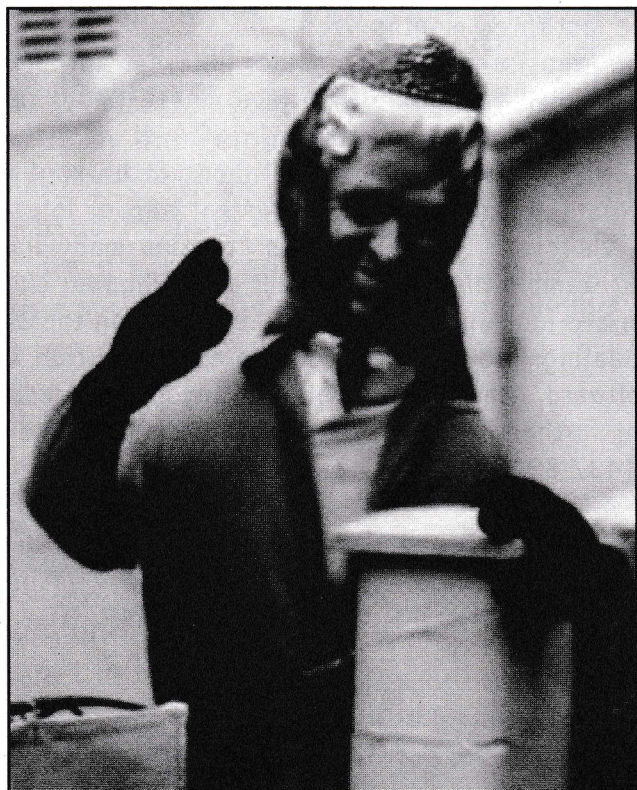


LLANGWM NEWS

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A Royal Winner

Judges' Verdict

Winners of the Llangwm Scarecrow Festival 2002

Letter from Mr Richard Palmer dated July 2002:-

Dear Members of the Festival Committee,

Penny and I have completed the judging, and it has proved a most difficult task in view of the high quality of the entrants. We were impressed with the ingenuity of the construction and the wide range of themes presented by the entrants.

After several visits in order to help us make up our minds, we have decided on the following:

Traditional No. 33, 11 The Kilns (Potty by Name, Potty by Nature)

Mechanical No. 59, 12 Gail Rise (The Pumpkin Pickers' Scarecrow Band)

Best outside the village No. 62, Pembroke School Special Learning Centre

Royal No. 68, Jubilee Cottage, Orchard Row
Humorous (and in our view the best overall)
No. 3, 25 Ashdale Lane

Also, in our view, the following were worthy of **Special Mention**:

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| No. 51 | 18 River View | (Crow-ella de Ville) |
| No.48 | 13 River View | (Heath-Crow) |
| No.114 | 32 Rectory Road | (Broad Haven Special School) (The Queen and her Soldiers) |
| No. 35 | 39 Gail Rise | (Posh and Becks) |
| No.115 | Englefield, Deerland Road | (The Mechanic under the Bonnet) |
| No. 54 | Stokes Villa | (Anyone for Crow-quet?) |

Congratulations to all the entrants!

Yours sincerely
Richard and Penny Palmer

editorial

This summer sees the eleventh issue of the Llangwm news sheet—and its third editor. A comparative newcomer to Llangwm (December 2001), I thought it would be a good way to get to know more about the village. It has been a revelation!

The whole concept of a village news sheet is, I think, a great idea. That it is connected to a village web site is even better. (www.llangwm-villages.org.uk). To become part of an on-going 'tradition-in-the-making' is both exciting and daunting. And there is so much 'going on'! This autumn, you can opt to stay by your own fire—or go out and join one (or three) of the many activities flourishing in Llangwm.

If you have any questions, suggestions or articles for the next issue in December, please contact Margaret Redfern at:

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Llangwm Festival Committee

Firstly, the Committee would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in this year's events, making it such a success. We now have the wherewithal to purchase the fireworks for New Year's Day and donations from the Arts & Crafts Exhibition will go towards the purchase of curtains for the Community Centre.

This year's Committee had to cut its teeth organising the Jubilee Picnic and Sports Day. It was something of a baptism of fire for a Committee largely composed of new members. It was well attended and proved to be a lot of fun.

The whole event was commemorated with a village photograph which was later presented to the Community centre.

What is the Committee up to now? Well, we are in the process of organising the Christmas Event and Firework Display. Both events are sponsored by the Festival committee and are entirely free. This is only possible because of the funds raised during the Festival Fortnight. These are therefore paid for by your efforts—the Scarecrows, the Carnival, the Arts & Crafts Exhibition, the Open Gardens...

