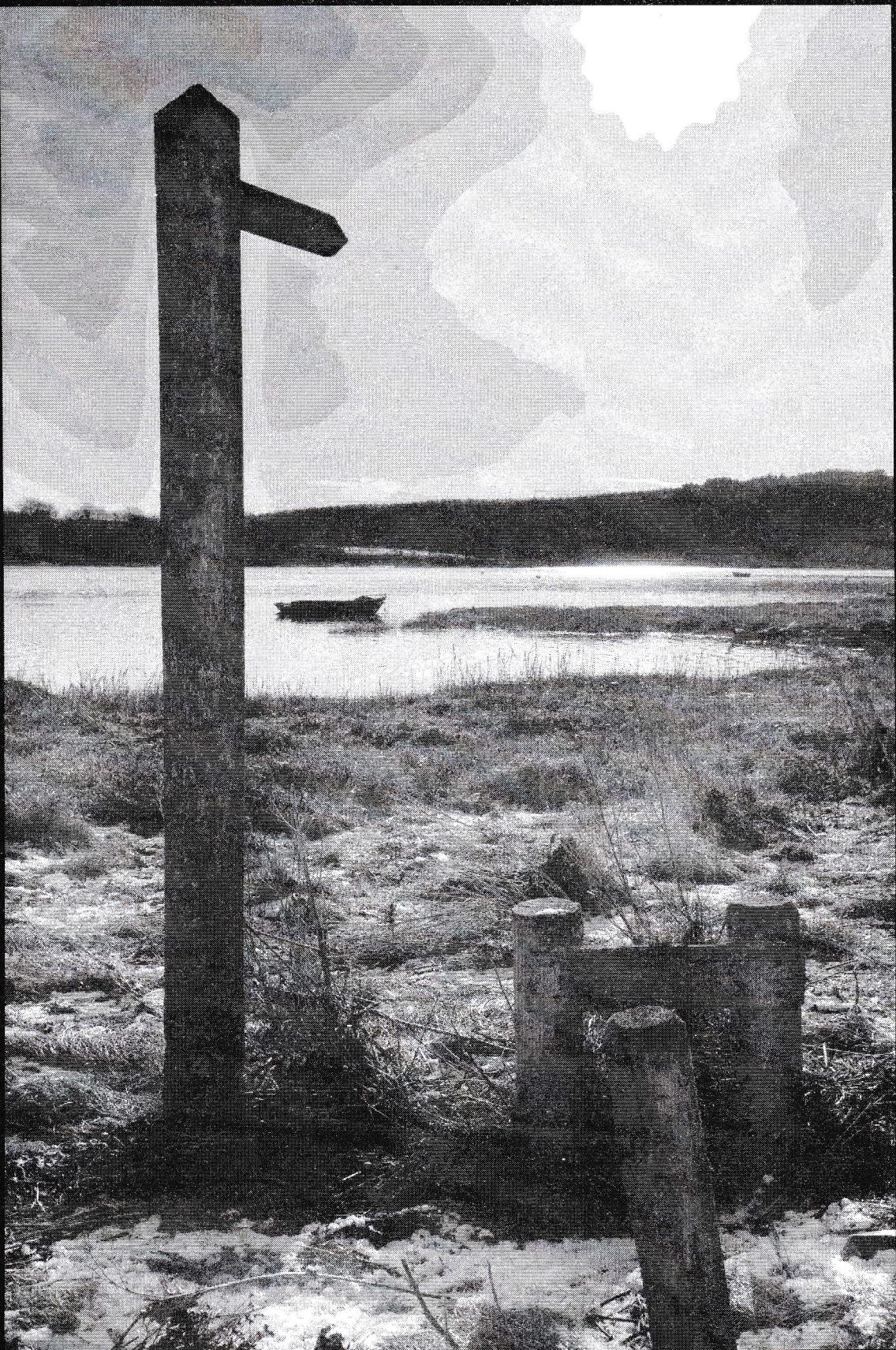


# Llangwm Village News

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BLACK TAR WINTER SCENE BY STEVE RICHARDS

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Once again, we had a very enjoyable visit from Father Christmas, who was ably assisted by his elf. The evening was enjoyed by children and adults alike, and we hope it will become a regular feature. The grotto, which was designed and made last year by Ed and Sue Tanguay looked wonderful and we hope will be used for many years to come.

We would like to thank those people who donated mince pies, biscuits etc and raffle prizes. Also Pat in the shop for the donation of sweets and Mr Stephen Thomas of Deerland Road, who donated £200 towards the festival committee funds.

The Festival is taking a rest in 2010

After the mammoth Festival to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, there won't be a festival in 2010. However, all is not lost and the Festival Committee is planning a one day event on May Day. The Llangwm Fun Day will take place on Pill Parks Field on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May and will have many of the attractions that we've had on previous Carnival days. There will be stalls and games and as we are not having a scarecrow festival this year, there will be a fancy dress competition on a scarecrow theme instead, with a

prize for the best adult scarecrow and one for the best child scarecrow.

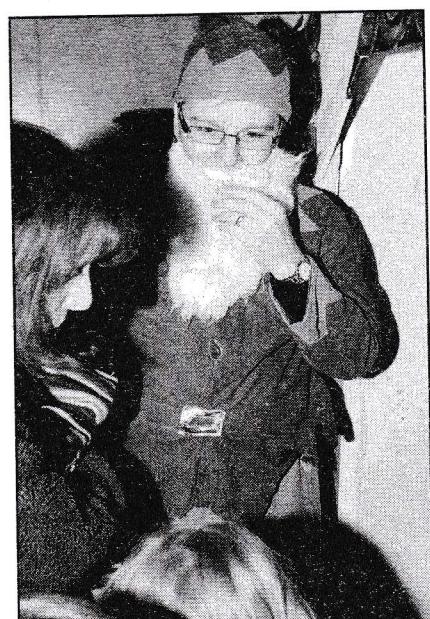
The day will round off at The Cottage Inn with a barbecue and a live band. Full details will appear on the Village Website and on posters in due course. Entry forms for the Fancy Dress competition will be available in the Village Shop in April.

