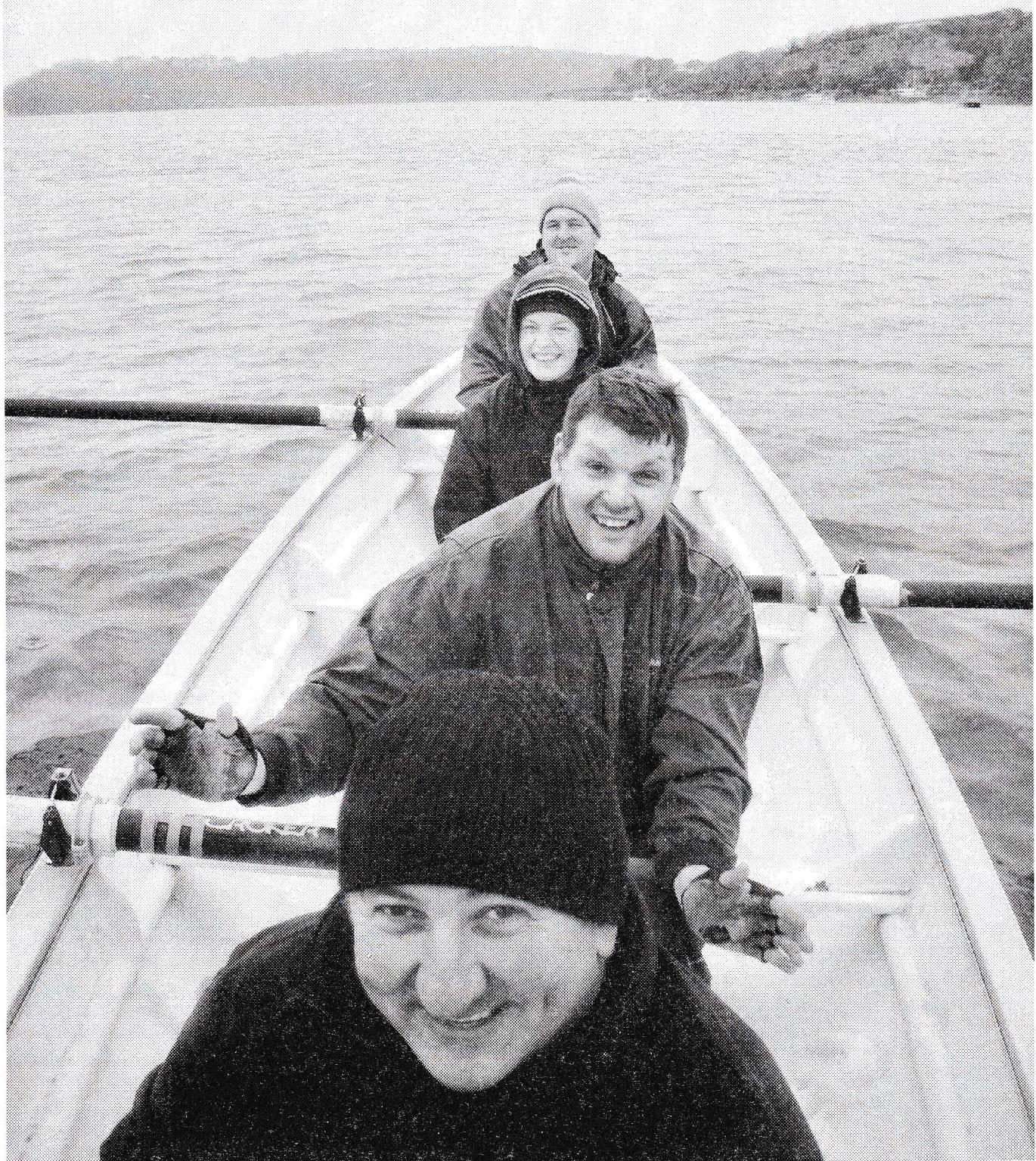


# Llangwm **Village News**

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# Gardening Club News

The Sun, with all those plants revolving around it and dependant on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the Universe to do - **Galileo**

At the time of writing we are enjoying an Indian summer, and grapes are ripening very well! We learned the seasons when young as Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, but it seems as though they have jumbled themselves up a bit this year into Winter, (miss out Spring!), Summer, Autumn, then Summer again! But the plants always seem to be able to sort themselves out in the end. It seems that the honeybee population may be recovering as well, according to a report in the RHS Journal (The Garden Aug 2010 "News" pg 518) - we had an insight into bee life in a club talk last year. Despite the hardest winter for 30 years about 80% of overwintering colonies have survived, compared with 70% previously.

Members enjoyed a very good Barbeque supplied by The Cottage Pub – many thanks to Matthew for such a good spread – after our AGM in July.

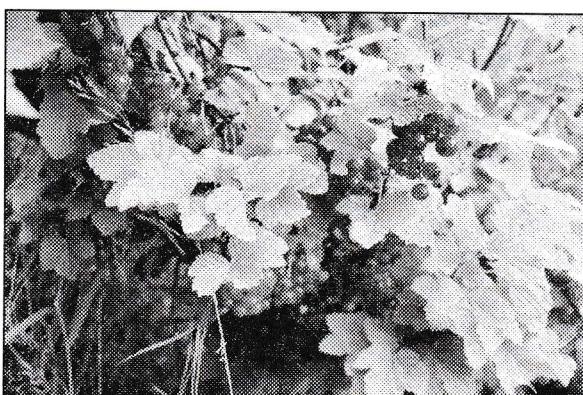
Chairman Jane Mills reported a good year for well-supported meetings, and Treasurer David Mills assured us that our bank balance was remaining healthy, and a membership of over 30 members ensured that the Club was still popular and going strong after 12 years in existence. At the AGM we held the Joe Neal Cup Competition, set up by Joe many years ago, for the best plant in a 3" pot. This year it was won by Maureen John's Agave plant, which originally came from an offset off Caroline Box a few years ago, so some credit must go to Caroline! Maureen also took the prize for the best Coffee plant sponsored by Dick Knight who supplied the small plants at last year's AGM. The prize was some Fairtrade coffee to go into a different sort of cup!



## Competition entries

Also at the AGM, the new committee was voted in, being

Chairman - Jane Mills  
Treasurer - David Mills  
Secretary - Maureen John  
Publicity - Val John  
Programme Secs - Madeleine Tasker, Stella Stroud  
Raffle - Gail Kelly



Eileen and David Parfitt were stepping down from the Committee, and many thanks are due to both of them for their fantastic work arranging the Programme for a good many years – and even now Eileen is helping out the new Programme Secs with this year's meetings. Eileen and David also celebrated their Golden Wedding in the summer, so Congratulations to them both from all of us!

The Gardening Club began the new season with a talk on foraging in the hedgerows for some very useful plants. We were expertly guided by Lara Bernays, who is a Medicinal Herbalist and a practitioner at The Natural Healthcare Centre & Herbal Dispensary, Newport, Pems. She delightfully took us through some commonly found plants that have healing properties, some of which are incorporated into the products dispensed at the Centre. We all know about dock leaves taking the irritation out of stinging nettle rashes, but did you know that the dock juice contains an antihistamine substance? And that ginger (of ginger wine fame!) can counteract a chill – and keep your feet warm! – by stimulating the circulation? Lara is fully qualified as a Herbal Practitioner, and the Healthcare Centre has a website which can be found at : [www.naturalhealthcarenewport.co.uk](http://www.naturalhealthcarenewport.co.uk) It was a fascinating evening enjoyed by everyone, and we are hoping to follow it up next summer with an actual foray with Lara around the village hedgerows.