So everyone who participates helps.

We are also looking to purchase a marquee which would be available for use in the community as well as items of safety equipment.

Unfortunately, some of the team are unable to continue because of other commitments. We need new members! If you are interested in joining us then please contact Bog Tyler on 01646 602132 or Linda Rees on 01437 891233. Hard work it may be—but it's also a lot of fun.



Llangwm Village website:
www.llangwm-villages.org.uk

The Llangwm Village website is now up and running and has had a good number of visits (hits) over the last three months.

The website is also of wider interest to former residents of Llangwm who have moved away, some of whom live and work abroad.

As with all good websites, it needs to be kept up-to-date so that it remains current and of interest to visitors. The village site contains many links, for example the Rugby, Cricket and Longboat clubs. We are looking for people to help work on the site, updating information or adding to it. Tuition and software can be provided for anyone interested. For further information, contact Elaine Winfield on 01437 891984

JUBILEE PHOTOGRAPHS

still available

4" x 24" £7.50 each

If you haven't already ordered

Ring Linda on 891233

LLANGWM COMMUNITY CENTRE 'A TRUE COMMUNITY RESOURCE'

Since its re-opening on St David's Day, our newly refurbished hall has been the venue of an increasing variety of events.

Not only has the Art Class continued to be well attended, the Scottish Dancers developing their skills and the Youth Club maintaining their activities, but two new groups have used the hall for their inaugural meetings.

The Local History Group's first meeting was well attended, and the subsequent talk by Ellen Skyrme saw over 50 people present to hear her fascinating reminiscences of a childhood in Llangwm.

The Amateur Dramatic Group held its inaugural meeting with an excellent attendance from a wide range of people. There is great enthusiasm for this group who will welcome anyone who would like to take part in any capacity. Our Community Council now hold their monthly meetings in the Village Hall, which has also been the venue for a funding seminar run by the Pembrokeshire Association for Voluntary Services. We have also seen the hall used for both children's and adult's parties. It's great to see the hall serving the purpose for which it was built and providing a true community resource for our village.

JUBILEE JUBILATION

The Jubilee weekend saw a wonderful gathering of the village for a picnic on the rugby field. Despite the early rain, there was a fantastic turnout, with well over 300 people taking part in the village photograph and we are delighted to have been presented with a framed copy to be on permanent display in the hall to remind everyone of this special occasion. The Village Hall Committee provided cream teas and an indoor car boot sale to supplement the sports activities run on the field. The whole event produced an excellent day and a true village occasion enjoyed by everyone who took part.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SUCCESS

The hall also provided a focal point for our annual Llangwm Festival by hosting the Arts & Crafts Exhibition and providing the venue for yet more cream teas and stalls for the carnival. The standard was, as ever, excellent and the organisers and exhibitors should be congratulated for their efforts in producing a show which attracted such a large number of visitors. We are truly fortunate in having so many talented individuals in Llangwm. The Village Hall Committee is delighted to have been presented with a cheque of over £100 by the Festival Committee and Graham Brace as a result of sales and donations during the exhibition. A tremendous 'thank you' to every-

one concerned.

GARDENING CLUB'S 'CASH CROP'

Another 'thank you' is due to the Gardening Club which, this year, is donating over £300 to the Village Hall, raised during the Festival. We are really delighted to have such support from so many organisations and groups in the village and will use the money to further enhance the facilities currently available in the hall.

TEETHING PROBLEMS

One problem which we are currently addressing is that of those people who have difficulty in hearing. The hall's acoustics are bad, with a tremendous echo when anyone is speaking. We are therefore in the process of applying for a grant to install a hearing loop which will enhance the facilities for anyone with a hearing aid. If successful, we should be able to install the loop during the autumn.

PENNIES TO SPEND?

A public meeting was held at the instigation of the Community Council regarding the toilets both at Black tar and at Pill Parks Way. This meeting, held 16 April 2002, was attended by County Council representatives who were proposing the installation of disabled facilities at Black Tar. The feeling of the meeting was that, if a disabled toilet were to be installed at Llangwm, it should be in the toilets at Pill Parks Way. The County Council has now agreed to this. The Community Centre still does not have its own toilets, particularly children's toilets, and it is hoped to include this as part of the second stage of development—watch this space!

WANT TO BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE?

As the Village Hall is now being used on a regular basis by a wide variety of groups and organisations, we would ask anyone wishing to book the hall, both existing and new users, to contact

Pat Morris, our **Booking Secretary**. This is **essential** to ensure that the hall is available for your activity and to cover the hall for possible insurance claims. The procedure is simple:

- check the availability of the hall
- sign the booking form and attendant booking conditions
- pay prior to using the hall (conditions of our insurance)

Charges for using the hall are kept to an absolute minimum to ensure that it is available to any group or individual in the village. (Organisations external to the village are charged a premium rate!) We also ask all groups or individuals to leave the hall in the condition they would wish to find it as part of the standard booking arrangements.

