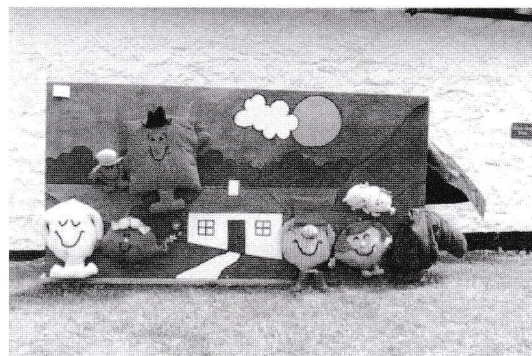


# LLANGWM NEWS

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“It’s been a funny summer...”



**See inside for:  
Festival Fun, Super Scarecrows, Marvellous Marquee, Choral Concert, African  
Adventure, Nature Notes and more...**

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## Rain fails to dampen Llangwm's 2007 Festival

This summer may prove to be one of the wettest on record, but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of Llangwm's villagers to enjoy their festival.

Earlier this year both the **Festival Committee** and the **Pill Parks Grandstand Redevelopment Group** came up with an ambitious plan to work together and raise funds to refurbish the 40 year old rugby and cricket club stand. Both groups were planning to step into the unknown and unfamiliar.

We planned to erect a marquee on the rugby field during the festival and to lay on a series of events that would draw a significant number of people in, not just to see a good show, but also to spend money while there. Big questions arose... What sort of show would draw people in? Would the tickets sell? Could the marquee be filled every single night? As it happened all the shows sold out.

The opening evening was a stand up comedy show, supported by the **Welsh Arts Council**. The following night offered a free **Ceilidh**, then a brilliantly funny **Poems and Pints** night, and on the Sunday everyone could enjoy a roast beef salad to the sounds of 'Jazzin Around'. The marquee events finished off with Llangwm's three churches joined together for a **Songs of Praise** accompanied by the **Pembroke Town Band**.



Other events were taking place all over the village. The Methodist Chapel opened every day offering their special teas; the village hall hosted an Arts & Crafts exhibition and a series of craft workshops by staff from **Pembrokeshire College**. St. Jerome's Church made its contribution by providing a patchwork exhibition and on two evenings presented sell out concerts. The first featured songs and sonnets from Tudor times and on July 4<sup>th</sup> the **Landsker Singers** performed a concert of songs by American composers.

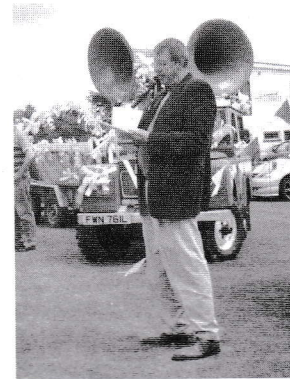


Surprisingly, the sun came out for the carnival and fete. **Stephen Crabb MP** crowned the Carnival King, **Toby Asson** and Queen **Sian Roach**. The Fairy King was **George James** and Fairy Queen **Tamsin Davies**, attendants were **Rose Sinclair James** and **Lily Thomas**.



The 2007 festival turned out to be a great success and it proved that when a community comes together with a determination to succeed, even a seemingly impossible goal can be achieved.

Radio & TV Presenter **Chris Serle** took on the task of judging the festival scarecrow entries.



"They were extremely difficult to judge," he said before presenting the awards. "The standard is high and I am impressed at the originality of some of the ideas. It's obvious that a lot of effort was put in by everyone." This year's main theme was **Cartoon Characters** and the class attracted a lot of entries. The overall winner was **Marilyn Owen** of Gail Rise with **Fred and Wilma Flintstone** out in their car. The class winners were:

### Cartoon Characters

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Wilcox with Desperate Dan and his cow pie.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Louise Blackmore with Pinnochio and his growing nose.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Jones family with Spiderman.

### Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phillip Llewellyn & Faith Mackeen with Miss Scarecrow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham & Joan Stephens with their gardening lady
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart & Liz Beresford with their witch and cauldron

### Schools

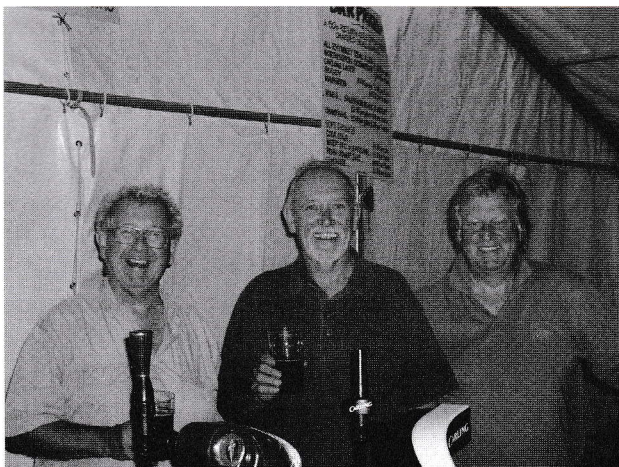
- 1<sup>st</sup> Llangwm VC School and Noddy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes 2 and 3 of Portfield School with Mr Tickle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnny Wood with Darth Vader

### Humorous

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Meophams with Guy Forks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy John with George and the Dragon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Reverend Jane and the Vicar of Dibley – who else?

The festival drew to its close, as it had opened, with a party at the Cottage Inn, with music provided by Riptide.

*Here are some of the helpers who worked tirelessly to provide refreshments for the various events.*



*Here are some grateful recipients of those refreshments (Every workman deserves a break!!)*



**THANK YOU** to all those individuals and groups who contributed in different ways, helped and took part in the activities of the Festival and made it such a great success. We would also like to say a special thank you to **Pat** in the shop for all her help, **Chevron** who sponsored the ceilidh with a cheque for **£250**, and **Pembrokeshire College** who provided a series of **free** craft workshops in the village hall and St Jerome's church.

We are very sad to report that **Claire Phillips** will no longer be carrying on as chairman. With all the work to be done on Ashdale Farm, a young family and her job, Claire will no longer be taking a major role in the committee, but will help out in some future events. A huge **THANK YOU** to Claire for the large amount of work she has undertaken in the past and good luck for the future. Two other members of the committee, **Pat and Jeff James**, are taking time out and again, like Claire, they have been such a large part of the commitment and drive behind the committee, they will be sorely missed. We hope that after a period of time, they will be back on with us.

Anyone interested in joining the committee, please contact us for a chat, or to find out what is involved. If you have enjoyed some or all of the events during the festival fortnight, and feel that you could bring some fresh ideas for the future, ring: **Lorraine Grange** (890180), **Pam Hunt** (899966), **Kim and Neil Sandford** (891127), **Patrick Wordsworth** (891159).

We have some interesting, lively meetings!!

*Festival Committee*

#### PLANNING IN ADVANCE?

Please note that the dates for **SeaFair Haven 2008** have been announced as

**Wed 18 June - Wed 25 June 2008**

That's **NEXT** year, not this - but ones to avoid in 2008 if you're booking holidays in advance. (Unless they're holidays in Llangwm, of course...)

A great website to look up - and the one where we found this information - is

[www.celticmaritimeconnections.org](http://www.celticmaritimeconnections.org)

## Growing numbers Llangwm Gardening Club

First and foremost, **many thanks** to all the club members (and long suffering families!) who put so much time and effort into the village festival activities – Pat and Jeff James who opened their museum and did teas, all the cake makers, and all those who battled the atrocious weather to prepare and opened their gardens to the public. Well done, and much appreciated by everyone.

**The Gardening Club** has had a busy year of meetings, and our membership is growing – new members are always welcome. Since Easter we have had a practical evening on Soil Testing, organised by Maureen John the Club Secretary; an illustrated talk given by David Moore, Horticulture lecturer at Pembrokeshire College on how he developed his one acre garden from a field; Gerald White entertained us with “An Evening with Gerald”; the Plant Sale followed in June and then finally the AGM and Barbecue – when it actually stayed dry!

Our first meeting back, on **3<sup>rd</sup> September**, will be a **Photo Competition Night** – get your cameras clicking and enter our competition for the best image of a Garden/Nature related subject. Prints up to A4 size, and **prizes** for the best prints! Just bring them along on the night. The programme for the rest of the year is being finalised and will be available in the meeting, and will be published in the next Newsletter.

We have a **vacancy on the committee**, if anyone would like to help out – the jobs are shared out between committee members so no one member has too much to do. Meetings as always are at **The Cottage Pub**, first Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. All are welcome, gardening knowledge optional, gardening interest desirable!

