

# LLANGWM VILLAGE NEWS

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WE DID IT! WE WON!**

Llangwm's Village Opera takes first place in the 'Remember WW1' UK national awards



### **"A DREAM COME TRUE"**

Llangwm Local History Society chair Jane Mills accepts the award at a presentation ceremony held at the Army & Navy Club in London's Pall Mall on Wednesday 2nd November. With her is composer Sam Howley and organiser Liz Rawlings, who paid tribute to the commitment of "the fantastic team of people involved".

### **SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sat 12 November...Village Hall...Wales Night Out event...OSCAR WILDE PLAY (p10)

Sun 13 November 10am on Llangwm Green - VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (p5)

Fri 18 November 7.30pm Llangwm School - 10th ANNUAL CONCERT FOR REMEMBRANCE (p5)

Thurs 15 December...Village Hall..'Village Voices' CHARITY CAROL CONCERT(P11) and lots more!

## Notes from the Editor

**So much has happened in this village over the last few months that there is barely room to fit it all in this latest edition of the newsletter! In particular the fundraising efforts that have taken place are truly phenomenal for a small village - just count them up on pages 3, 4, 11, 13, 15, 20 & 24 (and any I may have missed).**

We have held a birthday party fit for the Queen - the *Picnic in the Park* (p3) and taken a wonderful new *village photograph* of everyone who attended that day (thank you, Steve Richards, clever stuff.)

We have been graced with visits from celebrities such as *Penelope Keith*, seeking out the best of "*Hidden Villages*", (p10) and *Griff Rhys Jones*, who made us laugh out loud as he recounted why he feels "*Insufficiently Welsh*" (p13).

We have taken the *WW1 Village Opera to St David's Cathedral* and performed it in concert form, to great acclaim, to commemorate the Llangwm men who fought and died 100 years ago during the 1914-18 War (p17).

And the *Llangwm WW1 Opera and Exhibition* project is through to the Grand Final in a UK national awards scheme '*WW1 Remembered*', taking place at the Army and Navy Club in Pall Mall, London. (Read about it on p17.)

**STOP PRESS!** Did you see it on the cover? - We won! Pride of place in the 'Arts & Creativity' category UK-wide!

We have had a *medieval-themed summer festival* with *re-enactment* on the carnival field at Pill Parks (p3) and enjoyed a whole fortnight of related *festival events*. And we have held the first ever "*Llangwm Literary Festival*" (p13) which was an out-and-out success and looks to be the first of many.

The *Heritage project* (pp6-7) nears completion, achieving long-term *refurbishment for the church building* as well as creating unbreakable links within the community with the *DNA exploration*, the *podcasts*, the *tapestry venture* and the exciting *archaeological dig*.

**And now we are looking ahead to almost as many future events!**

There will be a *Remembrance Concert* (Fri 18 Nov) with music played by *UK national champions, Goodwick Brass* (p5). Don't forget the village *Remembrance Service* before that on Sun 13 Nov on the Green (also p5). A '*Wales Night Out*' performance of *Oscar Wilde's* play "*Lord Arthur Savile's Crime*" takes place in the Village Hall (Sat 12 Nov)(p10). Village Voices choir will be singing at the *School Fayre* (Tues 29 Nov)(p9) and at their *Christmas Charity Concert in the village hall* on Thurs Dec 15 (p11). Then the Church will be re-dedicated and the '*Talking Tapestries of Langwm*' will be set in place, opening on 10th December. *Santa* will be visiting Llangwm (Fri 16 Dec) and there will be *carol singing, mince pies and festive ale*.

You'd think all our Christmases had come at once.

**STOP PRESS:**  
Church re-opening  
and Tapestries now  
re-scheduled for  
early 2017 (pp 7, 14)

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### Llangwm Shop

#### Normal Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri: 7am-1pm & 2pm-6pm  
Sat: 8am-1pm  
Sun: 9am-12 noon

#### Christmas and New Year:

Xmas Eve (Sat 24 Dec) 7am-1pm  
Xmas Day (Sun 25 Dec) closed  
Boxing Day (Mon 26 Dec) closed  
New Year's Day (Sun 1 Jan) closed

#### Post Office Counter:

Now open mornings 9am-1pm  
(Mon-Sat)

Please remember that we are lucky in Llangwm to have so many facilities including the village shop and post office. They are here for all to use and enjoy, so please make the most of them.

### A note to all organisers of events in the village

In order to avoid major clashes, please ask Pat and her assistants in Llangwm Shop to jot down your planned event and venue in the *diary* which is kept there (for Village Hall bookings). If your event is to be held at the *Hall, School, Church, Chapels, Rugby Club, Pub or elsewhere*, having a central note made of it will enable everyone to know what is taking place when, and should avoid depleting the audience for unfortunate 'double-bookings'.

*And it will help those regular attenders who don't want to miss out on anything!*

*Please be sure to check this Village Diary early, before you firm up the details of your event.*

*It is also hoped to set up an on-line diary system soon, to which organisers can email their dates and events. If you can help with this, let us know.*

### Llangwm Pharmacy

#### Shop Opening Hours:

**Mon/Wed/Fri 10.30-12.30  
Tues/Thur 9.00am-10.00am**

**Prescriptions can also be ordered and picked up in the Post Office...**

**...and there's also a delivery service, just ask.**

**Don't forget the on-line version of Llangwm Village News will appear in full colour on the village website, a few days after publication of this paper version. Photographs, in particular, can be enlarged and seen full scale.**

**Tell your friends and family - anywhere in the world- that they can now tap into the latest news of Llangwm.**

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## From the Village Festival Committee

Well it's been a busy time for the Festival Committee. Thanks to the support of our community we held a wonderful celebration of the Queen's Birthday in the summer, which was held in beautiful weather. A great turnout and thanks to the Community Council and the Village Hall Committee for us being able to use the hall and playing fields. There were some spectacular cake displays and it felt a very happy and comfortable event.



The main event of the year for the committee is of course the Village Festival. This year we had the spectacular display of horsemanship and medieval combat in tune with the various medieval themes already going on with the village. Quite a sight seeing medieval knights progressing down Main Street followed by a lot of the village. Again huge community support made this day a success, despite the weather.



The popularity of the dog show was a highlight with people turning up from all over south west Wales to show their dogs. The marquees, kindly lent by Valero, provided shelter during the periodic showers. Thanks to the Community Council for the use of the playing field, helping it to be such a successful spectacle. The village hall committee provided great hot refreshments over the day much to the thanks of the organisers. Many thanks to the Cookhouse who provided great food and donated their takings to the event, a very kind act.



The Cottage Inn in the evening was also a highlight, with a slight change of layout, allowing the headlining acts to perform undercover, and what a list - Ragsy, Rosie Cale and the Jumping Fleas. A line-up other festivals might be envious of. Of course huge thanks to Matt and Neville at the Cottage Inn for allowing the festival to use their venue. A number of people commented on the improvement over the open truck back, and a success even in wet weather.

The planning for the autumn and winter events has already started, the children's Halloween disco being held in the village hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October between 6-7:30, entry at £3.50 will include a drink and a hotdog finger, if last year is anything to go by it will be a very popular event.

'Santa and Carols with Village Voices' is being organised for Friday 16 December, watch for posters for further details.

We've already had some ideas for next year's festival, and will continue to work on these, of course many hands make light work, so we'd really like to see some more people helping, it is not a lot of work, it's a lot of fun and a great way to contribute to our community. If you're interested we generally meet in the Cottage Inn fortnightly on Tuesdays, contact any member of the committee if you're interested, it's much more fulfilling than Strictly! We really would like to see more people involved, as this will only make the festivals better.

Well, we'd like to thank the whole community and people who donated time or allowed us use of their facilities, there are too many people to mention in full. Finally a thank you to the Committee, who beaver away and make these events happen, without Claire, Martin, Kerry, Lucy and Rob (and others who contribute their time, either on the day or *ad hoc*) none of this year's events would have taken place. What would make our day would be more people volunteering their time to help our Llangwm Festival be the best it can be.

*Rob Whitelaw, Treasurer*

**Well done** to all those who had specific jobs to do and roles to play at the Carnival and Fete on July 9th:

**Carnival Queen** - Caitlin Breen, **Attendant** Roxy Evans

**Carnival King** - Kieran Sinclair

**Fairy Queen** - Olivia Baker, **Attendant** Mia Edwards

**Fairy King** - Ethan-James Scale

Not forgetting the organisers, stallholders, tea-makers, and the 'volunteer prisoners' - the children who didn't at all mind getting soaked in the stocks!



## Plant Stall at The Kilns raises £850

Local gardeners Liz and Stuart Beresford together with friends Steve and Lynne Vincent Davies from Crundale have once again raised money for a charity as a result of selling cuttings, vegetable seedlings and perennial flowers and shrubs at the stall in The Kilns.

