

# LLANGWM NEWS

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## THE LLANGWM NEWS SHEET

Llangwm's Festival Fortnight was a great success and thanks are due to everyone who took part, in an organising capacity or as a supporter of events. The Millennium Committee hope that many of these events will continue and that the many clubs and societies who took part will start thinking about next year. A new Festival Committee is to be formed and it is hoped that it will contain a representative from each of these groups as well as new members who feel that they may have something to contribute. It has been a learning curve for the Committee and if you felt that there was any way that things could be improved please come and have your say at the meeting of the new Committee. Please keep an eye open for posters for dates and times. The main problem the Committee felt they had was spreading themselves too thin, so even if you don't want to commit to attending meetings please put your names down as volunteers prepared to help on the odd occasion. Many thanks to those who did willingly give of their time to help out. The events organised for this year have been well supported by you and the response has been so good to them that we are hoping that they will become annual events. We will have Fireworks again for the New Year! (for this we need volunteers to marshal ) The Llangwm news will continue to drop through your letterbox as the Community Council have given it their support ,donations are still welcome though as we hope to have a bumper Christmas issue. The Carnival will take place next year and of course numerous fun fund raisers are planned to support it. I hope with the cooperation of everyone that next year's Festival will be bigger and better.

I have been asked by a number of people to thank the Millennium Committee for all their hard work so thank you to everyone concerned with both the Millennium and Festival organisation. Of course it wouldn't have been possible without all your endeavours, we had wonderful support for the scarecrows, the fun run, the craft and photographic exhibition and the carnival. That made the efforts of the committee seem worthwhile. The only down note were the senseless and unpleasant acts of vandalism that occurred during the Festival and to those people who were targeted I have to say there was a general sense of outrage within the community and a great sense of relief when some of them were caught thanks to our local police. We hope that you have recovered from these incidents and that you will continue to take part in next years Festival.

Gardens Open Day again a great success I didn't manage them all this time but I know several Ladies from St. David's who had a great time in Llangwm starting at the art and craft exhibition first thing then toured the Scarecrows, lunched in our local hostelry did every garden on the list and left as the end of the day drew to a close having had a wonderful time. Had they come back the next day they could have enjoyed the wonderful spectacle of the Llangwm longboat Regatta, another successful event. There are few places that can boast such a view and many people I spoke to said they would like to return on a more tranquil day just to enjoy it. These events were followed by the Methodist Sunday School Anniversary and the School Sports and the Fun Run. The Fun Run was organised at the last minute by Sarah McLoughlin and Sue Edwards who did a terrific job, I think I'm right in saying there were 96 competitors ranging in age from toddlers to those well into double figures. These are just a few of the events organised for the festival. I hope you found something there to your liking. I'd better leave some space for the things to come and the news from the various clubs and societies. One other thing that I must mention, the results of the Community appraisal have finally been returned and I believe have been passed by the Community Council, so a public meeting to discuss these and what they show us about the Community will be held shortly do keep an eye open for the posters and if you can, please come along and attend. Hopefully it will enable us to fulfil the needs and wants of the Llangwm people.

## LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL - SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2000

#### INCOME

Precept .....	£2500.00
Other .....	£24.00
Interest .....	£23.76
Total Income .....	£2548.61

#### EXPENDITURE

Salaries ( Clerk & Warden) .....	£752.74
General Administration .....	£341.01
Donations .....	£100.00
Membership of outside bodies .....	£132.00
Grant to Llangwm Millennium Ctee. ....	£500.00
Insurances .....	£150.80
Audit costs .....	£37.76

Sub Total .....

Payment to Hook Community Council on separation of councils.. £3126.96  
(50% of Bank Account at 31 March 1999)

Agreed payment for word processor..... £63.50

Sub Total .....