*Maureen John*

## It could have been a washout! Llangwm Festival – Open Gardens Day



Last year 'Open Gardens Day' weather was blooming marvellous – this year we had non- stop torrential rain!! Many many thanks to all those who after weeks of hard work, opened their gardens (list below) and kept them open, despite the *worst* possible weather. The 'Gardens' loss seemed to be the 'Teas' gain and Pat & Jeff as always did a terrific job providing shelter and teas, plus museum tours, thus ensuring that we were still able to raise £250, which this year has been donated to the **Pill Parks Redevelopment Fund** with the aim of **improving sporting facilities for everyone** in the village. Thanks also to those who donated homemade cakes and helped with the teas, Graham Brace and Stuart Beresford for their work on the leaflet for '07, and Pat in the shop for help in advertising the event.



Deerland Cottage  
Storybook Corner  
The Fairytale Garden  
Garden with a View  
A Riverside Garden.  
Down the Garden Path  
The Woodland Garden  
Manorowen  
A Country Garden  
The Rambling Garden

Dick & Hazel Knight  
Llangwm VC School  
Bryn & Dee Matthews  
Sue & Ed Tanguay  
Vonnice Brock  
Margaret Llewellyn  
Faye Keppel-Compton  
Dilys & David Ash  
Jane & David Mills  
Eileen & David Parfitt

*Val John*

## Crews on the Cleddau LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING CLUB

So far there has been a distinct lack of clarity weather-wise around the 'summer' season. However, this has not deterred the hardy Llangwm Longboat Rowing club members, who have done themselves proud in their turnout and performances in both league and non-league events.

Competition has been hotting up within the club this season and raising the game of the club overall in races from estuary to open sea.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June saw Llangwm host their annual regatta at Black Tar. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good turn out with boats attending representing clubs across the county. The results were as follows.

### Ladies:

- 1 Aberystwyth a
- 2 Llangwm b
- 3 Llangwm c

### Mens:

- 1 Aberystwyth a
- 2 Aberystwyth vets
- 3 Llangwm a

### Juniors:

Newport under 18 girls  
Aberaeron under 18 boys  
Llangwm under 16 girls  
Aberystwyth under 16 boys

### Mixed:

- 1 Aberystwyth a
- 2 Dale
- 3 Aberystwyth b



*Pictured: Ladies race, left to right, first place Aberystwyth a, Llangwm b, Llangwm c*



*Pictured: Crews prepare for Llangwm Regatta at Black Tar*



*Pictured: Juniors*

In between training for their own races, key members of the committee have put their all into developing the strengthening junior aspect of the club, all of which are keen and promise to keep the good name of Llangwm going for years to come.

In addition to this, committee members have been pivotal in providing rowing opportunities for hearing impaired and partially sighted sports men and women in the area. Members of the club attended a training event related to this in County Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and hope to maintain this provision.

Regardless of the disappointing weather, there are still several big events left of the summer season. Club members are planning to surpass themselves on their fancy dress hitchhike to the **Great River Race** in London in September. This year's theme is Moulin Rouge and promises to raise even more money for charity.



## Reeling from their success SCOTTISH DANCING

We have had a really good year. The group has grown and at the moment we have 12 regular dancers. The group continues to meet in the Community Hall on **Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m.**

The children were really excited to be invited to dance at a Festival organised through the **Welsh Folk Dance Society** and held in the National Botanical Gardens on 16th June this year. Once again, they dressed in their Welsh costumes and joined with over 100 other children from south and mid Wales to dance some of the traditional dances of Wales.



Members of the **Llangwm Scottish Dancers** also danced at the Llangwm carnival on 7th July. It was a lovely day with great weather and the children performed several of the dances in their regular repertoire. The children looked great in their white dresses and tartan sashes.

Classes will start again **12th September**. Tel: Pat Rye on 01646 698463.

## Local couple launch seaside shop

**Eve and Peter Davies** of Orchard Row, Llangwm are an enterprising pair.

Earlier this year they took over the running of the shop at West Wales Windsurfing & Sailing in Dale, and renamed it "**Gulls and Buoy**s" - many of you will have visited them there already. They sell wetsuits, buoyancy aids, Reefers sandals, shorts and T-shirts - all you could want for the beach in fact.

Now they have sit-on kayaks, one-man and two-man, in stock and to order, and with Llangwm's river attractions in mind they are always prepared to give a good discount to anyone from the village who is interested in buying one for a spot of healthy exercise in the great outdoors.

