

LLANGWM NEWS

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THE LLANGWM NEWSHEET

Here is the fifth edition of your Llangwm news. Little did we know what we had started. This edition will largely be devoted to Llangwm Festival Fortnight. We have been so wrapped up in Festival work that I haven't had time to chase people for entries but I am going to take this opportunity to remind you that this is your paper and if you have something to say or something to promote or something of interest then this is your opportunity to reach the people of Llangwm.

I hope by now plans for this years Scarecrows are well underway, off the drawing board and in production, in fact the time is fast approaching. I gather the Gardening Clubs Hanging Basket night was well attended so we shall look forward to a village full of bloom. We have a number of floats to enter the carnival parade but if you can't find a vehicle then dress up and follow on foot. The Carnival is the culmination of the Millennium and Festival Committees activity for this year we've had a lot of fun and plenty of hard work and we hope you have been able to enjoy some of the events that have been organised. Does it stop here? well that's up to you. If there are enough interested people to form a new Committee for next year then who knows what can be achieved. We have tried to cater for all ages and tastes, some age groups I know feel we could do more so a Committee with representatives of all age groups would be a bonus. If you are interested please make yourself known don't hold back, talk to a member of the current Committee and see what is involved and lets have a new team with new ideas to benefit the Community.

The Millennium and Festival Committee were proud to host the recent visit of Cor Meibion Llangwm. If you missed the concert then you missed a treat not only was the singing excellent but it was compered with great skill and humour in fact I haven't laughed so much for a while. They much appreciated the reception that the people of our Village gave them and I think we can safely say they enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed their singing. The school are continuing links with the children of the village so we may yet enjoy their company again. Many thanks to those who helped to organise the concert and to the Methodists for allowing them to use the chapel. Also the Rugby Club for allowing the use of their facilities for the buffet afterwards. Coming through your door soon should be a flier giving you details of all the events and venues for the Festival Fortnight so keep an eye open for it. Don't throw it away there is much to do and see and you don't want to miss out. Many thanks to all the clubs and societies who are taking part we appreciate your efforts greatly and to all those individuals who play their part by entering. All we have to worry about is that old weather, fingers crossed that the sun smiles on us.

The next edition of your news will be out at the beginning of September so all entries for print must be in before the last week in August please make a note now as last minute entries cause a delay in getting the paper out and we like to include everyone if it's possible.

CARNIVAL KINGS AND QUEENS

Selection of the carnival king and queen and the fairy king and queen took place on Friday 26th. May. The children were required to do a "party piece" and we were treated to a variety of songs poems and even gymnastics and tricks. The judges were presented with the unenviable task of making a decision but after much deliberation the final result was:

Carnival Queen:- Danielle Phillips. Carnival King :- Michael Blyth. Attendant :- Laura Hughes. Fairy Queen :- Jennie Brock. Fairy King :- Jason Phillips. Attendant : - Sarah Hughes.

We would like to thank all those children who took part in the selection performed brilliantly and there is much talent there to be encouraged. They were presented with their prizes and certificates on the night. They will be leading the Carnival Procession on July 1 st. We would also like to thank our judges who gave up their evening so freely. The judges, Mrs. Doreen Thomas, Mrs. Maureen Molyneux and Mr. Raymond Grasby were presented with buttonholes and corsages donated by Tussie Mussie and Llangwm Millennium commemorative mugs.

LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

Like everyone else, the Gardening Club is gearing itself up for the Village Festival in June. We all had a great time last year and it is wonderful to see so many organisations getting involved and so many events taking place over the Festival Fortnight.

The Gardening Club has been asked to organise a repeat of last years successful Garden's Open Day to take place on Saturday 24th. June. We all enjoyed looking at the wide variety of gardens that we have in Llangwm, (isn't getting tips and ideas for our own gardens useful and interesting?). And for those of us who opened our gardens, it was great to get suggestions from visitors and to benefit from their experience. We would like to open even more gardens this year, so if you would like to participate, or know of someone who has an interesting garden, please get in touch with Jane on 890147. None of us are experts; we all have lots to learn from our friends and neighbours, so please think about joining in a fun day and opening your garden.

The second event we are running is a hanging basket and container competition. It would be great to have the village looking really lovely for the Festival Fortnight and one way of doing this is for everyone to plant a container of some sort, or hang a basket on the house and join in the competition. There is a sheet in this newsletter giving all the details for your entry. Don't worry if you do not have a greenhouse ; although we are asking for all entries to be on display for the Festival, the judging will not take place until the middle of July to give everyone a chance to get their containers to mature. All proceeds from the competition and from the Gardens Open Day will be donated to the village school, so lets all get involved and see how much we can raise for our own school.

And then there is the Carnival - Yes, we are entering a float, but wait and see.