WHAT NEXT?

Future activities in the pipeline include Keep Fit Classes (for the totally unfit!), Yoga sessions and various fund-raising events. We have a Village Hall to be proud of and we are delighted that it is now being used for the benefit of so many people in Llangwm.

LLANGWM GOES TRANSATLANTIC

by Crispin Cutting



Llangwm crew represent UK

Generously sponsored by Llangwm Community Council, Sam Wordsworth and I represented the UK this summer in the Atlantic Challenge in Rockland, Maine, USA.

We left for Maine on July 1st to endure an intensive two week training programme of rowing and sailing for up to twelve hours a day. (Possibly helped by the fact that drinking under the age of 21 is illegal and was the biggest

challenge of all!)

Our boat was the UK's *Integrite*, which has been moored on the Cleddau over this last winter. You may have noticed it under full sail or being rowed from time to time.

International Crews

Fourteen boats took part in the Challenge itself, representing countries from all over the world including Russia, Indonesia, USA, France, Ireland and Belgium. France and Ireland particularly have dedicated teams which train every day all year round and competition was strong. Even so, we came 5th!

An amazing experience

Everyone got on so well and the Americans were incredibly hospitable. The true feeling of the event took place on the last day when the sailing race was cancelled because of lack of wind. All the boats moored up together outside Rockland's one mile breakwater and, initiated by the UK team, commenced quite possibly the world's biggest water fight...

What next?

We're back, *Integrite* is back and ready for willing crews (no experience needed, age immaterial) to have the occasional session at £1 per head.

Meanwhile, Pembrokeshire's own boat is under construction, now, at MITEC in Milford and we have our eyes on some of Llangwm's most promising young rowers for the Challenge 2004—which may be held in Pembrokeshire!

Many thanks ...

to the Community Council and to everyone who supported our fundraising and to those who helped with the repair and refit of *Integrite* earlier this year.



LLANGWM LOVE STORY— ALL IS REVEALED

Many thanks to all who entered the Llangwm Love Story competition and brain teaser. We were delighted with the standard of entries and with some of the imaginative answers! The winners were announced at the Carnival and, as promised, the complete answers are reproduced in this edition of Llangwm Newsletter. All money raised from the competition will go towards additional improvements to the Community Centre. Thank you all for taking part and contributing to the funds to make the centre so much more attractive.

A LLANGWM LOVE STORY

In the glorious month of MAY, PRIMROSE and ROSE were enjoying the beautiful scenery around Llangwm by walking round the BEECH by the river. As it was springtime, their thoughts turned inevitably to love, and the lack of men in their lives. 'Since moving to Llangwm, I seem to be living life in the SLOE lane', bemoaned one of the girls. 'All the good-looking men are spoken for and the rest aren't worth bothering with.'

'I just want a good CAMPION, not necessarily a passionate relationship,' said her friend. 'but I do have this fantasy about cowboys. I imagine Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid riding over Hill Mountain towards me. "HYDRANGEA" I would shout, "Come and take me away from all this!"'

'don't be daft,' said the first girl. 'That is a recipe for a BLEEDING HEART and a serious case of LOVE IN THE MIST. If you want the sort of relationship that goes along at a MILE A MINUTE, you are asking for disaster. YEW need to CEDAR other side of the story or you will be looking at a BITTERSWEET relationship and RUE the day you ever met a cowboy.'

At this point, two young men came towards them walking several dogs along from Edward's Pill. 'STINKING HELLEBORE!' said the first girl, 'I MUSK have chat to those two, they're a PEACH and absolutely gorgeous. THISTLE be the answer to my romantic dreams.'

'REED my lips and FORGET ME NOT,' said her friend. 'Don't be a BUSY LIZZIE and take your time. If you rush in too quickly and show then you are thinking about a BRIDAL WREATH, you won't stand a chance.'

'MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS', was the retort. 'You're RAMBLING ROSE, I know what I'm doing.'

'EVENING PRIMROSE,' said one of the young men. 'We've seen you about the village often and always wanted to speak to you. My name is BASIL and this is my ELDER brother SWEET WILLIAM. LETTUCE all carry on walking together and have the opportunity to get to know each other.'

