

# LLANGWM NEWS

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## A sizzling summer!



2006



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## Llangwm Village Festival Roundup

*Why did the Scarecrow win first prize?  
Because he was outstanding in his field!!!*

There are only a few of us on the festival committee. There is myself - Claire - I try to chair the meetings but there can be a lot of hilarity and wandering off the point, and as they are held in the pub, they are known to go on till closing time! There is Jeff our secretary. He's like a Duracell bunny, he never, ever stops. He never goes anywhere without his big box of festival facts (we can never remember what we did last year but Jeff has saved everything) and his lovely lady Pat. If it wasn't for these two little dynamites, the festival would never happen. Then there is our quiet and funny Bog who is in charge of the money, Lisa the social secretary, Lorraine who is our fab new girl, Patrick the marshal king, and at the moment that's it. The gorgeous Helen has had to leave because of work commitments, however we think we can twist her arm to run the dog show next year.....please. And the ever smiling Peter and Marilyn have decided to have a gap year from the committee too.



They will **all** be missed. We can't, of course, run something like festival fortnight without help from outside, and this year we had lots, especially from Pat in the shop, Linda Rees and Eve Davies, Mr Stephen Crabb M.P, Llangwm School.....

**If you would like to join the Festival Committee** please speak to a member or come along to the next meeting.

This year the festival was gloriously nautical in tribute to **Seafair Haven** which ran the same week. There were almost 100 **scarecrows** in the village, and Mr Stephen Crabb M.P. had the unenviable task of judging the winners. After spending nearly 5 hours looking at every one the winners were as follows;

**Best overall Scarecrow** Jake Stewart Pill Parks Way



### Best Seafaring:

1st Mandie Davies Glan Hafan, 2nd Faye Keppel-Compton, Llangwm Ferry, 3rd Nikki Bosworth, Gail Rise

### Children's:

1st Ryan, Lauren, Jamie and Amelia Gau, Scott and Lilly Ann Townley, Rectory Road, 2nd Ewerts, Main Street, 3rd Charles Family, the Gail

### Humorous:

1st Rod Billen, Main Street, 2nd Mc Cormac, Chapel Row, 3rd Williams, The Kilns

### Topical:

1st P&N Jones, Gail Rise, 2nd Mike Hardwick, The Gail, 3rd Kelly McFadden, Gail Rise

### Schools:

1st Broad Haven Junior, 2nd Llangwm V.C.

**Well done to all the winners**, and thank you to everyone who made the effort to have a scarecrow in their garden.

This year we saw the welcome return of the **Arts and Crafts Exhibition**, which was ably run by Linda Rees and Eve Davies. The many beautiful and varied pieces of work submitted by the people of **Llangwm**, show just how many talented artistes we have in our midst. **Thank you** for your efforts and for allowing us to exhibit your work. This year was the first year of the **children's competition**, in which they were asked to draw or create a picture of **Llangwm**. There were some very beautiful and creative art work and the judge, Claudia Myatt, a professional illustrator had a tough time choosing the winners, but they were:

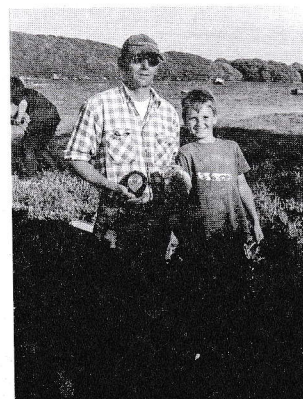
**Age up to 4 years:** 1st Josie Phillips, 2nd Tom Williams

**Age 5-7 years:** 1st Beth Meopham, 2nd Patrick Smith, 3rd Eden Phillips

**Age 8-11 years:** 1st Rhiannon Morgan, 2nd Fen Smith, 3rd Steffan Davies

Many thanks to Claudia, and it's good to know that we have some great up and coming artistic talent in the village.

The **fishing competition** was run again this year by Alistair Platten, and they had a glorious evening on the **Cleddau**. The winner of the shield this year was Andrew Jenkins, Hook, and the winner of the children's section was Jack Griffiths.



The **Longboat Rowing Club** ran the ever successful family quiz night at the **Cottage Inn** which was very well attended as was the **Walking Treasure Hunt**, thank you for running the quiz, and to Bob for organising the treasure hunt. Mr John Skyrme did a masterful job on the hottest day of the year in starting the **fun run**, and presenting medals to the winners after the race, many thanks John.

The crowning glory had to be **Carnival Day**, which had some of the most spectacular floats ever seen. The colourful parade, with the villagers following, wound its way up to Pill Parks Field where the fete was in full swing. Mr Stephen Crabb was kind enough again to judge the floats and walking entries, which was not an easy task, but this year **Glan Hafan's incredible Willy Wonka** was the winner (see front page).

The children of **Rosemarket Young Crafters** showed off their talents with a fantastic sea float, complete with pink jellyfish, The Pirates of the rowing club were terrifying in their boat, and the gorgeous hula girls and boys of Gail Rise were hoolatastic.

Carnival Day would not be complete without a **Queen** and this year's was Emily John. The **Carnival Queen Cup** was presented to Emily by her grandfather, who was also kind enough to present the other medals to the children. It was a very special day for the John family. Emily and her attendants Kaya Henderson and Eleanor Armstrong looked beautiful on their lovely seaside cart, and next to them was our very popular **King**, Conal Golding, who made the most fantastic Sea God Llangwm had ever seen. The pretty Beth Meopham was a lovely **Fairy Queen**, and Ben Morris made a great **Fairy King**.



Many thanks to all the mums, dads, and absolutely everyone who helped with costumes, floats, stalls, and teas on carnival day. It is you that make the carnival great. That night at the Cottage Inn (in the pouring rain) the village partied and looked back on a lovely two weeks.

The Festival Committee are already looking ahead to the next challenge which will be writing to Santa to see if he can visit us at Christmas time, so don't forget kids, be good, he can see you!

*Claire Phillips, Chairman*

#### Get well soon

To Mike at the Cottage Inn, we wish you a speedy recovery from your operation, and our thanks to you and Janet, from all of us on the Festival Committee for putting up with everything over Festival Fortnight when you obviously had enough problems of your own to contend with.

## What a blooming wonderful day!

### Llangwm Festival - Open Gardens Day

Although clashing with England's final World Cup match, the superb weather of 1<sup>st</sup> July meant that there was really no choice for the green-fingered, but to visit the **wonderful, hidden gardens of Llangwm!** This year there were a huge variety of horticultural delights on offer, ranging from waterside to mountainside, encompassing the diversity of our village. The day was very successful. In the past, the money raised by appreciative donations, and teas h£300 has been eld at the Museum, has been given to **Llangwm School** and a variety of village clubs and institutions. This year given to the **History Society** for the first time, to help them with their work collecting, collating and displaying **Llangwm's** local history resources.

