

# LLANGWM NEWS

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## THE LLANGWM NEWSHEET

Welcome to the first edition of the Llangwm News, the first of many we hope. The paper will be delivered free to your door on a quarterly basis. Set up under the auspices of the Millennium Committee, we are sure you will find it a useful addition to village life. Carrying news from the local clubs and societies, Church and Chapels, Community Council and School, it gives you the chance to read what they are about and let you know what's on where and when.

This being our first edition and this whole exercise something of a learning curve for all concerned we hope you will bear with us through any mistakes we may make.

The paper is non-profit making and entirely dependant on sponsorship. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this edition and all those who have helped in compiling or delivering as well as those who have taken it upon themselves to calm my shattered nerves.

We would welcome any articles of local interest for our next edition on Sept 1st. or volunteers to help with compiling or delivering. If you have any suggestions or contributions then please contact Linda Rees on 01437 891 233

## LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Following the recent separation of the Llangwm and Hook Community Council a further two seats were made available bringing the number of council members up to eight. Eight nominations were received therefore no election was deemed necessary. The community council is set up to help with any local problems regarding the communal facilities within the Llangwm area. If you feel you have any problem that the Community Council can help you with your new community councillors are listed below.

Mike Hardwick. 38, Gail Rise.

Billy Hitchins. Westwinds, Ashdale Lane.

Margaret Watkins. Deerland Park, Deerland.

Pat Morris. 12, Lake Villas.

Peter Owen. 12, Gail Rise.

Marion Eynon. 29, The Kilns.

Barry Childs. Wentworth, Pill Parks Way.

Reg Jenkins. Bryn Tremafon Port Lion.

Community council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm. in the village school. The public are welcome to attend but any business to be brought before the council must be notified in advance to either the clerk ( currently waiting appointment ) or through one of the councillors.

## LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

Since September 1998, The Cottage Inn has become the venue for one of Llangwm's newest and thriving of social activities - The Llangwm Gardening Club. Meeting regularly once a month, the Gardening Club encourages everyone to "have a go", with local experts giving talks on topics as diverse as growing fuchsia, cacti and sweet peas, and encouraging wildlife in the garden. Our experts then field questions from a lively audience, many of whom would admit to being complete novices, particularly when, on one occasion, the discussion turned to the sex life of slugs.

Club events provide a chance to meet socially, chat, expand your plant collection and meet new people with shared interests. Trips to classic gardens, Christmas parties and summer barbecues complete the programme.

Our next big event is at the end of June when we are holding a Llangwm Gardens Open Day on Saturday 26th. Come along and see some of the hidden gardens of Llangwm with their wide range of styles, meet some of the members, buy some plants, have a cup of tea and enjoy yourselves.

In the meantime, if you would like any information about the Gardening Club, contact Jane Mills on 01437 890147.

## MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

The committee was set up last year to make sure that the millennium didn't pass un celebrated in the village. In an attempt to assess the wants of the community we have combined forces with Menter Preseli and a questionnaire was compiled following several public meetings and then distributed throughout the area. This was your chance to have your say on a large variety of topics. Entirely confidential these forms once gathered in are then sent away to be analysed. Before this can be done however we have to have achieved a 70% response in order for the analysis to truly reflect the wants and needs of the community. Once we have the results a further public meeting will be called to discuss how we set about achieving this. Menter will give us guidance and help in applying for grants and assistance. Many local communities have benefited so far providing sport, recreational and community facilities. Lets not miss out on this opportunity to improve on what we have. If you have not returned your form then please take some of your time to fill it in and hand it to the person named on the front or use the Freepost envelope provided. Details of the public meeting to discuss the results will be posted throughout the village so please keep an eye open for them and attend if you can.

We are almost entirely dependant on our fundraising efforts so please try and support our events. We have planned celebrations throughout the year starting with a firework display on Jan 1st. 2000 and a street party towards the summer. We plan to incorporate a Fun Run and street entertainment so anyone who can help with the organisation or contribute by entertaining please contact a member of the committee. It's going to be big so we need your help now. Fund raising continues, coming up, 12th. June a Silent and Promise auction. Already we have received some great items for auction and some good promises too, if you have anything you would like to donate or you are prepared to offer a few hours gardening, babysitting, or a trip out then please contact a member of the Committee. Mike Hardwick, Avril Platten, Peter Owen, Elaine Mackeen, Fran Bosenius, Linda Rees, Paula Thomas, Pat Morris Becky Joseph.