## Hedgerow Treasures

We were then transported to the other side of the world in October with an illustrated talk on "Flora and Fauna of the Falklands" from Dave Emerson. We all know of the Falklands since the conflict there, but I don't suppose many of us have had the opportunity to visit the Islands, so it was an enlightenment to see and hear about the locality and its natural history.

Our last meeting before Christmas will be "DIY Christmas Decorations" using garden materials, with Pam McGrath, who is as entertaining as she is knowledgeable. We will have the opportunity to all make a door wreath, so come Christmas all our front doors will be looking very smart! Then to end the year we have the Christmas Dinner trip to a local establishment, this time Lamphey Hall Hotel. With a mouthwatering menu to choose from and a warm and very seasonal atmosphere, it will be a good start to the Festive Season.

The rest of the Club Programme for 2011 will be:

**Jan:** New Year Quiz and Nibbles at the Cottage

**Feb:** Pembrokeshire Gardens, with an Historic Slant: Nikky Bosworth

**Mar:** Gardening by the Sea: Steve Whitehead

**April:** Trace Elements in the Soil: Goodwin Jones

**May:** Conservation Walk: Dave Knight (tbc)

**Jun:** Hedgerow Foray: Lara Bernays, Medicinal Herbalist

**Jul:** AGM & Barbeque

As ever, our meetings will be in The Cottage Pub, Llangwm, first Monday of the month at 7.30 pm, and thanks are due to Matthew and the pub staff for their welcome and hospitality on our club evenings.

*Maureen John,  
Secretary*



# Llangwm Festival and the future

**What to do with the Llangwm Festival? That has been the question on the lips of many over the last six months, no more so than on the lips of the volunteers who serve on your Festival Committee. In spite of many pleas both in the newsletter and on the Llangwm Website ([www.llangwm-villages.org.uk](http://www.llangwm-villages.org.uk)), no new volunteers have stepped forward to come and help. It begs the question that perhaps Llangwm no longer wants village events.**

But at a recent meeting of the Festival Committee it was agreed that the Carnival and the December Father Christmas event should still continue. If you think you can help please get in touch with a Festival Committee member, or leave your contact information with Pat in the village shop. We will value any help and ideas we can get.

So on **17th December at 6.00pm**, bring the kids along to The Cottage Inn to meet Father Christmas and to tell him what they would like for Christmas. There will be mulled wine and hot food available, as well as a grand raffle and why not join in singing some carols?

There will also be a Carnival and Scarecrow competition in 2011 and more details will appear in the Spring 2011 newsletter.

If there is anyone out there who is prepared to put time aside to help out with these events, please get in touch with Claire Philips on **01466 602111** or [clairephillips91@msn.com](mailto:clairephillips91@msn.com)

If you have an idea for an article for the next edition of Llangwm Village News or if your club/interest isn't represented please drop us a line.

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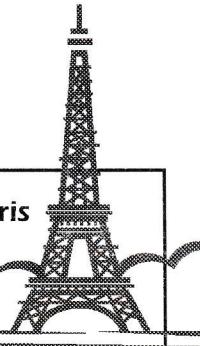
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# VILLAGE NEWS

**Sue Howley is doing a bike ride from London to Paris in July 2011 and needs to raise £1200 by July and £600 by April. If you would like to help Sue in her efforts you can find out more on [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)—click on **sponsor a friend** and you will be able to donate using a secure server. The money raised is going to **Christian Aid—Poverty Over Campaign**.**

**Sue sends her thanks and hopes that you will be able to sponsor her.**



## **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!**

## **Llangwm Community Council**

**The Community Council has again received complaints regarding the parking on footpaths in the village, namely, Gail Rise, The Gail, Butterhill and the Kilns.**

**In particular, parking on the pavement on the Kilns causes a visual obstruction, making it very difficult for vehicles to pass safely.**

**On Gail Rise and The Gail, it means children have to walk in the road, not ideal or safe.**

**In conclusion, the Community Council would request Llangwm residents and their visitors to please park with consideration for road safety and pedestrians.**

## **Coming Soon to Llangwm Village Hall**

**Night Noson Out Allan**

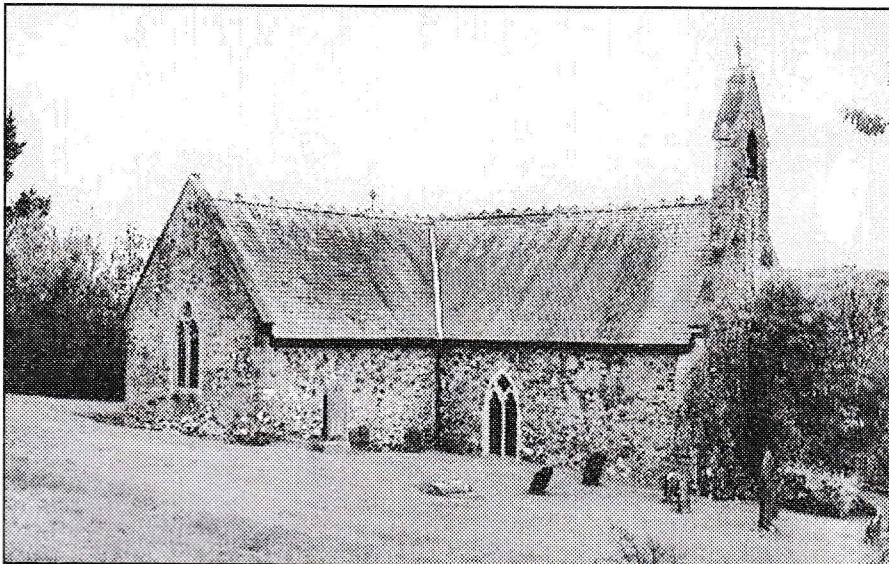
As part of its St. David's Day celebrations next Year, there will be a St. David's Day Supper followed by a performance of Dylan Thomas's "Reminiscences of Childhood" by Tour de Force and presented in association with Night Out. Villagers will remember the Tour de Force team who put on Noel Coward's "Brief Encounters", directed and featuring Adrian Metcalfe during the summer.

Now, following its award-winning debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 2008, Adrian has performed this one-man show all over the world to considerable critical acclaim. It was developed from the short stories and poetry of Dylan Thomas and focuses on a dying man's attempts to justify his existence. During this journey through his memories, he begins to learn about the transience of life and the joy of innocence, the loss of love and the sadness of regret. It is at once beautiful and ugly, engaging and hilarious.

Metcalfe draws on a wide range of works by the author including The Portrait of the Artist as a Young Dog, Quite Early One Morning, The Collected Poems and Return Journey. These are all seamlessly entwined with Metcalfe's own prose creating this poignant and touching portrayal.

