around 12 noon.

Transport is provided, subsidised by Pembrokeshire County Council, so each get-together is at a reasonable price. Funds cover the cost of the bus to the Tuesday meeting, and it costs just £2 on Wednesdays, from your doorstep to and from the Stable Bar.

The Tuesday meeting in Hook is £1 (with £1 initial membership), the Wednesday lunch (main course and pudding) is just £3, with an extra 50p if you want tea or coffee afterwards.

In the summer holidays they organise outings to places around the county, through Edwards Brothers bus company of Tiers Cross, and there are special meetings at Christmastime, too.

If you would like to join them for some company, friendship and general interest, you are very welcome to do so – and that applies to ladies and gentlemen. Please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Thomas of Hook, on 01437 890497, for further details.

# LLANGWM COMMUNITY CENTRE

## St David's Day Supper

What better way to celebrate the patron saint than a cosy supper with fellow friends and villagers!

The Community Centre proved to be just the place – warm (on one of those recent freezing nights) with a menu this year consisting of plenty of hot homemade leek soup, garlic bread and Liz Beresford's homemade Welsh cakes ("better than my mother's" many were heard to utter!).

Vincent Jones compered the evening with humour, Harry Parry gave the Welsh Grace and guests were treated to a wealth of musical entertainment starting with a wonderful performance by John Howard (back by popular acclaim). John, a professional musician, who lives locally, generously donated his talents, and performed songs ranging from the Beatles to Cole Porter, and concluded with 'These Fifty Years' - one of his recent compositions from his new album, 'As I was saying'.



This was followed by two, more traditional, moving solos rendered by the marvellous tenor voice of Derek John and then Bobby Richards gave a superb lead into a medley of well known Welsh songs, accompanied by our own pianist Margaret Llewelyn! Joining in by everyone proved irresistible.

The evening was rounded off with a generous raffle (thanks to all those locally and to Morrisons who gave raffle prizes) and a 'So you think you know about Wales and the Welsh' table quiz which got people talking.



Thanks to all those who came, Committee Secretary Val John for organising the evening, all 'soup and garlic bread' makers, the publicists, and all those who helped with the myriad of tasks needed for such an event to make it a success. All money raised goes towards the annual running costs of the Hall.

## Events in the Hall this season

Again, very varied and have included clubs such as Scottish dancing, Welsh and Tai Chi. The young rugby club members have used the Hall on several Sunday mornings and there have been some parties booked as well.

## One for the diary

April 7<sup>th</sup> Auction Night in the Community Centre

### Extremely reasonable rates!!

Charges to hire the hall :-

**Community group activities** e.g. Yoga, History Group, etc (morning, afternoon or evening) per session - £5

**Parties**      Adult - £25, Children - £15

See Pat Morris in the village shop to book your date

## LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

Spring is in the air and fast approaching. I haven't spoken to a single rower this year who cannot wait for those clocks to go back so they can get more time out on the water and have the luxury of rowing in the evening light. Training for many crews has started in earnest. There appears to be a lot of choice of events this year should you wish to row them.

A little reminder to you all that the club is **not** all about competitive rowing events and having to commit yourselves throughout the Summer months. It is more importantly a sport or recreation for people to participate in and enjoy with their friends, you can do as little, or as much, as you like. As a club we sincerely hope that you take up the opportunity and try it out. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained".



We have talked before with regard to the health benefits of the sport for the young and old alike. We will also try to accommodate any persons wishing to row or join the club who have any form of disability.

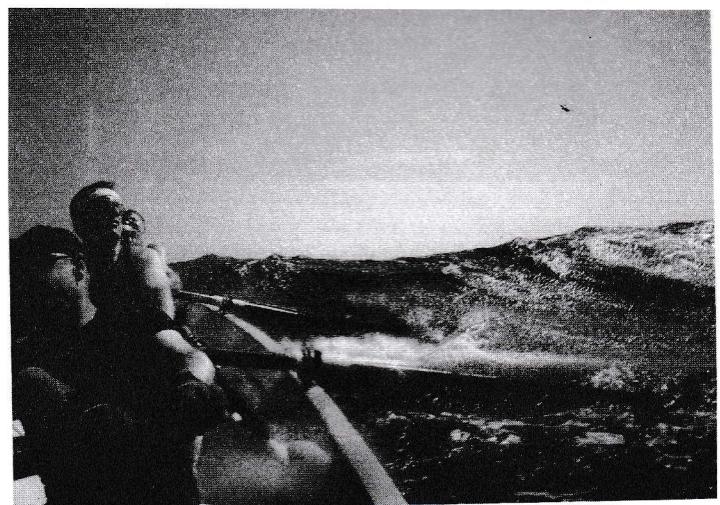
The club recently held its Annual General Meeting and a new committee has now been formed. At this time also there is the reminder to existing members and those who wish to join the club that membership is now due. You will be glad to hear that there has been no increase in price from last year. All memberships are to be returned to the membership secretary Peter Owens on 01437 891074 by 30/03/06 if possible, this is to enable the boat insurance to be paid.

