

LLANGWM NEWS

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A snowy morning on the shore at Edwards Pill

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Readers!

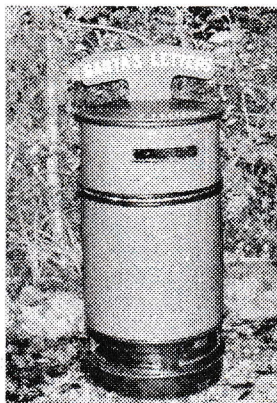
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Christmas Festivities from the Festival Committee

It is with great excitement that we announce that **Father Christmas** will be visiting Llangwm Village to turn on the Christmas Tree lights. The festivities start at **6pm on Friday 15th December on The Village Green**. **Mulled wine** will be served to the sound of **The Milford Haven Town Band playing Christmas Carols**. **Father Christmas** will arrive on his sleigh at **6.30pm** to see all the good girls and boys. So come with your family, bring your friends, sing some carols, meet Father Christmas, and enjoy this festive time.

Don't forget to post your letters to Santa in the special **Christmas Postbox** outside Pat's shop.



New Year's Day Fireworks

The Festival Committee have had to make the most regretful decision which is, we are unable to put on the firework display this New Year's Day.

The reason for this is that there are not enough of us on the committee to do so. The funds are in place to put the event on this year, and we are looking for an individual or group to take over the organisation and running of this annual event.

We are aware that this is a hugely popular event and it would be a disaster to lose it, however, events like this need dedicated, organised people to put them on. If you think you or your group can take this on then please come to a meeting with the Festival Committee on **Wednesday, December 6th at 8pm at the Community Centre**, or contact a member of the Committee.

ROWING CLUB NEWS AND SEASON'S GREETINGS

Results from last season.

Another full season over and time to reflect on this year's rowing season. With the nights drawing in it is time to drop the competitiveness and row simply for the pleasure it gives throughout the winter months and look forward to the new season in 2007.

As usual, this year Llangwm teams were fighting it out with the best of them and had their fair share of glory. After all of the racing was done the results emerged with the ladies teams coming 2nd and 4th overall, a great result. The junior girls came 2nd overall and 4th overall, an outstanding result. Our men's teams came 3rd and 13th in a heavily contested competition. The Llangwm mixed teams fared as favourably with the best position being third place.

Training at **Black Tar** will be continuing throughout the winter months on Sunday mornings and on some weeknights (Brrrrrrr) with a lot of interest being shown by newcomers to the club as well as the old stagers. It was great to see an event organised by club members called the **novice challenge** this year where teams of non-rowers had to be coached to a standard in six weeks and then undergo a race between each other in order to raise money for charity. The event was very well supported and coincided with the **Sea Fair Haven** week that the club took part in and enjoyed immensely (particularly the beer tent).

One of the Llangwm teams won the title and I am delighted to say are still rowing in the club, as are many of the others who took part. They are a most welcome addition to the club.

This year sees the return of a winter league series consisting of races at four venues throughout the winter. I believe Llangwm will host on 10th February. Other dates to remember are Xmas dinner dance on Friday 24/11/06 with the AGM for the club on 23/02/07.

As with any sport growing in popularity there have been some changes to the season as a whole. The number of league races has been reduced to accommodate an ever-growing number of "challenges" and fun rowing events.



Longboat rowing teams have been invited to events of sea rowing all over Europe and Britain and have been involved in organised rows around the Pembrokeshire islands that are simply breathtaking, or am I getting old! The club has taken part in all of these events and many more including the **Thames River Race** in London with all 4 boats attended this year. One of the club's ladies' teams dressed as French maids actually hitch hiked along with their boat to the event raising money for breast cancer awareness charities. Thanks have to go out to those who helped the girls achieve this and to the girls themselves of course.

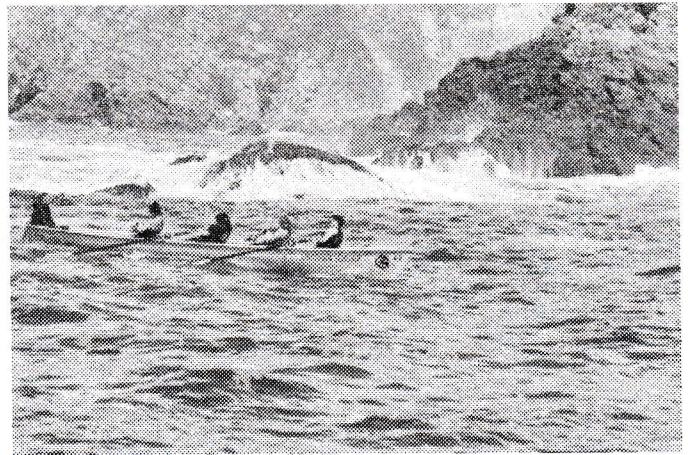
The club this year had a mixed team of twelve rowing the **Celtic Challenge**, a 95 mile row from Arklow to Aberystwyth in May which was great fun and a challenge in more ways than one. Again, the club helped raise money for charity at the event.

Please do not forget that this is your club as well and you are more than welcome to join if you please. I have spoken of the health benefits of this great sport in last year's newsletter and won't bore you with the details. Suffice to say that this excellent cardio vascular activity, non-jarring exercise is quite simply one of the best ways to keep fit. For those of you concerned that everything is moving south and that time is catching you up, let me say this, you are really never too old to enjoy this sport, it can be as hard as you want it to be, you can row as competitively as you like. We as a club are trying to **encourage everyone** thinking of trying rowing to simply try it out, if you don't like it (which you won't) you have lost nothing and at least you have experienced it. In particular we need to encourage the **ladies** and **children** of this village to give it a go. The sport itself is as you know very much a team sport, four rowers and a coxswain are needed to steer the thing so why not get your friends together and make some enquiries with the club about how to start. We have very good safety equipment there for you to use including the obligatory lifejackets for junior members. We have a number of **fully qualified coaches** and **safety officers** within the club. Thanks to a Millennium Stadium grant the club has purchased two sets of carbon fibre oars that are particularly suited to junior and female rowers due to their limited weight. The club is also in the process of purchasing a 10 metre by 4 metre new **marquee** for use in events and could be utilised by other community groups if required.

We live in a beautiful area of the country made all the more stunning when seen from the water, so why not take this eco-friendly chance to see some of it. Further, you do not have to limit yourself to **Llangwm** as all boats have trailers, should you wish to venture further afield. Just remember to book the boat out with our booking secretary.