This year's charity is the Paul Sartori Foundation and a sum of £850 was recently presented to Toni Dorkings from Paul Sartori.

Liz and Stuart would like to thank local people who continue to support the stall by donating plants, used pots and of course buying plants



throughout the year.

Last year the charity Prostate Cymru

benefited from the stall and next year we would like to support **Wales Air Ambulance**.

## VINTAGE TEA PARTY RAISES OVER £1,200 FOR AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

Jacqui, Patrick, Sam and Sophie Wordsworth of Llangwm Ferry would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported their recent **Vintage Afternoon Tea and Cocktail Party** which raised **£1270** for the **Wales Air Ambulance** appeal.

Particular thanks to friends and family who manned the bar, made sandwiches, made and sliced cakes and washed up. Also to local businesses especially the Welsh Bakery Haverfordwest and Mandy Jones Holistic Therapist in Hook.

Over 70 people enjoyed a fabulous tea on a lovely sunny afternoon, dressed in their best and indulging in a silly game or two.



**Llangwm Museum** held a highly successful '**Open Week**' at the end of May, with 'guided tours' for many local groups and an 'Open Day' for everyone in and around the village.

Helpers were at the ready on the Saturday with teas, coffees, cakes and ice-creams on sale - with the result that **£1,256** was raised towards the **Wales Air Ambulance** funds. Jeff and Pat James would like to thank everyone involved for their sterling efforts in raising this grand total - a record for their 'Museum of Scrimpinology'.

Thanking Jeff and Pat for the cheque, Tony Key (pictured left) of the Wales Air Ambulance commented on his Museum visit: *"A wonderful experience in an outstanding venue. I loved every minute of it and was fascinated by the memories it provoked of my childhood."*

## POP-UP CAFÉ RAISES MORE THAN £900!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Llangwm Pop-Up Charity Café in October in aid of Save the Children's humanitarian work in Syria and Yemen.

**The final amount raised is £902.77 which is absolutely fantastic!**

We were bowled over with the wonderful support, with lots of people coming to enjoy a cuppa and giving us cakes, bric-a-brac, prizes, donations, and their help and time. We are lucky to live in such a generous community.

Special thank you to Janice Casey at Little Red Fox Design for the lovely poster, Pat at Llangwm Shop, Liz and Stuart Beresford (who grew the pumpkin) and Agata and Owen at the Cookhouse. *And in case you were wondering ... there were 208 conkers in the jar (winner – Erin Tilling) and the pumpkin was 28kg (winner – Bob Phillips). And the winner of the quiz was Sally Edwards, who was the only one to get all 10 questions right!*

*Thanks again and see you next year - from the Llangwm Pop-up Café crew and the Skylarks.*



*(See also the Café in full swing on page 10)*

## LLANGWM—150 YEARS AGO

*News from the pages of the  
Pembrokeshire Herald and General Advertiser  
September-December 1866*

Mary Jones aged 70 was found dead in a kneeling position at her bedside in Llangwm. Miss Jones had attended chapel on Sunday evening when she had appeared to be in her usual health. On the Monday, it was noticed that she had not left her house. As she lived alone, the door was forced open and she was found in her bedroom. The cause of death was recorded as cholera.

Elizabeth Jenkins, an oyster woman, of Llangwm was fined £1 for selling undersized oysters in Pembroke Dock.

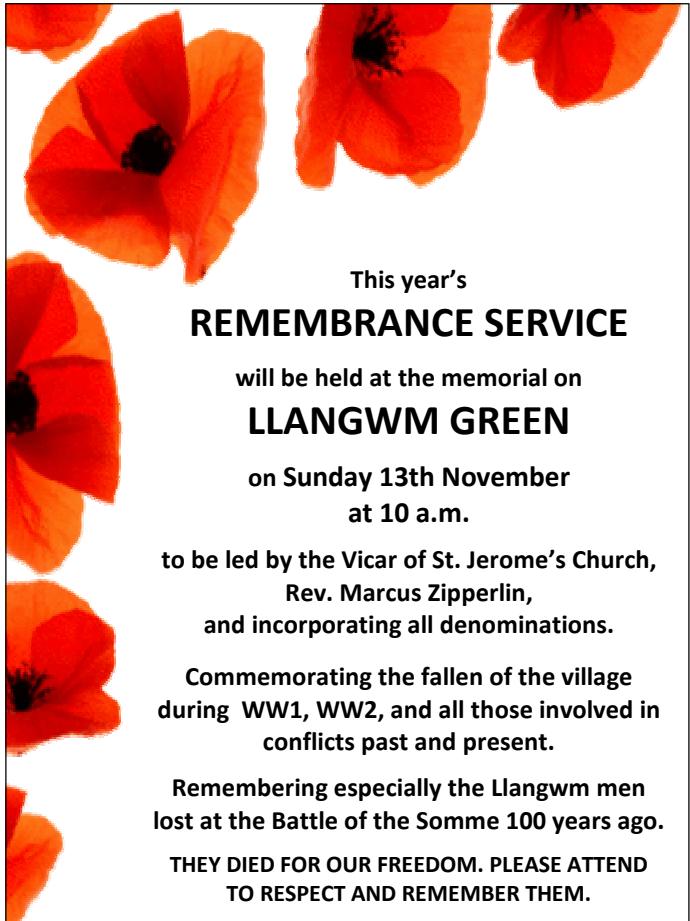
James Jones, John Grimes, John Skyrme and Mary Young, all of Black Tar, were fined sixpence each for allowing their donkeys to stray on the highway.

Thomas Jennings, a tinker, was fined 10 shillings for being drunk and disorderly outside the "Three Horseshoes" public house in Main Street, Llangwm. He was reported to have been singing in the street from 10.15 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.

Thomas was an Irishman, from Roscommon, and lived in a tent with his wife in the parish of Burton.

The weather for Milford Regatta was described as *"exceedingly unfavourable as it rained heavily through the entire day. A vast concourse of people assembled on the esplanade in front of the Lord Nelson Hotel, from where a good view of the proceedings could have been obtained if the state of the atmosphere had not been so hazy."* One of the races was for Llangwm dredge boats, to be rowed by 2 women and 1 man. First prize of £2 was won by the 'Mary', 2nd prize of £1 by the 'Sarah' and 3rd prize of 10 shillings by the 'John'.

*Nikki Bosworth*



This year's

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

will be held at the memorial on

## LLANGWM GREEN

on Sunday 13th November  
at 10 a.m.

to be led by the Vicar of St. Jerome's Church,  
Rev. Marcus Zipperlin,  
and incorporating all denominations.

Commemorating the fallen of the village  
during WW1, WW2, and all those involved in  
conflicts past and present.

Remembering especially the Llangwm men  
lost at the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago.

THEY DIED FOR OUR FREEDOM. PLEASE ATTEND  
TO RESPECT AND REMEMBER THEM.



To mark the 100th anniversary of the  
official end of the Battle of the Somme

## Llangwm's 10th CONCERT FOR REMEMBRANCE

in aid of The Royal British Legion

featuring Goodwick Brass

Friday 18th November 2016 at 7.30pm

at Cleddau Reach School

Tickets £5.00 (Adults) £3.00 (Children)

Available from Llangwm Shop & by  
calling 01437 89 99 66 to book seats.



## HERITAGE LLANGWM - nearly there!

The building works at St. Jerome's are finally drawing to a conclusion. As I write this, we are waiting for the new floor to dry out and then the toilet, kitchen facility, the electrics and the digital electronics can all be installed.

It's been a long journey for me starting way back in 2012 when the Rev Jane asked me to pick up that Heritage Lottery application.

The church itself is looking incredible and the exterior has shed itself of that hideous cement pointing and now sports a medieval lime, sand and grit pointing that makes our church once again look and feel like a medieval building. Above all, the walls can now breathe to avoid all the damp issues we used to experience. The interior now has LED lighting including hanging lanterns and spot lights designed to highlight certain areas of the church. Between them, all those lights will now burn less electricity than just one of the thirteen 250w spotlights that used to light the church.

So what have we achieved away and apart from the renovations? What have we learnt? Well actually, we've discovered quite a lot.

We've been able to identify exactly who the effigies are and we have finally been able to take action to dry them out.

some of the fragments of pottery found prove that there was a medieval residence there in the mid to late 1100s. Where previously we had thought that the De la Roche family settled there after 1244, it now

medieval settlers came and learnt that it was the women who ran the fishing communities along the Dutch and Flanders coastlines... sound familiar? We also learnt that their husbands the fishermen were warlike and that many took part in William of Normandy's invasion of England in 1066 and eventually South Wales in 1093.



Start of the Dig at Great Nash Farm.

looks as though they were living here 100 years before. We also discovered a number of Mesolithic flints and stone tools to sharpen those flints. These date back 5,000 years.