We'd like to welcome Maddie Rees to the Festival Committee. She joins Hollie Bosenius in bringing some young blood and ideas on to the committee. But we are still interested in recruiting even more new blood—the festival events need to appeal to everyone in the village, so a broader representation is important..

Our thanks go to Alison Brant, who is standing down from the committee. She has contributed a lot in years she



has been on the committee, but she is moving to Caerphilly soon and we wish her all the best. Thanks also to her partner, David, who has been a great supporter of the committee. Apart from taking part in preparations for a number of events, they have organised and run some very successful quiz nights to raise funds for the committee.



# Llangwm Local History Society

The autumn and early part of this year has seen a further range of fascinating talks on different aspects of local history. The **History of Local Public Houses** by Keith Johnson (local author and editor of Pembrokeshire Life magazine) proved particularly popular, as Keith regaled us with stories of local hostelries. He was also given information about the location and ownership of several public houses in Llangwm by those present.

**Mark Muller's talk on the Haverfordwest Workhouse was excellent, as he painted a picture of the rapidly changing face of society leading up to the legislation which established workhouses. His tale of one poor boy and his fate was most moving.**

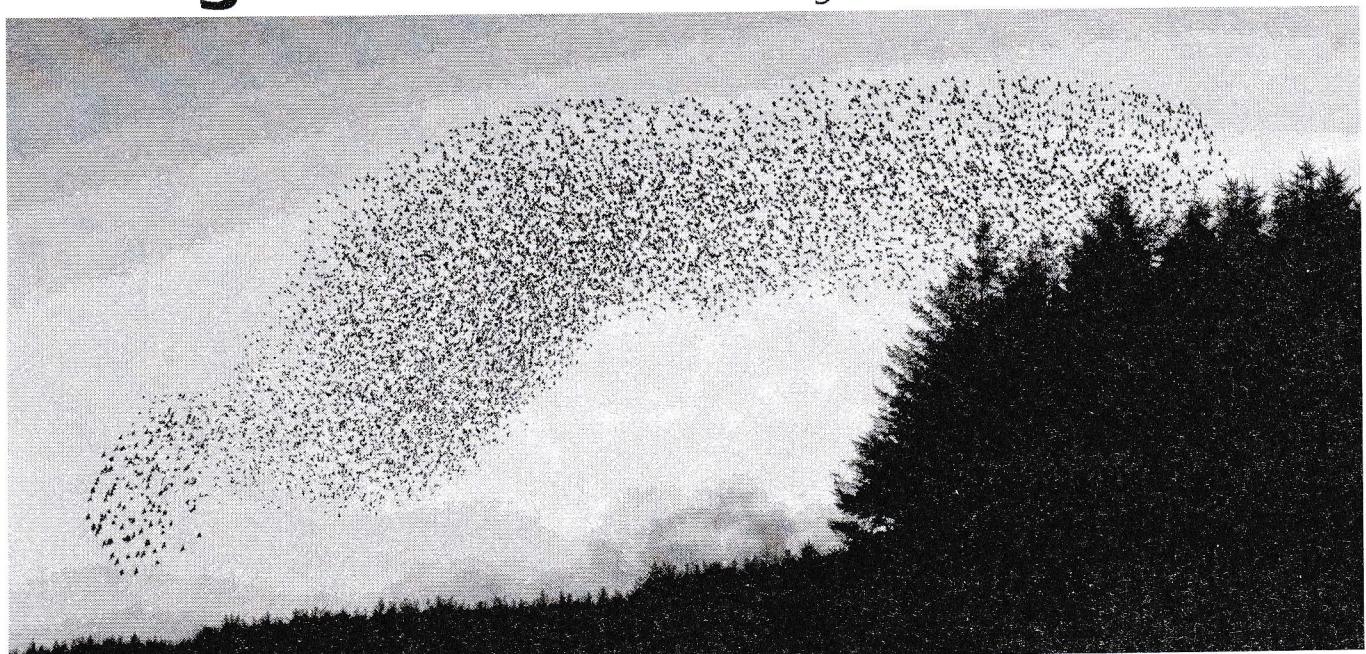
In February, we were fortunate to have a talk on Coal, Ore and Metals: the coastal mining landscape of Pembrokeshire by Dr Peter Claughton, who is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Exeter. He gave a wide view of mining in Pembrokeshire and its connections with Devon and added considerably to the knowledge many people have of the workings at Hook colliery.

Continuing our efforts to build up the Llangwm archive, a further scanning session was held in December where another wide range of material was digitised. We now have a considerable archive and a great deal of work is currently being undertaken to catalogue each item and identify individuals in photographs.

**The Society has also had a number of enquiries from individuals via the village website who are researching their family histories and has been able to pass on a considerable amount of information, thanks to the archive which is proving to be such a valuable resource. If anyone is interested in helping with the ongoing cataloguing work, please get in touch with any member of the committee – all help is very gratefully received!**

## Llangwm Photo Gallery

STARLINGS BY STEVE RICHARDS



# Llangwm Gardening Club News



**How good it is to see the daffs coming out, and feel the warmth of the sun, while catching up on all the jobs in the garden that were impossible to do while everything was frozen solid!**

**But the good news is that the frost and low temperatures have probably reduced the "nasties" in the soil – though I'm still waiting to see what has been lost, and what was tough enough to make another go at sprouting again.**