Please note that if you wish to have minutes of our meetings or notification of any forthcoming events or fund raising activities then please put your e mail address on your membership form. A family membership package including insurance for yourself and boats is £40, this also includes use of all boats and equipment as often as you like. There are reduced rates for students, unemployed and senior citizens, this fee being £10. No specialist equipment is needed, life jackets and coaching are provided free of charge.

The **Llangwm Regatta** this year is on **6<sup>th</sup> August** and will be taking place in the afternoon starting around 3.00 pm at Black Tar. Anyone who may be able to help out this year can contact Bob Charles on 01437 891068 or any other committee member.

For those who will be rowing in the league this year, below is a list of events. You will note that the number of league races has been drastically reduced this year, only seven races in total for the Southern league. Also please note the Island series of rows listed below which looks like great fun.

This year the club is entering a 12 man team in the **Celtic Challenge** - a formidable row across the Irish sea at its widest part, between **Arklow** (Ireland) and **Aberystwyth** (Wales) the distance being approximately 95 miles. This will take place on the Bank Holiday weekend at end of April 2006. The teams have been fundraising, organising and training hard for the event throughout the winter months. (What a way to start the season off.)



The following list is for information, if groups are interested in one or some of the non league events below let us know so we can put you in touch with other interested parties.(I'll shut up now!) Happy Easter.

Please note that the league has changed name from the Welsh Longboat Rowing Association to the Welsh Sea Rowing Association (for those that care!)

#### RACE DATES 2006

##### League Races:

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Solva s
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fishguard (joint)
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pwllheli n
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Aberystwyth (joint)
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aberdyfi (joint)
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Barmouth n
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Aberaeron (joint)
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Llangwm s
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Newport s
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bullbay n

##### Non League Races:

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cardiff HRR
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Return of the Cleddau
April 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Scillies
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Celtic Challenge
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cork Ocean to City
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	100 mile race Marseille
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Menai Straits
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Vogalonga
Jne 24 <sup>th</sup> -Jly 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seafair (Milford Haven)
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Caldey Island
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Coach/Novice Challenge tbc
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cleddau Cup tbc
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dinas Head
July 24 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Interceltic Watersports
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ramsey Island
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dale 3 Forts Race
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pembs Challenge
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Guernsey, FISA Coastal Challenge
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Barmouth
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	GRR (Thames race)
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Le Havre EDF, Coastal Ints

For details of registration applications you need to speak to the membership secretary Peter Owens on 01437 891074 or Bob Charles on 01437 891068 or any member of the club you may know.

## Llangwm Gardening Club

The **New Year** at the Gardening Club started with a swing – everyone racking their brains in the **Quiz** and then a spot of relaxation with a **social evening** and a **tasty buffet** supper.

The meeting in **February** illustrated how much dedication and time competitive growers have to be prepared to give, when **Granville Davies** described his passion for **dahlias**, particularly pom dahlias with which he has won prestigious competitions. He now spends more time breeding new varieties, and we all went home with a gift each of new plant **Pembroke Pattie** to grow on and try.

**March** saw **Gerald White** in full swing, always full of useful and knowledgeable information, and **solutions to garden problems**. His experience in the horticultural industry always ensures some interesting discussions when he visits us.

The **April** meeting will be just right to get us going for the spring, being a talk on **Container Gardening** by **Gareth Davies** – should be of interest whether you have a garden or a windowsill!

The full **summer programme** includes a **visit** which should result in plenty of **hanging baskets** to judge in the **Summer Festival**, which the Gardening Club supports with several activities.

The rest of the full programme for the year is listed, with plenty for everyone to find something of interest. **Thank you** to our busy **Programme Secretary** for organising everything so well, and our **Social Secretary** for arranging trips and social events.

We always have room for new members, and you don't have to be a gardening guru to enjoy the sociable meetings, so come along and join us at the **Cottage Inn** – usually the **first Monday of the month** unless Bank Holidays push it on by a week.