The four carried on walking round the footpath, hardly noticing the OLD MAN'S BEARD and the red CRAB APPLES on the Conniger as they were so absorbed in each other and getting along so well. However, they suddenly realised that the tide was coming in. 'Don't worry,' said William, 'I've left my CARDOON by Black tar, so we won't have a long walk home. Why don't you both come with us to The Cottage Inn and we can carry on talking there?'

The girls agreed, although one thought she may have become a bit of a WALLFLOWER as the other two were getting along famously, but the four of them went ahead and had one of Jane and Neville's excellent meals.

To cut a long story short and to LEEK a bit of PRIVET news which has not yet been published in the Llangwm Newsletter, a double wedding will occur this summer to which all the LORDS AND LADIES of the village will be invited. The CANTERBURY BELLS will ring at the wedding, and the girls will look in the PINK and everyone will BETONY date of the birth of the first BABY BLUE EYES.

The moral of this story is, as the SAGE of Llangwm recalls, 'Take care walking the Parish, you never know what may happen in the MORNING GLORY round the river.'

LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

David and Jane Mills organised a meeting on 12 June to determine the interest in forming a local history group in Llangwm. Approximately 20 people were present who unanimously agreed that Llangwm Local History Group should be formed. Meetings would be held on the second Wednesday in each month at 7.45 pm in the Community Hall.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm generated with lots of ideas—an historical map of the village; an archive of newspaper articles and photographs; a re-enactment project involving the school children; a village walk...to name but a few!

Volunteers for Committee Members were not forthcoming, however, so, to enable the group to move forward, Eve Davies and Margaret Llewellyn offered to take the Chairman and Secretary roles respectively. They would do so until replacements could be found as both had other commitments.

On 24 July, Mrs Ellen Skyrme gave a talk entitled, 'Llangwm of Yesteryear'. This was attended by well over 50 people. Without any notes or prompting, Mrs Skyrme kept the audience spellbound—she was an absolute star! Lots of 'remember when' and discussions took place until quite late in the evening. Everyone agreed it was a great success.

Mr Joe Neale kindly recorded the event, with Mrs Skyrme's permission, and we hope that, if we have enough orders, copies can be made to raise funds for the Group. If you would like a copy, please contact Eve or Margaret. We also hope that other ladies in the village will be kind enough to do a 'Fireside Chat' at one of the winter meetings.

Membership forms had been drawn up and it was good to see that the evening had attracted quite a few new members! It has been decided that, due to this favourable response, an extra meeting would be arranged. This will be held on 28 August at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall. The Committee can be extended and planning go ahead for some of the suggested projects.*

There will be a talk by Anita Thomas from the Council Cultural Services. The topic will be, 'Oral History' and includes how to collect stories of village life to keep the memories alive. We understand this lady is a very interesting speaker so we are looking forward to a very informative evening. Refreshments will be served and there will be a charge of £1.00 (50p concession) to cover expenses. We shall be delighted to see you and offer you a very warm welcome.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has already given their help and support to this new venture

* The meeting will have taken place before the news sheet is printed! Sorry—ed.

Llangwm - past and present

Mr Jack Johns of Haverfordwest sends his greetings to Llangwm, where his roots lie. Both his grandfather and father were Llangwm men. Mr William Johns, his father, rowed to work at Pembroke Dock until he joined the Navy in 1902, seeing Active Service in both World Wars. He finally left the Navy at the end of World War II. Mr Jack John's cousin, Mrs Lizzie Roach, played the organ in the Wesleyan Chapel for 51 years.

In 'fair exchange', Mr Vernon Davies, originally from Haverfordwest, has lived in Llangwm since 1999. As a child, he lived with his grandmother at the Bakehouse on Salutation Square. He has a cornucopia of tales to tell about his early childhood and his hometown.

One memory is of his grandmother's threats: "If I was naughty or disobedient, as boys of that age often are, I would be threatened with 'Not you do that, for the Langums 'ull 'ave you'." But that was in the thirties. Now, after years of living away from Pembrokeshire, Mr Vernon Davies can hardly believe his luck—he is back once more in his home county.

Even as recently as October 1999, he thought, 'I'll never see Haverfordwest again', after a funeral had brought him into Pembrokeshire though not as far as Haverfordwest. The closest he got was the sign at Penblewin Roundabout.

But life is strange. Back in Cardiff, in the home he shared with his brother and sister-in-law, his brother said, "I've something to tell you..." The 'something' was the wish to live in Pembrokeshire, in Llangwm.

Mr Vernon Davies, ever cautious, said, "I'll have to think about that...right! I've thought! Yes!"

His grandmother's 'warnings' all those years ago seem to have come true—the 'Langums' do indeed 'ave 'im' but Mr Davies is quite content that this so.

Reminder to Readers

The Community council is still wishing to develop the existing archive of old photographs of village events and local families.