This special evening will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and tickets including the light supper will be £10.00 per person. This is a 'not to be missed evening', so mark this date in your diary.

# Llangwm Local History Society



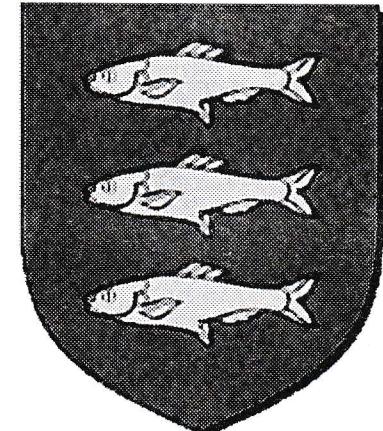
**Earlier in the year, a collaborative project between the Local History Society and St Jerome's Church saw a successful exhibition held in the church between 5th & 10th April.**

St Jerome's was built by the De La Roche family in the 13th Century, who, having fought alongside William of Normandy, had been granted lands in South Pembrokeshire. At first, they had built a castle at Roch but found it too windy, damp and cold, so they built another castle at Benton and also the church in Llangwm. The site chosen had been a place of Christian worship since the 8th century.

This 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 represented a sense of permanency to the people who have lived and died here 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



DE LA ROCHE COAT OF ARMS

also of interest as they indicate a spiral staircase leading to the rood-loft. This would have housed a minstrels' gallery prior to the renovation of the 1870's.

The exhibition gave information about the De La Roche family history, key background events over the life of the church, biographies of key individuals and displayed an artist's impression of how St Jerome's would have looked shortly after it was built. Many thanks to Ed Tanguay for this.



crypt. As yet there is no evidence of where that crypt may be. The church also has a covered piscine, something that reminds of the church's pre-Reformation days before most were removed during the turbulent years of the Reformation. It is believed to be the only covered one in Pembrokeshire. The stones jutting out above the pulpit are

Work is ongoing on research of Llangwm's early history as well as an oral history project to record people's memory of the village. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact a member of the committee.

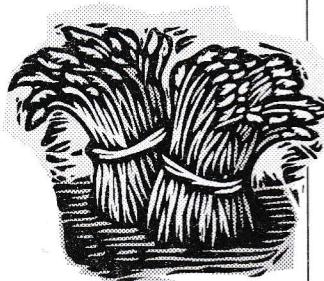
# **GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL** **“Broadening horizons”**

## **Report for Autumn and Christmas 2010**

Over the past year at Galilee prayers have been offered and donations have been sent in respect of world disasters such as the Haiti earthquake and the Pakistan floods.

Back in summer, at the Sunday School Anniversary service on 20th June, a fine performance of solos, choruses and recitations was given by the children and invited guests.

Harvest Festival was celebrated in morning and evening services on Sunday 26th September, when friends and worshippers from other local chapels joined with the congregation for a time of thanksgiving. Gaynor John-Davies prepared striking seasonal flower arrangements and the ladies of the chapel decorated a fine harvest table. Two memorable and moving sermons were preached by Rev. William Owen of Fishguard and favourite harvest hymns were sung, accompanied by organists Mr Nigel Thomas and Mrs Margaret Davies respectively at the two services.



Members and friends of Galilee also attend and take part in the village's combined Service of Remembrance at the cenotaph on Llangwm Green each year, this year on 14th November. The fallen are also remembered at Galilee in a minute's silence as part of the normal Sunday morning service which follows.

In October, after the customary summer break, Women's League resumed its afternoon meetings on alternate Thursdays.

Galilee's Christmas Service of Readings and Carols will be held on Sunday 19th December at 10.30am, led by Mr Nigel Thomas.

Members of the congregation will also once again join with village worshippers at the United Village Service on Christmas morning. This year it is the turn of Llangwm Methodist Chapel to host the service.

There will be no service at Galilee on Boxing Day (Sun 26th Dec); the first service of the New Year will be held as normal on 2nd January 2011.

# **Llangwm Methodist Church**

Minister: Reverend Alan Jenkins

Secretary: Mrs Jane Brock

Treasurer: Mrs Hilary Hitchings

Sunday Services: Morning 11am

Sunday School: 11am

Sunday School — please come and join us at 'Sunday School'. Children of all ages welcome. We meet every Sunday morning 11am — 12 noon. We read Bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles and games and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun.

Women's Fellowship:

Fortnightly on Wednesdays — 2pm

## **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 30th October 2010

Autumn Fayre — Sunday School Room

11am — 2pm

Friday 3rd December  
2010

Carols, mince pies and  
coffee — 7pm

United Christmas Day  
Service

Reverend Alan Jenkins —  
10am

Friday 22nd April 2011

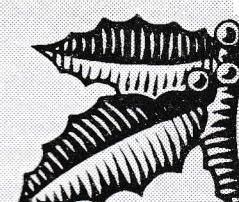
Good Friday Service — 3.30pm in the main  
chapel presided over by Reverend Alan  
Jenkins followed by the Good Friday Tea  
and Gift Day in the Sunday School Room  
at 4pm

Sunday 24th April 2011

Easter Service — 11am

Sunday School — 11am

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



# St Jerome's Church

May we cordially invite you to our Christmas Bazaar, which this year will be at the Village Hall on November 20th starting at 2pm. Come and browse our various stalls and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee whilst chatting to friends and neighbours.

Our Mothers' Union group continues to thrive with a calendar of interesting speakers and demonstrations, as well as our annual mystery trip and Christmas dinner. We would be delighted to welcome any new members. Anyone wishing to join us, please contact our Leader, Mrs Margaret Davies, on 01437 890617,

The Worship Time services and Krafty Kids continue once a month (please refer to times below). We should be pleased to see more children coming along. We try to make the Church a welcoming place for children and as Rev. Jane says "The Church has stood for hundreds of years and children enjoying themselves won't destroy it!"

Rev Jane can now be contacted on the following temporary number: 01646 601826

## Weekly Services

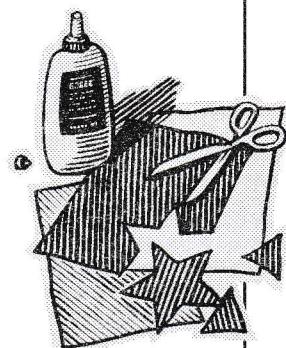
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	9.00am
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	9.30am

## Monthly Services

1st Sunday	Said Eucharist	9.00am
	Worship Time (family service)	9.30am
	Followed by refreshments	

## Krafty Kids

Last Saturday 5.00pm of each month	An art and Craft session for children of Primary school age.	4.00pm-
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## Christmas Services

December 12th 17th	Readings and Carols (St. Justinians, Freystrop)	6.00pm 6.30pm
Date to be Announced	Christingle Service	to be announced
December 24th	Crib Service Midnight Mass	5.00pm 11.30pm
December 25th	United Village service (Methodist Chapel)	to be announced
December 26th	Joint Service Said Eucharist	10.00am

Please refer to Church noticeboards for any other information.

May we extend a very warm welcome to all those wishing to attend any of the above and we wish you all a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas and the New Year.