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE .....**

### ST. THOMAS SURGERY

As the above practice has a branch surgery in Llangwm, the Community Council have a member on the practice Patient Participation Group. This meets on the last Wednesday of every quarter. It discusses improvements and amendments to the N.H.S. service. It looks at new contracts and discusses Practice investments for the future. General concerns regarding the Practice can be aired at the meeting by the public or through the Community Council representative Cllr. Reg Jenkins.

At the meeting of wednesday 26 th. July 2000, amongst the items discussed was the telephone response time. The main difficulty seemed to be early in the morning between 8.30 am and 9.00 am.. Services required later in the day had a far quicker response time. The surgery management team were attempting to quantify the waiting time by monitoring specific calls.

General discussion focused on the impending Government Announcement "21 Century N.H.S.". It appeared that the announcement would be confined to England with the Welsh infrastructure to be given through the Welsh Assembly. No patient would have to wait more than 6 months for an operation and the private sector would use it s facilities to meet the government targets. Patients would no longer be able to go outside Wales for N.H.S. treatment so limiting choice. (St. Thomas Surgery PPG minutes)

Normal consultations are by appointment. The Group Practice aim to hold the Llangwm branch Surgery from 10.30 am. to 12 noon, Monday Wednesday and Friday. Patients are asked to telephone if it is intended to use the branch surgery to confirm there will be a doctor in attendance.

## HAVERFORDWEST CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The bureau is located at 19, Cartlett Haverfordwest. Tel.01437 765245 E mail / EBOST: hwstcab@compuserve . com

With the help of lottery grants and other charitable trusts the bureau is now able to provide a home visiting service to people who would otherwise be unable to access the office in Haverfordwest.

The aim of the bureau is to give free impartial and confidential advice to everyone. The home visiting service is seen as an important part of enabling the disabled, carers, the sick and those without transport etc. to receive advice when they may need it most.



## DOG FOULING

Earlier in the year, the Community Council were asked to comment on Pembrokeshire County Councils proposal to introduce the Dogs (fouling of land) Act 1996. The Community Council were asked to highlight areas where there was a recognised problem with dog fouling. The playing field was of great concern, children play here, children and adults play sport here. Often games are halted while dog faeces are removed, we ask you to imagine how you would feel if you became covered in dog muck. Parents of small children have to be extremely vigilant, all because of the few inconsiderate, unsociable dog owners. People should be more responsible for their pets. Other areas for concern were the Black Tar picnic area and the Green. However there was a problem throughout the district. The 1996 Act gave the local authorities powers to introduce local bylaws to control the fouling of land by dogs. A district council or Unitary Authority could itself designate areas of land to which the act applies in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary of State. Pembrokeshire County Council has designated the whole of the County as an area covered by the Act not just specific areas as highlighted by the Community and Town Councils. From 1st. June 2000 it became an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to remove faeces left by that dog on designated land. With certain exceptions, the Act applies to all land throughout Pembrokeshire which is open to the air on at least one side and to which the public have access with or without payment. Exceptions include land comprising or running alongside a highway for which the local speed limit is over 40 mph, land used for agriculture or for woodlands and which is predominantly marshland, moor or heath. No offence is committed if the person has a reasonable excuse or the owner, occupier etc. of the land has given consent. Registered blind persons are excepted. Provision is made for the issue of fixed penalty notices by the local authority officers. The fixed penalty is £25. There are also powers to prosecute through the courts. The Community Council will shortly be sighting reminder signs at points throughout the district but it should be remembered that the Dog (fouling of land) Act 1996 has been applied with exceptions throughout the whole of Pembrokeshire. Dog Wardens and designated officers can issue notices of a time to dog owners who do not adhere to the Act. Members of the public who witness dog owners contravening the Act or dogs roaming unattended can inform the housing and Regulatory Services at County Hall .01437 775483.

## NATURE NEWS

What will you remember most about the first summer of the new millennium?. There were times when "the age of Aquarius" seemed more apt, as day after day it rained. In the longer term however the weather pattern seems to have balanced out, and we enjoyed some wonderfully warm and sunny spells. As I write this on August Bank holiday Sunday the weather, as it so often does, has once again confounded the forecasters.. It is a real tonic for all those who have some time off this weekend to be able to enjoy the sunshine and warmth.