Photos should be given to Graham Brace for copying, after which they will be returned to their owners.

Llangwm Drama Group

Can you act? Have you always wanted to perform, or regretted an opportunity to do so lost in the mist of time? Well—here's your chance to have a go, pick up a new hobby or practice an old one. The newly formed Llangwm Drama Group is looking for members.

The group is the brainchild of Eve Davies and Linda Rees and hopes to offer an opportunity to anyone interested in performing, directing or backstage work, and has already received a substantial amount of interest from young and old.

We are meeting on 11 September at 7.30 in the Reading Room in Llangwm Rugby Club. All we ask is this: you bring with you something to perform, between 3 and 5 minutes. This can be anything from a poem to a stand-up comedy act; a scene from Shakespeare to something written yourself; comedy; tragedy; music hall—ANYTHING will do!

You can perform by yourself, with a friend or even get together to perform a scene. As they say: 'Variety is the spice of life' and that's exactly what we're looking for!

You may feel a little intimidated by the idea of standing up in front of a group to perform, but don't worry—you won't be pressured. I'm sure that, after seeing a few others 'have a go', you'll want to take part yourself.. Just leave your inhibitions at home and prepare to entertain and *be* entertained.

Towards the end of the meeting there will be a chance to discuss the future of the group, what we want to achieve and how. Unfortunately, the first meeting of this exciting new group clashes with the Local History Group but don't panic! If you want to be involved in both, miss the first meeting and come to our second (details to follow).

If you have any further questions then ring Rob Martin on 01437 890678 after 5 pm.

See you there: 11 September * Rugby Reading Room* 7.30 pm

Art Class

The Art Class continues to flourish and last term we had the experience of working in watercolour and pastels as well as pencil and pen drawings. All those who have been attending the classes have seen a marked improvement in their abilities, much to their delight. Thanks, also, to Beverly Crawford's expertise in teaching.

The next series of classes will start on Wednesday 11 September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Community Centre. Charges for the course: £6.00 for the first session and £4.50 for each of the subsequent five weeks.

The class is designed for beginners and you can use whatever medium you choose, such as water colour, pastels, crayons etc.

If you wish to join the class, please contact our art instructor, Beverly Crawford, on 01646 693022

Harvest Time at Galilee Baptist Chapel

Sunday Services, which are held at 10.30am and 5.00pm, continue to be the focus of the week's worship, with Prayer Meetings held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, and the Women's Fellowship held on alternate Thursdays at 2pm in the Chapel Vestry.

A warm invitation is extended to all who may wish to attend, and this is especially so at the time of our **Harvest Festival on Sunday 22 September**.

In times of plenty, the rich variety of food that we have on our tables each day is so often taken for granted. Harvest time is an ideal way of taking time to think of the many blessings in our lives, and of giving thanks for such abundance. Children and adults through the generations have delighted in seeing churches and chapels decorated with fruits and flowers, and in the singing of favourite harvest hymns.

Galilee joins in the Wesleyan Chapel's evening Harvest Festival on Sunday 15 September at 6pm and the two chapels again unite the following week, Sunday 22 September for Galilee's Harvest at 5pm. Each chapel holds its own morning Harvest service on these days.)

You are all cordially invited to join in these colourful services of celebration.

Llangwm Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has now successfully completed its fourth year of activities and continues to organise a wide range of events for the benefit of members and visitors alike. Talks last year included plant specific topics such as 'chrysanthemums' and 'begonias' as well as fascinating talks from the holder of the National Collection of Auriculas based near Solva and from one of the Pembrokeshire National Park Wardens on the role of wildlife in the garden. We look forward to an equally diverse series of talks in the coming year.

The Club has also been delighted to work with Llangwm School on developing its story telling and creative garden. A donation from the Gardening Club, (a result of fund raising activities during a previous Festival Fortnight) and success in an application for grant money, made it possible to fund both the hard landscaping and planting. The focal point of the garden is a magnificent Story Telling Chair. This chair, designed using ideas produced by the children, is enormous, so that anyone sitting in it feels and can respond like a child. As with any project, the planned implementation went slightly astray as the weather worked against us. However, thanks to a magnificent effort by a dedicated team of volunteers, the garden was ready for its official opening on 26 June. After another intensive period of planting by parents, volunteers and children, it was ready to participate in the Gardens Open Day during the Llangwm Festival.

This year's Gardens Open Day was highly successful with a range of new gardens as well as some regulars taking part. It is always a delight to talk to visitors to your garden, especially when they are as knowledgeable and appreciative as those who come to Llangwm during the Festival. Comments included this from a couple holidaying here: 'We never realised Llangwm had so many wonderful gardens. This has made our holiday'. The hard work of preparing a garden to open to the public is worth it when you hear such favourable comments. Our fame seems to be spreading as we had visitors from Gloucester and Bristol as well as many from all over Pembrokeshire.