Opening your garden is rewarding but hard work (long hours and no pay!) so a huge thank you to all those who opened their gardens (roll call below), as well as Graham Brace and Stuart Beresford for their work on a 'new for '06' leaflet, Pat in the shop for advertising, and Liz Beresford for being the link person on the day.

**Deerland Garden** \_ Dick & Hazel Knight  
**Homelea** - Judy & Dave Nurse  
**A Cottage Garden** - Neville & Jane Lewis  
**Garden with a View** - Mr & Mrs Ed Tanguay  
**A Riverside Garden** - Vonnice Brock  
**Down the Garden Path** - Margaret Llewellyn  
**Meg & Mog's Garden** - Joan & Graham Stephens

**The Kitchen Garden** - Liz & Stuart Beresford  
**A Garden in Transit** (Brynawelon) - Angie & Paul Cox  
**Storybook Corner** - Llangwm VC School.  
**The Hidden Garden** - Rod & Jan Billen  
**Presceli View** - Mr. & Mrs Gillespie  
**The Woodland Garden** - Faye & Bill Keppel-Compton,

**Teas, Homemade Cakes & Museum** - Jeff & Pat James + all their helpers & cake makers!  
 Many thanks to all!

*Val John*

## SEAFAIR SUCCESS

The months of planning and preparation that preceded the **Seafair Haven** event paid off handsomely. Having been selected as host port to the gig, drascombe, skiff and longboat categories, a party atmosphere prevailed at **Black Tar** during the last week of June helped by favourable weather.

What a wonderful sight as the small fleet of gigs and their crews from Brittany, Ireland and the UK, drascombes, Thames skiffs, an Irish curragh and even a miniature **Viking longboat** put ashore on the evening high tide on Sunday 25 June.



Awaiting them was a warm welcome from a large crowd of villagers, a reception and drinks in the garden of Quay House, a well arranged campsite and a marquee with a well stocked bar and great live music – folk songs, sea shanties and dancing to the *Carreg Las Ceilidh Band*.

The Bretons entertained us with their songs and it was memorable seeing a Breton piper playing his bagpipes at the top of the shore with his compatriots performing a traditional dance around him.



The week progressed with well programmed river 'raids', the crews exploring the upper and lower reaches of the **Cleddau** during the day, from **Lawrenny** and **Pembroke** to **Angle** and **Dale**, and enjoying more Llangwm hospitality in the evenings.

With the last minute withdrawal of the planned caterer, Ian and Christine Jacob bravely stepped into the breach by offering their facilities at Quay House, and a rota of

volunteers fed the crew members under an awning and on the verandah in considerable style.

Memorable moments from the marquee included Mrs Margaret Watkins leading the French visitors in a rousing version of the 'Marseillaise' (French national anthem), as well as Wednesday's band, *Alan Coy & Co*, ending their set in spectacular fashion by firing a cannon that succeeded in plunging the entire site into temporary darkness by blowing a fuse!

On Thursday evening the *Vagrants Crew* enthralled the children with their colourful headdresses and hobby horse and the crowd with a great selection of Morris tunes and shanties.



**Black Tar** was the perfect venue for such an event and the hospitality shown by the village was the talk of the harbour-wide **SeaFair** event. There is no doubt that if the event is held again in the haven in two years time **Llangwm** will feature strongly in the proceedings.

It was always intended that any profit from the event would benefit the village. The Bar was manned by members of the Rugby and Cricket Club and showed a profit of **£3,500** which will contribute to the eventual refurbishment of the shower and changing facilities at Pill Parks.

The modest profit from other activities like the campsite will be shared among the other village organisations that had contributed to the event



A Seafair moment !

There was an abundance of skill, talent and experience among the **Llangwm SeaFair** Committee members, all of which came into its own during the event. **Huge thanks go to (in A-Z order):**

Graham Brace (*Publicity*)  
 Tim & Hazel Cripps (*Camp Site*)  
 Fiona Cutting (*Rowing Club liaison*)  
 Michael Davies (*Event Management help*)  
 Patrick Davies (*Safety and Risk Assessment – Shore*)  
 Dee & Pippa DeMengel (*Waterway operations*)  
 Rhiannon Highman (*Treasurer*)  
 Ian Jacob (*Exec Group/Publicity*)  
 Christine Jacob (*Catering*)  
 Owen John (*Exec Group/Bar*)  
 Liz Jones (*Chief of Volunteers*)  
 Bill Keppel-Compton (*Chairman/Port Authority liaison*)  
 Fay Keppel-Compton (*Minute Sec/Catering*)  
 Brian Meopham (*Parking & Traffic*)  
 Dick Palmer (*Exec Group/management structure*)  
 Viv & Margaret Thomas (*Waterfront liaison*)  
 Andy Watters (*Mechanical Transport Officer*)  
 Jacquie & Patrick Wordsworth (*Entertainment*)



And to all the volunteer bar staff, cooks, bottle-washers, waitresses, drivers, ticket-sellers, litter-pickers – and anyone who revived their schooldays French (or Gaelic!) to make the visitors feel at home. Thanks too for the extensive support from the rest of the village.



*Extracts from some of the letters and cards received by the Committee since the event:*

"Thank you very much for hosting and cooking so well for us during our wonderful stay during the SeaFair Haven week, in Llangwm." *John & Susan Greenford*

"We thought Llangwm a perfect location and felt privileged to be there. Please pass our thanks and best wishes to all the residents and boat owners for such a very warm welcome and help." *Alan & Dorothy Hopewell, Colchester*

"I would like to thank all the wonderful people of Llangwm for their sterling efforts in making all visiting skippers and their crews welcome in their community. The area is very nice and the sailing first class..." *C G Everall, Evesham*

"...I can only guess at the level of hard work undertaken by you and your colleagues before and during the event to ensure that we had every opportunity to enjoy the experience." *Ken David, Cotes d'Armor, Brittany*

"What a fantastic week we had on and off the river. SeaFair was great but what really made it special for us was the amazing hospitality we received at Llangwm – we really appreciate all the effort put in by you all." *Simon & Ann Cooper, Cherrington*

"Merci a tout le monde pour l'accueil a Llangwm. Ce fut un sejour magnifique et une belle fete sur l'eau. ("Thank you all for your welcome to Llangwm. It was a wonderful stay and a fine waterway festival.") *Guy Toureaux, Brittany*

"Thank you for looking after us so well at Llangwm and indeed whilst on the water, too. John and I feel privileged to have been part of the first SeaFair Haven and enjoyed it all so much. I think everyone did – even the scarecrows!" *Susan and John, Henley-on-Thames*



## VILLAGE NEWS

### Community Shield Presentation at Llangwm School

On the last day of term, the Community Shield, donated by the Community Council was presented to Rhiannon Morgan by Barry Childs, Chair of the Governors. Rhiannon, who will be joining the Tasker Milward School in September was a popular and worthy winner

From left

Barry Childs (Chair of Governors), Rhiannon Morgan, Mrs Jane Rees (Deputy Head Teacher and Mr Nick Groves (Headteacher)



### Stephen bowls them over!

Congratulations go to Llangwm's Stephen Inward who is the first Welsh cricketer ever chosen to represent England at under-15 level against both Scotland under-17s and Barbados under-16s at Loughborough. Stephen recently received his England cap from Ian Blackwell, the England and Somerset player.