We humans are not the only ones to appreciate such conditions. Many insects and other forms of wildlife can only thrive if their environment meets their particular requirements. An example is the Barn owl whose numbers in Great Britain have been declining for some time. It is a species that is only found in the southern half of these islands, and it is here at the very edge of its natural range. As one moves through Europe and the Mediterranean area it is much more common and widely distributed.

Some species of course find the climate here ideal, but are deprived of the opportunity to multiply by the actions of man. Two birds which are declining in numbers are the Curlew, and the Lapwing also Known as the Peewit and more properly the Green Plover. The reason in both cases is the loss of habitat. Successive governments gave grants for the ploughing up and improvement of land for agricultural use of marshy areas, moorland, heath etc. Such areas were the breeding and feeding grounds for the Curlew and their young. Now alas that wonderfully soul- stirring haunting bubbling cry is heard in fewer and fewer places. It was always so evocative of springtime in the Preselis. They are poorer for its loss. The green Plover is a victim of agricultural fashion. It favours spring sown corn as a nesting site, laying its eggs on more or less bare ground. Most corn is now Autumn planted, and all corn is now sprayed with herbicides and pesticides during the growing season. These chemicals may have direct and catastrophic effects on the young chicks who cannot escape by

flight as can the parent birds. Far more immediately such sprays destroy the food sources on which the birds depend. Herbicides destroy "weeds", plants which have immemorially grown on arable land, and are themselves food plants for the insect life against which the pesticides are directed. It was on this insect life that the parent Lapwings depend to feed their young. Life is a web, if one web is damaged it alters the tensions throughout the web and all is distorted.

Such changes as those described have happened in a short space of time. The writer spent nearly fifty years in farming, and can recall seeing corn being hand hoed to kill weeds!. It was for the purpose of making the hoeing of weeds easier that the corn drill was invented.

Of what importance is all this to Llangwm?. During the autumn and winter the Curlews return to their ancestral feeding grounds of foreshore and estuary. The tidal mudflats, so uninviting to humans, are some of the most biologically productive areas on the planets surface. It is their rich harvest of worms and crustacea that provides the sustenance for the wide range of wading birds that we see around our waters at these times. But of course if they cannot breed in sufficient numbers we shall no longer enjoy their visual and harmonic beauty.

Change is necessary all life is change, but we would do well as a species to remember that not all change is necessarily progress; if the word progress means an improvement. It would be more than a pity if our grandchildren inherited a world in which such beautiful birds as those mentioned above no longer existed. Many species have already disappeared through man's greed and lack of forethought. How many more do we have to lose before we come to our senses?. If we destroy nature we destroy ourselves. We can choose to create harmony or holocaust, but time is short.

### SERVICES AT ST. JEROMES.

Sept 3rd. Sunday. Parish Eucharist. 9.00 am. Evening Prayer. 4.00pm.

Sept 6th. Wednesday. Holy Communion (and home Communions) 9.30am.

Sept 10th. Sunday. Parish Eucharist. Family Service. 2.30pm.

Sept 13th. Wednesday. Holy Communion. 9.30am.

Sept 17th. Sunday Parish Eucharist. 9.00am.

Sept. 20th. Wednesday. Holy Communion 9.30 am.

Sept. 21st. Thursday. Harvest Service of Thanksgiving. 7.00 pm.

Guest Preacher - Reverend L. Woolcott.

Sept. 24th. Sunday. Harvest Eucharist. 9.00am.

Sept 27th. Wednesday. Holy Communion. 9.30am. Herons Reef 10.45 am.

Oct.1st Sunday Parish Eucharist. 9.00am. Evening Prayer 4.00pm.