The Gardening Club has a policy of donating any money raised during the Llangwm Festival to other organisations or groups in the village who have a demonstrated need. Having supported the School and Youth Club in previous years, it was

decided this year to support the Community Centre. We are delighted to present a cheque of over £300 to the Management Committee.

The end of the gardening year saw the resignation of two members of the Committee. Sarah Hall has worked tremendously hard to raise money through the monthly raffles and her enthusiasm and common sense will be missed. Jane Mills resigned as Secretary, having been a founder member. The Club would like to thank them both for their considerable contributions to the success of the organisation. We welcome Maureen John and Lyn Smith who were elected on to the Committee at the AGM.

On a personal note: having been involved in the Gardening Club since its inception, I can truly say that I have had tremendous fun in helping to set up the club and in organising its various activities. It is highly successful, has a wonderful membership and will go from strength to strength. We've had a lot of fun and laughs together—what more could you want? Both David and I will continue to be dedicated members of the club.

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Monday 2 September. The subject will be 'Herbs and the Garden', delivered by Christine Jabroo from Blaenffos, Boncath. Our October meeting will be a slightly different approach to designing your garden as Maureen John gives a talk on '3D garden design'.

All talks are held at the Cottage Inn, thanks to the continued support of Jane and Neville Lewis. We would like to express our thanks to them for their hospitality and for providing such an excellent BBQ despite the vagaries of the weather! Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is given a warm welcome at our meetings—membership is just £5 per year or visitors can attend any meeting at £1 per person.

We look forward to seeing regular members and any newcomers at our next events.

News from Llangwm Community Council

Dangerous road junction under review

There have been many accidents at the junction of Nash/Deerlands Road, thankfully not fatal. The Community Council has, over the years, sought to improve the safety at this point. Two years ago, the County Council re-sited the speed restriction signs and it was hoped that this would improve the situation. However, accidents—or near accidents—still occur, many due to poor driving: the Community Council feel the situation could be improved.

Request for 'stop' sign refused

The Community Council suggested that the 'give way' sign on the Nash road be replaced by a 'stop' sign and rumble strips be introduced, as elsewhere in the district. The outcome of this request to the County Council is that they are prepared to site a larger 'give way' sign and improve the road markings. They are against the installation of a 'stop' sign or rumble strips. They report that they would only introduce rumble strips in areas of the highway where reported injuries or accidents have occurred.

Responding to the above, the Community Council is happy to accept clearer signs and markings to make drivers more aware of the junction but, in addition, request that a 'stop' sign be sited at this junction.

Waiting Restrictions

The requested restrictions to specific northerly parts of the Green and the junction with Pill Parks Way is still unanimously supported by the Community Council. The Council has been advised that the objection received by the County Council was not a true consensus of opinion in that certain residents in Pill Parks Way were not consulted on their views.

Joint Unitary Development Plan (JUDP)

Planning for the Kilns

The Development Plan produced by Pembrokeshire County Council and the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park proposed an extension to

the village building boundary to include a section of land to the north of the Kilns. The JUDP was discussed at the June meeting of the Community Council. The meeting was reminded that the County council had wished to include the area in the previous development plan. This, however, had been rejected by two Planning Inspectors appointed by the Welsh Office, the latter following a second public inquiry in March 1997.

Cllrs Hardwick and Owens proposed a rejection of the plans to include the Kilns site for future development on the grounds of the Inspector's report.

Building for the Future?

A counter proposition by Cllr. Hitchings and Childs suggested Llangwm Community Council is not opposed to the Kilns development but would like to see an amendment added to the JUDP requesting the land is made available to young people from within the community.

Council voted 6 to 2 in favour of supporting the Kilns development with the stated proviso.



Concessionary Travel Pass Scheme

From 1 April 2002, a new concessionary fare scheme, funded by the Welsh Assembly and administered by all the local Authorities, was launched in Wales.

The new scheme entitles elderly people and people with disabilities resident in Wales to free travel on local bus services throughout Wales.

To apply, applicants must complete a form available from the Post Office. Applicants must be over 60 (women) or 65 (men) or registered disabled.

As from 1 April 2003, it is intended to revise the eligibility regulation and allow men aged 60 and over to qualify for free concessionary travel.

Community Council AGM 14 May 2002

The AGM was held at the Llangwm Community Centre. Councillor Jenkins was appointed Chair for the forthcoming year with Cllr Owen acting as Vice Chair. Cllr Morris was thanked for her work as Chair over the past twelve months.