**"To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves" Mahatma Gandhi**

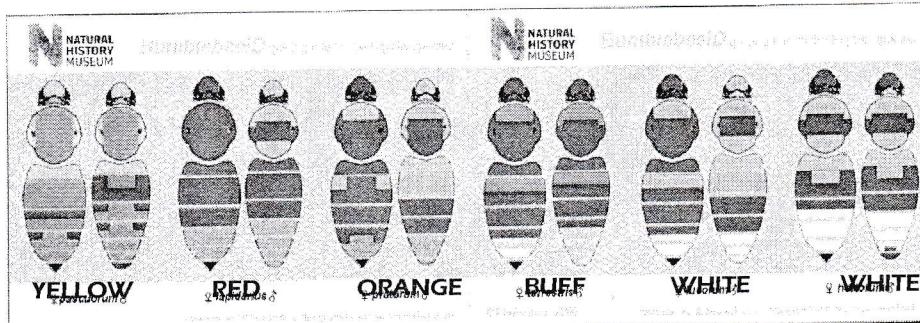
**Busy Bees** was the topic of our first talk at the Club in the February meeting by local beekeeper **John Dudman**. He started with a comparison of bumble and honey bees, and I didn't realise there were so many different bumble bees – I shall look with new interest at their tail colours in the summer! The Bumblebee Conservation Trust has a website : [www.bumblebeeconservationtrust.co.uk](http://www.bumblebeeconservationtrust.co.uk) for more info. We had a colour handout to identify the different bumblebees, but we can only do black and white here! I've put a "bottom colour ID" underneath to help.

John gave a very informative talk explaining the complex social structure in the hive which results in the honey produce we love. Honey bees have been suffering quite badly recently with poor summers – lack of food plants – and disease, which has been devastating hives. Although retired, John lectures on bee-keeper training courses around the country, and his philosophy is to work in harmony with nature and the environment, not to be greedy when it comes to harvesting honey, and encouraging planting of food plants close at hand to hives. Apparently, modern cultivars of garden plants are often either sterile (no pollen) or have inaccessible nectaries for bees, so it's important to have a corner that you can plant with some of the older varieties just to supply the honey bees with pollen and nectar eg bugle, buddleia, rosemary, chives, cornflowers and lots more.

## BumblebeeID Quick Guide to the Big Six species

[www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/projects/bombus/bumblebeoid.html](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/projects/bombus/bumblebeoid.html)

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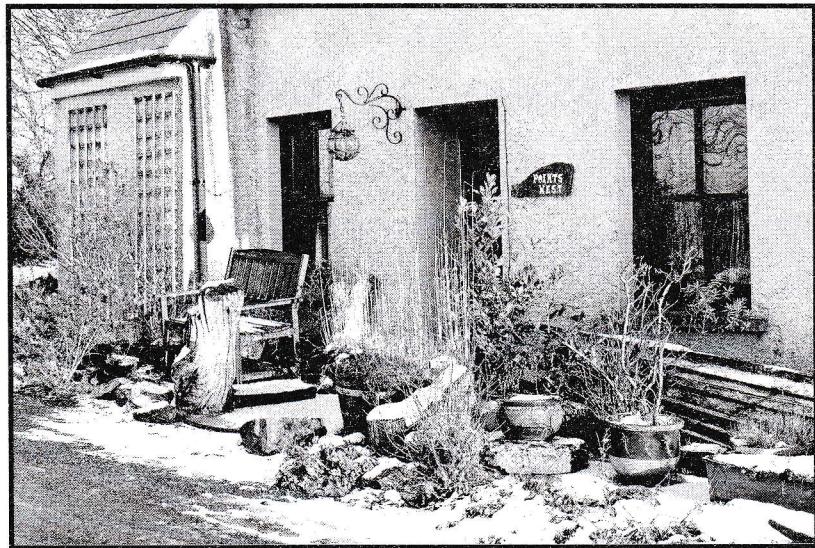


The other good news, since John mentioned it in his talk, is that Pembrokeshire has been awarded a substantial grant for the study and habitat preservation of the tiny rare Shrill Carder bee found only in the Castlemartin MOD area. There was an online vote for various projects to get the funding, so thank you to all who voted for this local important one.

During the same meeting we held our annual **Photographic Competition**, which had been postponed from its original date in January. The subject was "**A Pembrokeshire Garden**" – but not your own! – and was won by a photo of the tiniest garden, entitled "**A Minimal Garden**" (see photo) and taken by Maureen John.

A working party from the Gardening Club has also been as busy as bees at the **Llangwm School garden** - now the problem trees have been sorted out, Mike Wargeant has been organising some clearing, pruning and planting in the garden. The children should be able to enjoy the facility even more now, especially with the weather improving. Thanks to all who helped out.

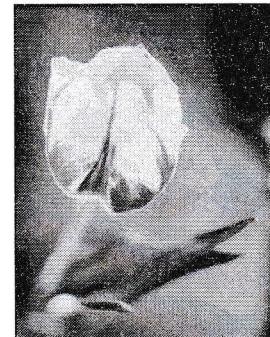
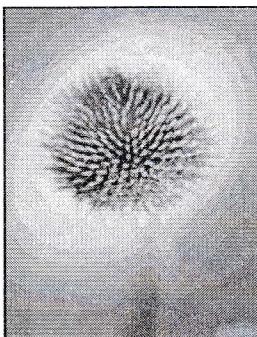
Our next meeting, at the time of writing, will be Andy Cook on "**Growing Herbs**" – he is a regular at the Haverfordwest Farmer's Market with his herb stand, and they are very good plants, reasonably priced. He is also very knowledgeable and happy to give advice if you are not sure of how to use, grow or propagate anything. He said everything has been slow growing over the cold winter – I'm surprised any self respecting plant has even poked a twig out in the temperatures we've had! – but I expect he will find some lovely plants to bring to the meeting for us.



*A Minimal Garden*

The rest of the programme for this season is:

April 12th	"A Naturalists Visit to Sark" Peter Brown
May 10th	"Primulas, A National Collection" Richard Bramley
June 6th	Club Outing: Dyffryn Gardens, nr Bridgend
July (tbc)	"Open Gardens"
July 5th	AGM



The Gardening Club has decided to hold "**Open Gardens**" in the summer, even though there is no Village Festival this year, and a list and map will be available nearer the time.