### LLANGWM VILLAGE HALL

The Llangwm Village Hall Committee and the Committee of the Llangwm Rugby and Cricket Social Club are currently looking at means of improving the sporting and social amenities within the village by exploring the possibility of exchanging buildings. The ultimate objective is to develop the facilities, including sporting, social, cultural and educational, which will be of benefit to the residents of the village and hence both organisations. According to the requirements of the Trust Deed of the village Hall, a public meeting will be called of the residents of Llangwm where the issue will be fully discussed and a decision made.

A date for this meeting has not yet been set please keep an eye open for further details.

### VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

It was hoped to get going with a drama group over the Winter months. There was plenty of interest from the youth of the village and some of the adults too but unfortunately I cannot commit myself to it this year. I know this will cause some disappointment, is there anyone out there who could take it on ?. If you can or would be willing to help perhaps then please ring Linda Rees on 891 233.



## LLANGWM GARDENING CLUB

Like everyone else in the village, members of the Gardening Club had a busy summer, starting with the highly successful Village Festival. Ten gardens were opened this year to the delight of our visitors, including a group from the St. David's W.I., plus many others from the village and the surrounding area. Luckily the weather was fine yet again, enabling everyone to enjoy the variety of the gardens and planting schemes.

The Hanging Basket and Container Competition was a new venture which attracted an excellent number of entries, including a number from children in the village, all of whom received a prize. The entries were on display during the Festival Fortnight, making Llangwm look even lovelier than usual. The judging took place at the beginning of July by Gerald White from the Royal Horticultural Society. The results of the various categories were:

Best Hanging Basket: Winner : Marilyn Owen

Highly Commended: Jane Lewis and Mrs. N. Roach.

Best container: Winner: Esme Peters.

Best Overall Display: Carol Lovie.

Gerald also asked for an additional award to be made to Sybil and Tony Martin. The competition attracted a great deal of interest so that we hope to be able to repeat it next year. Our last participation in the Festival was our contribution of the Millennium Slug to the carnival. Again the weather cleared just in time to enable everyone to enjoy the floats.

As a result of the various events held by the Gardening Club during the Festival, we were able to donate a considerable sum of money to the Village School. A presentation was made during the school assembly at the end of term when a cheque for £350 was given to Mrs. Mills, the headmistress, and all the children of the school. This money will be used to develop a garden for the school and an area has already been set aside for this purpose with the money being used to purchase plants and benches. The Gardening Club is delighted to have been able to contribute to our school in this way.

July saw members making a long anticipated visit to Aberglasny Gardens. On a glorious day and with an inspiring guide, we were able to absorb the atmosphere and history of the gardens, which most of us had only seen on the television series. The gardens are well worth a repeat visit as their development is a long term project which covers many different types of garden, such as the walled garden, woodland areas, water features and so on. Some members of the Club also took part in an exciting visit to Ireland to visit the Powerscourt Estate, the National Gardens Exhibition Centre and the J.F. Kennedy Arboretum - three totally contrasting gardens. The Exhibition Centre has 20 gardens showing different styles and designs including a shaded garden, town garden, garden for the disabled and a family garden. Each of them was full of ideas, all of which were easy to replicate at home and so proved very inspiring. The club may look to organise a similar trip next year if there is sufficient interest.

The end of our Gardening Club year saw the resignation of our Chairman, Peter Bossom. Peter was the inspiration behind the formation of the Club and has worked tremendously hard to get things off the ground. We have all benefited from his enthusiasm, his experience and knowledge and his willingness to help us all with any aspect of gardening. Our new Chairman is Liz Jones and we are also delighted to welcome Sarah Hall, Joe Neal and Eileen Parfitt onto the committee.

Joe has taken on responsibility for co-ordinating the maintenance of the flowerbed on the Green, once the new planting scheme has been implemented. The bed has already been surveyed and redesigned, as well as being weeded, pruned and mulched prior to moving plants in this autumn. We are delighted to be able to contribute to the natural beauty of the village and hope to create a feature of which we can all be proud.