## A Few More Good Books

If you like to read about places, some of which you may have visited, some others you probably won't have then Stuart Maconie's '**Adventures On the High Teas'** is one to certainly look out for. It is interesting, wittily written and will make you think. It takes you around the middle of England to places like The Cotswolds, The Chilterns, Lincolnshire etc. It doesn't matter where he takes you he always has something interesting to say about that place and, very often, will leave you thinking 'I wouldn't mind going there.'



Not perhaps, in some respects, to everybody's taste because of their hard hitting nature is the trilogy of crime stories written by the Swedish writer Stieg Larsson: '**The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**', '**The Girl who played with Fire**' and '**The Girl who kicked the Hornets' Nest**'. The main character and the story lines are far from conventional. All three books are quite long but it doesn't feel that way when you read them. An interesting but sad footnote is that the author, having delivered the books to the publisher, did not live to enjoy their enormous world-wide success, dying suddenly at the age of 50. His books are now being made into films.

If you do decide to read some or all of the above then I hope you get as much enjoyment out of them as I did.

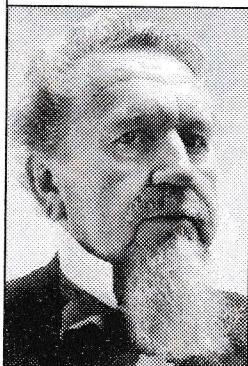
Barry Childs

From the '*Haverfordwest and Milford Haven Telegraph*' of 14<sup>th</sup> March 1866

**"House-door letter-boxes"**  
The Postmaster General has again directed the attention of the public to the advantages which would result from a more general adoption of house-door letter-boxes. The increased rapidity with which the letter carrier would complete his rounds if the plan of house-door letter-boxes was universally adopted is plainly obvious. The Postmaster General closes his appeal for the more general adoption of the plan, as follows: - 'It is hoped that those householders, who have not hitherto provided letter-boxes, will not object to do so; and by that means, at a very moderate expense, they can promote the convenience both of themselves and of their neighbours, and at the same time, render an important aid to the public service.'

Nikki Bosworth  
Haverfordwest Records Office

## Music at St Jerome's—What The Dickens?



St. Jerome's has several concerts in store this winter, the first being Llangwm's own Festival of Remembrance in aid of The Royal British Legion at 7.30pm on

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This year the concert is performed by Friends in Harmony and will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Battle of Britain and will include a selection of War Poems and writings relating to that era. Tickets £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children will be available from The Village Shop or they can be reserved by calling Pam Hunt on 01437 899 966.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and in association with Night Out, we are proud to present "A Christmas Carol" read by Charles Dickens... Well not Dickens himself, but Pip Udett playing the role.

In December 1853 Charles Dickens gave his first public reading of A Christmas Carol. It lasted over three hours! Eventually abridged to about 1 1/2hrs it was the main item in his final Farewell performance in 1870. In this candlelit performance, and looking uncannily like Dickens himself Pip, one of Europe's leading solo performers with an international reputation, now recreates Dickens' readings of A Christmas Carol using the script containing the cuts and directions Dickens himself

made. Pip reads as the author of the ghostly Christmas tale, in which Ebeneezer Scrooge is advised to change his ways by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

It is a very atmospheric show and well worth putting the date in your diary. In a recent review, The Guardian described him, "the master of the one-man show" young pretenders should take time to see his show to learn how it should be done.' Tickets will go on sale on November 12<sup>th</sup> and are £7.50 for adults and £3.50 for children. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in return of a donation and why not get into the character of this famous Christmas event by coming in Victorian costume.

# LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

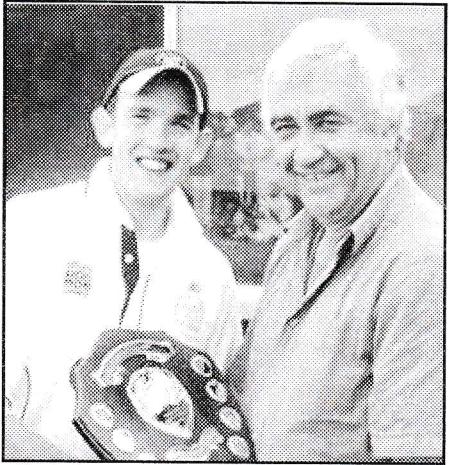
**The Club has had a successful season but unfortunately there is no silverware to display. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a really good start under new Captain Chris Inward but could not sustain it and finished a disappointing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 2 notwithstanding tremendous performances on occasion. The match v Pembroke saw Andrew Harries (163) and Lyn Rees (103 n.o.) in a double century opening partnership. Andrew Harries has had an excellent season with the bat and Captain Chris Inward an excellent season with the ball. Andrew Brock posted one haul of 6 wickets for 27 and Darren Brick one of 5 for 17. Other top batting scores were Will Beresford (114 n.o.), Luke Brock (94 & 59), Andrew Harries (78 n.o. & 50) and Richard Brock (63). The highlight of the season was our appearance in the Duggie Morris Cup Final against Cresselly, but it was not to be our day this year; we also reached the semi finals of the Harrison Allen Bowl.**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI under Captain Ian Gow finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 4, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had an enjoyable season under Captain Julian Platten but will feature in Division 6 next season. We need a few extra players to enable full sides to play every Saturday; so new members are always welcome. The Ladies section under Captain Natalie Lewis played in the Skelfayre Cup and the Ladies friendly league, being one of only six ladies teams in Pembrokeshire. Many congratulations to Rhiannon Morgan for making the Welsh under 15 Team.

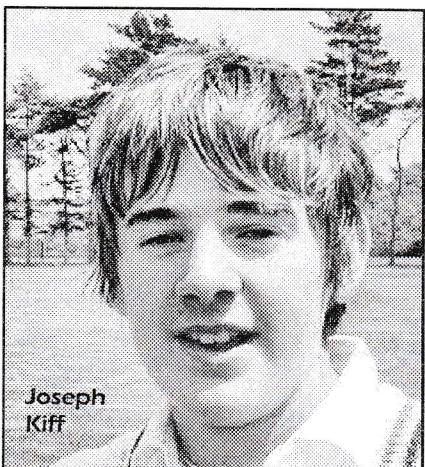
Excellent teas were prepared for all the teams - Tina Inward and Tasha Davies ably assisted by Ann and Natalie Lewis, Gina Boswell, Helen Phillips, Julie Brock and Lisa Brock saw to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI whilst Julie Gow looked after the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI was "at home" in Houghton and the Ladies managed to look after them as well. What would we do without them? Thanks also to our grounds men, in particular Ian Gow and family for providing us with superb wickets for all teams to play on throughout the season. There are Senior, Junior and Ladies league and cup games many days of the week so it is a big job, as is the outfield maintenance, which is all controlled by the irreplaceable Jeremy Brock. They have already started preparing the ground for next year! Our regular scorers - Janice Brick and Jeff Saines for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, and Avril Platten for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI - also did a grand job.

Junior Cricket in Llangwm continued its comeback with training every Thursday and under 11 and under 13 teams in the County Leagues. Three players represented the County during the season - Toby Asson, Ewan Griffiths and Noah Davies - who are our future village cricketers. Many thanks to Ian Gow and Dai Davies for their invaluable coaching assistance together with the great support received from Parents at all times, in particular thanks to Gaynor John-Davies for refreshments at the home games and to Haydn, her husband, who scored almost all our junior matches throughout the season. Also to Derk Tjoonk who was a tremendous help with the younger players.