We've come a long way with this sport; it really is something that the sport has survived. In recent years there has been a huge revival in its popularity in Wales. The sport started in Pembrokeshire between competing teams of sea-faring folk from various public houses in

the area. The competition between these pubs remained unchanged for many years, the boats used being the old wooden Pembrokeshire longboats, strong but heavy.



This continued until some Cardiganshire based boat builders took a mould from an **Irish Curragh** rowing boat that they found washed up on the shore. From this mould they formed a fibreglass rowing boat that was to become the **Celtic longboat** we know today.

When tested all those years ago against the old Pembrokeshire longboats in the village regattas, it was dominant in the races and so over time has been adopted as the boat of choice of the league. There are now over 30 clubs that regularly take part in the league races and range from Barry to Anglesey, the majority I am pleased to say remain in Pembrokeshire. As with all sports, there is progression. In Llangwm we have **4 longboats** as well as a two man double oared **skiff** used primarily to start juniors off in the technique but also great fun for adults.

There is a general concern over the amount (or lack of it) of sport played by our children these days. This club really does want to encourage the young to compete in sport, enjoy it and hopefully succeed in it. For 2007 we want to get the kids involved in rowing as well as you all. As with all clubs of this sort there has to be a membership cost to cover our insurance as well as the maintenance costs of boats and trailers. For family membership using the boat as many times as you like throughout the year the cost is £40, single rowers the cost is £30 and for students, OAP's and the unemployed £10 per year. There is no obligation to join straight away, as you can have two sessions free to see if you like it before joining. There may be small extra costs of under £12 if you wish to row in the league and paid directly to the league.

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. If you have an e-mail address, have it to hand so that you can receive copies of minutes or information about organised events.

BE WARNED THIS SPORT IS ADDICTIVE AND WILL IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH.



A club for all seasons

LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB NEWS

Looking back over the past Gardening Club year it has been a great success. In January we had our Quiz and Social Evening which, as ever, proved popular with members who showed extraordinary knowledge in both gardening and other more worldly areas. The well-known authority on Dahlias, Granville Davies, gave an interesting talk supported by an extensive collection of slides. In addition he distributed samples of his homebred variety of Dahlia, called Pembroke Patty, a deep purple pom-pom. The March and April meetings were devoted to general gardening topics, the expertise being provided by Gerald White of the Pembrokeshire Horticultural Society, and by Gareth Davies of Brecon.

The improved weather in May gave the opportunity for a visit to **Farmyard Nurseries in Llandysul**, to witness a hanging basket and patio pot planting demonstration. The return trip saw the coach transformed, with plants of all sizes in every nook and cranny. The summer saw the club plant sale, Open Gardens (for the village festival), and the AGM and annual Barbecue, which was expertly undertaken by the Landlord of The Cottage Inn. The September rains were in keeping with a talk on water



gardens given by Richard Bramley and in October, a talk accompanied by stunning slides, was given by Melvin Grey, illustrating the flora and fauna of the Spanish Pyrenees. Herbal Essences and Health was the topic of November's meeting prior to our club Christmas Dinner that will be held at The Drovers' at Puncheston.

In 2007 we look forward a programme that includes Organic Gardening, Spring Planting, Ferns, Bee Products and the summer outing. The club meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Cottage Inn in Llangwm at 7.30 p.m., visitors and new members are always welcome.



Tea on Tuesday, Lunch on Wednesday

The Tuesday Club is a group of Llangwm and Hook OAPs who meet on a weekly basis to enjoy each other's company and friendship over a cuppa or lunch. **And they are looking for more members to join them.**

There is subsidised door-to-door transport to take you to Hook Social Club on Tuesday afternoons, or on alternate weeks out to lunch on Wednesdays.

Summer outings and Christmas dinners are also arranged by the Committee of this enterprising group, whose Secretary Mrs Pauline Thomas would love to hear from you on **01437 890497**.

Alternatively, ring one of the Editors (see back page) for more details.

FREYSTROP & DISTRICT WI 2006

Freystrop & District have once again had a very busy year taking part in a variety of events both at Institute, Group and Federation level.

The average attendance each month is 25 members. We have gained nine new members this year making a total of 38 members.

A set of new tables and chairs are in place at the Hall – the Secretary wrote to the Hall Committee to express our thanks.

On Institute level we have had excellent Speakers each month – an Educational Visit to the old Airfield at Carew and a Barbecue meal at Carew Inn.

Freystrop WI hosted the Group Meeting at Johnston when the competition was "A Cold Starter" and this was won at the Final Competition in April by Mrs Roz Redding.

On a Federation level members have attended and enjoyed many varied events. Some members went for Osteoporosis Screening, took part in a number of walks, a Treasure Hunt, attended various Day Schools, an overnight visit to Chatsworth House in Derby and had a lovely holiday in Ireland.

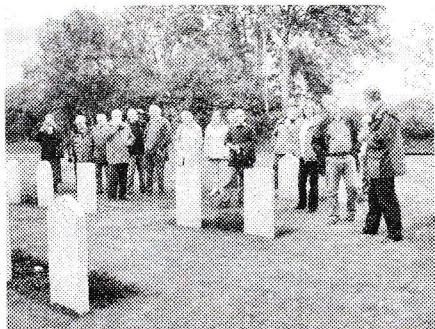
The Federation had a stand at the County Show in August when a number of "Walk the Way to Health" booklets compiled by Shirley Thomas was sold.

So it has been a very active year with still more to come. Members are now looking forward to an outing to the Winter Fair at Builth Wells, a Candlelit Supper and the Annual Christmas Dinner

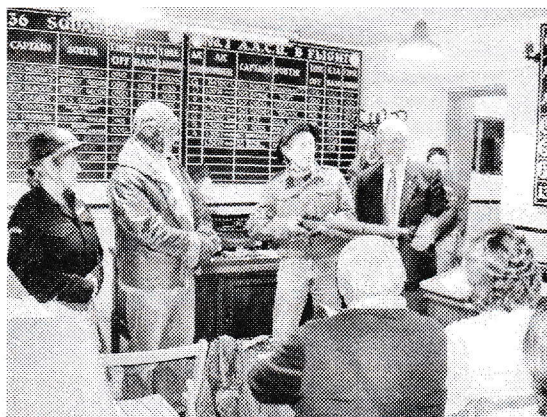
President- Mrs Beryl Davies 01437 890309
Secretary- Shirley Thomas 01437 760492
Treasurer- Mrs Caroline Box 01437 890760

LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The autumn session of our local history group started with a memorable visit to **Carew Cheriton** to visit the recently restored airfield control tower.