Lastly the Club has been taking part in the Millennium Yew project where thousands of yew trees taken from the Allt Mawr Yew tree in Powys, (which is reputed to be 3000 years old) have been distributed around the country for planting in celebration of the new millennium. Our tree will be planted in the churchyard later in the year with an appropriate ceremony to which we hope as many people as possible from the village will be able to attend.

Looking to the coming year, the Club welcomes everyone to its meetings which now take place on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in The Cottage Inn. The first meeting was addressed by Gareth Davies, who is an excellent speaker from the R.H.S. He travelled all the way from Tal-y-Bont on Usk to give us a wonderful talk on all aspects of rose growing - one of the nation's favourite flowers. Events for the remainder of this year are as follows.

MON 2nd OCT. - Gerald White Gardening from scratch.

MON 6th NOV. - Dave Brumwell Maintenance and safety of garden machinery.

MON 4th DEC. - Pamela McGrath A seasonal theme.

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## STORYWRITING COMPETITION

The results of the storywriting competition held as part of Llangwm's Village Festival as announced at the carnival were:

Adult Section: 1st. Prize. Kathleen Grey and Liz Jones. 2nd. Prize. Nikki Bosworth. 3rd. Prize. Kathleen Grey and Liz Jones.

Children's Section: 1st. Prize. Danielle Phillips. 2nd. Prize. Nichola Preece. 3rd. Prize. Michael Blyth. Kate McLoughlin.

David Mills would like to thank all those who took part in and supported the competition, particularly Llangwm school. The standard was extremely high and the judges had a difficult task in selecting the winners. He would also like to thank Fay Keppel - Compton and Barry Childs for judging the adult section and Liz Jones and Harry Parry for judging the children's section.

The winning entry in the children's section is printed here for everyone to enjoy

### *The Haunting of Black Tar* by Danielle Phillips.

*"Mary! Mary, come on! The tide will be in soon!"*

*"Coming Mum!". It was the summer holidays and Mary Sturdevant and her family were going on a picnic to Black Tar. They had lived in Llangwm for seven months now and Mary was beginning to think that nothing interesting was going to happen. Little did she know that what would happen would change her opinion of Llangwm forever.*

*All seemed quiet on the thick mud flats of Black Tar. Slowly the sky darkened and the air turned cold. Suddenly a thin whispering voice spoke up from the water.*

*"Help me, help me I'm drowning."*

*Mary sat there frozen, watching the spot where the voice was coming from. Mary watched in horror as a ghostly figure, in the shape of a girl, rose up from the water. She appeared to be drowning.*

*"Help me!" it said one more time. Then it sank back down into the water leaving little bubbles on the water surface.*

*"D,d, d, did that just happen?," stammered Mary a few minutes later.*

*"I don't know, but I think we ought to leave, Now!" said her Mum, her voice quivering. That night Mary couldn't sleep. She kept on thinking about what had happened. What was the thing that she and her family had seen? Whatever it was, it had scared the life out of her.*

*The next day Mary told her friends what had happened.*

*"Wow " said her friend Emma, "That is soooo creepy."*

*"I know" replied Mary "I wonder who she was?"*

*"My Mum's got a book of Pembrokeshire Ghost Stories," said her other friend Katherine, "Maybe it'll say something about it in there."*

*They went over to Katherine's house and flicked through the Pembrokeshire Ghost Stories. Suddenly Mary yelled out, "Here it is, that's her!". In the book there was a picture of the girl. It said that she had drowned two hundred years ago and that the only way to get rid of her was to call forth her spirit and pull her out of the water. So the girls went down to Black Tar with three candles, some mineral water and the ghost stories book to call forth the spirit and get rid of her for good.*

*The girls set up the candles and the water and called forth the spirit. Quickly, Mary took a picture before wading into the water and pulling the girl out, thus freeing her spirit from Black Tar. The following week the girls went back to school. Their teacher, Mrs. Mills, asked the girls what they had done over the holidays.*

*"Nothing much Miss" replied Mary. But in her tray as a constant reminder was a small polaroid photo of a ghostly drowning girl.*



## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Service and Sunday School - 11.00am.