We are also delighted to have been asked by the Community Council to take on the planting and maintenance of one of the flower beds on the Village Green. This is a great opportunity for us to enhance the natural beauty of Llangwm and we are planning to create a feature which will have all year round colour, scent and interest. A team has already taken a survey of the bed and its existing plants and are developing a planting scheme for it. You may not see a lot happening until later in the year, as many of the plants need moving in the Autumn, but watch this space!

If you would like to get involved with any of these events, or would like to join the Gardening Club please get in touch on 890147 or talk to anyone in the Gardening Club we would be delighted to see you!

LLANGWM SCOTTISH NOW TAKE ON THE WELSH.

The young Llangwm Scottish Dancers, well known in West Wales for their performances of Scottish reels and jigs, are now adding Welsh traditional dancing to their repertoire, with a view to taking part in one of the first events to be held in the Welsh National Botanical Gardens near Carmarthen.

With these prestigious gardens due to open on the 24th. May, the Welsh folk Dance Society is arranging for a Day of Dance just over six weeks later, when Welsh dancers from all parts of the Principality will present a swirl of music and colour that will rival the colourful plants from all parts of the world. In addition to 150 adult dancers and musicians, schools in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire will be sending the best of their Urdd folk dance groups - and amid the 300 dancers present, the Llangwm dancers will have exchanged their kilts, tartans and white dresses for bright Welsh flannel, shawls and black hats.

Earlier in the year Jessica Milward and Jennie Brock joined other young dancers from Broad Haven, Crundale and Tenby in an afternoon of Scottish Dancing along with fellow young enthusiasts from Llantwit Major and the Cardiff area. This was arranged under the auspices of the South Wales branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and inspirational music for dancing was provided by their accordionist, Jim Proudfoot of Swansea.

The dancers meet on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 in Llangwm Village Hall and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact Pat Rye on 01646 698463 or Mary and Lynette Kinder on 01437 890189. Although Llangwm Scottish Dancers are a separate group, they run in conjunction with the Houghton Scottish Dancers, whose adult dancers meet on a Monday evening in the Burton Memorial Hall, Houghton.

LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

The club is now well into its second year and the enthusiasm and interest of its members continues unabated. After a spring refit four boats are now available for practice and there are five regular crews who take part in the Welsh Longboat League Challenge Races and friendlies. This year the Club is introducing a regular scheme for recreational rowing, which is for members who prefer not to race but just to enjoy some gentle rowing; designated Friday evenings are set aside for this activity and hopefully will include a visit to a local watering hole!

So far this year there have been two competitive events (the Aberystwyth race was cancelled) and the Llangwm rowers

have had their share of honours. In the Dinas Head race both the men's and ladies' teams were runners up in the Celtic Longboat and Pembrokeshire Longboat races respectively. The Men's Team comprised Paul Brant, Peter Owen, Andrew Winfield, David Cooke and Ben Cutting as cox; the Ladies' Team was Angela Sweeney, Helen Stewart, Angela Cousins, Lynn Davies and Mandy McGee.

On Sunday 15th. the very exciting Cleddau Race was rowed from Haverfordwest to Neyland and on this occasion two of our Ladies' teams won the Celtic and the Pembrokeshire Longboat races; members of the teams were: Celtic Longboat - Angela Sweeney, Angela Cousins, Helen Brown, Louise Hadley and cox Jayne Richards. Pembrokeshire Longboat - Tricia Chalmers, Brenta Pearn, Jane Jones, Elspeth Thompson and cox Joe McLoughlin. The Men's Team with Gareth Jones, Paul Brant, Peter Owen, David Cooke and Andrew Winfield cox was fourth. A third Ladies' Team of Lynn Davies, Lis Poland, Fiona Cutting, Mandy McGee with Crispin Cutting as cox, finished in a very creditable time of 1 hour 54 minutes.

The rest of the season is just as busy with fortnightly events for the racing crews. On Saturday 17th. June at the start of the Llangwm Festival the Club is offering a trial row to anyone who is interested in seeing what it is all about.. From 10 am. to 6pm. longboats with qualified rowers will be waiting at Black Tar for all to try, so please come along and practice your rowing skills with a trip on the river. Please contact Gareth Jones on 890789 to book a time or for further details.

During the Festival on 25th. June, the L.L.R.C. is to host the Longboat League for the Llangwm League Race, when up to twenty crews are expected to take part in races for junior, men's, women's and mixed crews. Racing starts at 11.30 and will be followed by a barbecue, so please come along and give your support to the teams.

Fundraising events continue with the popular monthly Quiz nights at The Cottage Inn, and on the 30th. June there is a walking Treasure Hunt to which all are welcome. For further information about the Club and events please contact Graham Stephens on 891636 or Fay Keppel-Compton on 891356 - new members are always welcome.