Fundraising is crucial - the annual Sponsored Bike-Ride and Grand Draw as well as the Llangwm Golf Day held at the end of July - as without these events and the rock-solid support of our main sponsors in the Kiff Family (The Talbot Timber Company) we would be unable to sustain cricket in the village. Many thanks to them. The Llangwm Ladies organised a superb themed social evening in the Social Club in August, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There was also a successful fund-raising supper event held in early



Chris Inward



Joseph Kiff



Llangwm Team



January in aid of the refurbishment of the Pill Parks Stand and Changing Rooms - this is now complete and a vast improvement. It is important to the village that we do not experience any more of the vandalism that caused its demise over the years by everyone being vigilant and actively discouraging such anti-social behaviour.

Our Annual Club AGM will be held in the early part of 2011 - watch the Village Web-site (Cricket Club) for more news and details ([www.llangwm-villages.org.uk/sport-cricket](http://www.llangwm-villages.org.uk/sport-cricket)).

Dai Davies  
Chairman Llangwm Cricket Club

# Cleddau Reach VC Primary School News

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

Cleddau Reach V.C was established in September 2010 when Llangwm V.C. Primary and Burton V.C. Primary were amalgamated. At present the new school is operating on the sites of the two previous schools.

An enlarged Governing Body for the new school has been established and my responsibilities as Headteacher extend across both sites of the new school.

During the previous school year the governors and staff from both schools met regularly to ensure that the transition to the amalgamated school could be made as smooth as possible.

Our aim behind that work was to ensure that the initial amalgamation brought positive changes but also a sense of continuity for the staff and children on both bases. This term the staff on both Bases of the new school have worked very hard to ensure that the many positive features of the two schools have been combined to develop a new school which will provide an outstanding education for the children from both areas.

From September the children on both bases have had the opportunity to attend a range of school clubs that have operated on both sites. The children have also been combined to represent the new school in sporting and musical events.

Traditional concerts, celebrations and fund raising will continue within both sites until the completion of the new school building. However, there will also be opportunities for the children from both sites to work together on areas such as singing, school council meetings and educational visits.

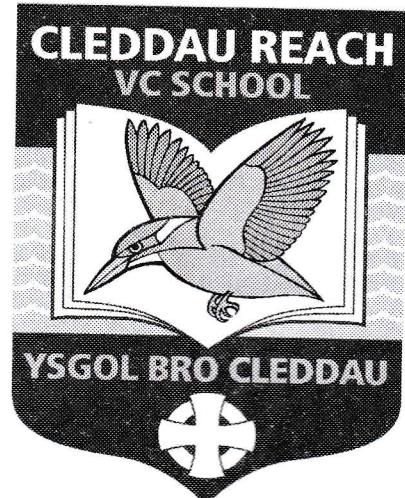
In July it was announced by the Welsh Assembly Government that a

grant of £4.2 million had been awarded towards the construction of a new area school within Llangwm. It is anticipated that work on the new school building will begin in the Autumn of 2011 and that work will be completed at some point before Easter 2013. The new school building will provide a high quality modern building with the latest technology and a stimulating learning environment for children.

Local artist Graham Brace has helped the school to develop a design for our new school badge. Graham looked at some of the ideas developed by the children and discussed some of the things that would be important in establishing the identity of the new school.

Using his knowledge of the local area and his skills as an artist he has designed a modern and striking design for the new badge. Graham explained the completed design in the following way: 'I wanted to establish a simple but meaningful approach to the design and one that would establish a strong and individual identity for the new school. I have tried to give the badge a unifying aspect that connects all three communities by focusing on the Cleddau estuary which is simply represented on the badge by a blue band through the centre.'

The open book represents learning – the read and written word and pictorial aspect. Leaping from the pages of the book is a kingfisher – a species that is strongly representative of the Cleddau Estuary as well as inland brooks and streams. It is an iconic, beautiful, colourful, distinctive and exciting bird and one that is easily identified and unmistakable. This establishes a bright and optimistic image and symbolises the vibrancy of school life and the excitement of education in the early and primary years. The cross signifies the school's strong link with the local churches. Finally, I have used a simple, bold sans-serif typeface that will ensure ease of readability and reproduction at all sizes and uses.'



The Governing Body of the school have approved the new design and thanked Graham Brace for the time and thought he has given to this task. It is felt that the badge successfully provides a new and positive identity for Cleddau Reach V.C.Primary school.

To commemorate the long and successful histories of Llangwm V.C. Primary and Burton V.C. Primary we are aiming to create a book of memories and photographs about each school. If you attended either school and have any memories or photographs you would like to share please contact the relevant school or send copies of photographs and written memories into the school. We look forward to hearing from you and gathering together lots of interesting material for both books.

It is intended that copies of both books will be on display in the entrance to the new school and that copies will be available for purchase. In this way we hope to preserve and share important information about both schools.

The new Cleddau Reach School Council was elected at the start of September, with each class on both Bases having representation. The school council has met at Llangwm Base and another meeting will take place at Burton Base before the Half Term holiday. The School Council has discussed a range of issues linked to the amalgamation of the two schools. Older School Council members will attend the Pembrokeshire Anti-Bullying Conference next month.

## **North Wales Trip**

Recently we took a group of thirty -eight Year 5 and Year 6 children on a four day residential visit to Snowdonia. The children and staff enjoyed the visit and for many the highlight was the railway journey to the summit of Snowdon!! Throughout the visit we were very proud of how well the children represented both their school and their local communities. Many of the people we met commented very favourably on their friendly behaviour and good manners.



## **Golf Lessons**

This term the Junior children on both Bases of the school have been learning the skills of golf through Tri Golf sessions. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October twenty children from the school took part in the Tri Golf Festival at Rosemarket Golf Club. Alaric Jones (Burton Base) and Lily Thomas (Llangwm Base) had the best scorecard for boys and girls. They both won an individual golf lesson with Matthew Rees the PGA Professional from Haverfordwest Golf Club.

## **Harvest Festival**

The children on the Llangwm Base celebrated Harvest Festival at St. Jerome's Church during the last week of September. Reverend Jane Gouillon led the service and she was supported by visitors from the 'Walk St. Davids' group. A total of £ 263.44 for the Royal National Fisherman's Mission. The Burton Base Harvest Festival will be celebrated at Burton Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm.

## **Jeans for Genes**

The children on both Bases of the school supported the 'Genes for Jeans' charity on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September by wearing denim to school for the day. A wonderful total of £192 was raised on the day.

This term staff have provided after school clubs in the following areas football, rugby, netball, running, and environmental issues.



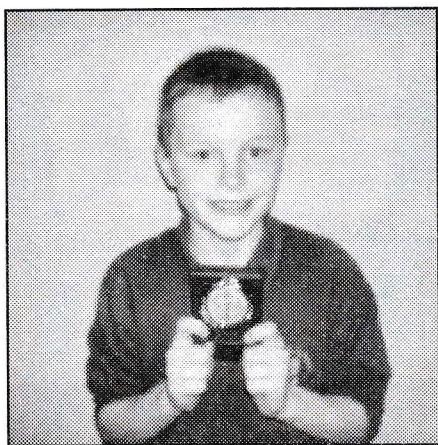
# Cleddau Reach VC Primary School News

## Tag Rugby

The Cleddau Reach 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.