It will be held over a weekend in July, and will include gardens in and around Llangwm, Burton and Hook belonging to Garden Club members. We are also hoping to have a "**Ploughman's Lunch**" available in Llangwm Village Hall on the same day, so come and have a nice day out!

As usual, our meetings are held in **The Cottage Inn, Llangwm**, on the first Monday in the month (second Monday if there's a Bank Holiday) at 7.30pm.

The meetings are advertised on posters around the village in advance of the meeting, and all are welcome.

*Maureen John Secretary*

## Community Council

### Vacancy for a Community Council Clerk

Are you looking for a well-paid, part-time job of approximately 8 to 10 hours per calendar month (£100 per month)?

The duties include attending the Council meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at Llangwm School, taking the minutes and producing the minutes for record, receiving mail on behalf of the Council, including planning applications etc and responding to mail after discussion at the next meeting.

Applicants should have means of producing minutes and responding to mail—a PC or word processor is essential.

Interest persons should contact **Mrs Pat Morris (Chair LCC)** at Llangwm Post Office, for further information.



## Coming to Llangwm....

### Noel Coward's Brief Encounters

**Mark up your diaries for Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Tour de Force Theatre Company are visiting Llangwm to present two short plays by Noel Coward at the Community Hall at 7.30pm.**

The first play "Mild Oats" is a fascinating, funny and charming piece about a newly met couple. They have just met on a bridge and he brings her back to his flat...

The second play "Still Life" needs no introduction, as it is the play that became the famous 1947 film "Brief Encounter" starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnston. In this new adaptation, the company presents a version for the stage that is guaranteed to jerk the tears from your eyes.

Tour de Force consists of local actresses Jessica Sandry and Sonia Beck and actor Adrian Metcalfe. Concert Pianist Rob Marshall provides the musical accompaniment.

'This is Simply Wonderful Stuff' –  
**Graham Williams, The South Wales Evening Post**  
'Five-star performances' – **Geraint Thomas, Llanelli Star.**

## SWITCHING ON TO LLANGWM

**Llangwm's new Website has been on line for nearly a year and over the last 12 months we have added new pages and even a film has been inserted into the "Llangwm Past" page. In January we added two more pages, Llangwm Local and Llangwm Blogs. Llangwm Local provides a directory of locally based services and businesses and if you want to add your business to the directory, please email who you are, what you do and how someone can get in touch to Pam Hunt at the email address below.**

With Llangwm Blogs, we invited people living in the

village to submit Blogs of up to 250 words on any subject they chose. Unfortunately the response has been non-existent, which is a shame. Blogs can be fun or indeed it can be a platform from which someone can make a point about something, which annoys them. It can start an on line discussion and it can also provoke. So put on thinking caps and send some material in. If not, the page will be removed.

In the last four weeks the Village Website site has had 516 hits and while we cannot ascertain how many of those hits are within the village or from further afield, it is attracting a lot of interest.

In October 2009, we were contacted by a great, great grand daughter of Dolly Palmer who now lives in New Zealand. But while such contacts are very welcome, the site is primarily a village facility. It is a platform from which people and organisations can promote their events and it's there for villagers to find out what is going on. We update the news page every month, so if you have anything you want to promote or bring to a wider audience the Website is there for you.

All Submissions should be emailed to [pamela-hunt@btconnect.com](mailto:pamela-hunt@btconnect.com)

# Llangwm Community Centre News



LLANGWM JUNIORS ENTERTAIN LOCAL RESIDENTS

## St. David's Day Supper

Our M.C. David Mills began the evening by reminding us of how, on St. David's Day, it is the custom for the youngest recruit in any Welsh regiment on parade, to eat a freshly pulled, unwashed leek. Who was the youngest pupil from Llangwm School orchestra & choir who could be called upon to perform the same task?! Amid much laughter, it was decided that Mr Groves should, as the Headmaster, undertake this task, and to applause from all in the Hall, he showed he was a true Welshman!! He then went on to remind us that us that 2010 marked the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Llangwm School performing at the St. David's Day supper. I wonder if any of the children who performed all those years ago could now look back and tell us about it? (An account in the

next Llangwm News?) This year's musical renderings both in English and in Welsh, were as superb as ever, both from the instrumentalists and singers accompanied by Mrs Llinos Martin and Mrs Hilary Anderson. Audience participation with 'Guide me o'er thy

and musicals. A challenge to those who only listen to Radio 6! Many thanks as always to everyone who helped, both on the evening and in preparation and to Pat in the shop for selling tickets etc.



Great Redeemer' rounded off the performance, before supper was served.

The evening's entertainment continued with a superbly enjoyable musical quiz devised by Mr & Mrs Martin ranging from surprising hits of the sixties all the way to opera

Our other recent, very successful fund-raising event both for the hall and for the Haiti earthquake appeal, was a Table-Top Sale which included tables from various local groups as well as local author Fran Evans and a huge number of C.D's from the late Joe Neal's collection.

As well as private events such as children's parties, Sugarcraft classes and History Club meetings are continuing on a regular basis in the hall.

Remember - use of the Hall comes with a fully equipped kitchen and plenty of tables and chairs etc.

### HIRE OF THE VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

Community group activities: £7.50 per session   Parties: Adult: £35   Children: £20  
Many thanks to Pat in the shop for overseeing all the bookings!

## GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Guildford, Llangwm

### Looking Towards Easter and Springtime

Palm Sunday coincides with the start of British Summer Time on 28<sup>th</sup> March when we all look forward to the signs of new life and growth in the countryside around us.

Rev. Christopher Rees of Bethesda, Narberth, will lead the worship at Galilee on that morning at 10.30am, extending a warm welcome not only to all faithful members of the congregation but also to all newcomers and visitors to the village who care to join us.

Rev Rees's introduction to the Easter Week worship leads us on to Good Friday at 9.30am when a special service will be led by Rev. Ron Price of Milford Haven. This holy time is followed by an opportunity for fellowship and friendship in the chapel schoolroom, where hot cross buns, tea and coffee will be served by the ladies.