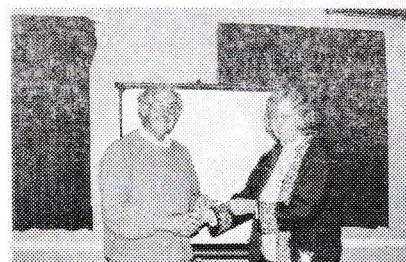
The group met at the cemetery which is home to the graves of 15 of the airmen killed whilst flying from Carew Airfield. British, New Zealand, Canadian, Dutch and Polish, each one of them had a unique story which has been painstakingly researched by the Carew group who are still in touch with members of their families, many of whom are able to frequently visit the graves. With heavy rain threatening, we moved to the control tower itself, where we were treated not only to tea and biscuits but to fascinating stories of the men and women who served at Carew, mostly on the famous Avro Ansen planes, one of which the group has recently acquired and is planning to restore. In just five years, the control tower has been reinstated and looks **exactly** as it would have done during the war. Each item in the various rooms is an original, from the radio equipment to the desks and chairs, and even the uniforms worn by the young people who are an integral part of the project. The whole evening was fantastic and we must congratulate the Carew community group who have recreated such an important part of our local history. The control tower is well worth a return visit.



Following on from the maritime flavour of the summer months, our speaker for October was David James from the **West Wales Maritime Heritage Society**. David was able to give us a wonderful insight into ships and shipbuilding on the Haven, regaling us with stories about pirates, 'pilfering' from Pembroke Dock yards, building ships for the Japanese and many other aspects of our maritime heritage in Pembrokeshire.

We were also delighted to welcome Vincent Jones, Chairman of the **Llangwm Gardening Club**, who made an official presentation of **£300** for the work of the History Society.

This money will be used to purchase display boards for the history exhibition during the Festival fortnight and, once acquired, will be available for other groups in the village to use.



November saw two events – the first on 5th November when John Wyatt led a bird and wader watching walk along the foreshore.



The second was on 8th November when Claire Orr from the **Haverfordwest Records Office** gave a talk on Paleography - the study of old forms of handwriting and old documents.

We look forward to our society's Christmas Dinner at Keeston Kitchen on 13th December.

All our events are advertised by notices around the village so please look for these for details of each one. Everyone is welcome to every event so do come along and find out more about our fascinating local history.

Looking back over the year, other highlights have included our visits to the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth (with the Dyfed Family History Society), our History of the River exhibition, our trip to Peter Thomas's amazing collection of memorabilia at Templeton, and our Farm History visit to Great Nash Farm, just outside the village, especially its amazing dovecote.



VILLAGE NEWS

Village Shop/Post Office

Pat Morris recently attended the Federation of Sub-Postmasters' Rally in London, to protest against the changes that are taking place and that jeopardise the future of rural sub-post offices. After attending a meeting in the Methodist Central Hall, a small deputation took two petitions to **10 Downing Street**—one containing **4.5million** signatures and the other **13,500** signatures.

The major changes that are being implemented will result in the closure of small post offices over the next 12 months, which has a knock-on effect on the viability of the shops attached to them. In a village like **Llangwm**, many of the older residents rely solely on the shop/post office for collecting pensions, paying bills, buying groceries and newspapers - in other words it is a lifeline for them.

We will keep you informed of what is happening, but in the meantime, **Thank You** to those of you who signed the petition and who **support the local shop/post office**. Please continue to do so, and for any who do not shop locally please consider the long term consequences of not doing so.

Welsh Presentation Night



Students of the Welsh Learners' Beginners Class, who have been learning Welsh with teacher Ann Donovan in Llangwm Community Centre since January, received their Level One Certificates at Wolfscastle Country Hotel on 12th October 2006.

A Race Well Run!

Congratulations to all those people from Llangwm who were brave and fit enough to run in the **Cardiff Half Marathon** recently.

Seasoned joggers **Sue Edwards** of Esthers Lane and **Lisa Studley** of Glan Hafan took part, as did mum-of-three **Pam Asson** of Pill Parks Way. (**Sue** and **Lisa** had also run in the Half Marathon around **Lake Vyrnwy** in August.)

Owen and Val John of Chapel Row travelled to Cardiff to cheer on their daughter **Rhiannon** and their son **Ossie**.

Fiona Cutting of the Old Rectory came 28th in her category.

Good times were clocked up by all. Magnificent effort all round. (*If you ran and we haven't mentioned you, apologies and please be sure to let us know for next time.*)

VOTE FOR CONNIE CAMPAIGN

Shirley Mathias, her daughter Jen (from the post office) and her 3 sisters recently joined in the 'Vote for Connie' campaign by setting up a stand in the Farmer's Market. They collected signatures in a 'good wishes' book and encouraged people to vote for **Connie Fisher** from Hayscastle, who was competing for the role of **Maria**, in the **Sound of Music**. Connie, a family friend of the Mathias', has done some tremendous charity work locally, alongside one of Shirley's sisters and this was their way of saying 'thank you' to her. They gave out **orange** balloons and ribbons and charted Connie's career with a series of photographs, posters etc on display. So much interest was generated that they were interviewed by the **BBC** and live on **Radio Wales**. It would seem that all their hard work paid off as Connie did win and is currently starring in the show, which has just opened at the London Palladium.. **Congratulations, Connie.**



Llangwm Community Centre News

FRUITS OF MELLOW HARVEST IN THE HALL

Since the last edition of the Llangwm News we have had a very successful **Harvest Supper** which was held on October 20th at the Village Hall with over 40 people attending. The hall, as ever, was brightly decorated, aided by many flowers and plants, which normally would have finished flowering by late October.



This is one of the events put on during the year by the Village Hall Committee to fund all the expenses, and maintenance of the building. The Harvest Fayre this year was a Ploughman's Supper followed by the usual Apple Pie and cream, all home made of course. Vincent Jones welcomed everyone and this year we were pleased to have as guests Councillor Hitchings and his wife Peggy.



A rugby coach trip to Swansea claimed our usual doorman John Skyrme, but he assures us he will be back next year. Jeff James kindly stood in for John, and Pat James looked after a very successful raffle.

The quiz was very competitive and kept the brains working overtime in between courses.

The committee, some of who are pictured in the photograph, work very hard to decorate the hall, prepare all the food, serve and wash up; but we also appreciate all the help from friends also who give raffle prizes and make the apple pies.

Regular attendees say it's a good value evening with an opportunity to socialise with family and friends - and all within walking distance, so why not come along to the next event in the village hall, enjoy yourselves and help keep the Hall going!