Selectors chose Stephen after he scored 72 not out for the West of England in the West Indies, and when he scored 63 and 64 in the opening fixtures of the Bunbury Festival in Sussex.

He has also scored impressive centuries (140, 125 and 114) for Llangwm in league fixtures, and last season scored 102 for Wales against Millfield School.

His dad Martyn is a former pace bowler for Llangwm, his brother Chris plays cricket for Llangwm - and his mum Tina plays for the Llangwm ladies' team.

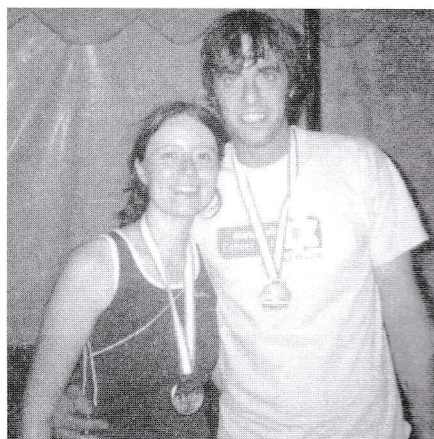
Stephen readily acknowledges all the help he has received along the way, from members of Llangwm Cricket Club and the coaches of the Wales Under-15 and under-16 squads. Financial help, too, has been warmly appreciated, from Llangwm Community Council and his many supporters in the locality.

## New York Charity Run ... update

Tasmin and Richard would like to thank everyone in Llangwm who sponsored them to run the New York Marathon last year in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

They chose Marie Curie Cancer Care not only for their special nursing care that enables those suffering to be able to be looked after in their own homes, but also for their commendable specialist research into the disease and its causes.

After three car boot sales, two well supported fundraising events in the Village Hall, three sets of raffles and lots of individual sponsorship, they raised £4,720.72p. Thank you to everyone who helped them to reach this fantastic amount.



### Easter Eggstravaganza!

The Pill Parks at Llangwm was transformed on Easter Saturday to a giant hiding place for a large selection of Easter eggs. The children had a wonderful time searching for the eggs and playing games in the Village Hall. Reverend Jane spent a hectic afternoon face painting whilst the ladies of St Jerome's supervised games and served Easter teas. There was a painting competition for Llangwm, Hook and Johnston schools, where Graham Brace judged the excellent entries. There were sumptuous raffle prizes which were generously donated by local people and businesses. Elizabeth and Alison organised the event and presented a cheque for £700 to Bishop Carl at St David's Cathedral for the local children's charity **Plant Dewi**.

Some very entertaining interviews from the event were broadcast by Radio Pembrokeshire on Easter Sunday!

# Suppers, Sales and Celebrations!

## Llangwm Community Centre News

The past year has had several exciting evenings provided by the Village Hall Committee. These unsung heroes and heroines work incredibly hard to keep the Hall open and in good repair. As mentioned previously, **over £1000** has to be raised every year to pay for insurance etc., and thanks must also go to all members of our community who support each event – either by providing practical support, or by buying tickets.

This Autumn sees the return of the **Harvest Supper** on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Those who have attended previously all agree that this is a really good night – the meal always is exceptional value for money. Add a touch of music, fun & games or a quiz, to really good company, and this night is a winner! So please come along and support the fund-raising.

Later towards Christmas is the **Christmas Market**. Please make a note in your diaries – it is on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Just in time to buy all those very different goodies. This is an opportunity for Llangwm craftsmen/artists etc. to display and sell their wares, and for us to buy them! The small entrance fee includes simple refreshments. So, save some of your Christmas



spending until you see what Llangwm has to offer! Throughout the year, the Committee has seen an increasing uptake of booking the Hall for private parties/special occasions. It makes sense to avoid that horrific clean-up in your own home, and counting the cost of, for example, red wine stains on the carpet or chocolate buttons mashed into your favourite chair. In August, Dilys and David Ash held their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in the Hall, and totally transformed the place, by bringing the outdoors in. They added a gazebo and small tables with umbrellas – all festooned with twinkling lights – nearly fairyland! It shows what can be done to upgrade the facilities! If you would like

to book the Hall please contact Pat in the Shop, and just remember our charges have not increased since the Hall was built!



### Still at remarkably cheap rates!! Parties—what will your theme be?

Charges to hire the hall are as follows:

#### **Community group activities**

e.g. Yoga Class, History Group, etc  
(morning, afternoon or evening)  
per session - **£5**

Adult - **£25**                      Children - **£15**

See Pat Morris in the village shop to book your date/time as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

## Get On Line!

**Llangwm's Website—Under Construction**  
[www.llangwm-villages.org.uk](http://www.llangwm-villages.org.uk)

A lot of people have worked on the Llangwm Website over the years: both contributors and web page developers. The website is having a bit of a make-over and I would be grateful for any information, pictures and ideas that you as individuals and clubs within Llangwm would like to see on the internet. This is a chance for people to find out about your interests: both in the village and, of course, on the worldwide web!

If you have anything that you would like to see on the website please drop it through my letterbox at 17 Main Street; or send it as an email to [john@llangwm-villages.org.uk](mailto:john@llangwm-villages.org.uk) and I will try to put it on the web.

*John Ewart*

## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Reverend Anthony Gregory  
 TREASURER: Mrs Llinos Martin  
 SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock

Sunday Services:- Morning 11.00 am  
 Sunday School 11.00 am

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly on Wed- 2.00 pm  
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival Services -  
 Morning Service at 11am and Evening Service at  
 6pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carol Service -  
 6 pm

Harvest Supper - date to be arranged  
 Autumn Fayre - date to be arranged  
 Mince Pies and Carols - date to be arranged

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL TO JOIN  
 US AT THE ABOVE SERVICES AND EVENTS

## NEWS FROM GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

### **"In Good Voice"**

A highlight of the summer worship at Galilee was the **Sunday School Anniversary Service** on 18 June. **Margaret Watkins**, who organised the evening service, had trained the Sunday School children in their delightful songs, choruses and recitations, and had also invited along guest singers which gave the service a perfect balance. **Melanie Ablitt** presided, and the organist was **Margaret Davies**. Guest singers included **Derek John** and **Bob Richards** of Glan Hafan, and **Dennis Rees** of Rosemarket. The children taking part were: **Toby and Ben Asson, Emily Carrington, Eddie John, James and Sara John-Davies, Faith McKeen** and **Isabelle Morgan** - grateful thanks to all.