Our community has designed and stitched a tapestry that will communicate with smart phones and tablet devices; if you like we will have successfully married medieval methods of storytelling with 21<sup>st</sup>

We also learnt that one of Llangwm's residents is a direct descendant of Godebert the Fleming, the founding father of this village, and that his DNA is so rare and unusual that we were able to trace from where his ancestors came and how they got to Flanders and then to South Pembrokeshire.



A well attended event at the village hall during the Llangwm Festival gave people the chance to 'Meet the Experts'



The moment the effigy is lifted in St Jerome's Church, to dry out and preserve the memorial.

We have conducted an archaeological dig at Great Nash Farm and have discovered that

century technology. We have conducted research here and in Flanders from where Llangwm's

Amazingly, over 100 volunteers took part in this project in one way or another, and once again it shows that this remarkable community can come together to achieve the most incredible things. In 2014, it was the WW1 opera; in 2016 it is the renovation of St Jerome's Church and the Heritage project. I can't help wondering what we have in mind to achieve in 2018 and 2020.

## HERITAGE LLANGWM (continued)

St Jerome's will be reopening a month later than planned due to the special Lime / Hemp mortar taking much longer than expected to dry. Nevertheless the church will be ready, willing and able to start serving this community in its **832<sup>nd</sup> year** since it was first built.

As long as nothing goes wrong in the meantime, St Jerome's will be ready to reopen for worship by **1<sup>st</sup> December** and in time for our **usual Christmas services**. There will be a **rededication service on 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and our first full Sunday service in the newly renovated church will be **Worship Time on 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Details of this and other Christmas services can be found

elsewhere in this newsletter.

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, St Jerome's will be 'switching on' the **"Talking Tapestry of Langum"**. The church will be open from **2.30pm** for everyone to come and have a look around the renovated building and to try out and enjoy the **"Talking Tapestry of Langum"**. There will also be an opportunity to enjoy the **music of La Volta**, the Pembroke-based medieval music group. There will be another open day for people to come and see the church on **Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>** between **12.00 midday and 5.00pm**

**STOP PRESS: PLEASE NOTE**

**Church re-opening and Tapestries now re-scheduled for early 2017**

We are already planning our concerts and events for **2017** and details of these will appear on posters in the village, through the pages of this newsletter and on the new website. This will be launching over Christmas and the New Year.

The current Heritage Llangwm website will be replaced by two closely interlinked sites, one for "St Jerome's Church" and one for "The Talking Tapestry of Langum".

Finally and on a personal note, it has been an amazing four years for me. There were several occasions where I felt the project was all going to collapse, but it didn't. But what has made it an incredible experience for me has been the enthusiasm of all the volunteers and the support we have received from both academic establishments here in the UK and in Belgium. Finally I must mention **Heritage Lottery** and **CADW** plus numerous other trusts and foundations that provided the funds to make it all happen.

I only have one worry... what the hell am I going to do next year?

*Pam Hunt*

## From Fantasy to Reality and back again

Book Reviews and Suggestions by Barry Childs

**Mark Robson** was an operational RAF pilot for over twenty years. Whilst serving in the Falkland Islands and experiencing some particularly unpleasant weather he became bored and was told to 'go and write a book or something'. He did and what followed was and is a very successful writing career with titles too numerous to mention. He specializes in fantasy fiction, his works having a particular appeal for those 10 and above and for young adults. Mark was also a pupil at Whitland Grammar school where I taught him English. One of his early works, **'First Sword' Part 3 of the Darkweaver Legacy** he very generously dedicated to that English teacher and 'to all the unsung heroes of our schools who have the unenviable task of teaching the youngsters of today.' Apart from his obvious literary talents he was a pleasure to teach.

**'Hanns and Rudolph'** by Thomas Harding tells the story of two men, Hanns Alexander, a German Jew and Rudolph Hoss, the Kommandant of Auschwitz. The structure of the book, with alternative chapters devoted to each character in turn, adds significantly to the book's impact. Parts of the book, as you might expect, don't make for pleasant reading

but are a reminder of the terrible things that happened in a place now synonymous with evil. Visiting Auschwitz is something I will never forget nor will anyone who does. The Killing Fields of Cambodia are different but equally appalling. **'Survivor'** is the story of Chun Mey who we met there and who has produced this moving account of his experiences under the Khmer Rouge, one of the most brutal regimes the world has known.

Local historians might be interested in **'South Wales Collieries Volume 3'** by David Owen. This was sent to me by a good friend of many years, Wayne Powell who was brought up in Aberdare and the go to person regarding the heyday of the Valleys. It contains great pictorial evidence of Hook colliery and some of the people who worked there and in the area. One picture shows 'Women Navvies in 1916' taking a break from their work building a donkey track to Little Milford. However, I'm not sure that our Hook neighbours would be too pleased when the writer refers to 'the sinking of the Margaret Pit, Hook Colliery, Llangwm' or to 'the Old Hook Colliery, Llangwm'.

Coming full circle, we shouldn't miss the opportunity to pay a tribute to **Roald Dahl** who was born in Llandaff, Cardiff one hundred years ago. It was great to see the city of his birth put on such a spectacular tribute to one of its most famous sons. He brought something very different to children's fiction and continues to bring pleasure to millions.

A recent acquisition by the Llangwm Museum at Edwards Pill is this 6-seater desk top (note the six inkwell spaces). It was almost certainly used in a local school many years ago.



Can anyone "of a certain age" remember a school where the children sat in tightly packed rows of six? Jeff James would love to hear from you if you do. (He has the desk's bench seat too, but not the sides - yet.) Please call him on 01437 890841.

# CLEDDAU REACH VC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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

## CLEDDAU REACH PUPILS TOUR COUNTY HALL

Accompanied by their teacher Sharon Woodward and local County Councillor Michael John, our Year 5 pupils had a behind-the-scenes tour of not only the cabinet office and contact centre but also the press office, committee services office, and council chamber.

The children were invited by the Chairman of Pembrokeshire County Council, Cllr Wynne Evans, who said the pupils put some excellent queries to him and Cllr Michael John in a question and answer session in the chamber.



The pupils also enjoyed a talk from Helen Evans from Pembrokeshire Archives about their local area.



The children had a wonderful time and it was great to see their enthusiasm when they came back to school. They were all very eager to talk about what they had learnt during their visit. They enjoyed learning about how Pembrokeshire County Council works and followed this experience by visiting the Senedd during their residential visit to Cardiff.

## DIGGING FOR CLUES

Children from the school enjoyed visiting the recent archaeological excavations at Great Nash. During a very interesting morning they were able to view some of the



discoveries and learn a great deal about the work of archaeologists. The highlight of the morning was having the opportunity to excavate their own area and undertake a wide range of archaeological skills. They even found some 18<sup>th</sup> century pottery!

The school would like to thank everybody within the local community and the archaeological team who supported their visit. Many members of the class came back into school determined to become the archaeologists of the future. A few of their own gardens were carefully excavated in the days that followed!



## CRICKETING SUCCESS

The school cricket teams enjoyed great success during the 2016 season. Both the mixed and the girl's cricket teams won through the regional and then the county tournament. Cleddau Reach and Hook CP were joint Pembrokeshire Champions for the mixed teams and the girl's team were Pembrokeshire Champions within their tournament.



For a fifth year in succession the mixed team reached the South Wales finals, played this year at the SWALEC stadium Cardiff. The team competed with skill and determination, winning two of their three games and being unlucky to miss a semi-final place on run difference. The mixed team was captained confidently and well by Joe Phillips.

The South Wales girls finals were played at Radyr Cricket Club in Cardiff. After five wonderful wins on the day the girls team reached the final of the competition. In a tense final they were runners up by 22 runs to Ysgol Griffiths Jones. The girls team was captained thoughtfully and well by Maisy Davies.

As Pembrokeshire Champions both teams represented their county and school with skill and outstanding sportsmanship. The school would like to thank Toby Asson who supported Mr Groves with the coaching of the cricket squad throughout the season.





## PEMBROKESHIRE GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONS

The Cleddau Reach girls tennis team were the winners of the Pembrokeshire Primary School Tennis Tournament. Their success meant that they travelled to Cardiff to play in the Welsh finals at the David Lloyd Tennis Centre. The team played very well and won one of their three matches and nineteen out of the thirty five games played in the tournament. The standard of play was very high and we were delighted at how well they competed.



## NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA FOR FOUNDATION PHASE LEARNERS



Parents and members of our local communities have supported the staff to create a new outdoor learning area for our Foundation Phase children. The new area contains exciting zones linked to each area of their learning. Parents contributed storage crates, seating, large and giant tyres. In the summer term an open evening was held at the school to provide an opportunity for the children and staff



to show parents the different ways in which the new area is used to support outdoor learning. Staff from six other Pembrokeshire schools have also visited to observe the outdoor area and to learn about how it is used.

## SCHOOL FILM CLUB FLIES HIGH AT PREMIERE

In September pupils, parents, and members of the local community gathered in our school hall to attend the premiere of 'The



Flight of The Drone'. The film was written and produced by children in the school's film club.