We are continually working to try and improve the facilities and in late August the Village Hall was thoroughly cleaned by a professional company which helps to 'top up' that done by all those who use the Hall. Further news on buildings/maintenance is that Pembrokeshire County Council are in the process of handing over to the Village Hall the toilets that are part of the Hall because they no longer wished to keep them open. Fortunately, they fulfilled their obligations of making good all necessary repairs, before the hand-over for which we are very grateful.

The Hall has again been regularly used for Welsh lessons (great fun and not at all like school!), and Scottish Dancing. Junior Rugby has also used the Hall on some Sunday mornings and it is often the venue for Childrens' Parties (a larger space than most people's living rooms and no sticky carpets afterwards!).

In the run-up to Christmas, don't forget the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

on Saturday 25th November, 10.30am until 4pm
- no need to even travel out of the village for your Christmas shopping.! As usual, local craftspeople and artists will be manning stalls that will include paintings, books, honey products, Christmas decorations cakes etc. Entrance is only £1 and refreshments are available.

Further events

- St Jerome's Church Bazaar on the 18th November
- Sue Howley's music pupils are giving a concert on Sunday 26th November.

All Welcome—Do Go Along

Finally, do remember it is an ideal venue for private parties and celebrations as well as for use by clubs, etc for their meetings and activities. Please contact Pat in the shop for bookings and remember the brilliantly cheap rates!



LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Reverend Anthony Gregory
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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November **Mini Market**
Saturday 4th 11.00am - 1.00pm

December
Friday 8th **Mince Pies/Coffee and**
Carols 7.00 pm

Sunday 17th **Carol Service** 6.00 pm

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

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH, LLANGWM

November
18th **Christmas Bazaar** Community Centre 2.00pm
Come along and browse, meet friends and have a cup
of tea/coffee.

Weekly services

Sunday	Holy Eucharist	9.00am
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	9.30am

Christmas services

(at St.Jerome's unless otherwise stated.)

December

5 th	Advent Service	4.00pm
10 th	Carol Service St.Justinian's, Freystrop	6.00pm

(organised by Llangwm and Freystrop M.U.)

19 th	Christingle	5.00pm
24 th	Crib Service	5.00pm
	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
25 th	United Village Service	10.30am
31 st	United Service (St.Justinian's)	10.00am
	Candlelit Evensong	6.00pm

**On behalf of our Rector, Rev. Jane and the
Church Wardens may we extend a warm
welcome to all who wish to join us at any of the
above.**



GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Following our lovely Harvest Festival services (the singing of the Harvest hymns was especially rousing, and the floral decoration and produce in the chapel was stunning, thanks Gaynor and helpers), we look forward to our Advent and Christmas services with great anticipation.

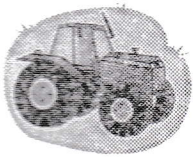
Once again, the ladies of the Women's League will put up the Christmas tree (with some help from the gentlemen) and decorate the chapel with Christmas displays and candles.

We were pleased to welcome local teacher Nigel Thomas to our pulpit on Sunday, 29th October. Nigel worked in Portugal for many years, returning for an annual holiday each August, when he always accompanied the Singing Festival in Sardis Baptist Chapel (and still does). His skills as both preacher and organist are much valued and appreciated by the fellowship at Galilee.

He will lead our Christmas Eve service at 10.30am on 24th December.

Our New Year's Eve service at 10.30am on 31st December will be led by Rev. Adrian Vaughan of Calvary, Haverfordwest.

On behalf of the Deacons and Congregation at Galilee, may we wish you a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Award for Llangwm Farmer presented at 'Royal Welsh'

The following piece is Will Scale's receiving response to winning the Agri-Environment Award (Young Farmer Category) at the Royal Welsh Show at Builth Wells this July. It is taken from the Journal of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, distributed at the Show.

"It was an honour to receive this award after starting the process of actively trying to manage the farm for biodiversity, production and of course, for profit.

My interest in natural history and conservation was stirred by taking a course at Pembrokeshire College before attending university, and subsequently after some travelling when I saw some parts of the world in an environmentally degraded state and others fantastically varied. It dawned on me that we farmers are in the uniquely privileged position where we can manipulate our environments to provide a greater range of habitat for a variety of wildlife that, left alone, may not exist.

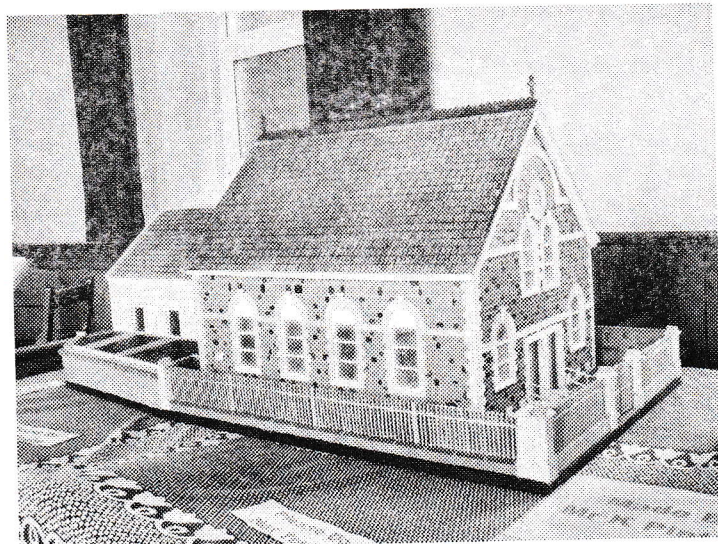
On a practical level some of the wheat and barley fields we grow are unsprayed leaving the opportunity for certain weeds to grow as well which provide valuable nectar sources for insects. Some of the areas of pasture close to streams are fenced off and left to become rank. This is good for grasshoppers and voles, and hedges have been laid to provide a better, thicker nesting place for birds.

And so far we've seen some positive results despite this being a long term project. I have seen a couple more skylarks and yellowhammers this year than in the past and these are both endangered birds. A kestrel and a barn owl have been seen hunting, meaning that there is enough in the food chain below for them to feed, and butterfly numbers are increasing as a result of not cutting all of the margins of the fields at the same time."

(Will farms 320 acres at Great Nash Farm, Llangwm, in partnership with his parents. They operate a mixed farming system involving wheat, barley, potatoes, grass leys and permanent pasture.)



Will Scale receives the Agri-Environmental Award—Young Farmer Category—from the President and Mrs Helena Lewis. Also in the photograph John Lloyd Jones, Countryside Council for Wales.