Evening Service - once a month - 6.00pm.

Family Service - First Sunday in every month - 11.00am.

Women's Fellowship - every other Wednesday - 2.00pm. - commencing 11th. October.

Harvest festival - Sunday 17th. Sept. 2000

Morning Service 11.00am. Preacher: Rev. Linda Woolcott.

Evening Service -6.00pm. Preacher: Mr. Richard Laws.

Harvest Supper - Friday 22nd Sept. 2000 at 7.00pm.

Village Charity Concert - Friday 3rd. Nov. 2000 - 6.30 pm.

Carol Service - Sunday 17th. Dec. 2000 -6.00pm.

Village United Christmas Day Service at Galilee Baptist Church.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone at all above services and events.

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

Secretary:- Mrs. J Brock, Woodlands, Nash Road, Llangwm.  
Tel. Johnston 890704

Minister:- Rev. Linda Woolcott

## LLANGWM SCHOOL NEWS

With the start of the new term we have a change of teaching staff. Mr. Nathan Davies will be taking over from Mrs. Gerson who is leaving due to other commitments. We would like to thank Mrs. Gerson for all her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her well for the future.

After school clubs will continue this term. Netball, Infant Games, Football and Rugby as well as Art and Music are on offer. These activities continue to be well supported.

Forms have been sent out to parents requesting their views on school uniform. The wearing of school uniform cannot be enforced at Primary level. However it can be strongly encouraged but only with the backing of parents. No action will be taken until parents views are known so please return forms as soon as possible.

The school would like to thank all those who have made donations to the school over the last year for their generosity. This money unless otherwise directed will be spent on additional equipment for the school. Thanks also to everyone who collected vouchers on our behalf these have now been exchanged and the children are enjoying the benefits.

Dates for this term

Wed	20th	Sept.	AGM. Governors/Parents. 7.00pm.
Thurs	21st	Sept.	Harvest Service St. Jeromes 2.30pm.
Mon	25th	Sept.	Theatre for Youth (at school)
Mon	16th	Oct.	INSET DAY
Mon	23rd	Oct. -	Fri. 27th Oct. Half Term
Mon	6th	Nov. -	Fri. 10th Nov School Book Fair
Mon	20th	Nov.	Individual/Family school photographs.
Tues	12th	Dec.	Christmas Concert
Wed	13th	Dec.	Christmas Concert.
Wed	20th	Dec.	School Christmas Party
Fri	22nd	Dec.	Torch Theatre
Fri	22nd	Dec.	Christmas Holidays
Jan	9th	2001	Start of new term.

## LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

Llangwm longboats have had a busy season, with both racing and rowing for pleasure. The Regatta at Black Tar at the end of June, hosted by the Llangwm club was very successful. There was an invasion of 18 teams from the West Wales area and the organisation of boats cars and trailers was not an easy task. The weather was kind so the barbecue was much appreciated by spectators and teams alike. All the races were fiercely contested and the trophy winners were justly proud of their success. There was a marked spirit of fun and goodwill which made the event enjoyable for all.

Llangwm took the Welsh Longboat league by storm this season with 4 women's crews, 2 men's crews and 2 mixed crews racing regularly in both league and friendly races.

The dedication and hard work of all the crews really paid off and resulted in all the teams doing exceptionally well in the League Table as follows:-

Celtic Ladies teams came 3rd, 4th and 8th out of 13.

Pembrokeshire Ladies came 1st in their category.

Celtic men came 3rd out of 16.

Pembrokeshire men came 1st in their category.

Mixed teams came 3rd and 10th in their category.

Llangwm club came 3rd. in the overall club category - something to be very proud of for such a young club - look out next season!