The film is a modern tribute to the classic Oscar award winning 1956 French short film 'The Red Balloon' which follows the adventures of a young boy who discovers a helium filled red balloon. Pupils watched the original film, and realising this year would be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its release decided to have a go



at creating their own version of it with a modern twist, replacing the red balloon with a flying drone!

The school's film club was started in 2013 and quickly gained a reputation for innovative work. As well as watching and reviewing films, pupils are introduced to film making, getting involved in everything from scripting to camera work, sound engineering and of course acting. Last year it was nominated for the 'Into Film Club of the Year' – one of just three schools nominated beating off thousands of other film clubs across the UK. The previous year, their film 'A Sense of Place' was overall winner of the Into Film Dylan Thomas 100 Competition for Wales.

The children enjoyed filming at different locations within Llangwm. They were really proud of their efforts and the wonderful reception the film had at the premiere. The Flight of The Drone will now be entered into a number of local, regional, and national film competitions.

The school would like to thank Lorraine Allman for her commitment to Film Club and Pam Hunt who provided guidance at key stages in our work.

## CLEDDAU REACH VC CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our Christmas Market will take place at the school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. The festive fun will start at **6pm**. Once again there will be a wide variety of stalls run by the school, parents and local artists. Refreshments will be available and it promises to be another wonderful evening for those in search of some early Christmas shopping and cheer!



## THE LATEST FROM LLANGWM VILLAGE HALL

*Coming Soon! On your doorstep!*

A black comedy in the Village Hall:

**Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.**

**Oscar Wilde's**

**'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'**

We have been very lucky to secure, under the Wales Arts Council 'Night Out' scheme a professional theatre company for this performance. It promises to be a fun evening with a bar available. Tickets only £7.50, from Pat in the shop or by phoning Val John on 01437 890 370. **Buy now** as recently Hall events have sold out quickly.

This evening follows on from the wonderful success of the Literary Festival, many of whose events were hosted by the Village Hall. We were helped by the enthusiastic and very able group of volunteers, who also managed other areas such as the Car Parking, Box office etc.

As always, the Hall has continued to support a range of other Village organisations and events as well as being a venue for various classes. Pop-Up cafes raising money for a variety of charities are becoming increasingly popular and the Hall even had 5 minutes of fame on Penelope Keith's 'Hidden Villages' programme when used as a venue for the Tapestry stitchers. Further, it

hosts the regular History Society meetings, the Village Voices Choir and St Jerome's congregation still hold some of their Sunday services there during renovation works.

The Gardening Society's popular Annual Plant Sale was held in the Hall in May this year for the first time, and due to its convenient location and parking facilities, it has been decided this will now become a regular event.

For the Festival Committee's 'Picnic in the Park' to

mark the Queen's 90th birthday, families brought their picnics, enjoyed the scone teas and spent an amiable afternoon celebrating! We are grateful to the Festival committee for organising this and decorating the hall in suitable style with traditional festive bunting.

Comedy Night of Festival week was very successful and well supported. Everyone laughed at the jokes (even if they didn't understand them) - a result of the Hall Committee's skills as bar staff perhaps...?

There was more scone baking by the committee for Carnival Day, with their Cream Teas proving very popular. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind but people turned out in their droves to support the event and have some fun.

If you like a 'Good Read' there are plenty of books available in the entrance to the Village Hall (paperbacks 50p, Hardbacks £1). Money raised goes to help the Hall running costs, and you can even recycle your old books by just donating them.

The Hall Committee were saddened to lose two stalwarts of the committee. Tim and Hazel Cripps have served on the committee for many years and we shall miss Tim's DIY skills and Hazel's cookery and organisational skills. They are now enjoying a second retirement in the Isle of Wight and we wish them well.

Running the hall provides a continual challenge for the small committee especially as it needs more maintenance than in previous years. We always appreciate offers of help from people who do not wish to serve on a committee and anyone with good DIY

skills or a qualified tradesman wishing to support the hall would be really appreciated.

*Val John/Liz Beresford*

### Hall Bookings:

Remember the hall is always available for regular classes, children's or adult parties at a very reasonable cost:

One session - morning/afternoon/evening - £10 per session  
Adult Party - £35 Children's Party - £25 Charity Event - £10  
Summer Wedding - £150 Winter Wedding - £175

## CHOIR NEWS - from "VILLAGE VOICES"

We had been rehearsing long and hard for our much anticipated Opera concert in St David's Cathedral in June. Some members of *Cantabile* joined us...old friends now...for a very full day beginning in the morning with a run through of the music with Seimon Morris on the piano. After lunch, a 25-piece orchestra from Cardiff joined us - the *Menevia Orchestra* under the leadership of Barry Haskey - and it was a heart-stopping moment when Sam took to the rostrum, raised his baton and heard his orchestration live for the very first time.

The ups and downs of rehearsal over, we had all made sandwiches for the orchestra's tea and after fuelling ourselves for the performance, changed into new black shirts, the audience filed in through a military escort outside the door and we went on to fill the Cathedral with a tremendous, glorious sound. Don't just take my word for it, I'm biased but ask anyone who was there. As the last notes faded away, the great doors were flung open and brilliant evening sunshine flooded the cathedral before we decamped to 'The Bishops' for a drink or two or three.

The Queen's 90th birthday Picnic in the Park was next (see *picture below*). We did some light stuff, including *Bohemian Rhapsody*...very apt as it's by Queen, not THE Queen of course. Then came the Llangwm Literary Festival and our by now annual charity concert in the Rugby Club, this year in aid of Wales Air Ambulance, raising £620. Since we were starting to rehearse *Mozart Mass in C Major* ready for the re-opening of St Jerome's, we subjected our captive audience to the *Gloria* section as a tryout, a change after belting out songs from musicals as well as the odd bit of *Vivaldi*. Well Sam was pleased with us, said we were singing as a choir now, rather than just a group of people who sang together. That is praise indeed.

Next our debut performance at Fish Week at Milford Marina, and we got paid for it! That's a first. Not individually of

course but it certainly helped towards buying new music. Thanks MHPA! It was a pretty damp experience, luckily we had a gazebo to huddle under, the weather kept visitors away that day but heroes that we are, the show went on.

Summer finished for us with the twice yearly visit to Williamston Nursing Home. Again the rain belted down, all the action took place indoors instead of the glorious garden, but no matter. One gentleman with Alzheimers had a great time singing along with every single song.

So the MP3s are smoking hot as everyone practises the *Mozart*. I have it on good authority, well from Bob Chesmer anyway, that three *Credos* to the mile is the going rate for early morning walkers. You can tell who they are by the earplugs and the look of rapture/pain on their faces as they multitask walking and singing.

As this goes to press we have plans to repeat the Opera concert, time and venue to be confirmed nearer the date, around the time of the centenary of the Armistice (November 2018). Put a post-it note in your diary if you have one so far ahead. And don't miss our carols at the School Fayre on Tues 29 November and our Charity Carol Concert (with refreshments) in the Village Hall on Thurs 15 Dec.

As new readers may have gathered, we use MP3 recordings for all the parts so you don't have to be able to read music. We meet at 7.30 on Thursdays in the Village Hall and new members are always welcome. No audition! £15 for two months. Some say it's better than *Valium*...that may be old news but still relevant.

*Fiona Cutting*

### \*\* TENORS NEEDED \*\*

If you have a tenor voice and can reasonably hold down a tune...*Llangwm Village Voices* needs you! Come along and join the fun.

*A patriotic show of strength at Llangwm's Picnic in the Park for the Queen's 90th Birthday, and a much appreciated open-air performance.*



## NEWS from the GARDENING CLUB

**Another busy autumn/winter season of activity is under way at the Llangwm and District Gardening Club.**



**November** will be brightened up by a talk by **Maureen John** on her trip to **Monet's Garden**. Celebrate the **Christmas season** with **dinner at Lamphey House Hotel**, then **New Year** sees the great **Garden Club v History Society quiz!!**

In **February** we have a guest speaker who will be explaining the **Ecology of Rocky Shores** and **March** sees the return of **Cassandra Lishman** (recently on BBC's *The One Show!*) who will lead a **willow workshop** to get our plant supports ready for our summer plants! (Below: just one of Cassandra's lifelike willow creations.)



Meetings are held usually on the **first Monday** of the month (Tuesday if a Bank Holiday) in the **Cottage Inn** at **7.30pm**.

Membership is £5 per year but non-members are always welcome.

Details of events are advertised through the village, in the Western Telegraph, and on the Llangwm Gardening Club's Facebook page.