Modelmaker **Kenny Platten** of Main Street excelled himself with this year's matchstick model of the **Wesleyan Chapel** on Llangwm Green. Last year Kenny made a magnificent replica of Galilee Chapel in Guildford, Llangwm - wonder what might be next on his agenda?

1st Johnston Scout Group

There have been big changes within the Scout Group. The Cub pack welcomed Neyland Cubs, the two Packs amalgamated in September and the thriving Pack now has 31 Cubs. Kevin Lewis is Akela and Mike Beckett is assisting. The Cubs have attended the 90th anniversary of Cubs, camps at St Bride's and taken part in a football tournament.

The Scout Group continues to grow and there are currently 30 Scouts, with more on a waiting list. They had an excellent camp at Machynlleth in the summer and 70 badges were awarded for various achievements. 4 Scouts have been chosen to attend the World Jamboree next year as Pembrokeshire representatives.

The fundraisers have organised some events to raise funds for equipment. They held a coffee morning at Neyland Town Council in the High Street, commencing at 9.30 on Monday 13th November, with cakes on sale. Turkey bingo was held on Friday, 17th November at 7.00 in Neyland Athletic Club.

The Christmas Carol service is at Freystrop Church on 8th December with Rev. Jane.

Answers to quiz on back page: Don't look yet!!

Verdigris Weibler Xenophile Yarbrough Zither
Orrey Port(h)een Quintine Recto Sombiero Triskelon Ulysses
Henry VII Ikebana Joshua Kaolin Lagoon Mahout Newgate
ABBA Beethoven Coco Dijon Egham Florin Graphite

Visits, Festival, Fairs, Clubs and Christmas...

LLANGWM V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Llangwm School returned after their summer break to a very busy start to the school year.

School Visits

The following visits have taken place:

Class 5 - Scolton Manor, Maths Magic at Tasker Milward and Crucial Crew at Withybush Showground, Haverfordwest to learn about the Police, Ambulance, Fire and Lifeguards - this was arranged through Pembrokeshire County Council.

Classes 3 and 4 - Tesco, Milford Haven to coincide with theme for this term on Food and Farming and Scolton Manor

Classes 1 and 2 - Folly Farm

At the time of writing, our **class 5** children along with Mr Groves, Mrs Rees and Mrs Martin have set off for a three day visit to **Llangwm, North Wales**. More news about this visit in the next issue. May we take this opportunity to thank all who sponsored us for this exciting visit.

Class 2 visited Scolton Manor on Wednesday 8th November.

Charities for this term

Our **Harvest Festival** took place on Thursday 21st September at St Jerome's Church. The children led the service and sang and recited poems relating to Harvest and Autumn. The children decorated envelopes about harvest, these envelopes contained donations for the '**Paul Sartori Foundation**'. Reverend Jane Goupillon spoke to the children about harvest and closed the service with a prayer. On Friday 6th October we supported the '**Jeans for Genes Day**' charity. This charity supports children who are affected by problems with their genes. About one in every 33 children born in the UK has a genetic disorder. There are more than 4000 different known genetic disorders, many of which cannot be cured. Jeans for Genes Day aim to raise money to help develop treatments for these serious genetic disorders and to provide advice and support for the families.

Thank you to everyone who supported our chosen charities for this term.

After half-term we are collecting for '**Samaritan's Purse**'. This is a charity that asks for shoe boxes decorated in Christmas wrapping and filled with small new toys. These Christmas boxes are then sent to underprivileged children across Eastern Europe. Over the years we have had a great response and we hope that we will be able to send even more shoe boxes to this very worthy cause.



Scholastic Book Fair

We hold two Book Fairs per year. Our first Book Fair was held between Monday 25th September and Thursday 28th September. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Mr D Ainsworth from the Torch Theatre came in and spoke to Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 (individually) on the 'Introduction to Drama', speech and short narratives. Everyone enjoyed the morning.

Breakfast Club/After School Kids Club

Breakfast Club is held every morning from 8.00am - 8.50am.

Kids Club continues to be held every day from 3.25pm - 5.45pm.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual **Christmas Fayre** will be taking place on Thursday 30th November 2006 at 6.00pm.

The following will be there on the night - Party-light Candles, Nurseries, Graham Brace, Body Shop, Paul Webb - Potter, Arts and Crafts especially for Christmas and more ... Stalls on the evening will include Cake, Bottle, Crafts and Toys and the children will be able to visit **Father Christmas** in his Grotto. Please come and support us for the start of our festive events.

Forthcoming Dates at School November -

Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Monday 27 th	SCHOOL CLOSED - Family of Schools Closure Day
Thurs 30 th	Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 - visit to Torch Theatre to watch The Snow Queen
Thurs 30 th	Christmas Fayre at school - 6.00pm

December -

Thurs 7 th	Classes 3 and 4 visit to Torch Theatre watch The Snow Queen
Tues 12 th	Christmas Play - ' The Magic of Christmas ' afternoon production to be held at the Llangwm Methodist Chapel
Wed 13 th	Christmas Play - ' The Magic of Christmas ' evening production to be held at the Llangwm Methodist Chapel
Thurs 14 th	Class 5 visit to Torch Theatre to watch The Snow Queen
Thurs 21 st	Carol Service at St Jerome's - 9.30am
Friday 22 nd	Break up for Christmas holidays



Messages of Thanks

Riding for the Disabled

Enfys Bosworth would like to thank everyone in Llangwm who contributed towards her sponsored show-jumping in aid of Riding for the Disabled. Enfys raised a total of £85.

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Scouts: World Jamboree

Harriet McLoughlin of Guildford Bridge would like to thank all those who have already supported her, and are continuing to support her, in her fundraising efforts towards attending the World Jamboree of the Scouting Movement next year. Her target of £900 will also help to bring Scouts from less well-off countries to Britain to take part in the event

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Paul and Angie Cox, previously of Brynawalon, The Kilns, would like to thank those of you who welcomed and befriended us since March 2001. Angela especially thanks you for the help and support throughout her recent illness. We'll keep in touch once we get settled.

Our new address/phone number is:
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Kind Regards
Paul and Angela

Wear it Pink

No one in the village could miss the build up to the National Breast Campaign's 'Wear it Pink' in Llangwm.

If you didn't get there, you missed a very special and moving occasion – 'Muffins in the Museum' was a huge success.

Carol Lovie and Angie Cox (seen here cutting the ribbon), opened the event at 10am, with teas/cakes, then PINK champagne during the evening with impromptu music (a big thank you **Lloyd, Bob & Simon**).