### PROGRAMME—April-December 2006

6 April	Container Gardening - Gareth Davies
8 May	Bus trip: Farmyard Nurseries - Hanging Basket Workshop
12 June	Plant Sale
3 July	AGM & Barbecue
August	Summer recess
4 Sept	Water Gardens - Richard Bramley
2 Oct	Spanish Pyrenees: Flora and Fauna - Melvin Grey
10 Nov	(to be arranged)
Dec	Christmas Dinner

### GARDENS OPEN DAY

As usual, during Festival Fortnight on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we are planning having a **GARDENS OPEN DAY**. If you enjoy gardening and would like to open your garden, please contact Val John on 01437 890370.

What better reward for all your hard work than to be appreciated by others!





# FARM DIARY

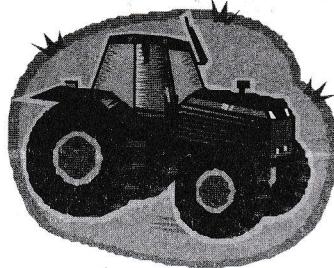
Whilst watching the last tonne of Wheat pour into the lorry and travel up the road to go to a mill somewhere in the world (it might go as far as Egypt) I wondered how much food it actually made.

I found out that 1 hectare of Wheat (which is virtually the same size as the inside of a 400metre athletics circuit) is enough to keep the population of Llangwm in bread for about 3 or 4 weeks or put another way it would feed a family of 4 with enough bread for about 15 years. That's if the average person has 3 decent meals a day, but for those of you who have 5 I would need to alter the figures! Another strange thing about all this is that a loaf of bread costs about 60pence but its main ingredient costs only 11p to produce.

The average person eats 105kg of spuds a year (4 big bags). So enough potatoes (400 tonnes) leave this farm every year to keep all the people of Llangwm chomping spuds for at least a 2 years and a bit, in fact if we were feeling kind some of those spuds we could share with Hook. No, thought you wouldn't agree with that idea...

And a really important one. I don't know how many pints of beer a tonne of Barley produces but I think we produce 27 million pints of beer every day in the UK every year and it uses around 7 million tonnes of Barley as its main ingredient. So I think a tonne of Barley produces a few thousand pints. Anybody fancy homebrewing with 200 tonnes of Barley?!"

Will Scale



## SCOTTISH DANCING

The group is slowly growing in numbers and dancing most Wednesdays from 6.00-7.00pm.



An exciting event for the group took place at the National Botanical Gardens of Wales last June, when they dressed in Welsh costume and danced Welsh dances with more than 100 other Welsh dancers.

They all had a really great time.



Pat Rye (Secretary)  
01646 698463

## Annual Open Gardens and Strawberry tea at Clareston Hall, Freystrop.

This years event will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1.30pm. We have Derek Brockway - the weatherman - performing the official opening at 2.00p.m. There will be stalls, including books, cakes, bric-a-brac, hats and gloves as well as delicious strawberry teas. There will be the usual charge of £1.00 entrance to look around Mrs James's beautiful gardens. Join us for a pleasant afternoon.

# LLANGWM V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM

Everyone was welcomed back to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006. We are pleased that all our new children both in the Early Years Part-time and Full-time classes have all settled in so well to school life.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Our first Communion Service with Reverend Jane took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am in our School Hall.

## VOUCHERS

Thank you to all those who sent in their Tesco vouchers for sports equipment for our school. We collected a grand total of 16,000. These vouchers have been returned to Tesco and new sports equipment was received into school on our return from half-term.

## PARKING AT SCHOOL

May we remind all parents and relatives who collect their child/ren from school to refrain from parking in the designated bus bay and also on and around the pavements by the main entrance to the school at the start and end of the school day. Please always remember that the safety of the children is of paramount importance.

## FRIENDS OF LLANGWM SCHOOL (FOLS)

The FOLS meet every half-term and look forward to seeing as many parents/grandparents as possible to discuss fund raising events for school. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm in Class 3.

FOLS have arranged a Family Easter Bingo Evening to be held at the school hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Please join us for what always proves to be a very exciting evening.

## AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB/BREAKFAST CLUB

Both the above clubs are very busy and are proving a great success. Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am until 9.00am and Kids Club starts at 3.25pm until 6.00pm daily. If you require your child to be booked into either or both of these clubs, please contact Mrs. Anne Lewis on the school number 01437 890528. Your support is always grateful.