29th. June Coffee evening with a glass painting demonstration and stalls including The Body Shop. 7.30 pm. at the Village Hall.

10th. July Car Wash on the Village Green 9.30 am.

20th- 27th. June The Extraordinary Scarecrow Week entry £1.00 forms to be available from committee members, judging will take place throughout the week. Fun for adults and children, build your own scarecrow it can be animal or human, satirical or straight. We need a bunch of hardy men who can be available on the 1st of Jan 2000 to help with the firework display. Every little boys dream so why not volunteer? Give your name to a member of the committee. Your village needs you.

This issue has been sponsored by the Millennium Committee and Mr. & Mrs. D. Adams from the Wirral, many thanks for their donation we hope they will approve

## LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

After the initial public meeting held on 5th Feb and in response to overwhelming support the club has been formed. A committee has been formed and are at present drawing up a constitution for the club and looking for sponsorship and donations. The club has been lucky enough to be allocated a brand new longboat, complete with trailer and oars (worth over £5,000) through the Welsh Longboat League. As a result of a successful Sportslot Grant application by the League, the boat has been offered to us at a greatly reduced price of £1,500. A deposit has been paid and the committee is busy trying to raise the balance. We are painfully aware that at the moment we are boatless but we are approaching other clubs to persuade them to loan us an older boat in the meantime so that interested members can come and 'have a go'. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!**

Training has unfortunately been rather slow getting off the ground, however a few people have started attending circuit training at Sir Thomas Picton School on a Wednesday evening at 6.00pm, cost £2 per session. If you are interested in joining them you would be welcome to come along. We are still hopeful that local based training sessions will be arranged in the future.

We are hoping the club will benefit the whole of the community and when the boat is safely in our hands, members of the club will put it to good use. If anyone is interested in helping out with ideas whether it be fund raising, training etc., you are welcome to come along to one of our committee meetings. Please contact Gareth Jones 01437 890789 to find out details.

We have also been asked by the Welsh Longboat League to host an event which will be held on 22nd August 1999. This will be the first time Llangwm would be used as a venue and we hope to make a good impression. If you have any ideas on what type of event we should stage or would like to help out, please contact Gareth Jones on the number above.

As the boat is due to be ready by the end of June, the committee are working hard to raise funds. We cannot take delivery of the boat until the balance is paid so the following events have been organised.

Quiz night at Llangwm Rugby Club - 28th May at 7.30 pm.

Walking Treasure Hunt - 25th June meeting at Llangwm Green. Time to be confirmed.

Quiz night at the Cottage Inn - 16th July at 7.30 pm.

## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Freystrop and district W.I. meet at Freystrop village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month. (except August)  
The evening begins with a business session (when the Pems Federation of W.I. newsletter is read and discussed) followed by an invited guest speaker. We try to cover the interests of all members. Speakers from all walks of life have included a beautician and a national Park warden and covered topics as diverse as pottery, painting and rug making. The evening always concludes with refreshments supplied by the members.

Of course W.I.'s are, or were known for their cake and jam making but this is not essential. If you are no good in the kitchen it doesn't matter perhaps you would be interested in a quiz or maybe some competition darts or Scrabble the choice is vast. If none of these interest you there are always the trips and outings to places of interest, the theatre or shopping. The trips to London staying overnight with a trip to the theatre are always popular.

The W.I. welcomes new members of any age and Freystrop would be delighted to welcome some new members into their group.

## LLANGWM HOME BREWERS CLUB

Meeting totally irregularly, usually at the whim of one of the members, the Home Brewers Club is a fairly recent addition to the social life of Llangwm. Conversations normally turn around such erudite subjects as the relative taste of Geordie Yorkshire bitter as compared to Boots bitter, the clarity of the beer or which shops have the best offers on kits, before turning to more general topics. Informality and hilarity are the main watchwords of the club, whose objective is simply to pass on brewing tips and to have a good time. Membership by T-shirt only

## PUFFINS PLAYGROUP

For 20 years Puffins Playgroup has served the community of Llangwm and the surrounding area. Many children have passed through our doors, some have returned to do work experience as part of their G.C.S.E. and college courses. We cater for children between the age of two and a half up to four years. We do have the facility to cater for children with special needs.

The children are required to cover a range of activities including physical and social development, manipulative play and motor skills- these include projects which deal with ethnic and cultural minorities as laid down by Social Services guidelines.

Every year the playgroup has a summer trip usually to somewhere like Herons Brook which is always well attended. At Christmas time the children enjoy a trip to the Pantomime.