What a fantastic result – didn't we all do well - £1,500 to the 'Wear it Pink' campaign, plus £55 in the donation boxes which has been taken to the Cancer Research shop and £50 forwarded to Breast Cancer Wales – a grand total of £1,605 – Wow ! What a result.

We thank you all for contributing, participating, helping, donating – the response was overwhelming.

So many people worked so hard to make it happen.

Pat & Jeff
THANK YOU



Angie Cox and Carol Lovie officially open 'Wear it Pink' day

In a league of his own

Ask people in Llangwm who Brian James is, and you'll probably be met with a blank look. Say **Jamer**, and most will know exactly who you mean! Originally from Freystrop, Jamer moved to the village with his wife Gill and children David, Richard and Sarah, in 1966. He said they were fortunate to be accepted by the 'real Llangwm people', who he described as 'the salt of the earth'. "When we first moved down here, one of the most formidable organisations was the Llangwm Ladies Rugby Committee," he said. "They were tireless workers for the village and rugby - wonderful women who I held in the highest regard - and they ruled with an iron fist. After living here for about a year, my wife received a letter asking her to join the committee. I said 'we've definitely been accepted now'. It was the biggest honour we could have received.



Jamer already had connections with Llangwm from playing rugby for the village as a teenager. On his return from the RAF in 1962, he found the sport 'at its absolute peak'. "It was a joy to watch them play," he said. "Some of the players that stood out were Meurig Hughes, George Thomas, John Brock, Maurice Palmer, but there were many more. It was unbelievable how good they were. That's why I played most of my rugby for the seconds!" In 1963, he joined the committee of Llangwm Rugby Club.

"At the time, there were three people who were extremely influential in the village in sport, and it was a tremendous privilege for me to sit on the same committee as them. They were **Eddie Jones**, **Osmonde John OBE** and **Victor Palmer**. Being 24 at the time, I was completely in awe of them. My aspiration was always to harrow at least some of the fields they ploughed."

Apart from the odd season where work commitments took over, Jamer has been on the rugby committee ever since, holding the post of secretary from 1972-74 and from 1991 to the present day. He has also been secretary of Llangwm Cricket Club for the last 36 years, treasurer for the last 12 years, and says he is greatly honoured to be life member of both clubs. Not only that, he has been cutting the grass at the Pill Parks for the last 40 years and is chairman of the Pembrokeshire Groundsmen Association. He's also grounds advisor and inspector for Pembrokeshire, and part of Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. However, he says it's time for him to take a back seat on that front. "I'm gradually handing over the reins to Jeremy Brock, who will hopefully take over next year. He'll be pleased to hear me say that."

Now 67 and retired to Freystrop with Gill, Jamer is still looking resolutely to the future. "The most important thing about sport is the youth, no doubt about it, and I am pleased to say that both clubs are going from strength to strength. The junior and youth sections of the rugby are stronger than ever. The club now has 70 to 80 children from the age of 8 to 16, receiving regular coaching. With the cricket club, we were fortunate to have the services of coach and junior organiser Stuart Beresford for many years and he laid the foundation of our junior and youth structure. Many players have received county honours; three have represented Wales, and this season, young Stephen Inward was picked for England, which is a tremendous achievement and has brought great honour to the club." Jamer also praised all the chairmen he has served under, and said both clubs are currently privileged to have such forward-thinking committees. "We are now embracing a new project which will see a complete renovation of the existing stand with extra changing facilities to accommodate the ever-growing teams," he said. "The fact that younger people are prepared to take on responsibility, in all sorts of roles, must augur well for the future of sport in the village."

"From Strength to Strength"

Report from Llangwm Cricket Club

September/October 2006

As reported in our last issue of *Llangwm News*, the Club is full of excitement as members and players follow the marvellous progress of young **Stephen Inward** (photographed right) who is the only **under-16 Welsh** cricketer to be selected to play for England.

Since our previous report, Stephen has also been named as the **Welsh Young Player of the Year**, and has been accepted for the **Glamorgan Cricket Academy**, where he is due to commence training in November of this year. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Stephen in his continuing cricket career.

The **Annual Presentation Evening** took place on Saturday 16 September in the Llangwm Rugby, Cricket and Social Club. It was very well attended.

The Club awards were presented by Chairman David Davies, Vice Chairman Martin Inward and Secretary/Treasurer Brian James. The recipients were as follows:-

1st XI

Batting: Stephen Inward **Bowling:** Richard Brock and Chris Inward

2nd XI

Batting: Danny Chesmer **Bowling:** Richard Bosenius and Rhys Morgan

3rd XI

Batting: Lyn Rees **Bowling:** Sean Thomas

Outstanding Young Players: David Richards, Joseph Kiff and Matthew Kiff

1st XI

Best all rounder: Luke Brock

Youth Award (The Howard Rees Cup): Stephen Inward

Junior Cup (The Lester Brock Cup): Ollie Davies

Outstanding Performances (The Penry Esmond Cup): Stephen Inward

Players' Player of the Year (Jamer's Cup): Stephen Inward

Clubman of the Year (The Tom Parker Cup): Jeremy Brock, for the second year running

Stephen Inward was also presented with a specially engraved tankard acknowledging his selection to the Under-16 England side.

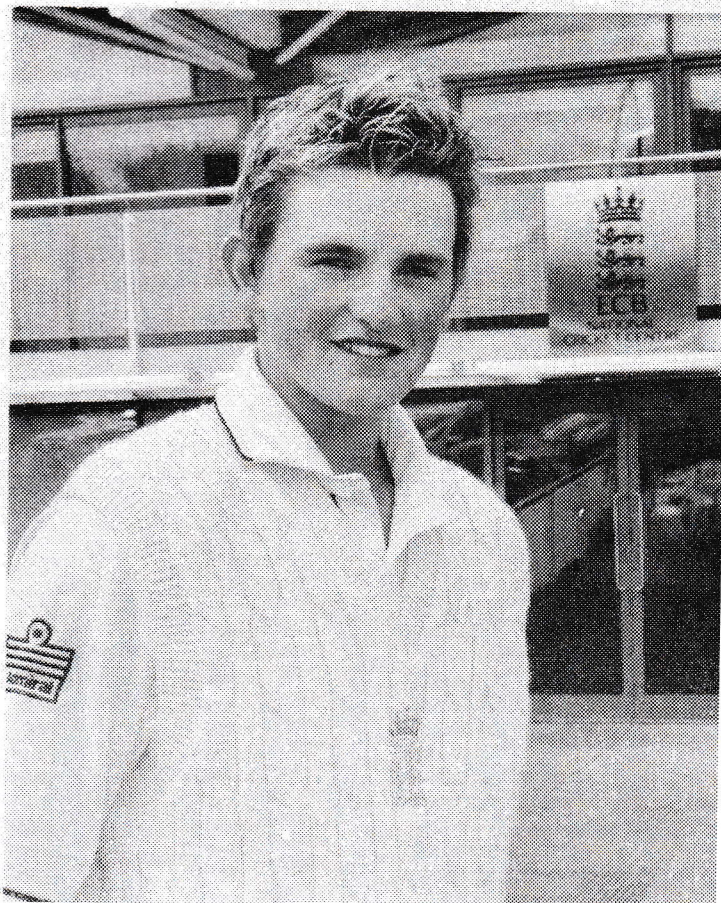
Paul Jones donated a framed **Llanelli Scarlets** autographed shirt which was auctioned and bought by Robbie Edwards of A G Edwards & Son for £300, £200 of which went to Breast Cancer Research and £100 to Stephen Inward to help with his expenses.