KEEP IT CLEAN!

Llangwm is a village with great charm and character. It sprawls over the slopes of its opposing hills and along the shores of the Cleddau. Almost it seems as though it had decided to go to sleep in the sun, and, lulled by the hypnotic rise and fall of the tides, which seem like the rhythm of its own breathing, it had forgotten to wake up again. Surrounded by such an idyllic backdrop of fields, woods and water, it both attracts and holds one's love of the place.

It is therefore with much sadness and regret that one sees so much litter thoughtlessly discarded on its lanes and roads. Recently no less than four full bin bags of such rubbish were picked up between Foxhall and the stepping stones in Rectory road. Seventy per cent of this rubbish consisted of aluminium drink cans, all recyclable of course. The rest were mainly sweet and crisp packets, plus those from cigarettes. In Main Street the proportions were reversed, certain areas are more prone than others to attract such unwanted refuse.

It has been said by many wise men and women that if you want to change the world that you must first change yourself. Those with a longer experience of life tend to set the examples that those younger will follow. Such examples can create a domino effect as each new member moves along the line.

This year will see the Scarecrow week which was so successful in 1999 extended to a fortnight. Last year an amazing number of visitors came to our village to see for themselves, having been attracted perhaps by the newspaper and TV. coverage given to this event. Many people are making a real effort to beautify the village by displaying hanging baskets and containers of flowers making Llangwm even more attractive to the visitor. Perhaps we could all, young and old alike make a real effort not to "spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar." as the old saying was; to ensure that each one of us leaves no litter, and to love Llangwm fully. Love is by definition, "to seek the best for the other." A few more litter bins in strategic places would help. I am sure volunteers could be found to ensure that they are emptied from time to time.

Make Festival Fortnight a really pleasurable experience for all those who take part, and for all who visit our village. Let our watchword be -

I LOVE LLANGWM, KEEP IT CLEAN.

STORY WRITING COMPETITION

You've read this before in the last newsletter, but there has not yet been a good response, so here we go for a repeat! Do you know any good stories of Llangwm in the old (or not so old) days? If so, why not enter a competition to find the best short story or anecdote about characters, events or happenings that have taken place within the village of Llangwm in the past. These can be humorous, serious or just a good yarn. They must not be more than two pages of A4 and can be written or typed. A supporting photograph would be great, but is not essential. There is no limit to the number of entries per person.

The competition is in two sections: the first is for children under the age of 15 (parents and grandparents can help with reminiscences). The winner will receive a prize of £10 second will be £7 and third £5.

The second section will be for anyone over the age of 15 - prizes in this category will be £20 for first £15 for second and £10 for third.

We hope to link these short stories with the photographic Exhibition being organised by Graham Brace with the ultimate objective of producing a small booklet on Past Times in Llangwm, so get thinking, and let's produce something of which we can all be proud.

We hope that the school will encourage their pupils to take part in the competition and as many people as possible will enter so that some of the varied and interesting history of Llangwm can be preserved for future generations.

Entries should be submitted to David Mills, Butterhill House, Llangwm(890147) by Saturday 17th. June 2000. A small panel will be appointed to judge the entries and the results will be announced during the Festival.

LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

We are coming to the end of the first month of the new season and can report that all teams are settling well into the crease. The weather has been reasonably kind to us with only a few games cancelled for its inclemency.

Some of last year's players have moved away, and we now welcome Richard Scrivens, already a Llangwm Rugby Club stalwart, as a useful addition to our 1st XI. The second division is proving quite a challenge, but the team is beginning to meld together and we expect to give other teams a tough time. Notable wins in cup competitions over Lawrenny (Welsh Cup) and Cresselly (Harrison Allen) give confidence for the future. The 2nd XI are about mid table of division IV after having recorded two good wins recently, and the 3rd XI are near the top of division VI which is very commendable as it includes a lot of our juniors under the strong captaincy of Frank Thomas.

The Juniors are soon to be in full swing during the weekday evenings so don't forget to come and support our youngsters at Pill Parks whenever you get the chance. Training nights are Wednesday (under 14s & 16s) and Thursday (under 12s and younger).

The annual under 13s 8-a-side Cricket Festival takes place at Pill Parks on 2nd July at the end of the Village Festival weeks. There will be some stalls on the field all day as well as a barbecue and a bar. Come and see some of the best future cricketers in the county strut their stuff in our own village. The other invited teams involved are Hundleton, Neyland, Haverfordwest, Pembroke, Stackpole, St. Ishmaels and Burton. It starts at 10.30 a.m. and is scheduled to finish about 6 p.m.

We are pleased to report that several of our lads have represented the County and West Wales already this season. There is good cricket to be seen in the village; please come and support it as often as you can and keep the sporting heritage of our community well in the spotlight.