Rev. Price returns on Easter Sunday to take morning worship at 10.30am, which will include the singing of well-loved Easter hymns.

Another date of note: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Mr Nigel Thomas (of Sardis and Galilee) will preach in the two services to mark the anniversary of the chapel, at 10.30am and 5pm.

Women's League continues to meet fortnightly in the chapel vestry at 2pm on Thursdays. Speakers, activities and occasional trips are regularly arranged and are open to all ladies of the village who wish to attend.

## Llangwm Methodist Church

**MINISTER:** Reverend Alan Jenkins  
**SECRETARY:** Mrs Jane Brock  
**TREASURER:** Mrs Hilary Hitchings

### Sunday Services:-

Morning 11.00 am Sunday School 11.00 am  
**Sunday School** - please come and join us at 'Sunday School'. Children of all ages welcome. We meet every Sunday morning - 11am - 12noon. We read bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles & games and colouring.

### Women's Fellowship:

Fortnightly on Wednesdays - 2.00 pm

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Good Friday service at 3.30pm in the main chapel presided by Reverend Alan Jenkins followed by the Good Friday tea & Gift Day in the Sunday School Room at 4pm

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Day Service - 11am  
Sunday School - 11am

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Chapel Anniversary Services at 11am and 6pm both Services presided by Reverend Bill Robertson  
Sunday School - 11am

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Sunday School Anniversary Service - 6pm. Items to be given by Sunday School children and Adult Choir. Service to be presided by Mr Gareth John

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Summer Teas with savoury and sweet refreshments

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Harvest Festival Services - 11am and 6.00 pm  
Sunday School - 11 am

#### **TO BE ARRANGED**

Father's Day Luncheon  
Harvest Supper

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

# St Jerome's Church

## WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday** Holy Eucharist 9:00 am  
**Wednesday** Said Eucharist 9:30 am

## MONTHLY SERVICES

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**  
Said Eucharist 9:00 am

**WORSHIP TIME**  
9:30 am (followed by refreshments)

## Easter Services & Events

**1<sup>st</sup> April** Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April** Good Friday Meditation 11.00 am  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April** Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 pm  
(in church grounds)  
**4<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Day Eucharist 9:00 am

## Other Events

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a coffee morning at the Rectory from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm during which the Grand Prize Draw, in aid of the church, will take place. On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May a Parish Lunch will take place at Hook Social Club at 1:00 pm. Tickets for this 3 course meal will be available from church members at £10 each. Don't forget Krafty Kids on the last Saturday of each month from 4pm to 5pm. These are art and craft sessions for children of primary school age.

## Harvest Service

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Praise  
7:00 pm (visiting preacher - Rev. Bryon Jones)

A very warm welcome is extended to all who wish to join us at any of our services or events. Please see the Church notice board for up-to-date details.



## Music at St Jerome's

After the sell out performance by **Undumo Wezitswe** last October, the autumn concert season was rather disrupted. In November our traditional Remembrance Concert had to be abandoned at the very last minute because of heavy rain preventing the Milford Band and most of the audience even reaching the church. Nevertheless, the concert was remounted on January 27<sup>th</sup> with an excellent performance by the band.

The first half consisted of suitable music interspersed with readings of war poetry. RAF veteran **Michael Wargent**, current serving soldier **Dean Wilson** and Hollie Bosenius read a range of war poems written between 1914 and 2009. The First half ended with the traditional Evening Hymn and Last Post with an evocative solo played by **Liz Llewellyn**. The second half provided more upbeat music with a Beatles Medley and a traditional New Orleans rendering of "Just A Closer Walk". The concert ended with the famous British Legion March.

Our **Christmas Concert** had to be changed at short notice when the reading of A Christmas Carol had to be called off. But step forwards **The Penfro Minstrels**, an eleven piece string and woodwind orchestra who saved the day and put on an entertaining programme of Christmas music for us.

But those lovers of Charles Dickens need not despair as thanks to Night Out, Dickens's own abridged reading of A Christmas Carol will take place on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 at St Jerome's. Performed by **Pip Utton**, one of Europe's leading solo performers and who looks remarkably like Dickens himself.

It has been decided, however, to reduce the number of concerts. This is because there has been a tail off of audiences over the last 18 months, so we are going to bring to Llangwm fewer, but much higher profile performances after the summer.

Watch out for the publicity.

# The Story of St. Jerome's Church

## AN EASTER EXHIBITION

We walk or drive past it most days and probably don't give it a second thought, but Llangwm's oldest building has a long and fascinating history. St Jerome's was built in the 13th century by **Gilbert De la Roche**, head of the Benton Castle branch of the De la Roche family, whose ancestor had fought alongside William the Conqueror and who had been granted lands in Pembrokeshire in the 1240s. They chose a site in Llangwm that had already been a place of Christian worship since the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and there our little medieval church has stood for nearly 800 years, serving the community. It has seen the village through the Black Death, the Reformation and the Civil War. St

Jerome's stood there providing a sense of permanency to the peoples who have come and gone over the centuries.

Unusually for a small village church, the effigies of two members of the De la Roche family lie in the North aisle, suggesting that those members of the family will be buried in a crypt, yet there is no evidence of where that crypt might be. The church also has a covered **piscina**, something that reminds one of the church's pre-reformation days. A piscina is unusual enough, as most were ripped out in the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, but this is believed to be the only covered one in Pembrokeshire. Another point of interest are the

stones jutting out above the pulpit. These are believed to be all that remains of the staircase up into what would have been a minstrels' gallery prior to its major renovation in the 1870s.

If you want to find out more, then come along to an exhibition telling the story of the church over the centuries. Discover the window where local Lepers could take communion, learn about the De La Roche family and their influence on the local community.