Many thanks are due to Roger and Ann Lewis for their help in making the evening a brilliant success.

The 1st XI, under the captaincy of Ian Gow, narrowly missed promotion to the Pembrokeshire 1st Division (by a two point margin), and finished third for the second successive year.

The 2nd and 3rd XIs, under captains Paul Morgan and Jeremy Brock respectively, enjoyed a successful season.

Llangwm Cricket Club currently fields the youngest teams in Pembrokeshire cricket. There are some extremely talented youngsters in the side, which is most promising for the future.





Senior Rugby

With the season well under way the 1st XV have had a good start, winning 3 and losing 2 games. The losses were both against higher placed opposition, Cefneithin away and table toppers Tycroes, with good wins over Furnace United, St. David's and most recently Pontyates away. This was an especially good away win as Pontyates is never an easy place to visit and the game was typically abrasive making the win more pleasing. If the boys can show the same commitment over the coming games I am sure there will be more wins to come. There have been some injuries however, and with the Autumn international series approaching, the walking wounded will have time to recover before a hectic December and January.

Along with the league fixtures (see table), **Boxing Day** will see the traditional encounter with **Haverfordwest** for the **Bishop Cup**. Llangwm successes have been rare over recent years, but I am sure they can compete this season and may pull off the win. The team always rises to the occasion so let's hope for a large, vociferous Llangwm support to give the team that extra edge.

Date	1 st XV	H/A
Nov-11	Wales v Pacific Isles 2.30pm	
17	Wales v Canada 7.30pm	
18	Llandybie (L)	A
25	Wales v New Zealand 5.00pm	
Dec-02	St Clears (L)	H
9	Bynea (L)	A
16	Aberaeron (L)	A
23	Fishguard + Goodwick (L)	H
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Jan-06	Furnace Utd (L)	A
13	Cefneithin (L)	H
20	Tycroes (L)	A
27	St Davids (L)	A
Feb-03	Pontyates (L)	H
4	Wales v Ireland 3.00pm	
10	Scotland v Wales 3.30pm	
17	Penygroes (L)	A
24	France v Wales 8.00pm	
Mar-03	Llandybie (L)	H
10	Italy v Wales 3.30pm	
17	Wales v England 5.30pm	
24	St Clears (L)	A
31	Bynea (L)	H
Apr-07	Aberaeron	H
14	Fishguard + Goodwick (L)	A

Division 5 West (as in early November)

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F	A	Pts
Tycroes	5	5	0	0	208	5	15
Penygroes	5	4	1	0	114	44	13
Cefneithin	5	3	1	1	79	49	10
Fishguard	5	3	0	2	79	57	9
Llandybie	4	3	0	1	46	60	9
Llangwm	5	3	0	2	78	93	9
St Clears	5	2	0	3	93	62	6
Pontyates	5	2	0	2	109	85	6
Aberaeron	6	2	0	4	122	124	6
Furnace Utd	4	1	0	3	72	102	3
St Davids	6	1	0	5	38	188	3
Bynea	5	0	0	5	32	201	0

Junior Rugby

The Junior section have had a hectic start to the season with many matches already played and playing numbers growing. The **under 8's** are coached by Alistair Platten, Phil Cooper and Roger Smith. Their numbers have grown since they started last season and that extra year's experience is starting to show with some very good performances.

The **under 10's** coached by Gareth Bevan and Ian Thomas have also shown a marked improvement, along with the under 11's coached by Jamie Knill and Daryl Scourfield.

The **under 14's**, coached by Alan Williams and Martin Hughes, are still looking for their first win but have been playing some very good rugby and I am sure it is only a matter of time before they have a success or two.

Finally, we have the **under 16's** coached by Jeremy Brock and Bill Brant. They have only played 1 match so far this season (at time of going to press) but this was a fine home win over Pembroke and they will be confident of beating several other sides this season.

All present coaches have the necessary W.R.U. Coaching qualifications but if anybody is interested in becoming a coach or referee please contact the club for details. **As always, any help with the Juniors is appreciated**, from cooking food to putting out flags as it is always busy on match days with plenty to be done.

If you wish to become a member, or can help in any way please contact the club for details on **01437 890462**.

Michael John

The Really Wild Page

Busy Autumn Shoreline

The Pill is once again buzzing with our over-wintering ducks and waders which arrived later this year presumably because of our long summer and mild autumn. The Canada geese have two snow geese in tow (for the fifth year) as well as half a dozen barnacle geese and one greylag goose.

A spotted redshank eventually appeared in the Pill on 15 September and was around periodically throughout October.

I am still waiting for the winter thrushes (redwings and fieldfares) to appear in numbers to strip the feast of berries in our garden.

Our Local History (and occasionally Natural History!) Society Bird Walk led by expert ornithologist John Wyatt on Sunday 5 November from Underwood to Sprinkle Pill via Fowborough Point attracted 26 people keen to learn and observe. The conditions were near perfect and overall we ticked off no fewer than 46 different species of shore and woodland/field birds. A possible American ring-billed gull was too distant to distinguish it completely from an immature common gull as was a very distant large bird of prey making its way up the Eastern Cleddau, which could have been a possible osprey. Still, they caused some excitement!!

I'll be back with a more detailed report in the Spring issue. Meantime don't forget to email me on grahambrace@btinternet.com or ring 891580 with any interesting sightings.