## Cross Country

The school was represented by twenty-two children at the Pembrokeshire Cross Country event at Oakwood on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The children all competed well and we were very proud of the fact that Aleric Jones (Year 5 Burton Base) came first in the Year 5 race. This meant that Alaric has completed a hat trick of first places in the County Cross Country over the past

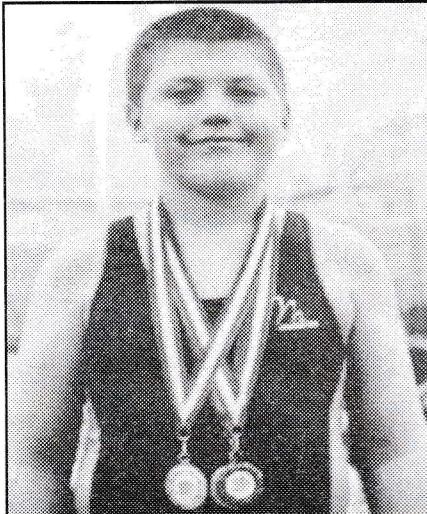


three years. Alaric has also been selected for the Pembrokeshire County Schools Football team and during one of his recent matches he scored a hat trick. Alaric has signed another 12month contact to play for Swansea City Football Club. Last term Alaric's sister Alicia won the Welsh Triathlon Championships and has since represented Wales.

## Gymnastics

Jamie Gau (Year 5) travelled to Poole in Dorset last weekend for the 'Gymnastics Open Competition for Special Needs'. Competitors from all over the United Kingdom took part and Jamie achieved a gold medal on the parallel bars, a gold medal for floor work and a bronze medal on the vault. This was a wonderful achievement and we have congratulated Jamie for his efforts.

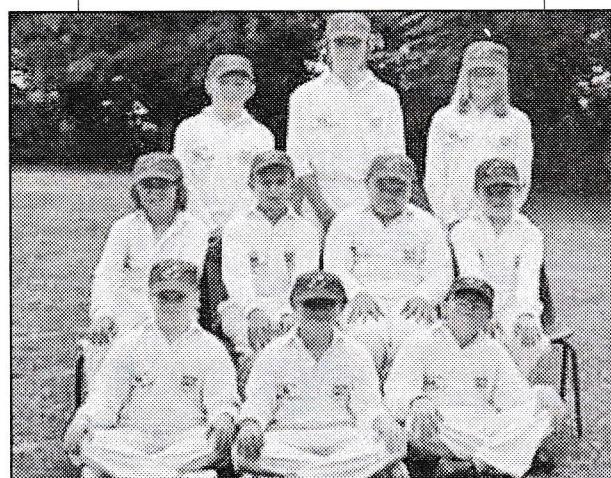
Jamie belongs to the Welsh Squad and is very busy training for the Welsh National Competition being



held in Cardiff in November and for the Special Olympics in 2013.

## Cricket

During the Summer Term the cricket team from Llangwm School were very successful in the Kwik Cricket County Competition. During the season they won eleven of their twelve games which allowed them to come third out of the thirty six primary schools that entered the competition. Last season Phillip Llewellyn gained his cap for the Welsh Under 11's National Cricket Team and enjoyed a successful season playing for the national side.



## Cleddau Reach Young Reporter

### Cleddau Reach Primary School's visit to North Wales

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, pupils from Years 5 & 6 from both Llangwm

and Burton Base travelled to North Wales for a three night visit. We stayed at the Ozanam Centre just

South of Caernarfon.

During our stay we visited many interesting and exciting places including: King Arthur's Labyrinth at Corris, a train journey to the summit of Snowdon, the National Slate Museum, the Electric Mountain, Penrhyn Castle and ten pin bowling at Pwllheli. All of the activities were great fun and each evening ended with diary writing and story telling sessions. The trip to the summit of Snowdon was fantastic for all of us, even though the very top was in cloud. You can almost tell how cold it was from the photograph!

We travelled back to Pembrokeshire on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October very tired but also very happy. We had so much fun during our stay and learned a lot about the differences in the culture between North Wales and Pembrokeshire, as well as having a lot of fun.

*By Lily-Ann Tounley*

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December –**  
Cleddau Reach Christmas Fayres

**Burton Base –**

At Beggars Reach Hotel 6.30pm start

**Llangwm Base –**

At the school 6.00pm start

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Llangwm Base Infant Christmas Concert 2.15pm at Llangwm Methodist Chapel

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Llangwm Base Junior Christmas Concert 6.30pm start at Llangwm Methodist Chapel

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Burton Base Christmas Concert in Burton Church starting at 6.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Llangwm Base Nursery Concert in the school hall 10.50am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December –**  
Llangwm Base Junior Carol Service St. Jerome's Church 9.40am

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December –**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas holidays

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January –** both schools return for the start of the Spring term.

# Llangwm Rowing Club

For a small club of just over 50 adults and 14 junior rowers, Llangwm longboat Rowing Club have had a tremendous number of achievements throughout 2010. We rowed across the Irish Sea for charity as part of the Celtic Challenge in May, took part in the Great River Race in London during September and won 6 trophies in the Welsh Sea Rowing Association League Races. Our Junior rowers are on the water most Tuesday evenings during the Summer and we have several "social" rowing crews, who love nothing more than a bit of exercise and fresh air out on the river. Our club values friendship as much as rowing skills with socializing and training playing an equal part.



## Celtic Challenge:

The Celtic Challenge took the team of 12 rowers 18 hours to complete, rowing through the night across the 92 miles of treacherous Irish Sea from Arklow in Ireland to Aberystwyth. We raised nearly £3,000 for 4 charities in the process and would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our supporters.

## Great River Race:

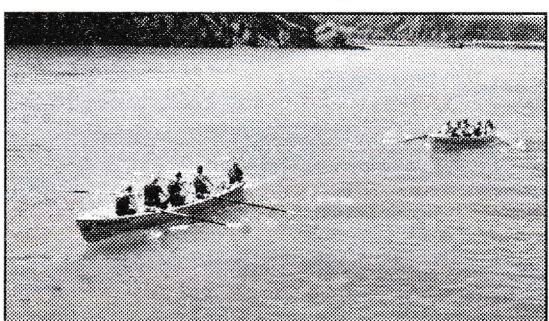
This year, the club entered no fewer than 6 Celtic Longboats in the Great River Race – London, having to borrow 2 boats from Solva Rowing Club. Crews were a mixture of seasoned and novice rowers and in typical LLRC tradition we rowed the race in fancy dress as "Llangwm Wasps". It caused quite a "buzz" with over 40 people all dressed up and rowing in costume!

While 4 of our boats took a leisurely 3 hours to row the 22 miles down The Thames with 321 boat entries, 2 of the Llangwm crews maintained their competitive edge and raced in style....