Please join us at Galilee on **Sunday 24 September** for our annual **Harvest Festival** services at 10.30am and 5.00pm, with Rev. Ron Price. Or any Sunday - Morning Service and Sunday School are held weekly at 10.30am.

Young mums (or grans!) - contact Kelly McFadden or Rachel Kersey if you would like to come along to the **Mums and Tots Group** at 10.00-11.30am on Thursdays. (Tel 01437 891289)

**Women's League** (fortnightly, Thursday afternoons) resumes after the Harvest Festival.

## **ST. JEROME'S CHURCH, LLANGWM**

Our collection for Christian Aid this year amounted to £79.55.

### **Dates for your diary:**

9th September	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>	11am-3pm
	with various stalls at the home of Margaret Davies—Hook	
18th November	<b>Christmas Bazaar</b>	Village Hall

### **Services:**

9.00am	every Sunday	Holy Eucharist
9.30am	every Wednesday	Holy Eucharist

### **Harvest Festival Services**

### **Visiting Preacher**

1st September	St Jerome's	Rev Dennis White (area Dean)
28th September	St Jerome's	Rev Dorren Davies

On behalf of our Rector, Rev. Jane, may we extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to attend any of the above events.



On Friday 28th July, members of Saint Jerome's church joined with members of Saint Justinian's church, Freystrop for the annual **"Saints and Stones" pilgrimage**. After a short service at St. Justinian's, about ten Pilgrims travelled to Llanrhian for a lunch in the church hall. Bishop Ivor Rees and Mrs Rees were there to meet us and to wish us well on our walk. We set off on not too hot a day to walk the six miles to the cathedral at St. Davids. We were accompanied on our pilgrimage by Bishop Carl and friends from Wiston and Llanrhian, together with members of the **Pembrokeshire Blind Society**. Some of us made excellent time. Others stopped for ice cream and to be interviewed for TV. The beautiful sight of the cathedral in the distance helped us on our way and by 5.30 we were all being welcomed by the Dean. We attended sung evensong when Bishop Carl presented prizes to the winners of the **"My church, My chapel"** competition.

Next year Llangwm Church hopes to be on the 'Saints and Stones' tour. To do this the church needs to be open all day at weekends through the summer months for visitors to enjoy. This has been the first pilgrimage from Llangwm, but it is hoped that next year we will be joined by other friends from the village churches and chapels. The children's competition, which will also be held each year, is for children throughout the whole diocese.



## Llangwm and Freystrop Mothers' Union

We have well attended meetings with a lively membership. Our meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm and consist of visiting speakers, demonstrations (card making, sewing, craftwork etc) special services and visits to other Mothers' Union branches, or places such as our very enjoyable visit to the National Botanic Gardens for a Mothers' Union Party. Our summer mystery tour and Christmas dinner are particular highlights.

Anyone wanting more details, please contact:

Mrs Ann Wicks (Leader) on 01437 890217 or

Mrs Margaret Davies (Secretary) on 01437 890617

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### Embroidery

Are you interested in learning a new embroidery skill or would you like to join a local embroidery group? I am looking into the possibility of running classes and setting up a group in Llangwm from September 2006.

I am Royal School of Needlework trained and qualified and am eager to help you discover, develop and enjoy your embroidery talents.

If you are interested in finding out more please give me a ring on 01437 891892

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Deborah Dudman*

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## SCOTTISH DANCING

**Children's classes in Scottish Dancing** start again in the Community Centre on Wednesday 6 September at 6.00pm. This is a friendly young group of about a dozen girls and boys, who enjoy learning and dancing together.

If you're **six years old or over**, you're more than welcome to come along and join in. If you're **nine or ten years old**, you are encouraged to join, or re-join if you once felt you outgrew the youngsters' class – and bring your friends along so that an older children's group can be established, trying out new and suitably challenging dances.

Older still? There's a '**teenage-to-adult**' group which meets in Houghton Village Hall on Monday evenings, from 7.30pm. Teenagers often go along for the first hour or so, to fit in with demands of school and homework. This adult class resumes for the Autumn Term on Monday 4 September.

**Try it out! You may discover talents you never knew you had!**

## The Court Of Great Sessions – Sesiwn Fawr

*Some members of Llangwm Local History Group joined with Dyfed Family History Society for an annual trip to the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. The main focus of the day was to research family history, but interesting things are uncovered sometimes, purely by chance. The following are six extracts from the Court of Great Session for the years 1745 to 1818, and most of the offences took place in Llangwm.*

**1745** David Griffith, a yeoman of Llangwm, was accused of Assault (including wounding but not malicious wounding) on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1745. He was prosecuted by his victim - William Crunn, a tailor of Llangwm. There is no other information recorded as to his fate.

**1760** John David, a miller of Llangwm, was accused of Assault (including wounding but not malicious wounding) on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1760. The offence took place in Burton, and his victim was William Llewhelin. Although he pleaded Not Guilty, he was fined 6d (approximately 2p in today's money).

**1770** John Philips, a Cooper from Llangwm, was accused of Murder (including aiding and abetting and accessory to murder). The Murder of Williams Stephens, also of Llangwm, by beating him, took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The victim's relative, Griffith Stephens prosecuted, and although John Philips pleaded Not Guilty, a verdict of Manslaughter was reached. (No information given on the sentence, but he was probably transported for life, as hanging was reserved for a Murder charge)

**1801** Mary Lawrence, a married woman aged 50 of Llangwm, was accused of "breaking and entering mainly houses but also shops, workshops, mills etc." She was accused that on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1801, she broke in and entered "the prosecutor's house and stole wearing apparel, cloth, wheat and Japan cannister"; all valued at £1 18 shillings. She was prosecuted by Margaret Jones, a spinster of Lambston.

Although Mary pleaded Not Guilty, she was found guilty of grand larceny, a partial verdict, and transported for 7 years

**1812** John Menzies (alias Thomas Menzies), a hawker of Llangwm, was accused of miscellaneous offences that took place in Llangwm. His crimes read as follows "Bargaining for money – guineas, and offering more than their current worth" for preventing the current gold coin of the realm being paid or accepted for a greater value than the current value of such coin; for preventing any note or bill....of the Bank of England....being received for any smaller sum than the sum thereby specified" The indictment refers to Haverfordwest Bank notes. The offences were committed on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1812, and the prosecutor was Mark Davies, a Customs Officer of Llangwm. John Menzies pleaded Not Guilty, and the verdict found in his favour – Not Guilty. **N.B.** It would be interesting if anyone could explain the above charge

**1818** James James, a Labourer from Llangwm, was accused of the theft of a sheep, valued at £3. The prosecutor was George Whittow, a farmer from Llangwm. The incident was said to have taken place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818. James gave a Not Guilty plea, and the verdict was "No true bill". (Does this mean not proven?)