## INSET DAYS

The school will be closed on the days in addition to the normal school holidays.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 and for advance notice Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006.**

## CHARITIES

During this term we have supported the RNLI and at present, the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal. This appeal

will continue until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Daffodils are available at the school office. The support we receive towards our chosen charities are always greatly appreciated.

## AFTER SCHOOL CURRICULAR CLUBS - JUNIOR CHILDREN ONLY

Cricket, Environmental, Needlework, Football and Netball Clubs will start again from 13<sup>th</sup> March until the end of the Spring term.

## SPORT AT SCHOOL

**Football** - Our school football team is now through to the second round of the Plate competition. They won 5-2 against Hook C.P. School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Goals were scored by James Ward (4) and Thomas Meehan (1).

Congratulations to the team and we wish them every success in the next round.

**Junior Swimming** - Our Swimming Gala will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Haverfordwest Swimming Pool. The Gala will commence at 10.00 am and will finish at approximately 11.15am.

**Tag Rugby** - Years 5 and 6 have been entered into the Tag Tournament on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (this is a new date as the tournament had to be cancelled earlier in the month due to wet weather). This tournament is being held at Haverfordwest Rugby Club. Good Luck to the team.

**Dyfed Cross Country** - Following the Oakwood Schools' Cross Country held at Oakwood last October (as mentioned in the previous newsletter), Rhiannon Morgan will be representing Pembrokeshire in the Dyfed Schools Championships on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006. We wish Rhiannon the best of luck for this event.

## **What the children say...**

### St. David's Day

On St. David's Day Llangwm School children dressed up in their rugby kit or their Welsh costumes. They held a concert and the school hall was packed. In the concert they had lots of Welsh speaking and dancing.

Instruments were played like the recorder, saxophone, violin and the harp, which was given to the school by Mr Blackmore. After the concert parents stayed to have coffee and Welsh cakes. The children sang the Welsh National Anthem and some songs that they had learnt, it was a great day!

By Eleanor Armstrong, Class 4

On St. David's Day Llangwm School held a concert to celebrate. Lots of parents attended the concert and the school was packed. Welsh conversations, Welsh songs and musical instruments were played including the harp which has been kindly given to the school by Mr Blackmore. At the end of the concert parents were able to stay and have a cup of tea and Welsh cakes. Later on in the afternoon the Western Telegraph came and took photos of all the children dressed up in their traditional Welsh costumes.

By Emily John, Class 4.

#### World Book Day

On World Book Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> March we held a World Book quiz in the afternoon. In the playground in the morning everyone couldn't wait for the quiz watching the people who had been chosen to be asked the questions by Mr Groves. The teams Skomer and Caldey were battling for house points. In the end Skomer won by four points.

By Sam Chalmers, Class 4

On World Book Day we had an excellent assembly where we read postcards from Broad Haven School and those we had written to return to them recommending our favourite books. Some people also showed their favourite books. Later on when we finished swimming we walked over to the library and an author told us funny stories and poems. Later, when we arrived back at school we filled in a book review. After we had a smashing book quiz Caldey versus Skomer. Skomer won! I enjoyed my World Book Day!

By Jamie Davies, Class 4

#### **CHINESE CULTURE CLASS IN LLANGWM**

A 10 week course to discover more about the land of China is being held in Llangwm. Organised under the auspices of the **Wales Education Association**, the course is being run by Huili Liu-Walker, currently resident in Haverfordwest, and is attended by 10 Llangwm residents. With the emergence of China from its virtual isolation and the phenomenal growth of its economy, the course is providing a fascinating insight into a country which is having such a huge impact on our world.

Covering such topics as history, language, various aspects of culture, medicine and cooking, Huili is able to give the group an overview of her country and to stimulate us to find out more about its different aspects. Apart from being informative, the course is fun and social, culminating in an authentic Chinese dinner party, where everyone produced a different Chinese dish and had an opportunity to meet local Chinese artist, Jean Duncan, who brought along her brilliant paintings and portraits.

It's a fascinating course, and we still have a week or two to go!

#### **Scouts, Cubs and Explorers**

1st Johnston is the local scout group for Llangwm and the surrounding villages. If local lads (girls too, nowadays) wish to attend, just contact John Pearne on 01646 601556. Sounds like great fun...