The Playgroup has a set theme every half term and recently held an art exhibition and Coffee Morning to show off their work. These mornings are very important not just so that the children can show what they can do but because they help in raising vital funds supporting the day to day costs which enables us to keep the playgroup going.

The playgroup is not subscribed to by any authorities and therefore relies on a fees and fundraising basis only.

Recently we were awarded a lottery grant of £1,700 to buy much needed new equipment and take the children on an outing.

The playgroup is run by a committee of parents and is as much a learning experience for them as for the children. It is a great way to make friends and have some fun. If you have a child and are interested in joining Puffins come along and join a session, it is held at the village Hall on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30-12.00. or contact the playgroup leader Julie on 01437 891070

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR BILL HITCHINGS

I wish to thank the Millennium Committee for the invitation to contribute to the first Llangwm Newsheet, it allows me the opportunity to thank the electorate of Llangwm for their support in the county council election on May 6th.

I have represented Llangwm for many years and it is pleasing to know that I have the confidence of the inhabitants of the village. I was first elected as a community councillor over 20 years ago, later to be elected to the Preseli District Council and Dyfed County Council.

I have always tried to keep the community informed as to what is happening within the area by attending and reporting important issues through the Community Council.

I would earnestly encourage members of the public to attend the Community Council meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. in Llangwm school. The exception being August when there is no meeting. I would also encourage attendance at meetings of Pembrokeshire County Council which are also open to the public. Attendance at these meetings can enlighten the public in the way your councillor represents the area and help understand how decisions are arrived at.

I have now retired and therefore have the time to devote my energies to serve the area and the people who live there. I can only repeat what I have said many times..." I will serve you all to the best of my ability and do my utmost to be available to listen to your views and comments.

Councillor Bill Hitchings

## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services:- Morning - 11am.  
 Sunday School - 11am.  
 Evening - 6pm (once a month)  
 Family Service: First Sunday in the month - 11am.  
 Women's Fellowship:-Wednesday - 2pm. September to May inclusive.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School Anniversary Service:- Sunday 27th. June  
 Afternoon service:- 2.30 pm.  
 Evening service:- 6.00 pm.  
 Items performed by the children and adult choir.  
 Millennium Musical Memories:- Wednesday 30th. June. 10 am. - 8 pm.  
 A sponsored event for church funds, a day of non - stop music played on the church organ by Mrs. Peggy John.  
 Scone Teas:- ( throughout the summer ) - Dates to be arranged.  
 A warm invitation is given to all to attend these services and events

## GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH LLANGWM

We believe that Jesus Christ is alive and is still relevant in our world today, since in Him we find the meaning of life, and even of death. We try to be a friendly and welcoming church and would love you to join us.

### Prayer Meetings

Sunday 10.30 am.- Morning Service and Sunday School.  
 5.30 pm -Evening Service.

Wednesday..7.00 pm.Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Thursday 10- 11.30 am. Mums and Tots ( during term time )  
 2 pm.- Ladies Meeting ( alternate weeks ).

### Other meetings

Wednesday 9th June 7.00 pm. Baptist Missionary Youth Team.

Sunday 20th June 5.00pm. Sunday School Anniversary Service.

Friday 2nd July 5.30pm. Barbecue for all ages.

Sunday 26th September. Harvest Festival Services.

Friday 1st October. Harvest Meal.

Pastor; Rev Alan Ashworth. The Manse, Johnston. 01437 891 247

Secretary; Mr. Huw Breeze. 61 Newtown rd. Hook. 01437 890695

Treasurer; Mr. Peter Phillips. 2a, Foxhall, Llangwm. 01646 600 734.

## CLASS 1 VISIT THE CHURCH

IN February Class1 went down to St. Jeromes Church and Mr. Hooper showed them round. They all had a good look round and they saw the altar, the lectern, the bell and a model of Jesus on the cross. Next they went outside and saw the bell, the graveyard, the big gates and the strange shape of the roof. They had a great morning and would like to thank Mr. Hooper and said they would go again.

## ST. JEROME'S CHURCH - LLANGWM

### NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

#### SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

#### Parish Eucharist

#### Matins

#### Sunday School

#### Family Service

#### Family Communion

#### Evening Prayer

IST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	
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2.30pm		2.30pm	2.30pm	
	2.30pm			
				2.30pm
4.00pm				

Midweek Holy Communion 9.30am Wednesday

Festival and other services as announced in Church or in Parish Magazine

Baptisms & Weddings by arrangement with the Rector. Tel. 891317

We extend a warm welcome to all our Services - please come along and join us  
 and we would be delighted to welcome your children in our Sunday School.