### RE-CAP of COMING EVENTS

7 November	Monet's Garden.
5 December	Christmas Meal
9 January	New Year Quiz
6 February	Ecology of Rocky Shores
6 March	Willow Workshop

For further details contact Karen Shepherd on 01437 891203

## Some photographs from 'Llangwm LitFest'



*Winners of the children's bilingual writing competition photographed with David Lort Phillips (who opened the festival), organiser Michael Pugh and competition arranger Penny Reed.*



*Choir members got into the spirit of the Literary Festival by performing poems and readings during their fundraising concert in the Rugby Club. Here Graham Stephens adds a touch of drama with a speech from Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'.*



*The Festival's improvised art gallery at the Methodist Chapel on Llangwm Green.*

## The Llangwm Literary Festival 2016

- 'a great delight' *Griff Rhys Jones*

**This summer's inaugural Literary Festival (the 'Llangwm LitFest') took the village to a whole new dimension. Consummate organiser Michael Pugh describes it as follows...**

Between 12 and 14 August, Llangwm was alive with the buzz of Pembrokeshire's newest literary festival.

We were so pleased to be able to welcome Griff Rhys Jones, Ben Rawlence, Bobo Lo, Diana Darke, Ferdinand Mount, David Horspool, Harry Mount and many other benchmark writers, who told us their fascinating stories about Syria, Kenya, the Raj, Richard III and Henry Tudor, Russia, and Wales.

We were no less pleased to be able to hear the stories told by Pam Hunt of her wicked Austin car, Miss Daisy, and tales of the South Seas from David Stroud. Adults and children enjoyed the creative writing and art classes.

The LitFest was also a chance to showcase the extensive talent of Llangwm's artists with an exhibition in Wesleyan Chapel for some, and 'at home' exhibitions for others.

We were very impressed by the quality of the submissions in the children's bilingual creative writing competition, and hope to put the entries into a book and are looking for someone to run this project.

Visitors to the festival very much enjoyed the food and drink provided by the teams at The Cottage, The Methodist Chapel and the Little Dragon Brewery. We were also pleased to be able to welcome Nathan 'Javelin' Stephens from Disability Sport Wales, and to have raised well over £1,000 during the festival weekend for Wales Air Ambulance. A huge thanks to all involved in making the literary festival such a great success.

**We'll be back on 11- 13 August 2017.**

Anyone who'd like to be involved or has any suggestions should email: [llangwmlitfest@gmail.com](mailto:llangwmlitfest@gmail.com); or call Michael on 07970 812050 or let your usual contact know. We need more B&Bs in the village, so feel free to get in touch if you fancy running a B&B for the weekend.



*The LitFest also gave Llangwm's Village Voices the chance to shine by linking up on the Friday evening (12 Aug) with their annual concert for the Rugby Club President's charity. £620 was raised for the Wales Air Ambulance appeal.*



*Western Telegraph competition winner Beryl Davies receives her book prize 'Insufficiently Welsh' from Griff Rhys Jones outside the Festival marquee at Pills Parks.*



*The Vagrants Crew entertained the Saturday night LitFest audience at Llangwm Rugby Club (see back page). There was also a popular Poems & Pints session - and many more diverse events. [Read more about Art in the LitFest on p18.](#)*



# ST. JEROME'S NEWS



Summer has ended and Autumn is upon us, we have had some lovely sunny days and warm weather so far into this beautiful colourful season of change in nature. However, the temperatures are starting to drop and the mornings are slightly darker first thing.

Before a brief recap of recent news and events, we would like to announce that St Jerome's Church will be open for worship and events from the beginning of December 2016!

All details can be found in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at St Jerome's.

Cleddau Reach Primary School Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the now annual event: The Leavers BBQ in July. We had our largest number of pupils attending this year – 34! A great evening of fun, food and a record-breaking burger contest! A big thank you to Mr Groves for the use of the school for the evening, Mrs Woodward, Deputy Head and Miss Arran, Year 6 Teacher.

We have recently celebrated our **Harvest Service** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October during our **Worship Time** service in Llangwm Village Hall. All donations of food offered will be forwarded to PATCH, enabling them to continue their wonderful work to relieve the effects of poverty/hardship for the people of Pembrokeshire.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This year's **Remembrance Concert** will be on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**. It will be held in **Cleddau Reach VC Primary School**; organised by Pam Hunt, featuring the award winning **Goodwick Brass Band**. The special tribute this year will be marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of The Battle of the Somme. **(See also page 5)**

**St. Jerome's Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Hook Sports & Social Club** this year. Pick up some Christmas gifts, Raffle and much more.

**Breakfast with Santa** will be on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 9.30am-11.30am in Llangwm Village Hall**.

This year there will be a very special appearance from **Mother Claus!**

**Llangwm Heritage Open Days** will be held in **St Jerome's Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 2.30pm – 5.30pm**. Come and see the renovated Church and enjoy the tapestry and exhibition.

### STOP PRESS: PLEASE NOTE

**Church re-opening and Tapestries now re-scheduled for early 2017**

**Carols around the Christmas Tree** will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm-5.00pm** by kind invitation of Jane & Richard Tovey in their home at **72 Port Lion**.

## SERVICES

**Remembrance Service** will be on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am** on Llangwm Village Green at the War Memorial. **(See also page 5)**

**Church Services** will resume in St Jerome's Church starting on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** with **Family Worship Time at 10.00am**.

**Worship Time (an informal all age service) is held on the first Sunday of every month at 10am.**

The next Worship Time service will be an All Parish Worship Time on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**.

**Our regular Sunday Services start at 9.00am.**

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, there is a Joint Parish Service at 10am, held either in Llangwm, Johnston or Freystrop. Details of venue on the Church Notice Board.

Crib Service will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**, including our popular 'Impromptu Nativity'.

Midnight Eucharist will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm**.

**Village Christmas Day Service (25<sup>th</sup> December) will be in the Methodist Chapel at 10.00am.**

An evening service to celebrate Candlemas will be in St Jerome's Church on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**, a time is yet to be confirmed.

Sunday School is held during regular morning service.

Our popular themed Krafty Kids is held at Llangwm Village Hall. December Krafty Kids will be BREAKFAST with SANTA! on Saturday 3rd December 9.30am-11.30am.

While the children enjoy the fun-packed sessions, parents are welcome to come and join us for a cuppa & chat or even join in the fun!

## 2017 EVENTS

Llangwm's Village Voices will be performing Mozart's Coronation Mass. Date and time to be confirmed.

On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm** in St Jerome's Church, we remember Holocaust Memorial Day, with a special screening of "In Living Memory" followed by a filmed interview by Heather Payton with the featured Jewish child Steffi Tikotin's widower husband, Ron Robertson.

Please check on the St. Jerome's Church Notice Board for any changes to times and venues of Church Services and Events.

Lastly, Reverend Marcus and all of St Jerome's parishioners, would like to sincerely thank the Methodist Chapel and Galilee Baptist Chapel for their warmth and kindness in welcoming us to continue our worship in their Chapels whilst St Jerome's has been under restoration.

Reverend Marcus and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year in 2017.

Debbie Lawson Earley

## LLANGWM METHODIST CHAPEL

MINISTER: Reverend Hugh-John Wilson  
SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock

TREASURER: Mrs Susan Davies

Sunday Service: 11am every Sunday

Sunday School: 11am every Sunday

Please come and join us - Children of all ages welcome.

We meet every Sunday morning 11am – 12noon. We read bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles, games, painting and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun.

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly on Wednesdays – 2.00pm

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES/EVENTS

'Travel with Llinos & Neil in Canada and New Zealand'

taking off at 7pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October in the Sunday School Room followed by refreshments

Coffee, Mince Pies & Carols - date to be arranged

Carol Service -  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

United Christmas Day Service -  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 10am with presiding Minister Reverend Hugh-John Wilson

A VERY WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO YOU ALL TO JOIN US AT THE ABOVE SERVICES AND EVENTS  
YOUR PRESENCE IS ALWAYS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



## GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL NEWS

It has been a busy time at Galilee Chapel over the last few months.

Since May the Chapel has been host not only to its own services but also those of St Jerome's, during the second half-year of the church renovations. Soon the works will be completed and the church will vacate its temporary Galilee home.

On the evening of Sunday 10 July a united 'Songs of Praise' service was held, to mark the close of Llangwm Festival Fortnight. A large congregation produced a rousing sound, singing favourite hymns such as 'Calon Lan', 'Cwm Rhondda' (Bread of Heaven) and 'Finlandia'. As a bonus, the evening raised £250 for the Wales Air Ambulance charity.

At the end of summer Galilee said goodbye to two of its stalwart members, Bob and Doris Alcock of Butterhill, who



have moved to North Wales to be near their family. A presentation of a local painting was made to Bob on Sunday 17 July in recognition of their faithful attendance and support over the years they have lived in Llangwm. A Sunday dinner at the Cottage Inn in November is being generously hosted by Bob and Doris for Chapel members and their partners.

A new noticeboard has been erected in the Chapel grounds.

Harvest services took place during the last two weeks of September, shared mutually between the two Llangwm chapels. The altars were resplendent with fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Galilee Women's League continues fortnightly on Thursday afternoons.