**1818** Also accused of a similar offence, and on the same date was Mary Thomas a 'singlewoman'. Her crime was noted as sheep-stealing (including the killing of a sheep with intent to steal carcass and aiding and abetting). George Whittow was again the prosecutor, and the verdict was "no true bill"

*Liz Jones*

# Sports, Music, Visits and Clubs...

## The summer term at Llangwm VC School

This term has proved to be another very busy one. School started back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, welcoming new children into their respective classes.

### SCHOOL VISITS

**Castell Henllys** - Class 4 travelled to Castell Henllys to explore sustainability issues on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. An interesting day was had by all.

**Scolton Manor** - Class 3 attended a **Storytelling Day** with author, Daniel Morden and illustrator, Suzanne Carpenter, at Scolton Manor on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Other activities undertaken were music, art and storytelling both in English and Welsh.

**Tenby** - the children from **Years 1 and 2** travelled to explore the town of Tenby on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was brilliant and they also enjoyed a tour of the Lifeboat Centre.

**Dinosaur Park** - On the same day, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, **Early Years and Reception** children had a fun day at the Dinosaur Park. They had a wonderful time and again had superb weather to enjoy exploring around the park.

**Study of the River Cleddau** - On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June **Class 3** set off to explore the River Cleddau. They travelled to many places such as Blackpool Mill, Gelli Bridge, Ty-Gwynt to name just a few. They all had a very interesting and enjoyable day. Many thanks to Mr Ian Meopham who accompanied us on the trip from the National Parks.

### PARKING AT SCHOOL

May we reiterate our note from the last newsletter that all parents and relatives who collect their child/ren from school to refrain from parking in the designated bus bay and also on and around the pavements by the main entrance to the school at the start and end of the school day. **We cannot stress enough that we must always remember the safety of the children is of paramount importance.**

### DOG FOULING

This is always causing a problem but this term it has been at its worst. The bottom of the **Gail Hill** and the pavement leading from the bottom of the Gail Hill to school have been in a deplorable state. Unfortunately, some of the children are walking in it, not realising and **this is then taken right through school to the classrooms.** This is both **harmful and unpleasant** to all concerned. **Please could all dog owners be vigilant of this problem.**

### CHARITIES

This term we have supported **The Stroke Association** by holding a skipathon and **The Guide Dogs Association** by everyone wearing their shades. Thank you to all who supported our chosen charities for this term.

### BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB

The **Welsh Assembly Breakfast Initiative Club** is proving very successful. Breakfast Club is held at school from 8.00am - 8.50am. Last breakfast being served at 8.40am. **After School Kids Club** continues to be held at the school from 3.25pm -

5.45pm. If you require your child to be booked into either or both of these clubs, please contact Mrs Anne Lewis on 01437 890528. **We are always grateful for your support towards these clubs.**

### SPORT AT SCHOOL

The children have enjoyed a very busy term of sport. Our **annual sports day** was held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June during Festival Fortnight. The weather was kind to us and an exciting day took place. The two teams, **Skomer** and **Caldey**, were in close contention throughout the afternoon but after earning valuable points in the final events, **Caldey** lifted the James Brock cup which was presented to the team captains by Mrs V Brock. A team of athletes travelled to **Sir Thomas Picton** track to take part in the **District Sports** on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The team did exceptionally well especially **Thea Lewis, Emily Carrington** and **Fen Smith**. Certificates were presented to all who participated.

**Pembrokeshire Kwik Cricket Competition** - our team travelled to Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. They were very successful and got through to the next round which was played on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June also at Haverfordwest Cricket Club. The team played really well but unfortunately did not get through to the finals at **Sophia Gardens, Cardiff**. Well done to all who took part and showed excellent cricket skills throughout all the matches.

**Single Wicket Competition** - this is a new competition for our young cricketers at **Llangwm School** and was held at our school field during the last week of term. After a few days of hard competition, **James Ward** was the winner. Well done James!

**Our Netball and Cricket teams** enjoyed an afternoon of sport at our school field against **Milford Haven Junior School**. The cricket team won their match and our **A team** won the netball but unfortunately our **B team** just missed out. Well done to all who took part. Our netball team also enjoyed taking part in the annual **Netball Festival** held at **The Dome, Tasker Milward**. The team played to a very good standard in all their matches.

### MUSIC AT SCHOOL

**Tasker Milward's Brass Ensemble** came down to Llangwm School on the afternoon of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June accompanied by Mrs Hilary Lewis and played well known music pieces to our Juniors. Thank you to Tasker Milward for sharing this wonderful music afternoon with us.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June our **Year 6** children spent the morning at Tasker Milward School for a morning of music. They had a great time and were able to meet children who would be starting Tasker Milward with them in September.

**Year 6 Prom** - on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July our **Year 6** attended the Primary Schools' Prom at **Sir Thomas Picton School**. The children had a very enjoyable evening and gained much experience from it.

### COMMUNION AT SCHOOL

Our Communion Service this term was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at **St. Jerome's Church**. Reverend Jane led the service with readings and prayers taken by the children. Thank you to all who attended this service.

### BARBEQUE AT 'THE RECTORY'

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July our Year 6 children were invited to The Rectory for an end of term barbeque hosted by Reverend Jane. The children had a wonderful time and thanks are expressed to Reverend Jane for all her hard work.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Our **Leavers' Assembly** was held on the last day of term, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July in our school hall. **Year 6** children read their memories to the school and to the parents of Year 6. Certificates were awarded to all Year 6 for their contribution to their school life at Llangwm School. Special awards were presented to the following:

**Jubilee Achievement Shield** - Rhiannon Morgan  
**Reverend Hooper Music Cup** - Thea Lewis  
**Single Wicket Winner** - James Ward  
**Natalie Smith Victrix Ludorum** - Isabel Maguregui  
**Jamie Smith Victor Ludorum** - James Ward

### School will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Events taking place during our Autumn term:-

Harvest Festival Service  
Autumn Fayre  
Christmas Productions  
Christmas Carol Service  
Torch Theatre

### **LLANGWM LADIES CRICKET TEAM**

Llangwm Ladies cricket team first formed in 1995 and apart from a couple of seasons in between where other commitments dictated have been playing ever since. A large number of the Ladies who enjoyed that first season together in 1995 are still part of the team today (despite the aches and pains suffered by the more mature members these days!!) The league fixtures are drawn at the commencement of the season and matches played at 6pm on a Tuesday night. We play each team twice during the season, once on our home ground at Pill Parks and also at the opposing team's ground. Unfortunately there are not as many teams playing now as when Llangwm Ladies started but this year we have had the opportunity to play Hook, Neyland, Herbrandston, Burton, Whitland and Cresselly.