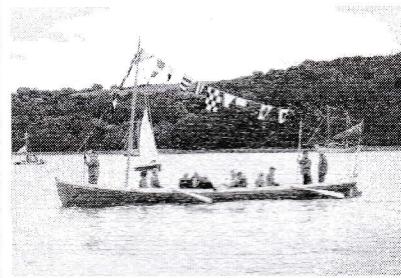
**Come along and marvel at the story of the earlier years of our village.** The Exhibition will be open from **Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, from 12 -4.00pm.**

## SEAFAIR HAVEN 2010

The Seafair Traditional Boat Festival will take place on the Haven between 3rd and 10th July.

Sadly, the Llangwm Seafair Committee has been obliged to decline the invitation to take part. We have had little influence over the Milford Haven Port Authority's arrangements for the Festival, even though we hosted half the boats and crew numbers last time, and we had been asked to take on more than we could reasonably deliver for a third of the financial grant provided last time.

But such was the Llangwm community's previous welcome, we can expect many of the Seafair crews to call on us in early July.



## Books You Might Like

Barry Childs

**Elmore Leonard** is one of the greatest American writers of crime fiction. In that genre 'Maximum Bob' is one of his best. His books will entertain you from first page to last and will put a smile on your face. In his early days he wrote Westerns, some of which were made into films. My favourite is 'Hombre', a western that is much more than that. The film version starred Paul Newman and Frederic March.

**Nick Hornby** is among the best of current British writers. He has written one of the most acclaimed books there is on football ('Fever Pitch') and has also written six novels, the most recent being 'Juliet, Naked'. The title is more than a bit misleading but it's worth finding out why he chose it. Incidentally, Nick Hornby wrote the screen play for 'An Education' a recently released film which has been nominated as best film for this year's Oscars.

'Wild Swans' was written a little time ago. Its author is **Jung Chang** and this, her autobiography, tells of three generations of women in her family: her grandmother, her mother and herself. Life in China under Mao Zedong is vividly recalled – the hardship, brutality, particularly at the time of the Cultural Revolution. I've just read the book again, following a visit to China last Summer. It's a long but worthwhile read.

# Remember this...

## 50 years ago in Llangwm



"Electricity was cut off for several hours at Llangwm yesterday when a helicopter from Brawdy tore through high tension cables spanning Llangwm Pill. The pilot, Lieut. Rodney Griffiths, landed the aircraft on the Pill Parks, Llangwm's rugby-recreation ground."

This was reported in the 'West Wales Guardian' on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1960. In the helicopter with Lieutenant Griffiths were Leading Airman William Rogers and a passenger, Naval Air Mechanic Brian Pinnington.

"Residents rushed to the ground to render what service they could but fortunately the pilot and his crew landed without injury. Eye-witnesses say there was a bright flash as the machine severed the cables."

"Schoolchildren on their way home had an unexpected diversion, especially when a second helicopter, bringing Naval engineers to inspect the damage plane landed on the Pill Parks."

"An examination revealed that the 'chopper' was not badly damaged and soon the 'show' was over, both craft taking off together shortly after 5 p.m. In the interval, although the power supply had been cut off, the airmen were entertained to tea!"

A few weeks later, the 'West Wales Guardian' informed its readers that "Fourteen days before he terminates his service in the Royal Navy, a 26-year-old pilot, Rodney Stephen Griffiths, of Long Levens, Gloucester, was sentenced at a court martial at the R.N. Air Station, Brawdy, to forfeit one year's seniority and to be severely reprimanded."

Lieutenant Griffiths had pleaded guilty to flying a Dragonfly helicopter at a height of less than 100 feet.

Courtesy of Nikki Bosworth Pembrokeshire Record Office

## Population changes in Llangwm & Hook

**1801** – 568

**1811** – 585

**1821** – 644

**1831** – 697

Up until 1841, the population figures were compiled by the vicar from his registers & personal knowledge, so they are not necessarily very accurate.

**1841** – 796

**1851** – 928

**1861** – 900

**1871** – 875

**1881** – 874

**1891** – 946

**1901** – 888

**1911** – 836

**1921** – 828

**1931** – 804

**1941** – not available

**1951** – 1088

**1961** – 1091

**1971** – 1085

**1981** – can't find

**1991** – 1453

**2001** – 1973

As you can see, the population of Llangwm [including Hook] has been gradually increasing (with minor blips) but, since 1931, has grown quite significantly.

If anyone knows why figures were not available for 1941, could they please let us know? Email to: [janicecasey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janicecasey@hotmail.co.uk)

# Llangwm VC Primary School

**Welcome to the Llangwm V.C School section of the newsletter. The items below provide information about some of the events and activities that have taken place recently.**

**S**ince June 2009 the governing bodies of Burton and Llangwm VC Schools have held many meetings concerning the future provision of education within the two areas.

The Governing Bodies of Burton and Llangwm VC Schools have now jointly agreed, with the full support and agreement of Pembrokeshire County Council and the St David's Diocesan Education Authority to effect the merger of the schools. It is intended that the merged school will operate on the two existing sites from September 2010.

It is also intended at some time in the future to build a new school within Llangwm to accommodate the merged school on a single site. It is hoped that funding for the new school building will be granted soon and that the new school will be completed by the middle part of this decade.

**F**ollowing the initial disruption caused by the snow in January the staff and children have settled very well into the Spring Term. There is a happy and hardworking atmosphere within school as we head into spring.

If any readers of the village newsletter are interested in discovering more about forthcoming events at the school a copy of our own newsletter is available on the Llangwm V.C Primary School public pages of the Pembrokeshire e-portal.  
[https://www.pgfl.org.uk/schools/tmf/  
Llangwm](https://www.pgfl.org.uk/schools/tmf/Llangwm)

**T**he school has been successfully assessed for Stage 4 of the Pembrokeshire Health Promoting Schools Scheme. This has involved the children and I



The new Llangwm School Council was elected at the start of September, with each class having representation. The school council has met regularly and focused on a range of issues such as how the school could support the people of Haiti and further ways of developing the school playground and environmental garden.

Older members of the school council attended the Pembrokeshire Anti-Bullying Conference and reported back to the whole school about ways of using the internet in a safe way. The School Council also organised a competition linked to showing how computers can be used in a safe way.