Galilee's **Christmas Carol Service** will take place at 10.30am on 18<sup>th</sup> December.



This year's **United Christmas Morning Service** will be held at the **Methodist Chapel** on the Green at **10 a.m.**

# Rare Heron Drops In

NATURE NOTES - Autumn 2016

Without doubt the wildlife highlight of the year occurred in the last week of October.

A garden at Llangwm Ferry was visited over three days by a **Squacco Heron** that feasted on fish fry in the garden pond. This rare vagrant to the UK is only the second record for Pembrokeshire (the first being at Angle Bay six years ago) and it was well and truly off course. It breeds in the countries fringing the Mediterranean and in the Middle East and spends its winters in sub-Saharan Africa.

Just half the size of our common Grey Heron, its upper parts are beige in colour with vertical striations and its wings, tail and lower parts are white giving it a ghostly appearance in flight. The bill is yellowish-green at its base and its legs are also a striking yellow-green.

Having re-fuelled well on the young fish from the pond it eventually left sometime between 27 and 28 October causing disappointment to a 'twitcher' who had journeyed from Norfolk to see it.

It caused great excitement among bird enthusiasts from this locality and farther afield in south Wales once it was highlighted on various local and national ornithologists' websites and blogs.

On 27 October another very rare visitor was heard calling in the ash



*The Squacco Heron, a notably rare visitor to these shores, caused a stir among ornithologists recently.  
(Photographed at Llangwm Ferry.)*

thicket at the top of Ferry Hill. Thanks to Mike Young-Powell, a local and very experienced ornithologist, it was identified as a **Yellow-Browed Warbler**, a native of north east Europe and Asia.

Similar in appearance to our willow warbler, there were a few other sightings of this small songbird in Pembrokeshire during that week.

On the raptor front there were a number of osprey sightings in the spring as they headed north and in September as they headed south again. One was sighted off Rectory

Point on 18 June. Red kites are now frequently seen around the area with four at Newton Mountain on 29 February and four over our house on Butterhill on 18 July.

Early on 12 October I flushed a fine pair of woodcock from the hedgerow in the bridle path between Ashdale and Dumpledale. These are early arrivals from Scandinavia.

Despite the relatively favourable weather throughout the summer most species of common butterflies were low in numbers, perhaps with the exception of large whites and speckled woods. Commas, small tortoiseshells, red admirals and peacock numbers

were very noticeably low. Nationally, some of these species were around 45% less abundant than in 2015.

Although butterfly numbers, year on year, are inclined to fluctuate, the reasons for this reduction are at present inexplicable - and very worrying! - although periods of extreme and unseasonal weather are thought to be a major factor.

*Graham Brace*

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Unusual sightings, please, to [grahambrace@btinternet.com](mailto:grahambrace@btinternet.com) or phone me on 891580.

## Llangwm Local History Society Walks, Talks and Events

Our Spring/Summer programme this year kicked off in **April** at **Great Nash Farm**. James Meek, from Dyfed Archaeological Trust, gave us a guided tour of the site, where 2 main trenches had been excavated. The “**dig**” was in its early stages but some pottery had already been unearthed. Several members of the group had volunteered to help out on the **archaeological project** and couldn’t wait to get their hands dirty.

In **June** local historian **Terry John** led a very interesting historical **walk around Angle**. Most people had been to Angle before but very few were aware of the **medieval tower house** or the large **15th century dovecote** situated there. We visited **St. Anthony's** (the **Fisherman's chapel**) behind **St. Mary's Church**, the **churchyard**, and heard some of the folklore of the village.

In **July**, as part of Llangwm Festival, **Graham Stephens** from Llangwm Ferry took a large group of about 40 people on a **walk around the village** from The Cottage Inn, up The Gail, along the road to Sprinkle Farm, Black Tar, and Edward's Pill, ending on Rectory Road outside the house that was once the bakery, showing us points of interest along the way.

In **September**, **Richard Palmer CBE** gave a fascinating talk about “**The Man Who Carried The Flag at The Moscow Olympic Games**”. Richard was that man - for 20 years he was Secretary General of the **British Olympic Association** and acted as **Technical Director** for the **London 2012 bid**. He explained why the **Moscow games** had been boycotted and his part in the **political manoeuvrings** that took place at the time. A truly remarkable story.

In the true spirit of **Halloween** our **late October** talk, by Dr. **Simon Hancock**, was '**Ghosts and Legends of Pembrokeshire**'. Simon once again displayed his wealth of knowledge on the local history of the county coupled with his high standard of presentation. On **8th November** we are showing an **Imperial War Museum film**, with rare footage from **World War One**. Members' **Christmas dinner** rounds off the year on 14th December at the Cottage Inn.

*Eileen Horton*



*The History Society's June visit - photographed outside St Mary's Church, Angle, with their guide for the walk, Terry John.*

## LLANGWM INVADES LONDON

Just before *Llangwm Village News* went to press, members of the opera cast and supporters were waiting nervously to find out if they'd been successful in a **national competition** for projects commemorating World War 1.

Organiser **Liz Rawlings** – who submitted the original application – received an email back in September from an organisation called **Remember WW1**, set up with support from several big companies and organisations. From a total of just over 160 entries they said, 20 had been chosen as finalists, only four in the category Liz had chosen, **Arts and Creativity**.

***And one of them was our opera and exhibition!***

“It seemed a lifetime ago that I filled out the application – and we found out about the competition in the first place only by chance”, Liz commented.

“I told them our motivation was to increase knowledge of WW1 and to demonstrate the effects of war on a small rural community in a meaningful and innovative way”, she added. The invitation was for two representatives to travel up to London to put their case to the judges, with a 15 minute presentation followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers.

So Liz and composer **Sam Howley**, armed with a video presentation and some of the boards plus a selection of artefacts from the exhibition, strutted their stuff before the judges at the appointed time.

In fact the judges spent much longer than 15 minutes asking questions, and then even more time examining the artefacts and the boards – so all the signs were good.

**STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...**

*Have you seen the cover of this newsletter?*

Llangwm's Village Opera project won first place in the 'Remember WW1' UK national awards, in the category of 'The Arts and Creativity'. A well deserved accolade.

*Heather Payton*



*Combined choirs and orchestra perform Llangwm's village opera in concert in the magnificent setting of St Davids Cathedral in June.*

## Llangwm Soccer

Llangwm AFC finished on a high at the end of last season, taking the **4th Division League trophy**. They remained unbeaten, ending their run with a 1-1 draw away to St Clears and an 8-2 win at home to Solva at the end of April – the only senior side in Pembrokeshire not to lose a single game.

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*Here is an up to date report on the season so far...*

After a good win at Camrose at the end of September, October started off with a disappointing home defeat to Carew. Since then we remain undefeated having won two and drawing two.

The team has performed very well so far and we are confident that we can remain at the top end of the league table.

Andrew Harding

## Congratulations to Pam on a fine run



Early in October, Pam Asson of Pill Parks Way ran her first marathon in Chester. Having already run seven half-marathons, she felt it was time to step up to the full 26.2 mile distance and finished in a fantastic time of 4:13:39.

*Thanks to Pam's son Toby for letting 'Llangwm News' know about this achievement. He and all the family are very proud of her, and they are looking forward to the next marathon (hope you are too, Pam!)*

## Lilly wins Supreme Title at Pony Show

16 year old Lilly Thomas, from Glan Hafan, took pride of place in the recent Pembrokeshire Hunt Pony Club Fun Show held at Little Nash Farm, Troopers Inn.

Riding her Section D pony Gwily, she gained two wins in the Working Hunter Class and went on to win the overall Supreme title in the Show.

Lilly has been riding since she was two and a half years old. She has been competing on her current pony Gwily for over two years and hopes to continue for many more.



## A breath of fresh air

**A new open air activity took place at Black Tar on a Saturday afternoon in August this year - Plein Air Painting - part of the Llangwm Literary Festival's wide range of arts events.**

Artist Liz Monk offered a refreshing insight into the world of watercolour painting. The session was aimed at those with no previous experience, and materials were provided.

At the end of the day the participants submitted their artwork for judging, the result being as follows:

1st: Tina, a German lady who took time off walking the coast path to join in many of the LitFest's events (shown left in the photograph).  
2nd: Jos Collen who lives locally  
3rd: Michelle Rees of Gail Rise (pictured right) who very much enjoyed painting "one of her favourite walking destinations".

Liz Monk hopes to run the session again at next year's Llangwm LitFest (planned for 11-13 August 2017).  
Brushstrokes at the ready!



# Llangwm Rowing Club

After a fairly quiet couple of years our aim this year was to get boats back on the water regularly and get Llangwm represented once again at the WSRA league races. We've had a successful year with new members joining and some old members returning. We were able to field crews in the Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Novice league races, and gained a



few trophies along the way!!