Other appointments were:

Planning Committee—Cllrs Owen and Hardwick

Membership of Outside Bodies:

PALC—Cllr Morris

Patient's Participation Scheme—Cllr Jenkins to represent LCC

Llangwm Community Centre—Cllr Watkins

Police Liaison Officer—Cllr Hitchings

Responsible Finance Officer—Cllr Hardwick.

Review Of Accounts

Cllr Hardwick presented a very comprehensive view of accounts for Year 2001-2002, pointing out several omissions or requirements for paperwork. Account statements have been published and placed on the Village notice board. Further access is via application to the Community council.

Donation Requests

A number of requests have been made from a variety of organisations across the county. In view of this, Cllr Childs proposed that the sum of money used for donations does not exceed £250 in any one financial year

St Jerome's Church Grass Cutting: a separate grant of £400 was awarded to help towards the costs of four grass cuts per year at the old cemetery.

Community Action for Wild Birds in Wales

You are invited to attend a meeting led by the
RSPB on Tuesday 15 October
at 7.00 pm
in the **Rugby Club.**

If you are interested in finding out how you can help birds, either by developing your own projects or supporting existing RSPB initiatives, then you will find this meeting of particular interest.

Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club GOOD NEWS!

At the end of May the Club took delivery of the first new boat from the Lottery bid. Members are enjoying the luxury of having two Celtic longboats in the fleet. At long last the efforts of the Committees and members of the previous two years, under the chairmanship of Graham Stephens, have borne fruit. Two more longboats are on order for delivery in late August and September, and a junior skiff in the Autumn, and the final fundraising efforts have intensified to meet our commitments on these. Fundraising has included a 'Pudding Club' evening, a quiz and a sponsored 'Fire Walk'. These events raised over £1,000 which brings a total of what is needed within sight. Of course, income is always necessary for insurance and maintenance.

The first boat has been sponsored by Neville Lewis of The Cottage Inn, and he has named her 'Kiddles', after an old family nickname of the Lewis family. K.O. Carpets of Johnston has generously sponsored the second boat and we wait with baited breath for her name! The third boat and the skiff have yet to be sponsored, so if any readers would like the privilege of choosing and naming these (for a fee!), please contact a committee member.

Recreational rowing and training continued during the winter but the year began in earnest with the annual Cleddau race on 20 May. The conditions were not all good but all our teams finished, with the newly formed junior team, coached by Heather Stewart, finishing in first place. Team members include Bill Brant, Ben Higham, Daniel Hughes, Huw Jones, Sian Waller, cox Adam James. We have high hopes of them for the future.

'The Celtic Challenge', from Arklow in Ireland to Aberystwyth, was held in May, with ideal weather for the event. Crew from Llangwm joined forces with Dale Rowing Club and took the record for the fastest crossing for a mixed crew. They held the record for the fastest crossing ever for approximately one hour—until their time was bettered by a men's crew! LLRC members who took part were Bob Charles, Crispin Cutting, Sam Evans, Chris Kersey and Helen and Paul Brant.

During the season crews have taken part in Welsh Longboat League races and other friendly meetings around the county. The Llangwm Regatta was held on 30 June at the beginning of Festival Week. As it coincided with the final of the World Cup, we did wonder if anyone would turn up but, in spite of inclement weather, most teams arrived. A BBQ was arranged at Black Tar, followed by the prize giving at The Cottage Inn. The Llangwm teams did not do as well as in previous years but the juniors again upheld the honour of the Club and were first in their event.

Crews are planning to attend the Great River Race on the Thames in early September, an event always as much social as athletic. During the rest of the summer the crews are continuing to take part in League races and recreational rowing. Anyone interested in taking part will be very welcome. Contact: 890078 or 891575

LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

The 2002 season has been a frustrating one in many ways. The weather has been its fickle self and is still teasing us right to the very end. One unfortunate casualty has been the under 13s Cricket Festival. The final between Llangwm and Neyland had to be abandoned when the rain came in late afternoon after a great day's cricket. Here's to next year!

But it has not been without its successes. Our 1st XI reached the upper peaks of achievement by making it to the Harrison Allen final for the ninth time in the club history, only to lose in a thrilling and high scoring match against Carew on Saturday 3 August.

The weather was magnificent, as was our team, chasing a mind-boggling target of over 200 runs in the prescribed 22 overs of the second innings. They achieved a total of 173 with a dazzling display of attacking cricket which included 13 sixes, enthraling the crowd and providing one of the memorable finals of all time. Congratulations to all involved!