The Scout Group has, as usual, been busy with many different and interesting events. We had a unique educational evening provided by Pembrokeshire College.....Bricklaying! The Scouts thoroughly enjoyed it and many thanks to those who arranged it. I'm sure there are a few Scouts who would now be willing and able to build that wall that you always talked about! They have also been working towards the Fitness Challenge Award, and at the recent Area swimming gala the Scout Group came a well earned 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Christmas Carol service had to be postponed, so an Epiphany service was held in the chapel in Llangwm instead. Rev. Linda Woolacott asked the enthusiastic and knowledgeable Cubs and Scouts many questions. It was a lovely and different service.

Rev. Jane and Rev. Wight joined the Scouts for an entertainments evening before the sleepover. Rev Jane was amused to be asked by the Scouts if she was sleeping over in the church hall. Rev Wight kept everyone entertained with guitar playing and singing 'You'll never get to Heaven.....'.

The Cub Pack have been doing a recruitment drive. The Cubs' numbers are rapidly increasing, making the need for adult helpers **urgent** – particularly females. If **you** have any skills or interests that would appeal to the Cubs, for example, a cookery session or a 20 minute talk about your job or holiday, garden or wildlife etc., then please phone John on 01646 601556 for more information. The Cubs meet on Friday from 5.00pm to 6.30pm and have great fun playing games, working on badges, crafts and activities.

The Explorer unit has been particularly active. At half-term they went on a trip to the Welsh Climbing Centre for 2 days. The youngsters were kayaking, caving (which I am informed was quite claustrophobic!) high wire and, of course, climbing. Everyone had a wonderful time.

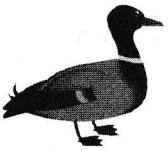
People with ideas are always wanted to add extra interest for the young people. Bricklaying was a wonderful experience, so if anyone has any other activities that they can add, please do.

#### **A very important date for your diary**

**7<sup>th</sup> APRIL EASTER FAYRE**  
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.  
Church Hall, Johnston

There will be many craft items for sale, cakes and tea and coffee. All are welcome.

**Please come along and support the Group.**



## NATURE NOTES By Graham Brace WINTER WILDLIFE



They promised us a hard winter and, by golly, we've had it! Consistent low temperatures with lots of frosts have brought an abundance of birds to our shores and surrounding countryside and delayed the onset of spring flowering.

The Pill at times has been teeming with birds in larger numbers than we've seen for many years... *teal, mallard, shelduck* (51 counted one morning), *redshank, dunlin, curlew, lapwing*...as well as the conspicuous flocks of *Canada geese* (accompanied occasionally by the 2 *snow geese* that have been around this area for many years) and the ever present *little egrets*. Other wildfowl and waders seen frequently include *dabchick, wigeon, snipe and oyster catchers*.

Our single *spotted redshank* is still with us since returning from its breeding ground last July. In early February I saw another lovely specimen at close quarters at Landshipping Quay. This one was much paler than the individual that frequents our Pill.

The large numbers and extended presence of winter thrushes, *fieldfares* and in particular, *redwings*, bears testament to the cold winter. We still have redwings in our garden daily.

Although we've had *primroses* flowering in our garden since before Christmas, the *daffodils* are much later. Last year we saw our first *celandines* and *blackthorn* break into flower on 14<sup>th</sup> January. It is now 13<sup>th</sup> March and there are only a small number of celandines braving the elements and no sign of blackthorn blossom.

The *lapwings* (*green plover*) this winter have been present around the Pill sometimes in flocks of 300 plus. Young Beth Meopham enjoyed watching a dozen or so in the field behind her house at Black Tar just after Christmas. These lovely birds when not lining the water's edge, calling in their distinctively plaintive and melancholic fashion, seem to take great delight in their powers of flight and aerobatics...soaring and tumbling in flocks around the area often at great heights and frequently in mixed company with *golden plover* and, as I've witnessed several times, *dunlin*.

I have often marvelled at the way that flocks of birds like plovers and waders behave when in

flight...sometimes hundreds of individuals twisting, turning and changing direction simultaneously as one body. What amazing powers enable them to do this? Is it some form of telepathy or do they possess such an acute sensitivity which enables them to react collectively in nano-seconds? If that's the case which member of the flock initiates the manoeuvres? Whatever wonderful ability it is, it most definitely transcends different species because you can also witness this phenomenon happening in mixed flocks.

Thank you to all those who take the time to report sightings to me. Before Christmas Ian Jacob spent an exciting few minutes watching a *fox* select, stalk and kill a *Canada goose* that was feeding in a flock in a field at Black Tar.