**D**uring this term the children in each of our six classes will have the opportunity to work with Pembrokeshire artist Mrs. Linda Carr. Mrs Carr will be focusing on the use of recycled materials to create pieces of art.

The Infant children within the school have already explored the colours and textures of winter. The two photographs show the young artists within Class 3 busy at work and finally celebrating the winter collage that they had created at the end of the day.





Our Infant and Junior Christmas Concerts took place at Llangwm Methodist Chapel. Both played to large audiences and were very well received. Once again members of the audiences commented favourably on the quality of both the acting and singing. The collections taken after the concerts raised £406.50 towards additional resources to support the teaching of music throughout the school.

### **St. David's Day Celebration**



The school celebrated St. David's Day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. An Eisteddfod was held in Llangwm Methodist Chapel. The Eisteddfod involved all full-time children performing a range of traditional songs, poems and dances to their families and friends.

The Junior children enjoyed performing a range of musical items at Llangwm Village Hall for the St. David's Day Supper. Once again, the audience were very encouraging and this really helped the confidence of the children.

### **World Book Day**

The school celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a day early. Children and staff come to school dressed as a character from a favourite children's book. We also arranged for a wide range of storytelling activities to take place in each class and for a Book Quiz to take place. At the end of the day the children took home a World Book Day voucher to encourage their love of reading.

### **Tesco Vouchers for Schools**

From March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be collecting Tesco vouchers. There is no limit on the number of vouchers we can collect and there is a wide selection of equipment we can exchange them for. The scheme runs until the end of May and any vouchers will be gratefully received in the school office.

### **Clubs / Sporting Events**

The school has continued to be involved in a wide range of sporting events. Last term staff provided after school sports clubs in football, rugby, netball, and dance for Key Stage 2 pupils. In addition there were after school clubs for art, drama, environmental work and storytelling.

The Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby teams took part in the Rugby Festival at Haverfordwest RFC. The teams played very well, winning the majority of their games.

The school was represented by twelve children at the Pembrokeshire Cross Country event at Oakwood on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The children all competed well and the best individual result was achieved by Benny Galdo who came 11<sup>th</sup> in the Year 3 boys race.

### **Links with the Community**

During the second part of the Autumn Term the children, staff and parents undertook a wide range of activities to raise funds and support the following areas:

**Children in Need Appeal - £384.13**  
**Operation Christmas Child -**  
54 boxes sent for children suffering through war, poverty, natural disaster and disease in Eastern European countries.

**Withybush Hospital Children's Ward - £92.77**  
This term the children brought in a wide variety of items to support the **Haiti Disaster Fund**. Their donations helped to raise a total of £318.10 following a raffle and table top sale at the Llangwm Village Hall.



# LLANGWM RUGBY CLUB

## SENIORS

Boxing Day saw a large crowd at Pill Parks to witness the annual encounter with Haverfordwest for the **Bishop Cup**, and the Llangwm contingent ensured that their team was well supported, (with a special welcome from "The Stand" for the ex- Llangwm players in the Blues team). The match ended a draw, 3 points each, but most of those there agreed that despite their lowly league position, Llangwm were better value on the day and had their chances to win the game. At the final whistle it was decided to share the spoils for 6 months each and both captains raised the cup.

Llangwm has not won the cup since the early nineties so congratulations must go to captain Nick Phillips and all the players and coaching staff for their efforts not only on the day, but throughout the season.

Next season will see a special occasion at the club when it will achieve the remarkable feat of 125 years of rugby in the village of Llangwm ! This is a great achievement for any club but for a small village such as ours is even more so, and the club intends to mark the occasion by holding a series of celebratory events.

A working party is currently

putting together a suitable programme for the season, which will include celebration matches for the Senior and Youth teams against their counterparts representing Pembrokeshire County, as held in the Centenary Year. It is also intended to hold a re-union event, and November will see a 125 year Gala dinner at the Beggars Reach Hotel which promises to be a great evening. Numbers will be limited so please ensure early booking to avoid disappointment.

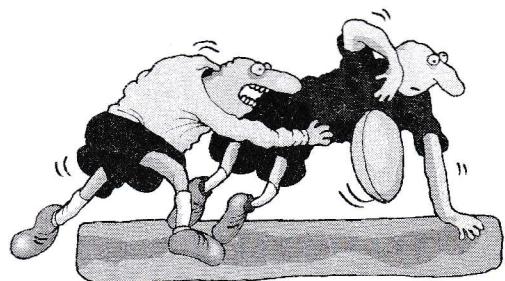
The club has a database of members, but it is important to get the message out to people who do not live locally of the events planned. Therefore please spread the word to those away, and ask people who wish to be involved in any capacity, to forward their contact details to the club. They can then be added to our growing database and informed of future events at the club.

The ongoing works to refurbish the stand are gathering pace, and with this intended to be completed for the coming season, there is a great deal to look forward to over the next 12 months or so at the club.

The club also has a new website which will be updated on a regular basis with events and match results. This can be found at... [www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm)

## YOUTH

The Youth have had a mixed season to date with some good wins but also a few losses which could have been won. The leagues have been re-balanced for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the season so with several games yet to play there is a good chance of some more wins against opposition of the same level.



Unfortunately, the numbers training have dropped off as late, much to the frustration of coaches Jeremy Brock and Alan Williams, as, with a bit more effort the team could finish the season on a high and move to the top area of their league.

## Curry & Quiz Night

26th March @ 7.30pm  
**Come and join in the fun in an adult only atmosphere. Tickets are £5 in advance available from the Committee.**

## JUNIOR/MINIS

A round up of forthcoming junior events from the junior committee.

## TRAINING

Every Wednesday  
6-7 (ish) pm.

Nights are getting lighter now so we are back to the pitch. Can all parents please ensure that players are appropriately dressed for training.

**Sunday 10:30-12am**

When games are not on, then training will take place in Llangwm, weather permitting.