Our ladies team has unfortunately had to withdraw from the league this year due to too many players not being available on a regular basis. If there are any aspiring lady cricketers out there who would like to play please get in touch with the Club and we will rearrange the fixtures and organise a training night.

FRIENDS OF LLANGWM SCHOOL

We have had a busy two terms this year and enjoyed tremendous support from all parents and friends of the school. So far raising approximately £700 for the benefit of the children. Our major purchase has been a listening cen-

tre for Class 3 which will enable up to 6 children to listen to tapes without disturbing other members of the class. We have also given financial support to a puppet show and a trip to Techniquet as well as buying some new sports equipment. Events for this term include a "Pigeon Race" when for a small fee people guess how long it will take the winning pigeon to complete the race, a Cake stall and refreshments on Sports Day, supporting the Village Carnival and possibly a Family BBQ. If you would like to help organise or participate in any event, please contact Cath Morgan, Fran Richards or Julie Gow.

SCHOOL NEWS

Luke Brock, Jonathan Brock, Andrew Brock, Matthew Kiff and Stephen Inward were chosen to play for the County Cricket Team. Stephen Inward was awarded the West Wales Tie and Cap for Cricket.

Eight girls attended the Netball Tournament in Pembroke Dock losing to Spittal and Templeton but winning against Stackpole. They were Gemma Philipps, Laura Hughes, Jessica Dixon, Zoe Studley, Emma Frith, Emma Golding, Katherine Richards and Leanne Murphy.

In the Bobby Busters Quiz on 23rd. May Llangwm lost in a very close match against Hook.

Class 4 attended the Urdd singing "Jamboree" at Milford Haven. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On the 11th. April classes 3 and 4 visited Techniquet in Cardiff.

25 children from class 4 attended the Urdd Centre in Llangrannog. They took part in a wide variety of activities including Skiing, Tobogganing, Swimming Horse riding and Roller blading.

Trips to come - Class 4 will visit Broad Haven on 12th. June and Skomer Island on 30th. June. Class 3 are to visit the Port Authority and Museum in Milford on the 10th. July. Classes 1 and 2 are to visit the Dinosaur Park on 19 th. June. Classes 3 and 4 will also be visiting St. David's Cathedral on 21st. June.

There is a school Book Fair from Monday 5th. June to Friday 9th. June. Communion Service at St. Jeromes Church on Friday 9th. June. Sports Day will be on Tuesday 27th. June. Class photographs will be taken on Friday 16th. June. The end of term is Wednesday 19th. July.

We have been collecting a huge variety of tokens. Any are greatly appreciated. Approximately 6000 Tesco's vouchers have been given in and a decision will be made shortly as to their use. Time computer vouchers provided lots of free software for schools. Safeway vouchers provided £100 of free coach travel for the school and was shared between infants and juniors. We would like to thank everyone who donated tokens to the school. We are continuing to collect Books for schools Vouchers which can be found on a variety of items.

Last but not least we are very glad to welcome Mrs. Rees back to the school following her maternity leave.

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

Secretary: Mrs. Jane Brock. Woodlands, Nash Rd. Llangwm. SA62 4NH. Tel. 890704

Treasurer: Mr. L Curtis, 38, Riverview, Llangwm. SA624JW. Tel. 890153

Minister: Rev Linda Woolacott.

Sunday Services - Morning Service and Sunday School - 11 am.

Evening Service - last Sunday of every month 6 pm.

Family Service - first Sunday of every month 11 am.

Sunday School Anniversary - Sunday 25 th. June. Items will be given by both children and adult choirs at the following services - Afternoon Service - 2.30 pm. Evening Service - 6 pm.

Scone Teas will be served throughout the Summer - dates to be arranged.

Harvest Festival Services - Sunday 17 th. September. Morning Service and Sunday School - 11 am. Evening Service - 6 pm.

We extend a warm welcome at all times.

SCARECROW REGISTRATION

Please find on the right your registration form for Scarecrow Week, we will be judging the scarecrows toward the end of the first week of the festival but would like the scarecrows to remain up till the Carnival is over. This year we will be asking our judges to pick prizewinners in the following categories. Under 11, and a prizewinning Scarecrow in Traditional style, one which displays the most ingenuity and of course humour (something that came over very strongly last year). Come on make us smile and amaze us with your ingenuity! I know some of you have been planning since last year. Get your registration in early to avoid the rush. Please complete the form below and return it to Pat Morris in the Post office by the 17th. June with your £1 registration fee and you will receive your official Scarecrow number. Make sure your number is attached to your scarecrow as without it the judges will not be able to include it in the competition. Good Luck!

NAME:-

ADDRESS:-

Under 11 (tick here if applicable) ☐

Location of Scarecrow.