Other notable sightings include... In mid January a *goshawk* was identified overflying Chapel Row; a *stonechat* was seen on a couple of occasions near Troopers Inn; 2 *chiffchaffs* in a garden at Black Tar and Lake Villas; *blackcaps* and *siskins* have been seen on garden feeders at Gail Rise (a flock of *siskins* was also seen in early March in the conifers at Pill Parks); flocks of *goldfinches* and on one occasion a flock of *linnets* have been seen around the shore on the Cunnigar; In February, *bramblings* visited garden feeders in Main Street and Butterhill; a *moorhen* was seen in the stream by Guildford Bridge; for several weeks now a *great spotted woodpecker* has been heard 'drilling' almost daily in trees near Knapp Farm and I saw it in flight one morning. We have had several visits of late from a *nuthatch* (to our feeder) and a lovely male *bullfinch* (picking the dried seeds off the honeysuckle outside our kitchen window).

Back in late November I saw (and heard) a bird, which I first thought was a hedge sparrow, singing atop a blackthorn tree behind our house. Closer inspection showed that it was a large warbler. I am sure it was a *garden warbler* but what on earth was it doing there at that time of year?

There's nothing more to report for now. Please keep those interesting sightings coming in... contact me on 891580 or at

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## LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY REPORT

We enjoyed our Christmas meal at the "Jolly Sailor", and began 2006 with an informal meeting at which Jeff entertained us with a cine newsreel from the era of short skirts. In February, David Saunders gave a glimpse of life at sea in the nineteenth century with his engrossing story of the Milford seaman William Griffiths, who began as a sailmaker and ended up a ship's captain.

When the society was formed in 2002, Margaret Llewellyn agreed to minute its first meeting, and Joan Stephens to take charge of funds, and they have done stalwart service as secretary and treasurer ever since. This year it was time for a change, so at our AGM in March we welcomed Christine Jacobs as secretary and Margaret Brace as our new treasurer. Jane Mills will continue as chairperson, and Bob Alcock, Liz Jones and Patrick Wordsworth form the committee. Jane thanked the ladies for their contributions to the Society, and Pat James for her vital services as tea-lady.

At our **members' evening on 12<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be cataloguing and mounting items in preparation for the **Festival Exhibition**. Anyone who can lend old photographs for scanning please contact Jeff James – it only takes a minute to copy pictures, so they can be returned immediately. Thanks to Will Scale for inviting us to Great Nash Farm on 10<sup>th</sup> May, and to David Barass for permission to visit Castle Hall Gardens at Milford on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Plans are in hand for a wild flower walk (postponed from last summer) on 12<sup>th</sup> July, and for our annual visit to the National Library, Aberystwyth, on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

## Epitaphs

After browsing around the gravestones in Llangwm cemetery (as family historians are wont to do!), I thought that I would like to share some of the inscriptions with those of you who do not have this hobby.

The most common inscriptions bear messages such as "At rest", "Reunited", "Peace, perfect peace" and – for children – "Safe in the arms of Jesus", but some of my favourites are: –

"God's finger touched him and he slept"

"Safe harbour reached, the troubled waters stilled"

"In the graveyard softly sleeping, where the flowers gently wave,  
Lies one we loved so dearly but which we could not save"

"Resting where no shadows fall"

"Just as I am, without one plea"

"Escaped to the mansions above"

Sometimes, you wonder about the story behind the inscription:

"When my mother and father forsake me,  
then the Lord will take me"

"In silence she suffered, with patience she bore,  
Till God took her home to suffer no more"

"Sad and weary with my longing,  
filled with shame because of sin,  
As I am in conscious weakness,  
here I would salvation win"

And, finally, there is an urn engraved with the words

"Remembrance from his workmates,  
Pembroke Dock".

Unfortunately, there is no record of the deceased's name and no headstone for this grave.

Nikki Bosworth, Archivist, Pembrokeshire Record Office

## News from your local W.I.

Freystrop & District Women's Institute, which has several members from Llangwm and around, has had a good start to 2006 – with nine new members already joining in its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. We celebrated our 'Silver' Anniversary in style, with a dinner at Beggars Reach Hotel. One of our members made a celebration cake which we all enjoyed (with a glass of 'bubbly') at the end of the evening.

Already there have been excellent Speakers each month – January was Nikki Bosworth from the Records Office on 'Aspects of Ill Health - Archives'. In February Josie Thomas gave an amusing account of Metal Detecting and its association with ghosts, and this month a Basketry Demonstration by Helen Campbell.