## LLANGWM SCOTTISH DANCERS ENTERTAIN MID-WALES CROWDS.

Young dancers from the Llangwm Scottish Dancers again took part in the recent Builth Wells Folk Dance Festival. Along with more than 200 other dancers, they processed through the streets of Builth Wells to the music of a piper, stopping to dance at frequent intervals to the great enjoyment of the crowd.

Following the massed procession, they watched dancers from Cornwall, Finland, Scotland and Wales, before they joined with other Scottish dancers from S. Wales in a twenty minute, fast moving and colourful display of traditional and modern Scottish country dances. In their tartan skirts or white dresses with tartan sashes (partially funded by the recent Hook and Llangwm Village Festival ) they looked very attractive and favourable comments were made by the other dancers, especially as they were the youngest dancers taking part.

The dancers included Natalie Blyth, Lisa Grey, Victoria and Georgina Haldane, Sarah Hall, Amy Hughes, Sarah Llewellyn, Kate McCloughlin, Jessica Milward, Gemma Phillips, Natalie Smith, Zoë Studley, Kimberley Waller and Sophie Williams, they were led by teachers Pat Rye and Mary Kinder. The dancers would like to thank all those who provided transport and supported them in their practices and performances.

Lisa Grey has now joined several other members of the group in gaining the Pre -Bronze and Bronze medals awarded for Scottish Dancing awarded by the British Association of Teachers of Dancing.

The group meets at 5.30 on Wednesday evening in Llangwm Village Hall and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact Pat Rye on 01646 698463 or Mary Kinder on 890189. The junior dancers are aged six and above, while the senior members are in Secondary School. Adults wishing to take up Scottish Country Dancing will be made very welcome by the Houghton Scottish Dancers who meet on a Monday evening in the Burton Memorial Hall, Houghton.

## LLANGWM JUNIOR CRICKET

1998 season Juniors

Four juniors Jonathan Francis (U16's), William Beresford (U15's & U14's), Chris Inward (U12's) and Andrew Brock (U10's) represented the county.

Andrew Harries has secured a firm place in our firsts and Johnnie Neill and Gareth Bevan have both played in the first team before joining William Beresford and Jonathan Francis in the very successful seconds who won League Division 4 in style. Three father and son pairs played for the seconds during the season, skipper Dai Davies and his son Mark, Chris and Johnny Palmer and Stuart and William Beresford.

Several other juniors enjoyed playing for our thirds, and this year we look forward to more of them representing the club in the County Leagues, including the new Mid-week League.

Llangwm were beaten in the Ormond Youth Cup by a very strong Haverfordwest side, but Johnnie Neill scored an excellent 44 in our chase for the 111 target set by the opposition.

Following the late withdrawal of some of the teams in the Youth League few matches were played. A 2-zone set up will exist for this season which should work much better. The under 16's and under 14's playing "proper" cricket and the under 12's playing "wrigleys" was successful as was the increase in the age levels from 11, 13 and 15 the previous year.

The under 16 League Llangwm beat Hook twice and the other sides once many excellent scores were recorded during the season. Played 8, Won 5.

The under 14's did well in winning 3 of the 5 matches played. One match was unplayed. The Under 12's, had they been able to get all their matches in before the deadline date would have reached the semi-finals. The weather was a large factor in this matter.

In the Llangwm festival the Under 13's came second in their group. All the boys did well and we look forward to another successful Festival this year on the 20th June.

Thanks are due to Jamer our Secretary and Robert Harries for keeping the ground in excellent shape their efforts are much appreciated and also to those who take the time to coach the youth teams and those who help with transportation of the teams all over the county.

Here's to another enjoyable season of Cricket in Llangwm.

Junior coaching takes place every Wednesday from 6.00 pm onwards at Pill Parks. New members are always welcome and the subscription of £2.00 covers the whole season. Dai Davies, Martin Inward and Stuart Beresford are the qualified coaches with the Llangwm club, help from other players is always welcome.

## SPORT IN THE VILLAGE

### LLANGWM RUGBY CLUB

Founded in 1885 we regularly field a 1st and 2nd XV a youth XV and junior teams from 10 years old upwards. New players of all ages are always welcome.

### LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

Formed some fifty years ago have Senior 1st, 2nd, and 3rd XI's in the County League, together with youth and junior teams in respective Leagues. Four years ago a ladies team was formed and have gone from strength to strength. They also have a full programme of League fixtures. A warm welcome is extended to new playing members.