Llangwm is fortunate to have some very talented players and just as importantly younger members who I hope will be at the forefront in the future. Despite 2006 having been disappointing performance wise it has been enjoyable nonetheless and considering the fact that we failed to field a team in 2005 have created an excellent platform to build on in readiness for next season. We very much welcome new members who enjoy the game or who just simply want to have a go so please feel free to get in touch and come and join us next season. It's a great way to enjoy a team game, keep fit and also socialise with other team members. You never know next year could be our season so look out!!!

*Pam Asson .....2006 Ladies Captain*

### **It's not just cricket... it's mainly about golf!**

**Llangwm Cricket Club** held its annual fund-raising Golf Tournament at Milford Haven on Friday 28 July, and once again the event was a great success, with all players enjoying not only the golf but also great hospitality and good company. 28 teams of four took part, teeing off every ten minutes between 9.20am and 2.30pm

Winners were Stanley Evans' "Herbie Boys", second were "Firwood Homes", third "Oil Rig" and fourth "The Colliers".

Grateful thanks to all who took part, and who sponsored individual holes. This is a great boost to the Cricket Club for the forthcoming season.

As for *cricket*, the Llangwm Club has given a good account of itself this season, playing well throughout.

As we go to press, the end of season results and awards are awaited with great anticipation. A full report of these will appear in our next (November) issue. Presentation Evening is on Saturday, 16th September at 7.30pm in the Club.

Contacts for anyone interested in playing next season or helping the Club are: Dai Davies (890706) or Brian James (891251).

# The Really Wild Page!

## SPRING and SUMMER WILDLIFE

by Graham Brace

Birdwise, it was quite an eventful Spring. One male and four female **redpolls** were feeding on Niger seeds in the garden of Woodcote at The Gail on 16 March.

There seemed to be more than the usual sightings of **siskins** in gardens around the village throughout March and April and Jan Billen caught a pair on camera feeding on nuts in her garden on 29 April.

The first **swallows** arrived on 28 March and Val John spotted a **swift** on 4 April.

It was also quite a Spring for raptor sightings. On 18 March I saw a **red kite** flying leisurely over Ferry Hill in a northerly direction and it was also seen shortly afterwards by Mervyn and Sue Hopkins being mobbed by rooks over Knapp. At midday on 9 April Graham Stephens saw two **red kites** passing northwards over Llangwm Ferry whilst much higher up was a very large bird of prey that Graham is convinced (having seen them frequently in Europe) was an **eagle**. He was unable to identify the species. This individual was undoubtedly passing through.

Also on 9 April Mervyn Jones was lucky enough to see an **osprey** take a fish off Black Tar. He saw (almost certainly) the same bird at Sprinkle Pill the following day.

The Pill as usual was virtually devoid of shore and waterbirds through much of April, May and June apart from half a dozen non-breeding mallards. Our **spotted redshank** was last seen on 4 April and in the same week the overwintering **teal** departed, followed by the **common redshank** and **little egrets**.

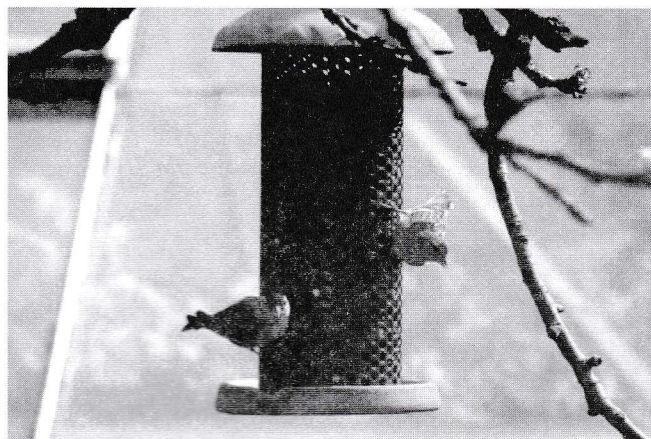
Along with the **black-headed gulls**, the **redshanks** and an **egret** re-appeared in the first week of July and their numbers have steadily increased since. There were 13 **dunlin** in summer plumage (black bellies) feeding on the waterline on the Cunnigar on 19 July accompanied by one **whimbrel**. The first **teal** (a female) was seen on 5 August.

On 7 August there were 7 **little egrets** in the Pill. Two were feeding in the channel beneath Ferry Hill and 5 were wading in a 30-yard stretch of the stream just below the ford in Guildford. There is no doubt that these stunning birds are increasing in numbers on the waterway but I still have no knowledge of them breeding locally.

At the time of writing (late August) the **spotted redshank** has still failed to return. Perhaps it has gone to other shores or met with its demise on its travels to the far north to breed.

Finally, the insect world. Carol Lovey reported seeing a **hummingbird hawk moth** in her garden on 15 August. These rare visitors to Pembrokeshire fly by day and are easy to identify because of the hummingbird-like way they hover around blossom in the garden whilst extracting nectar with a long proboscis.

*For anyone interested in learning to identify shore birds (and others) from a real expert, join John Wyatt on a walk around Fowborough Point and Sprinkle Pill on Sunday 5 November. Meet at Underwood at 11.00am, with wellies and binoculars. John gave a most interesting talk and slide show back in July. (See also the report on John's talk and slide show in the History (and Natural History) Society report on page 13.)*



Thanks to Jan Billen for the photographs (stunning in colour!) of the siskins and a great spotted woodpecker feeding in her garden.



Rod Billen has devised a **Bird Quiz** for all those with a quirky train of thought. See if you can identify the birds from the clues provided. The correct answers will be available in the Village Shop in a fortnight or so.

1. Regal angler.
2. 22 carat singer.
3. Definitely not a bluebird.
4. Very dark hat.
5. Bird of tall trees and chessboards.
6. This bird joined the navy.
7. Small bird looking for cows.
8. David Cassidy and Shirley Jones sang in this TV family.
9. Very fast bird.
10. Big bird with nothing to say.
11. Kay is a singer.
12. Not as big as the one at Blackpool.
13. Good place to hang a Russian flag.
14. Teenage mutant pigeon.
15. Worries your chickens.
16. Waste measurement.
17. Common over Communist China.
18. Sharp right at the North Pole.
19. Huge Lancastrian aqua-lung expert.
20. Why did she go to the hairdresser?

## LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Making history...

First, a very big 'thank you' to the Gardening Club who made a very generous donation of £300 to the History Society this year, following their highly successful Open Gardens Day in the Festival. This will enable the Society to buy their own display boards (much needed, as we have begged and borrowed them each year up to now) and to copy and produce reference material in a presentable fashion. This is a great boon, and we hope it will benefit all who come to our exhibitions in the future. Many thanks, gardeners!

We are frequently asked for archive material – e.g. for **Jamie Owen's** travel programmes and recently for **Trevor Fishlock**, who spent an enjoyable day in Llangwm, interviewing Jeff James and filming in his museum.



It seems researchers contact us first and foremost via the **Llangwm website**, and we are also grateful to John Ewart for the website's fine picture gallery of photographs old and new, in a stunning new presentation.

We hope you saw and enjoyed our **Festival Exhibition** which dealt mainly with 'The River', but also included a cleverly programmed 'Then and Now' DVD. Also on display was the touching autobiography of Raymond Palmer, handwritten for his grandson Jonathon, and loaned by his widow Dorothy, of Ashdale Lane, Llangwm. Richard Palmer of Deerland was kind enough to lend the Society a much-prized print of Kirkland, the Llangwm racehorse which won the Grand National in 1905. Many thanks to the **Methodist Chapel** for allowing us to hold the exhibition there.

In **May** we visited **Great Nash Farm**, with its medieval and modern buildings, and took a look at environmental farming and the meadowland that had been re-created. Thanks to **Will Scale** who researched and presented the farm's history so well, and gave us an unforgettable tour of the listed Dovecote, inside and out.

In **June** our planned evening at Castle Pill fell through so we went instead to **Templeton**, to marvel at the huge fascinating collection of domestic, industrial and mechanical items belonging to **Peter Thomas** (of **Kilgetty Christmas Lights** fame). Another unforgettable outing.

On 29 **July** some members visited the newly restored dovecote and garden at Rosemarket, comparing and contrasting it with the one at Nash Farm (see above).

On 18 **August** some members joined **Dyfed Family History Society** for their annual Aberystwyth trip, some visiting the town, others the **National Library of Wales** (see also page 9)

### ...and the 'natural' history spin-off

The History Society is also committed to holding events to further members' knowledge of Natural History...

On 10 **July** we were fortunate to have a slide show "**Birds of the British Uplands**" presented by professional ornithologist and bird photographer John Wyatt, who was staying in the village. Wonderful slides and amazing expertise! And John very kindly donated the proceeds of the evening to the History Society.

Our 12 **July** meeting took the form of a **Wild Flower Walk** with Haydn Garlick of the **National Park**. He led us through different habitats and environments, from cultivated meadow with only rye grass, to marsh meadow with lots of different rushes (some 'jointed') and meadow flowers. Then on the shore we found saltmarsh plants, such as sea lavender, sea aster, sea beet, sea plantain, sea purslane and samphire.

### Coming shortly...

Watch posters for details of forthcoming meetings.

**13th September**, visit to Carew Airfield Tower. Meet on Llangwm green at 6.30.

**5 November** (morning). Bird/Wader Walk on the shore with John Wyatt. To suit the bird season and the tide.

**December** will be our Christmas Meal (venue to be announced).

### Llangwm in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

In the Pembrokeshire Record Office at Haverfordwest Castle, there is a lease dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1704 that granted a right of way from Great Nash farm to Black Tar "for all carts, wagons and other carriages with cattle to drive, lead and carry all and all manner of coal, culm, lime and other goods" belonging to Charles and Dorothy Owen.

Basically, the route is described as follows: -  
"From Pitt Park eastward across several fields belonging to Sir Richard Walter of Shenfield, Essex, to Moorhead and from there to a place called David Gwynn's Short Leys by Long Row Hedge. Then straight as near as possible eastward leaving the two old sheep cotes (one on each side of the way leading north and south called the Churchway from Hook to Llangwm) on the south side to the open and large field called South Knap and continuing eastward through South Knap field to a place called Black Tar Rock."

The right of way was described as being 18 feet wide. The document also states that the lime kiln was at the east end of South Knap field.

Can you work out the route? [No prizes for the best effort!]

Nikki Bosworth

# Rugby



## Junior

Presentation nights were held at the end of the season for all the Junior teams with the team coaches awarding certificates and awards to all those who participated over the season.

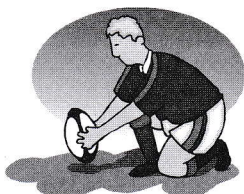
Training will resume at the start of September at Pill Parks and all players, old or new are welcome. This coming season it is intended to run teams at U16, U14, U11, U10 & U8.

Please contact your team coach for details or ring the club if you wish to take up rugby with Llangwm and need any information.

All present coaches have the necessary W.R.U. Coaching qualifications but if anybody is interested in becoming a coach or referee please contact the club for details.

As always any help with the Juniors is appreciated from cooking food to putting out flags as it is always busy on match days with plenty to be done.

If you wish to become a member, or can help in any way please contact the club for details....01437 890462.



## Senior

After the disappointing start to last season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV managed to put together some good performances over the season and finished in a very respectable mid table position, a sign of the efforts of the players and coaching from Phil Sutton who is going to continue with Llangwm for the coming season. He will be assisted by new captain Hamish Nichols, who will take over the reins from Johnny James, and Simon Brick who is continuing as team manager. Training has been well attended so far and all looks well for a good season to come.

Last season finished with a well attended dinner and presentation night at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel with guest speaker Bill Carne keeping all entertained.



*back row: Bill Carne (guest), J. James (2005/06 captain), A. Slark (most committed player), M. John (chairman). front row: I. Griffiths (player's player of year), G Badham (top try scorer). Not pictured was W Cridland (clubman of year)*

## **Hanging Baskets and Hellebores** Llangwm Gardening Club

If this is global warming, let's have some more please—as long as we don't get a hosepipe ban! The gardens have been growing this summer like a tropical paradise, and it's been a pleasure—nay, necessity, to sit in the shade. After such a cold, late Spring, things have caught up with themselves—as usual, Nature has a way of righting herself in the end.

Club members have had a lively programme of meetings this year: talks on delightful dahlias, rambling roses, heavenly hellebores and canny containers. Trips included a lively Christmas Dinner at the Wolfe Inn, Wolfscastle, and a lovely May evening at Farmyard Nurseries, Llandysul, delving into the secrets of impressive hanging baskets and patio tubs—the bus did a good impression of a Victorian plant house on the return journey with all the purchases we made!

July, as ever, saw a very successful Village Summer Festival, and members (the brave amongst us) opened their gardens to public view for hard cash. Pat and Jeff James, together with club helpers, did their delicious Museum Teas. The resulting funds raised, to the tune of £300, have been donated to the Llangwm History Society, to help further their activities. The Club year ended with a brief (but necessary!) AGM—with unanimous thanks to all who help to make club events go smoothly through the programme, members as well as committee, followed by a brilliant barbeque—many thanks to the Cottage catering team!