Although the league is over for the year 2000, the rowing season

certainly is not - 6 crews will be making their way to London this weekend to take part in the gruelling 22 mile great river race on Sunday 23rd. Sept. There will be more about this and other longboat news in the Llangwm longboat club newsletter which will be coming out shortly. Thanks to everyone for their support. We look forward to enrolling new members from the village as all are welcome either as rowers or social members.

Our next event is a Laying Up Supper and Disco at Beggars Reach Hotel on 13th. October. Tickets are available from Graham Stephens Tel. 891636 or from Committee members and cost £12.

## LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

It is a pleasure to report that the Llangwm Youth Team has won the Ormond Youth Cup and brought it home to Llangwm for the first time ever. As an erstwhile "Llangwm" would have said "the boys done well". And won by a fully homebred team too, which says a lot for our village. The contributions of Jo- Jo Francis (32 not out), William Beresford (60 not out and Man of the Match), Andrew Mathias (6 wickets including a hat trick) and Shaun Waller's removal of their star batsman twice (for a pair!) at the start of each innings were only a part of a fantastic all-round team performance in which the fielding of every player was outstanding (and crucial). Whitland, who beat us in the final last year, came second this time, but put up a heck of a fight to lose by just two runs. Said to have been one of the best finals ever.

Our first XI has had to battle hard this year and with player unavailability a problem throughout the season, captain Simon Kiff did a fine job to steer the side to fourth place in division 2. Second XI skipper Simon Richards had to contend with helping out the first XI on many occasions, and after a dodgy start to the season guided us to a couple of crucial wins to ensure we remained in the fourth division for next season.

The third XI, captained by the amazing Frank Thomas had a cracking start and recorded some fine performances before finishing about mid table of the sixth league. But the immense value of our doughty third side is the way it enables us to give our youngsters regular Saturday cricket. This is an essential part of their development and well justified as shown by the capturing of the Youth Cup this year. All our boys have come up through "the thirds". This is the side we hope our more senior cricketers return to help bring on the younger members and secure a good future for the club.

Our Junior section were very active but were unable to feature in the league playoffs this year. The under 12's went very close, and under 16's started very well, but to no avail. The under 14's were a very young side who gained valuable experience, of which we have some hope in the future. Many thanks to all the coaches and parents who have helped them throughout the season; without them it would be an impossible task to provide the support necessary to train the teams and take them to matches all over the County.

We cannot but give thanks to the people behind the scenes, without whom we would have no pitches to play on - Brian (Jamer) James, Robert Harries and Frank Thomas plus other occasional but very welcome volunteers. And what about the Tea - Ladies led by Ann Lewis and Tina Inward! Wonderful nothing more need be added.

There were two festivals during the season. Our own under 13's Festival was again successful both as a grand day out and also for the quality of cricket displayed by the boys who took part. We also took part in the annual Treleat Festival in Pembroke for the under 12's; another great day out which made a fine end of season Sunday excursion highlighted by young Luke Brock being nominated as Man of the Tournament.

County representation by our lads has been well documented in the local papers, but mention must be made of William Beresford (under 16), Richard Brock (under 14), \*Christopher Inward and Huw Brock (under 13), Jonathan Brock, Andrew Brock, Luke Brock (under 11), \*Matthew Kiff \*Stephen Inward (under 11). The boys with an \* have also represented the West Wales region.

County Dragon Coaching will be starting later this year, and now that it doesn't interfere with junior rugby it is hoped that more of our youngsters will take part and learn the skills of the game at an early age. Watch the press for more details or get in touch with someone at the Club.

## A STRANGE REQUEST

Do you have or know anyone who may have a small boat or dinghy that is just going to rot? It doesn't have to be seaworthy because it won't be going far, it is intended to place a floral feature at the entry sign into the village and the most popular suggestion was a Black Tar boat. Obviously the real thing is hard to come by but with a lick of paint and some creative skills we could turn the humblest shell into something approaching the original. If you have a suitable item or indeed a more creative suggestion please ring Linda Rees on 891 233 and I can pass it on.