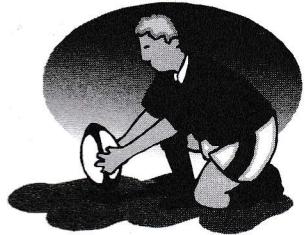
Members of Freystrop & District are getting ready to take part in performances of "Anything Goes" at the Picton Centre Haverfordwest, also to join the Walks Programme being arranged. There's a "Cold Starter" cookery competition at the Group Meeting at Johnston in April. A number of members will also attend the Federation Dinner at Nantyffin Motel Clynderwen on Wednesday 28 June with Speaker Mr Roy Noble. There is also the Wales Conference at Newport in April, and the Annual General Meeting in Cardiff on 5 June. The President has been invited to W.I. House for tea with the other "women of importance" in the county.

So the first part of 2006 is going to be a busy one for the members. If anyone would like to join us, please contact either –

**President - Mrs Beryl Davies on 01437 890309 Secretary - Mrs Shirley Thomas 01437 760492 Treasurer - Mrs Caroline Box 01437 890760**



# Rugby



## Senior Rugby

After a slow start to the season, the 1st team have managed to string together a few wins and are currently sitting in a respectable mid-table position. There have been some good wins over the winter and with 7 fixtures remaining, the team could still climb a place or two higher up the league.

Two of the best performances of the season so far came against Tenby in the Pembrokeshire cup and Haverfordwest in the traditional Boxing Day Bishop Cup match. On both occasions, the team showed that on their day they can compete with opposition from higher leagues and, with a greater depth of playing resources, could be playing at that level every week.

Remaining fixtures are:

17th March	Aberaeron—away
25th March	Pontyates—home
1st April	Burryport—away
8th April	St Davids— home
15th April	Penygroes—away
22nd April	Furnace—away
29th April	Swansea, Uplands—away

## Junior Rugby

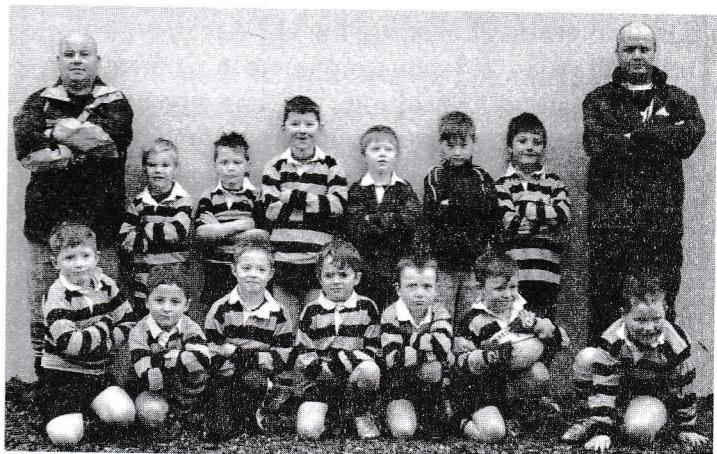
The juniors have run teams at Under 8,9,11,13 and 15 this season and across the ages have played nearly 60 matches, almost double last year. This is a sign of the commitment and strength of junior rugby at the club.

The highlight of the season was the appearance of the Under 8 team at Stradey Park. The team played a demonstration tag match against Trimsaran at half-time in the Scarlets Toulouse, Heineken Cup match in front of a 7,500 crowd. The team earned a 3-3 draw. This was a great experience for all the team and it was pleasing to see the support, with a full coach and minibus and family and friends travelling to cheer the boys on.

**There is always scope for more people to be involved, so 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.**

Thanks must go to all who help with the running of the Juniors, from cooks, coaches, referees, parents and most importantly the players themselves. Junior Rugby is there to be enjoyed by all and I hope that we can look forward to another good year next season.

It is hoped to hold another presentation evening at the close of the season, so please keep in touch with the club for details.



*Llangwm under 8s and coaches who travelled to Stradey Park.*

## 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 on 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.

## LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club, the following officials were appointed:

President  
Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Child Welfare Officer  
1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain  
3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain

Randall Lewis  
Dai Davies  
Martin Inward  
Brian James  
Ian Phillips  
Ian Gow  
Paul Morgan  
Jeremy Brock

Anyone who is interested in playing cricket in the forthcoming season is warmly welcomed. Please telephone **Dai Davies** on 01437 890706 or **Brian James** on 01437 891251. For youth cricket enquiries please contact **Martin Inward** on 01646 601954.