Birds seen/heard on the History Society Bird Walk (see above and on page 5) on 5 November 2006:-

Little Grebe (1)	Cormorant (12)
Little Egret (17+)	Grey Heron (1)
Snow Goose (2) (feral)	Canada Goose (lots!)
Barnacle Goose (2) (feral)	Shelduck
Mallard (5)	Widgeon (16)
Common Buzzard (2)	Pheasant (1)
Oystercatcher	Golden Plover
Lapwing	Dunlin
Redshank	Greenshank (9)
Curlew	Black-headed Gull
Common Gull (5)	Herring Gull (3)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (1)	Great Black-backed Gull (4)
Wood Pigeon	Skylark (9)
Grey Wagtail (2)	Wren (heard only)
Duncock (heard only)	Robin
Redwing (8)	Fieldfare (1)
Blackbird (2)	Great Tit (4)
Blue Tit (2)	Long-tailed Tit (12)
Nuthatch (1 heard only)	Magpie (2)(just as well!)
Jay (1)	Jackdaw (6)
Carrion Crow (5)	Raven (2)
Starling	Chaffinch (4)
Greenfinch (in flight)	Goldfinch (in flight)

Seen	40
Heard	4
Feral	2
Seen/heard	46

Canada Geese celebrate 50 years on the Cleddau

An attempt to establish a colony of Canada Geese on the banks of the river Cleddau was made in July 1957. Mr Birt Llewellyn of Boulston Manor purchased 40 of these distinctive birds from the Severn Wildfowl Trust.

At that time, a barrage was planned across the Haven waterway to store the millions of gallons of water needed to cool condensers at the proposed oil refineries. It was thought that the mud flats would no longer be exposed and that the Cleddau would provide a fine stretch of water suitable for the geese.

It was expected that the Canada geese would breed once they matured at three years of age. Mr Birt Llewellyn commented (in 1957) that he hoped "sporting interests along the river will be sufficiently sporting to leave them alone for a couple of years until they become established".

Fifty years on, the Canada geese are a familiar sight around the Cleddau, particularly in late summer and autumn when the birds fly (noisily!) to and from the local cornfields.

Nikki Bosworth



Liz Jones's photograph of the geese taken from her garden at Stepping Stones in Guildford Pill shows 5 barnacle geese (lower centre). They are smaller than the 'Canadas' and have larger white face patches.

Did you complete Rod Billen's Bird Quiz in the last issue?

If not, here's a recap, with the answers -

1. Regal Angler - Kingfisher
2. 22 carat Singer - Goldfinch
3. Definitely not a blue bird - Blackbird
4. Very dark hat - Blackcap
5. Bird of tall trees and Chessboards - Rook
6. This bird joined the Navy - Wren
7. Small bird looking for cows - Bullfinch
8. David Cassidy sang in this TV family - Partridge
9. Very fast bird - Swift
10. Big bird with nothing to say - Mute swan
11. Kay is a singer - Jay
12. Not as big as the one at Blackpool - Dipper
13. Good place to hang a Russian Flag - Redpoll
14. Teenage Mutant Pigeon - Turtle Dove
15. Worries your chickens - Hen Harrier
16. Waste measurement - Chaffinch
17. Common over Communist China - Red Kite
18. Sharp right at the North Pole - Arctic Tern
19. Huge Lancastrian aqua-lung expert - Great Northern Diver
20. Why did she go to the Hairdresser? - Avocet



On the trail of the Headmaster's daughter... in Llangwm long ago.

We have received a phone call, just before this edition of Llangwm News is due to go to press, from Miss Susan Bowen of Llangollen, who is researching her family tree, and also making enquiries on behalf of long-lost relatives in Canada who are doing likewise.

She is anxious to know whether anyone in Llangwm has any recollection or knowledge of Henry James Simlett and his family, who lived in Llangwm from the 1880s onwards. He was the Headmaster of Llangwm school in those days, and appears as such in the 1881 census, aged 36. He was originally from Tenby. His wife Amelia Jane Rowe (born in Pembroke) was then 35, and there are also two young ladies lodging with them, an assistant teacher, 20 year old Fanny Mead from Blaina, Monmouth, and the 18 year old servant, Annie Bowen from Saundersfoot. He died 'in the September quarter 1899', aged 54, and there is some mention in the Records Office of an inquest into his death.

His children included a daughter Francis (Frances?) C Simlett, then aged 7, Amelia J. Simlett, aged 6 – marked as a 'Scholar' in Llangwm School, John H. Simlett aged 4, and – the one that the Canadian family are trying to research - a two year old daughter Mary Margaret Simlett.

The present researcher Susan Bowen's family hailed more recently from Prendergast, Haverfordwest. She knows that her great grandmother was Emily Ann Simlett who married a Postmaster, Mr William James. People in Prendergast remember that branch of the family. Does anyone have any clues as to the Llangwm ancestors?

For this, or any other matters relating to Llangwm News, please contact one of the Editors:

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QUIZ TIME

Thanks to Jane Mills for providing us with this quiz to keep you busy over Christmas. It has "Alphabetical Answers" - each answer begins with a different letter of the alphabet, starting with **A** at number one through to **Z** at number twenty-six.

Questions:

- A The song *Super trooper* was which pop group's last No 1 hit?
- B Which composer's only opera was called *Fidelio*?
- C By what name was the French couturier Gabrielle Chanel better known?
- D Which French city, the capital of Burgundy, is well known for its mustard?
- E Runnymede is a meadow in or near which Surrey town?
- F By what name was the pre-decimal 2s 0d coin known?
- G Pencil lead is mostly made from which substance?
- H Who was the first king of the English house of Tudor?
- I By what name is the Japanese art of flower arranging known?
- J Who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites?
- K By what other name is china clay known?
- L What name is given to a lake of sea water bounded by a coral reef?
- M What name is given to the keeper or driver of an elephant?
- N Which London prison, demolished in 1903, stood on the site of the Old Bailey?
- O What name is given to a clockwork model of our solar system?
- P What name is given to illegally distilled Irish Whiskey?
- Q What drug is added to mineral water to form tonic water?
- R What name is given to the right hand page of an open book?
- S From the Spanish for shade, what name is given to a man's wide brimmed soft felt hat?
- T What is the name of the three legged symbol of the Isle of Man?
- U Which James Joyce novel dealt with the events of a single day – 16th June 1904 – in Dublin?
- V What is the name of the green rust that forms on brass, bronze and copper?
- W What name is given to a neutered male sheep?
- X What name is given to a person who likes foreigners and foreign things?
- Y What is a hand of thirteen cards, where no card is higher than a nine?
- Z In the 1949 film, *The Third Man*, on which instrument was the theme music played?



(Answers can be found inside on Page 9)