We've had quite a number of juniors rowing on a Thursday evening and hope to get them to league races next season. Crews took part in the annual Return of the Cleddau Race, which had a different course this year, racing from Neyland to Llangwm and back again. It was great to see and hear spectators at Black Tar as we turned to head back to Neyland.

The Celtic Challenge -the row from Arklow in Ireland to Aberystwyth - which some members were taking part in jointly with Solva was cancelled due to bad weather , a bit disappointing after all the training and organisation. This race normally takes place every other year, but due to this year's cancellation it is being organised again for May 2017. Llangwm are hoping to put a crew in and if anyone is interested in rowing this please get in touch with the club as training will commence soon.



We had another successful Duck Race during Llangwm's Festival Fortnight, with the winning duck belonging to Sue Watkins from the village. We'd like to thank everyone for their support at this event despite there being an important European Cup match that evening.

Club rowing will continue throughout the winter on Sunday mornings at 10 am at Black Tar. If you'd like to give rowing a go, either with the aim to race or just to get out on the river for a social row, come along on Sunday mornings to try it out.

If you want to keep up to date with club news you can join our **Facebook** group **Llangwm Rowing Club**. We can also be contacted at

[llangwm.longboats@gmail.com](mailto:llangwm.longboats@gmail.com)

Jan Millward

## BLACK TAR: UPDATE FROM LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Since the decision taken by Pembrokeshire County Council to close the toilets at Black Tar, the Community Council have been investigating means of leasing, not just the toilets, but also the very important adjoining parking area. The loss of either of these facilities would be detrimental to the village, and to anyone visiting this picturesque part of Llangwm.

After much negotiation we can now report that Llangwm Community Council is in the process of taking over control of the toilets and parking area on a 125-year lease from PCC.

This has involved a partnership agreement with Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club, which will be of mutual benefit to both parties. This allows for the toilets and car park to remain in public hands. However, it would be desirable to open them next year as often as possible over Spring and Summer.

### To do this we need the help and support of the public.

Financial constraints mean it is not possible for LCC to open the toilets on a full time basis without additional support/ funding. We will consider all possibilities - fund-raising events or annual subscriptions etc., but the first step will be to create a "register" of all who are willing to help.

If you are able to offer your support in any way - cleaning, fund-raising, sponsorship, or if you have any suggestions, please contact the clerk:

Kathy Codd 01646 601655 [codd1946@btinternet.com](mailto:codd1946@btinternet.com)

Llangwm Community Council would like to thank Pembrokeshire County Council who are providing the lease, and Llangwm Rowing Club without whose support this would not have been possible.

Michael John

## Pedal Power

06/10/2016, Hill Mountain Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Johnston Scout Group took to pedal power recently to raise much needed funds for their Group. With a choice of 4, 9, or 18 mile routes along the Neyland to Haverfordwest cycle path, and a bright sunny day, the children aged 6 to 14 years of age completed a sponsored bike ride, along the Neyland to Haverfordwest cycle path with a choice of 4, 9, or 18 mile routes. (Shown here are the 4- and 9-milers.)



Afterwards they enjoyed a well-deserved hot dog thanks to Tesco Haverfordwest.

1<sup>st</sup> Johnston Group Scout Leader Pat Dixon said: "The Group relies solely on donations to keep going but it's not easy and so each year the children come up with ideas to fundraise. The bike ride is a popular choice and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. This year we're able to offer prizes for the highest amount of sponsorship raised in each Section thanks to kind donations from Bierspool Cycles, Halfords, and Mikes Bikes, for which we are very grateful."

The Group, which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year is based at the Scout and Community Hall in Hill Mountain, which is fast becoming a popular venue not just for Scouting activities in the County but also other community focused events. Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts enjoy a wide range of activities including hikes, camps, survival skills, crafts, kayaking, and much more.

Anyone interested in joining the Group or helping out can contact Pat Dixon, Group Scout Leader on 07824 748748.

### About 1<sup>st</sup> Johnston Scout Group

1<sup>st</sup> Johnston Scout Group is based at the Scout and Community Hall, Hill Mountain. Children aged 6-14 years from the surrounding areas of Johnston, Llangwm, Rosemarket, and Freystrop meet weekly during term-time. The Hall is also available for bookings - enquiries on the number above.

## Young Entrepreneur Dylan cooks up a 'first' with UK's 'Crowdfunder'

Back in 2013, aged just 7, Dylan Allman from Ashdale Lane, Llangwm became the youngest person in the UK to use the *crowdfunding* to publish a recipe book, raising funds for a children's charity in the process.

Now, as he approaches his tenth birthday, Dylan has decided the time is right to launch his second recipe book, this time with a distinctively international flavour, to raise funds for *Action Against Hunger*. This time around he is in touch with children across the globe – asking them to submit their local recipes. Alongside the recipe book there will be a food 'passport' with stickers allowing children to show they have 'visited' the country by trying out the food.

"I'm really excited" he said. "My friends are helping me get in touch with children across the world, from countries as far away as Australia and South Africa, so it's really interesting to see the different kind of recipes coming through."

Asked why proceeds of book sales are going to *Action Against Hunger*, Dylan replied: "I was so shocked to learn that across the world there are more 52 million children under the age of five suffering from malnutrition. It just doesn't seem right. I want to help make a difference and help children know the joy of food".



UPDATE: Dylan has actually now raised the £500 through Crowdfunding so can go ahead and get the recipe book printed which is great news. However, he is still looking for a few more recipes from children so if anyone reading this has family or friends or knows children/young people in any country outside the UK could they please get in touch and ask for a 'native' recipe to be sent to Dylan on [lorraine@beindemand.co.uk](mailto:lorraine@beindemand.co.uk)



# Llangwm Rugby Club News



For those readers unaware of the **coaching set up** at Llangwm this season, **Mr Andrew (Andy) Barlow** is the **new head coach**. Andy is a qualified teacher by profession with a degree in Sports Science, and as well as working for professional rugby clubs in the past, is an internationally qualified coach. Amongst the clubs he has been associated with, he spent time at Pontyates RFC, who were in the same league as us in the 2013/14 season when Andy became part of their coaching set-up, moving from 10<sup>th</sup> place to a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place after he joined them. All at Llangwm hope that the promising work already carried out by Andy continues to help the squad.

There is undoubtably **a new team spirit and ethos** within the squad. This has translated into substantial numbers at Wednesday night training sessions, and remains high from the initial pre-season sessions right up to time of print, allowing more skilled based and game play training looking at the probable starting selection for the following Saturday fixture. This may not sound earth shattering, but has not always been possible in previous seasons. This additional work carried out by the squad has meant improvements in all areas as a squad and better individual performances by all, compared to last year, including Llangwm scoring well worked tries in only the 2<sup>nd</sup> league game of the season – something which has fortunately continued.

The hard work put in by all the coaching staff and players has been obvious to those watching on a Saturday afternoon and all connected to the club not only thank them for their hard work, but wish them continued success throughout the season.

**Warren Gatland** has left his role as the head coach of Wales for the rest of the season following his appointment as **head coach** for the 2017 visit to **New Zealand by the British & Irish Lions** and will once again be replaced by assistant **Rob Howley**. Former scrum-half Howley steps up to the post as he did during the 2012-13 campaign when Gatland was away preparing for the Lions tour of Australia, and all rugby supporters in Wales and beyond look to the autumn internationals to see the start of his influence over the squad.

A reminder of the dates and times of the **Under Armour Autumn International Series 2016**:

Sat 05 November	Wales v Australia	KO 2:30pm
Sat 12 November	Wales v Argentina	KO 5:30pm
Sat 19 November	Wales v Japan	KO 2:30pm
Sat 26 November	Wales v South Africa	KO 5:30pm

Discussion is currently underway to change the date of the home fixture with Pembroke, as this clashes with the South Africa fixture. Changes will be displayed in the clubhouse and on the website.

**The club will be open**, as normal, for all the Autumn International Series, so come along and support **Wales**.

Due to the small number of games, as the National League Division 3 West A has only 10 teams, the 1<sup>st</sup> team administrator is trying to set up some friendly **home and away fixtures**, to bulk out our calendar. All details of any additional fixtures will be placed on the website, and advertised in the clubhouse.

The **Grandstand** bar continues grow in its success, with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available on match day, alongside tea and coffee, and the club thanks those who give up their time to re-stock the bar as well as those who serve there on a Saturday afternoon, and the club hopes you **pop in on a matchday**.

There are still numbers available in the **100 draw** and joining and paying for your ticket is extremely easy. Direct Debit forms are available through Mr Raymond Hunt, to allow the ease of paying £72.00 for entry into all 12 monthly draws, with your bank transferring money to the club annually, or monthly at a cost of £6.00. As we approach Christmas, it is worth reminding all that the first prize in the **December draw** remains **£1000.00**, along with the other major prize of **£500.00** in the summer draw as well as the smaller monthly prizes.