## LLANGWM SCHOOL NEWS

Llangwm school is about to undergo a period of change. Mr. Paul Hughes the headmaster is leaving to take up an appointment in Haverfordwest. We wish him every success in his new post and hope that his successor will continue to drive the school forward with as much energy & enthusiasm. Many thanks Paul for all you have done for the children of Llangwm.

Children from the school have submitted a number of articles taken from their own newspaper. This is only a small sample of the work they have done but they have been chosen because of their particular relevance to the community. The children take part in many events throughout the county both sporting and cultural in nature and the school and the children in it are a credit to the village. Here is a sample of their work.

## LLANGWM AND HOOK FESTIVAL WEEK by Danielle Phillips

From the 22nd. to the 27th. March Llangwm and Hook held a joint Festival (sponsored by Menter Preseli). It began with an Exhibition of photographs in the Llangwm Methodist Church featuring old school pictures, old pictures donated by people in the village and pictures entered in a competition for the children of the villages. During the week there was a mining exhibition in Hook social Club. Inside the Exhibition there were all sorts of mining equipment from pick-axes to mining boots and many different types of coal. On Wednesday night a concert took place at Hook social Club. Schools from both villages took part each school presenting a variety of songs and instrumentalists. Afterwards the local Scottish Dancing Group performed dances such as Haymakers Jig and everyone joined in the twmpath. On Thursday a wall hanging made by Class 4 and Diane Lucas (a local textile artist) was unveiled. The wall hanging took eight days to make and is 11.92m in perimeter. The Festival week was a huge success and we are sure that everyone in Hook and Llangwm enjoyed it. The festival was a brilliant idea that brought the two villages together and we hope that there might be another one in years to come.

## 1998 SEASON

BOWLING AWARD      BATTING AWARD

UNDER 12      Christopher Inward      Richard Brock

UNDER 14      Patrick Alderman      Jamie Chesmer

UNDER 16      Andrew Mathias      Adrian Brace

LESTER BROCK CUP (*Junior Player of the Year*)      Jonathan Francis

HOWARD REES CUP (*Youth Player of the Year*)      William Beresford

Under 16 Awards      Under 14 Awards      Under 12 Awards

DARREN Evans	JIMMY Davies	DANIEL Morgan
PAUL Hopson	WILLIAM Beresford	RICHARD Brock
CHARLES Davies	PATRICK Alderman	RICHARD Bosenius
WAYNE Griffiths	THOMAS Mackeen	JONATHAN Thurston
CHRISTOPHER Owen	LEWIS Jones	DANIEL Grange
MICHAEL Joseph	JAMIE Doughty	HUW Virgo
ADRIAN Brace	JAMIE Chesmer	HUW Jones
JONATHAN Francis	JAMES Lewis	LEON Thompson
ANDREW Mathias	OWAIN Davies	BILL Brant
WILLIAM Beresford	SAM Wordsworth	CHRIS Inward
PATRICK Alderman	GARETH Virgo	HUW Brock
THOMAS Mackeen	Shaun Waller	ALED Morgan
LEWIS Jones	CHRIS Inward	JONATHAN Brock
JAMIE Doughty		ANDREW Brock
JAMIE Chesmer		LUKE Brock
JAMES Lewis		ANDREW Brock
OWAIN Davies		LUKE Brock
GARETH Virgo		MICHAEL Harries
SHAUN Waller		DOMINIC Winfield
		MICHAEL Blyth
		OLIVER Davies
		MATTHEW Kiff
		JOSH Davies
		STEVIE Inwar
		CARWEN Morgan

## LLANGWM RUGBY AND CRICKET SOCIAL CLUB

Situated near the Green the Social Club accommodates social members as well as members of the Rugby and Cricket.

Applications for membership are available from the club stewardess or from the secretary. Tel. 01437 891 251

The following events have been organised for the Summer months

4th June Quiz night in the clubhouse, 8 pm.

5th June Disco in the Clubhouse

20th June Under 13's Cricket Tournament to be held at Pill Parks with stalls B.B.Q. etc.

26th June Coffee Morning in the Clubhouse with stalls 11 am.

10th. July Disco in the Clubhouse.

16th July Silent Auction in the Clubhouse.

14th August Disco in the Clubhouse.

21st. August Summer Draw in Clubhouse 9 pm.

28th August Disco in the Clubhouse

Duck Race and Raft Race dates to be arranged.