Now we are looking forward to the start of the new Autumn programme—the first meeting back is on:

**Sept 4th 7.30pm** in the restaurant at The Cottage Inn, and the topic is 'Water Gardens' by Richard Bramley of Farmyard Nurseries, a medal winner at Chelsea this year. Hope the topic is not literally prophetic!

**October 2nd** sees a view of the Spanish Pyrenees Flora and Fauna **November 3rd**—meeting to be confirmed, possibly a trip to St Fagan's Christmas Fayre. There we are at Christmas again and our **December**—Christmas Dinner trip. We are always pleased to see new faces, so if you don't know about the Garden Club, pop in on a meeting night—first Monday in the month, 7.30pm, The Cottage, and see what goes on (gardening is an optional extra)!

Maureen John

## Dogged Determination!

How well do you know Helen Carrington? Read on to find out more!

*(Hopefully this will be the first in a series of profiles of people in Llangwm—see message from the editors on page 16).*

Helen Carrington's first day as a dog warden was certainly one to remember. Her colleague got attacked by a vicious stray, and they ended up spending all day in casualty. But the experience certainly hasn't given her paws...for thought! (don't worry, that's the only pun).

"It's brilliant – no two days are the same," said Helen. "Yesterday we were out patrolling the Blue Flag beaches – that was great." It's a hard life!

Helen, from Gail Rise, started working as a dog warden for Pembrokeshire County Council in early July. But her experience with dogs goes back a long way. For the last five years, she has instructed in dog training at Barn Lake kennels, established Llangwm's annual Dog Show at Picnic in the Park – and set up her own one-to-one business, K9 Capers.

Not only that – she's mother to Emily, 9, and Thomas, 6, who go to Llangwm School and wife to John, a haulage contractor for A.J. Carrington and Sons (who Thomas describes as working 'more than full-time!').

She's got two dogs (Dudley and Poppy), four cats and she's worked on the festival committee for several years. Not much to pack in then!

She has had a lifelong love of dogs, being given her first one at the age of 10, a collie cross called Basil. At the age of 17, she started working at Barn Lake kennels, and stayed there for two years before moving to Haverfordwest Pet Centre. She believes this background has really helped her with dog training. "We always had dogs around when we were growing up, so I'm very used to them," she said. "You can tell what a dog is feeling by watching its body language, and you can only learn that over time." "But I think to really understand them, you need intuition, and that's just something that you're born with."

After her daughter was born, Helen worked on a regular basis at Barn Lake and got into instructing some five years ago. "It's basically instructing people how to teach their own dog, from the basic sit to more complex things like directional instructions," she said. "The most common things owners want is for their dog to stop pulling on the lead, recall, and stop them jumping up. They're very easy things to sort out."

Helen has seen all sorts of dogs in the **Llangwm Dog Show** – now a popular annual event at **Picnic in the Park**. She set up the show after she joined the Festival Committee. "I thought it would be a nice idea to get everyone together, as a lot of people have got dogs in the village; and it was also a way to raise funds. It's grown from there really." The first year, there were 40 dogs and this year, there were nearly 100 from all over Pembrokeshire.

Helen said one of the most enjoyable aspects are the child handling classes. "The children make so much effort and they're very good, and that's really encouraging as they are the dog owners of the future," she said.

She has also advised on dog instruction on the James Wellbeloved stand at **Crufts**, and given 'clicker' demonstrations with Poppy. She has shown both Poppy and Dudley at Crufts, and Poppy was recently awarded Best Puppy in the Parson Russell Terrier Championship in Worcester.

But if Helen has one pet hate, it's – perhaps unsurprisingly – dog fouling. "There's a certain few who don't pick up after the dogs, and it reflects badly on everyone else," she said.

It's just so unnecessary." So - if you don't already – take a poop bag out with your pooch or Helen will not be impressed. Don't forget she's a dog warden with powers to impose a **£75 on-the-spot** fine. Ouch!



*Helen, with husband John and children Emily and Thomas*

## ALL ACTION AT THE AUCTION

Llangwm's annual **Auction Night** (held on 7 April) was in full swing when Auctioneer's Assistant Jeff "Norman Wisdom" James was surprised to see the sudden arrival in the Community Centre of Flying Officer Graham "Biggles" Stephens.

Keeping his Spitfire engine running in the field (!) Flying Officer Stephens delivered a special 'Air Mail' package, to the amusement of the audience, presenting Jeff with a framed poster for his museum to commemorate last summer Festival's special event, the 'Flying Visit to Llangwm of the Red Arrows 2005'.

The whole evening proved full of surprises, including a vase of flowers which revolved at the touch of a magic wand, an electrical 'explosion' followed by clouds of smoke, an unwieldy deckchair, a spinning lectern - as well as the usual rattling teapots, glaring mirrors - not to mention an upright freezer and a ski machine (no link intended).



Whatever will they get up to next year?

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Thanks to all those people who have played a part in this issue of Llangwm News. As well as the 'old faithful' contributors on whom we've come to depend, we're especially pleased this time to have received news items and articles from many new faces, and would love to see even more of you taking part.

So, thanks to Pam Asson who has sent in a report on Ladies Cricket, to Tasmin and Richard for their update on the New York Marathon, to Elizabeth Davies for the 'Saints and Stones' church report, to Jan Billen for her amazing bird photographs, to Rod Billen for his Bird Quiz, to Janet Childs for the write-up on Mothers' Union, an organisation which has long existed in the village but has not featured until now in our pages, and to John Ewart for news of the Llangwm website. Thanks too to Val John for the Open Gardens Day report, and to Liz Jones for her neat piece of research on old Llangwm court cases, from the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth. Anna Wilson has been a reporter on the Western Telegraph and a presenter on Radio Pembrokeshire - we are grateful to her for the interesting profile of the popular and hardworking Helen Carrington. Hopefully this will be the first of many 'Focus' features, so if you have an interesting story or know a personality you would like to see featured in Llangwm News in the future, please get in touch.

Believe it or not, copies of the Llangwm newsletter are even sent abroad to family members who like to keep in touch with all that is happening in the village.

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If your favourite Club or your favourite piece isn't in this edition of Llangwm News, never fear! There's another edition of the newsletter due out at the end of November - watch out for your Club's news then. The last date for ALL pieces for the Christmas edition of Llangwm News is Friday 20 October. If all contributors will make a huge effort to meet this deadline, it will help us enormously. We have to allow time for making up the newsletter, getting it to the printer, and distributing it, all in time for the late November Fayres to be publicised, with any luck. So this time 'deadline' means just that!

If you're a contributor, and have an email address we don't know about, please send it to us with your next piece; we're always looking to make communication more smooth and efficient.