## COMPETITIONS

The Under 15's will be taking part in the **District Cup** with an away draw to Narberth on the 28/03/10.

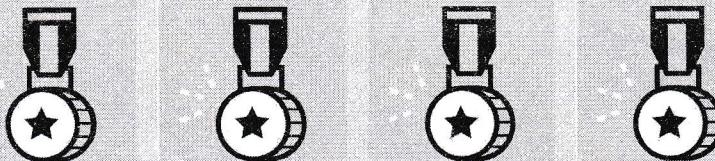
Under 8's will be in action on Good Friday Tournament at Crymych. (02/04/10)

Under 9's will play the Neyland Tournament on the 25th April at 1030hrs (at Neyland!)

Under 15's are also competing in the Neyland Cup on 16th April at 1800hrs

# Players Presentation Night

16th April (time to be confirmed)



**This night is always a big success - don't miss out on the fun.**

As an incentive throughout the season a tally of tries scored and overall performances are kept which will go towards the awards presented at the end of season party. Medals are also given after a match for player of the match! In line with previous seasons, there will be awards for 'Top try Scorer', 'Most Improved' and 'Player of the Season'.

**All those with large shields from last year, can they be returned please as soon as possible.**

Raffle to be drawn on the night with big prizes to be won. Please all bring a plate of savoury or sweet food for all to share.

**Thank you** to you all for your help so far this season. There is new kit arriving as a result of you attending and supporting your young players through the teas, coffees, bacon rolls, raffle and other fundraisers. Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work and lets keep working at it for the benefit of the boys and girls turning up to enjoy rugby. Llangwm Junior must be one of the best kitted out teams in the county!

**Please contact the club house for any information on membership, events or participation in rugby for Llangwm RFC.**

Michael John **Chairman, Llangwm RFC**

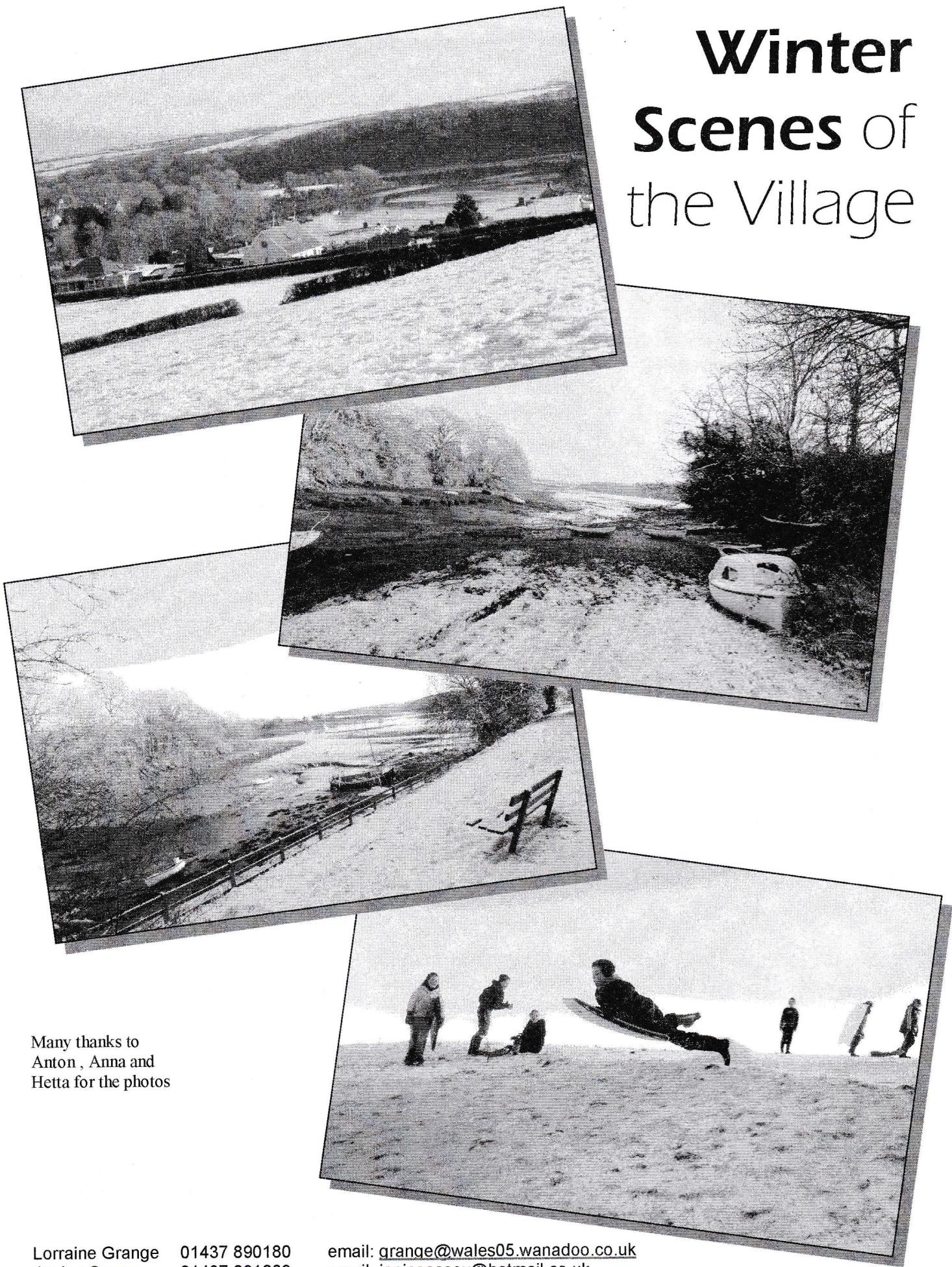
## LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB



**The Club AGM is due to take place quite soon and, as with other pre-season matters, the dates and arrangements for the season will be posted on the Llangwm Village Website when they become available.**

**Junior training starts Wednesday, 31st March. Players and parents to meet at 6.00pm at Pill Parks stand to plan the season.**

# Winter Scenes of the Village



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