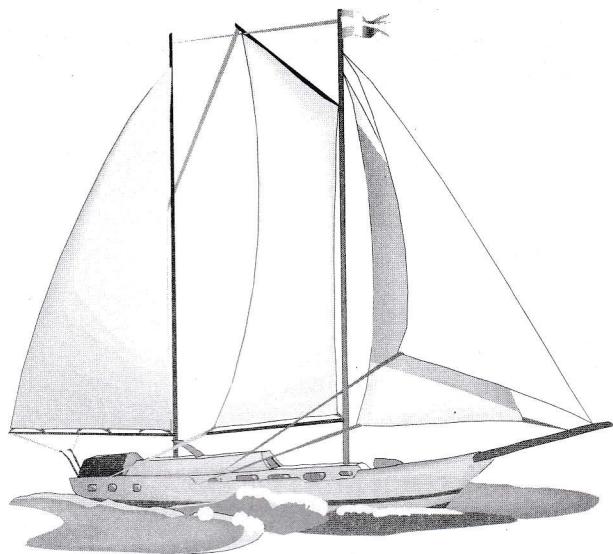
The Club will hold its **Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament** at **Milford Haven Golf Course** on **Friday 28 July 2006**. Teams of four from local groups or businesses are invited to enter (or sponsor a hole if they wish). There is an excellent array of prizes – last year's totalled over £1,000 worth, and an enjoyable day out was had by all.



Photograph shows one of the golfing teams from Llangwm Cricket Club's tournament, July 2005. Front Row (left) Richard Palmer, (right) Maurice Palmer, with (Back Row) - two participating members of Haverfordwest Golf Club.

(See further report on Richard Palmer gaining his CBE on page 3)

## SeaFair Haven 2006



### *SeaFair Haven – coming to Llangwm in June 2006*

During the **last week of June** this summer, and coinciding with the first week of the Llangwm Festival, a great celebration of all things nautical and traditional will take place along the **Milford Haven Waterway**.

**SeaFair Haven**, a natural successor to the **Tall Ships celebration** which took place in the haven in 1991, sets out to celebrate the art/craft of **traditional seafaring**. It hopes to establish Pembrokeshire as a centre for events and activities with a maritime heritage.

Participating vessels will fall into 3 categories: **Sail & Oar** (includes **Gigs**), **Classic Gaffers** and **Bermudan Traditional**. Over the week all three types will in turn moor up at **Black Tar**.

A **Llangwm SeaFair Committee** has been formed to consider how best to entertain the crews and present Llangwm in its best perspective.

Consideration is being given to erecting a marquee at Black Tar and arranging food, entertainment and liquid refreshment – at the time of writing all is subject to funding.

Many thanks to all our contributors who pulled out all the stops to get their articles and reports to us in good time for our Easter issue deadline. Email is a great boon, and thanks to all those who provided the great photographs (as 'jpeg's') which bring our pages to life.

If you have any words, pictures or suggestions for our next issue, please get in touch – the more the merrier!

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PLEASE NOTE OUR NEXT DEADLINE IS 1 AUGUST 2006, FOR PIECES FOR THE AUTUMN ISSUE.

### WELSH LANGUAGE CLASS

Residents of Llangwm may have overheard a few unusual (for here) phrases in the village recently. Most frequently may have been "wedi blino" or "ofnadwy" in response to the question "Sut Dych chi?" This is the result of a new Welsh Language class being run by Ann Donovan in the Village Hall. An initial meeting generated considerable



interest and the class is now regularly attended by 12 people, all hopeful that they will learn sufficient Welsh to be able to converse reasonably well. The emphasis of the course is very much on verbal communication and while it is proving very challenging, there is a definite sense of satisfaction when things go well! Nearly all those on the course want to learn as they had no opportunity to do so when younger, whilst many have grandchildren who are learning the language at school and wish to be able to talk to them.

The course is well structured and good fun. Please encourage anyone you know who is on the course - we need all the help we can get.



Young Alice Blackmore makes a pretty picture on St. David's Day, with the harp her father Bryan donated to the School a few years ago.



Thanks to Peter James of Port Lion for this photograph of Canada Geese on the river at Llangwm Ferry.

Colour copies of the photograph on the front cover of Llangwm News, and all the St. Davids Day photographs taken at the school, can be ordered from the Western Telegraph on 01437 761786.