The "Broke Backs" mixed crew claimed 1<sup>st</sup> mixed Celtic Longboat, 2<sup>nd</sup> in mixed class 'Over All' and 3<sup>rd</sup> Celtic Longboat across the finish line, finishing in 2 hours 40 minutes. They were closely followed by the "Llangwm Wasps" mixed crew with a time of 2 hours and 51 minutes.

## Welsh Sea Rowing Association 2010 League Races.

The club has 2 ladies, 2 mens and 3 mixed racing crews and most Sundays travel up and down the Welsh Coast competing in the WSRA league races – South/Joint/North. With training starting the previous Winter, our hard work paid dividends when we walked away with 6 trophies at the end of season event held at Aberystwyth Rowing Club, including the Over All Best Club and The Welsh Champions trophies.



### **In the Southern League:**

1<sup>st</sup> men's category – "Bob's Buoys"  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies category – "DD's" - 1<sup>st</sup> and Llangwm A - 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed category – "Broke Backs" - 1<sup>st</sup> and Llangwm B - 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **In the Joint League:**

1<sup>st</sup> ladies category – "DD's"  
2<sup>nd</sup> mixed category – "Broke Backs"  
3<sup>rd</sup> mens category – "Bob's Buoys".

The club would like to thank Matthew at The Cottage for looking after and dusting all of our trophies!

If anyone is interested in joining the Club, please contact one of the members who you will find on the water at Black Tar on Sunday mornings! More photos of the club in action are on the back page of the newsletter.



# LLANGWM RFC '125'

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The 2010-11 season kicked off in style at The Pill Parks, Llangwm on September the 1<sup>st</sup> with a celebration of rugby to jointly mark the start of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of rugby in the village, and also the re-opening of the newly refurbished grandstand and changing rooms. There was a real sense of festival and occasion, with hot food and drinks being available, and a feast of rugby for the large crowd to enjoy in a party atmosphere.

Prior to the main rugby event, there was a reception in the hospitality room for guests, and all those who had contributed towards the project to complete the refurbishment of The Stand - by the start of the season. Club President Wynn Cridland acted as host, welcoming all to the Club and giving sincere thanks for all they had done to help the club achieve the opening on schedule.

Outside there were speeches to welcome the crowd by Olympic Committee member, Richard Palmer MBE and Club Chairman Michael John with the WRU District H rep, Johnny Jones given the honour of officially opening the new facility.



Richard Palmer



Wyn Cridland



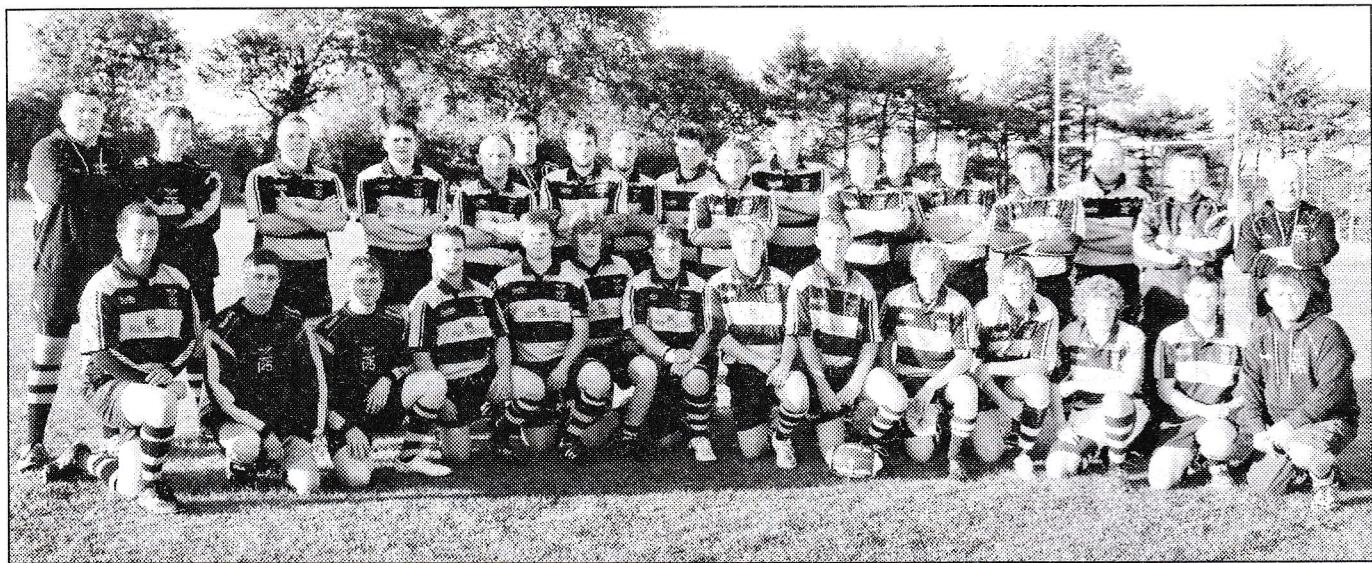
Johnny Jones



Michael John

## Great Advert for Rugby Llangwm 21 points - Pembrokshire 50 points

The main match was a great advert for running rugby with both sides looking to take advantage of the excellent playing surface, and a lovely late Summer's evening, to run the ball at every opportunity. Ten tries were scored in all, which shows the intent from both sets of players, with seven going to the Pembrokeshire team. It was Pembs who took the early lead, but not to be overcome by the occasion, Llangwm showed great determination to come back when a chip ahead by Mike Venables saw his brother James gather the ball to run over for Llangwm's 1<sup>st</sup> try, converted by Mike. Again the County pulled ahead only for Llangwm to come back with tries from Daniel Hughes as reward for the forward efforts, and tireless Gareth Jones, both converted by Mike Venables.



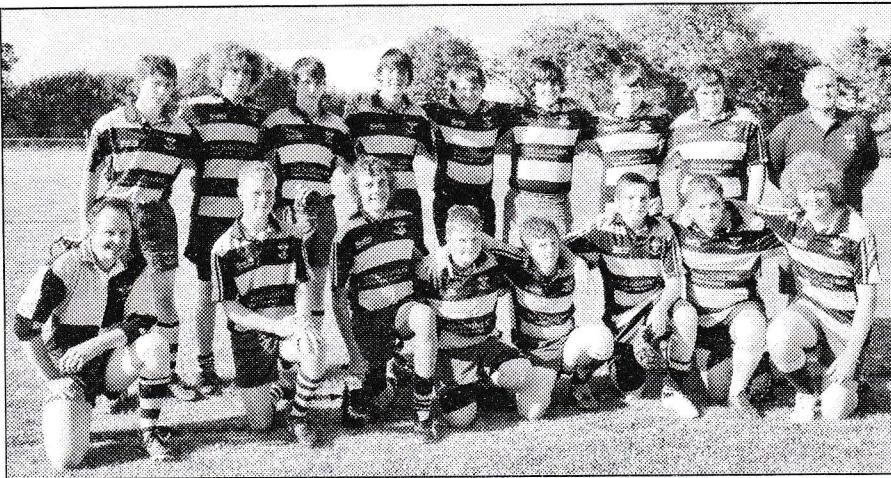
**Llangwm Squad.** Nathan Proctor; Jonathan Brock; Andrew Brock; Robbie Neill; James Venables; Matthew Kiff; Mike Venables; Roy Venables; Daniel Eade; Daniel Hughes; James Griffiths; Hamish Nicholls; Ian Griffiths; James Lewis (Capt); Colin Picton. Replacements: Nick Phillips; Josh Davies; Scott Gregory; Chris Brock; Tim Phillips; Richard Brock; Adam Hancock; Mike Rees; Mark Williams; Daniel Morgan; Carwyn Morgan; Richard Scriven.