On Sunday 4 August our under 14 side, having won section A, grabbed the League Trophy by convincingly beating St Ishmaels, the B section winners, in the play-off final at Hook. Their performance as a team was superb—a very impressive group of youngsters who will undoubtedly fly the flag for Llangwm in years to come. And nice to have a bit of silverware back at the Clubhouse.

After the Club's welcome return to the 1st division this season, we currently find ourselves near the bottom of the league table and must ensure we hang in there. One highlight was the amazing league win against Lamphey, last season's Champions, bowling them all out for 24

runs. This achievement even made the national newspapers!

The 2nd XI is still in with a slim chance of promotion from the 4th Division. The clear result of some gritty performances can be seen in their high position in the league table. The 3rd XI have enjoyed themselves in spite of struggling to field a full side for a couple of matches.

Are there any more ex-players out there who would like to play occasionally and help pass on their skills to our up-and-coming youngsters? (The cricket teas are fantastic!)

The Llangwm Ladies have completed a full and enjoyable season, including reaching the semi-final in their Skel-fayre Cup campaign. There is new blood in the team, and spectator support at Tuesday evenings' home matches has been excellent.

We are delighted that Stephen Inward and James Venables are both representing Wales this year. Stephen is vice-captain of the Welsh under-11 team and has put in some superb figures with bat and ball throughout the season. James Venables, who only this season joined our club, is in the Welsh under-13 team and is another most exciting prospect for the future. Well done to them both, and good luck for the future.

The Junior section was very active at all age levels in the season in the local leagues and also in the Welsh cups. The under-13s earned a trip to Aberystwyth in the Suburu Cup competition, whilst the under 15s made the Sun Life Cup semi-final against Cowbridge. Many of our boys have represented both Pembrokeshire and West Wales this season. Well done to all of them.

The Club was delighted to see that the Village School Cricket Team excelled themselves this year in the District competition and wish them even more success next year!

Llangwm RFC Youth XV

With the summer drawing to a close and the rugby season fast approaching, it's time to put away the whites and get out the boots.

As regular readers will know, Llangwm Youth XV was re-formed last season and competed well against other Youth teams from Pembrokeshire. The team was captained last season by Will Scriven and the season culminated in a trip to Cardiff for the World Series 7s finals—the result of the team being given a WRU Chwarae Teg Award following a nomination by district director, Kim Norket for the outstanding efforts shown by the boys over the season. A great time was had by all!

Will has stepped down as captain this season and James Lewis will be at the helm, no doubt continuing to give 100%. Phil Clarke is to continue as coach and training is presently taking place every Monday at 7.00 pm at the Pill Parks.

Interested in playing?

If you are interested in playing or want any information on Youth Rugby, **contact Michael John on 01437 890175.**

You must be aged 16-19 to play but we welcome anybody who has anything to offer the club in any capacity.

Llangwm Youth website

Finally, a reminder that Llangwm Youth now have a web site which can be found at....<http://www.dragonsrugbytrust.com>. Once on site, link to CLUB SITES.LLANGWM

Dates for the Diary

September 2	Gardening Club	7.30pm	Cottage Inn (1st Monday in the month)
2	Youth XV RFC	7.00pm	Pill Parks (weekly)
11	Community Council	7.00pm	Community Centre
11	Art Class	1.30pm	Community Centre (weekly)
11	Local History Group	7.30pm	Community Centre (monthly meetings)*
11	Drama Group	7.30pm	Rugby club reading room (weekly)*

*the Local History Group and the Drama Group currently clash once a month. To avoid this—and enable all to attend either—arrangements are being made to avoid this. Members will be informed as soon as details are finalised.

PARISH OF LLANGWM & FREYSTROP & JOHNSTON HARVEST SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2002

Thursday 18	St Jerome	2.30 pm	School Service	Rector
Thursday 18	St Jerome	7.00 pm	Evensong	Revd. P. Flavell
Sunday 22	St Jerome	9.00 am	Eucharist	Rector
Sunday 22	St Peter	10.15am	Eucharist	Rector
Monday 23	St Peter	7.00 pm	Evensong	Revd. L. Watkins
Thursday 26	St Justinian	7.00 pm	Evensong	Revd. Canon C. Bowen
Sunday 29	St Justinian	11.45am	Eucharist	Rector

"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all His Love."

GALILEE & WESLEYAN COMBINED CHAPELS' HARVEST SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 2002

Sunday 15	Wesleyan Chapel	6.00 pm
Sunday 22	Galilee Chapel	5.00 pm

(Each Chapel will hold its own morning service on those days)

ON NOVEMBER 10, THERE WILL BE A COMBINED OPEN-AIR SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
TIME TO BE ARRANGED