Important dates for your diary, as well as the regular fixtures listed on the website:

The annual **Grand Christmas Draw**. Local businesses, sponsors, and friends of the club have donated over **50 prizes** for the raffle this year, and the draw will take place in the clubhouse on **Friday 16 December at 9:00pm**. Tickets will be available from the club, as well as committee members, and the even better news is there is no price increase!! They remain at **40p per ticket** or **£1.00 for a book of 3**.

The **Bishop Cup** fixture against local rivals Haverfordwest RFC is an away game for Llangwm this year, so fans will have to make the long trek, well a few miles, to the Pembroke Road ground this coming **Boxing Day**. Kick off remains the same as a league fixture - **2:30pm**, and our club will be open, as normal, following the match.

Llangwm RFC would like to extend their sincere thanks to all its sponsors for their kind support which helps to maintain rugby in the village.

For all information about the rugby club, including details of the **regular music nights**, please visit the club website:- <http://llangwm.rfc.wales>

Next up in the **Friday Music Nights** series is '**Poems & Pints**' (25 Nov) and local band **Savannah** (9 Dec).

Please **contact the Clubhouse** for any information on membership, events or participation in rugby for Llangwm RFC. **Tel: 01437 890462**

**Llangwm RFC wishes a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.**



# LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB



## LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB 2016 SEASON

2016 has been a much more fun year for our Club. Finishing bottom of their respective leagues last year saw moral at a pretty low level, but we have picked ourselves up and have had a very successful season on all fronts, even getting to the semi-finals of the prestigious County Bowl competition against all the odds. Beating Carew in the quarter final was a real morale booster and showed that 2015 was just a blip.

This year saw much more success; in fact both senior teams were top of their leagues after the first weekend and still unbeaten after the second. We were still afflicted during the season by unavailability issues which saw us really weak on a number of occasions with the second XI being decimated by calls from the first XI which naturally has precedence. But we were seeing delightful cricket most weekends with the cherry appearing when we beat Carew in the quarter final of the Harrison-Allen Bowl – the bulletin sent out after it was as follows:

*Llangwm batted first in this 22 over match, our openers making it clear we meant business from the very beginning. The opposition bowlers also meant business, but a succession of double figure scores enabled us to set a target of 131 runs for Carew to beat. It was then down to our bowlers to pin their batsmen down – which they did. But a late flurry of runs by Carew made for a nail-biting finish. Carew needed one run to tie and two to win off the very last ball. Chris Inward's final delivery rearranged the stumps big time and so we won, to the delight of all our supporters as well as the team.*

### Team

Andrew Harries; Will Beresford; Chris Inward; Huw Brock; James Venables; Phil Llewellyn ; Luke Brock; Mathew Kiff; James Lewis; Ollie Davies & Shaun Waller

### Details

Llangwm 131 all out in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over. Carew 130 for 7 after 22 overs.

**Llangwm won by the important 1 run.**  
Batting - Will Beresford (44); James Venables (19); Mathew Kiff (17); Luke Brock (11) and captain Andrew Harries (10) were our main scorers

Bowling - Mathew Kiff (2 wickets for 25 runs); Chris Inward (2 for 29); Ollie Davies (2 for 34); and economical Phil Llewellyn (0 for just 21 off 5 overs).

**The 1st XI** eventually finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division table winning ten of the sixteen matches played. Notable innings were by Luke Brock (120), Mathew Kiff (91), James Venables (89), Joseph Kiff (87) , Phil Llewellyn (67\*) and Ewan Griffiths (62\*). Bowling performances of note included a 5-wicket haul by Chris Inward and 4-wicket hauls by Phil Llewellyn, Mathew Kiff, Chris Inward, Ollie Davies and Andrew Harries. Top wicket takers were Mathew Kiff and Phil

Llewellyn (over 20) with Andrew Harries and Chris Inward not far behind.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI** was again well captained by Mike Terry eventually finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in their league winning 7 of their 13 games. Great team spirit existed throughout the season particularly with several "veterans" being called up to draw on their experience and skills. The youngsters in the team shone very brightly with magnificent innings coming from Tom Carrington (162\*) and Toby Asson (101).The more mature players twinkled well – Gary Phillips (89\*), Darren John (64) and Paul Morgan (58\*) defying their years to see us through the season.4-wicket bowling performances from Jamie Streeter & Toby Asson and 3-wicket hauls by Dan Morgan, Ollie Davies, Gary Phillips, George John, Gary Phillips, Matthew Richards and Louis Murphy were also crucial to our success.

**Junior Cricket** again flourished well under the guidance of Junior Organiser Colin Phillips and his trusty team of coaches Jon Rowles, Jamie Streeter and Toby Asson. The presentation night was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August in the Junior Cricket Clubroom at the top of the Stand in Pill Parks. Every junior playing member was awarded a Club Playing Certificate and there were additional Special Awards made within each group.These are detailed below.

A Special Award to Maisy Davies to record her achievement in playing for Wales was given earlier in the week.

The five players who also represented their age groups for Pembrokeshire County Youth in the all-Wales regional games received plaques as a record of that achievement.

### AWARDS

U9 Player of the Year 2016 - Jack Phillips

U9 Most Improved Player 2016 - Toby Price

U9 Player's Player of the year 2016 -

Kieran Sinclair

Special Award (2016 u10 Regional Squad) -

Jack Phillips

U11 Player of the year 2016 - Joe Phillips

U11 Most improved player 2016 - James Price

U11 Player's Player of the year 2016 - Joe Phillips

Special Award 2016 (2016 u11 Regional Squad) -

Maisy Davies

Special Award 2016 (2016 u11 Regional Squad) -

Dominic Asson

Special Award 2016 (2016 u11 Regional Squad) -

Joe Phillips

U13 Player of the year 2016 - Owain Jones

U13 Most improved player 2016 -

Dylan Phillpot

Special Award 2016 (2016 u12 Regional Squad) -

Owain Jones

A delicious buffet prepared by Helen Phillips, Kate Thomas and Pearl Phillips was then enjoyed by all present and the evening was complete by 8pm after the last youngster was retrieved from the many corners of the Pill Parks field.

As usual we are reliant on our groundsmen – Ian Gow on the pitch and Jeremy Brock on the outfield. No problems there as the field always looks superb.

Our Chairman Dai Davies, a stalwart of our Club together with his wife Sue, was responsible for organising and running our Annual Llangwm Golf Day at Haverfordwest Golf Club. This year we had 22 teams playing and it was a fabulous day out for our Members and Friends who generously support the Llangwm Cricket Club. Thanks also to our scorers Janice Brick and Jeff Saines ably assisted by several junior players working the electronics, particularly young Joe Phillips and Charlie Wilson.

Many thanks also to our new Cricket-Teas Queen, the amazing Natalie, who not only looks after the bar upstairs in the Stand but also dispenses refreshments to the teams between innings and helps to supervise the now famous “Chicken Dinner” draw held every Saturday after the game. The chicken continues to be

kindly provided by Matthew Evans of the Cottage Inn Restaurant, Llangwm with the wine sponsored by several of our stalwart Vice-Presidents. Bill Marchant, our erstwhile Secretary, has continued to be a rock all season including supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI by umpiring most Saturdays and also easing Suzanne Waller into her new official capacity as the new Llangwm Cricket Club Honorary Secretary.

The ground improvement completed last autumn at Pill Parks last winter has been a great success and together with the neatly white-painted boundary fence really makes our cricket venue look most impressive. The use of the Stand as a hospitality facility for players and spectators during games is also an outstanding success and has evoked many pleasant comments during the season. The Vice-Presidents Buffet Lunch held there when we played Burton C.C. towards the end of the season will be repeated next year, but perhaps a little earlier in the year.



**DON'T FORGET...**  
You can see these photographs in colour, and enlarge them, on the Llangwm village website - click on the button Llangwm News and select the current issue date.



# "Thank you, Llangwm!" from the Wales Air Ambulance Service



As part of Llangwm Literary Festival a fundraising event of traditional music and a raffle was held at the Rugby Club and we were delighted that £615 was raised for Wales Air Ambulance.

Tony and I were lucky enough to be invited to visit the Air Ambulance Base in Llanelli and even luckier that the helicopter was actually there when we were! We were shown the inside of the helicopter and had the air ambulance system explained to us by one of the Critical Care Practitioners and she said that on an average day it is called out three to four times. There are four air ambulances in Wales and each one has either two Critical Care Practitioners and a Pilot or one CCP, a

Consultant and a Pilot on each mission. The helicopter is much smaller than we imagined and every inch of space is taken up with vital equipment.

Whilst the NHS pays for the medical staff everything else is paid for by charitable funding - that's £6 million that needs to be raised every year! To date, over 25,000 rescue flights have been made.

The staff there asked us to thank all the people of Llangwm who had contributed to this fundraising event and for the other fundraising that the village is doing towards maintaining the Air Ambulance Service.

*Penny Reed*