**As well as rugby and cricket membership, social membership is also available for those who may not wish to participate in sport. Please contact the club house for any information on membership or participation in rugby for Llangwm RFC.**

**Following further complaints the club would once again ask all people associated with sport at Pill Parks to please drive in a responsible manner. There are residents who need to be considered and also pedestrians walking to and from the field whose safety is paramount. The club appreciates your co-operation. Thankyou Michael John Chairman Llangwm RFC**

# Curtain Raiser

It was great to such a large crowd at The Pill Parks for the occasion, which opened with a match between Llangwm U16 and their counterparts from Pembroke Dock. Despite playing with great commitment and plenty of effort, Llangwm were beaten by their opponents who had a bit more experience and size on their side. The Under 16's are entered in the league for their age group and have a full schedule of fixtures over the season. Matches are played on Sundays and all support is very welcome.



**Llangwm Under 16s:** With coaches Darrel Scourfield and Jamie Knill, Gavin Bernard: Ben Oriel; Mike Phillips; Kieron Barclay; Richard Calveley: Kieron

## Post Match

Following the match, there was a reception for players and officials in the Village Hall, with a fine meal prepared by a dedicated workforce of local ladies, who had volunteered their services for the night, ***“and did the club proud”***. They were thanked by Chairman Michael John who also went on to thank all the players for their efforts of the evening, and to the Pembs County Committee who had agreed to Llangwm RFC's approach to host this prestigious event to open the 125 season.

Thanks were also expressed to all members of the Rugby Committee and the members of the PPGRG for the tremendous efforts in organizing and running the event, ensuring it was the resounding success it was.

*The Club would also like to thank all those who helped and supported the Rugby Club on the evening of the match. Given the significance, not just to the Rugby Club but to the village in general, it was great to see so many villagers there who do not normally follow the team. Thankyou to you all for your support which helped towards the success of the evening and showed Llangwm is a village to be proud to live and be part of !!.*

## Seniors

Following the big opening match, it was straight back to league rugby for the team the following Saturday with a visit to Pembrokeshire rivals Pembroke. Pembroke won on the day, but since then the season has been pretty much a mixed bag for the team with a few good wins, but a few matches that have slipped away. Colin Picton has got the players extremely fit as a result of the hard Summer schedule, and as the season progresses there is confidence that the team will finish respectfully in their league.

After the last few mostly poor seasons, this year is very much about building to the future, and with the average age of the squad being relatively young under the captaincy of James Lewis, (apart from a few mostly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row), there is an expectation that the team could go a lot further in the years to come.

Not to be forgotten, this year the traditional Boxing Day encounter for the Bishop Cup against rivals, Haverfordwest, is away and the team will be looking for a good vociferous support. Last year the match ended in a draw and Llangwm will be going all out this year to get both hands on the cup.

**Second team to be reformed.**  
With the growing number of players at the club, it is intended to play some 2<sup>nd</sup> team matches. If

## Forthcoming Events

[www.pitchero.com/clubs/  
llangwm](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm)

**Friday 29th Oct 2010 7pm**  
Family Halloween Party (Junior Rugby Section). Children to be accompanied by an adult.

**Saturday 30th Oct 2010 7pm**  
Halloween Party for 'grownups.'

**Friday 19th Nov 7pm**  
125 Celebration Dinner at Beggars Reach  
Four Course Dinner  
Guest Speakers Auction  
Contact Ian Jacob 01437 899350

anybody is interested contact Julian Platten 01437 891652 or Johnny James 01437 890665, (evenings) or Agent Mike Hardwick 01437 890007.

## Youth

Unfortunately The Youth team had to withdraw from the Pembs Youth League due to low numbers training. However, it is intended to hold a Youth Event at some time during the season to mark the 125 anniversary, and to enter the Griffiths Cup in February. All Youth Players are asked to keep in touch with the club for details. Youth Coach Jeremy Brock, 01437 890704.

## Juniors

The junior season is well under way with several matches having been played at under 7, 8, 9 and under 10.

Matches are played on Sunday mornings and it is a great experience to go along and watch so many aspiring stars of the future enjoy the game of rugby, and play with such enthusiasm and plenty of skill.

As always the club is always on the lookout for new players, both boys and girls to come and join in the fun, and also parents willing to take the plunge and become a coach or referee. If you feel you can help or just support the junior section, please contact the club.



# LLANGWM COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

**Since the last Llangwm news a wide variety of events have taken place in the Village Hall, besides regular cricket teas and some children's parties.**

In June the 'Nights Out' scheme run by the Welsh Arts Council allowed us to put on a small scale version by the touring Tour de Force company, of two of Noel Coward's short plays: 'Still Life' which became the classic film 'Brief Encounters' and 'Mild Oats'. The South Wales Evening Post described the production as 'Simply Lovely Stuff' and indeed it was an extremely popular and successful evening, combining excellent theatre with cheese and wine!

May 1<sup>st</sup> saw the hall being used for teas during the Llangwm Fun Day and on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the night that Llangwm Rugby Club held its' 125 years Celebration on the rugby field, the hall provided the venue for a hot supper of sausage and mash to fortify the players and officials involved (about 70 in all) after their epic match against Pembrokeshire.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> the Harvest Supper took place. As usual this was a very enjoyable, sociable, event – a chance to meet old friends and perhaps make some new. This year the menu was a warm stew with a Mediterranean flavour and a good selection of scrumptious puddings (with

plenty of second helpings). The musical entertainment was provided by local teacher Chris Preddy with some of his talented pupils from Pembroke School who gave us wonderful solos on the trumpet (Thomas Jordan) and euphonium (Chloe Cardy) followed by beautiful contemporary songs sung by Becky James and Emily Kaijaks that absolutely pulled at the

in the Christmas Concert at Pembroke Comprehensive School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 19.00. Everyone present understood the great privilege it was to be entertained by such a talented young teacher and his pupils.

As usual also, a big thank you to all the friends of the hall who provided puddings and helped in all sorts of other ways and to the committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

For February 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, plans are already afoot to stage a Dylan Thomas production, 'Reminiscences of Childhood' again by the Tour de Force company, linked in with our more usual St David's Day evening, when we hope to have our new curtains installed and be on the way to upgrading the loos.

Events and hiring out of the hall bring in the revenue needed just to keep it maintained and now hopefully to improve its facilities for all. Sadly, vandalism in the form of a smashed back fire door, has occurred this September, which benefits no – one and will cost a surprisingly large amount of money to replace or repair. If anyone has any information about the perpetrators of this useless bit of behaviour – please contact the committee or police who have already become involved.



heartstrings – two strong rivals to Katherine Jenkins! To catch them again, they will be competing in the Secondary Schools Music Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> November at Sir Thomas Picton School and again

## Llangwm Rowing Club Photos