You can contact Peter or Eve at the shop on **01646 636903** or at home on **01437 891876**

We wish them continued success in their venture - we're assured there's always a warm welcome at the shop for any "gulls and buoys" from Llangwm!

## Have You Read?

'**The Ladies No 1 Detective Agency**' by Alexander McCall Smith.

Set in Botswana it tells of Mma Ramotswe a 'traditionally built' African lady who sets up her own detective agency. It's a book that is an enjoyable and easy read but one that is well written and will keep your attention from beginning to end. It has a light touch and a delightful humour. The characters are engaging and the settings very well described; Africa comes alive.

Once you read this one there are six others to look forward to. You do not have to read them in the order written but it is advisable to do so because you see the characters' lives develop in a fascinating way.

It is worth mentioning that passages from the book were used in this year's G.C.S.E. papers so all 16 year olds in Wales will, by now, have read at least a part of this book.

If you decide to read it I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

*Barry Childs*

## VILLAGE NEWS

### Best Wishes

We were all sorry to hear recently that Tim Cripps of Black Tar had been badly injured in a horrific crash while test-piloting a microlight aircraft in the Isle of Man - but grateful to know that he had survived. Tim's own account of his subsequent rescue and recovery, which appeared in the Western Telegraph, was inspirational and uplifting.

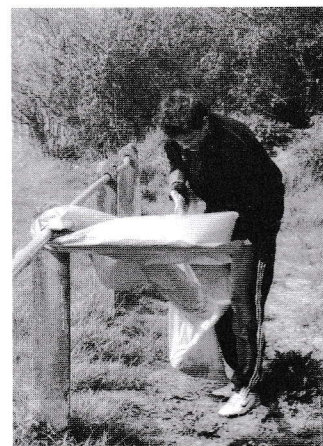
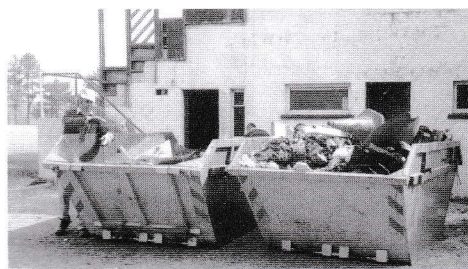
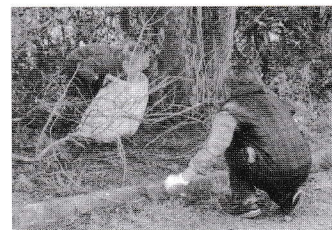
We wish Tim steady progress in his ongoing surgery and convalescence, and hope that he is soon restored to good mobility and full strength.

## Village shop/post office/ newsagency/pharmacy

**Don't forget**—you can now buy euros over the counter from the post office—there is no need to order them in advance. Also, if you cannot make the chemists' opening hours of 10.30-12.30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9.00-10.00am Tuesday and Thursday, you can leave or collect prescriptions from the shop.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April saw a hive of activity at the Pill Parks as volunteers turned out in numbers to help out with the "Spring Clean" organised by the **Pill Parks Grandstand Redevelopment Group**.

Sponsored by "Keep Wales Tidy", 3 skips in total were filled and removed from the grounds as members of both Rugby and Cricket Clubs along with other volunteers from the village gave up their time to help out in what was a community venture. Young and old, male and female, could be seen striving to improve the appearance of the field and the results were well worth the effort as there was not a bit of litter left to be seen.



Thanks must go to all those who turned up to help and also those who gave up their time in the week leading up to the event, and could not make it on the day. Thank you also to "**Keep Wales Tidy**" for their support.

### Adventure bound

As reported in our last issue, Kevin Brock of Rectory Road is busy preparing for his great African adventure, due to begin in a few weeks' time.

Kevin has been busy fund-raising for the trip and for **EnduroAfrica** with two successful gigs at Hook Sports Club (31 March) and Withybush Showground, and has surpassed his minimum target figure. Anyone wishing to donate to the African charity **Riders for Health** (motorbikes for doctors) should contact Kevin on 01437 890156 or 07817 521287.

At 8pm on 26<sup>th</sup> October he takes a flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg, and another from there at 8am on 27<sup>th</sup> to Durban, where he will pick up the bike and start the long cross-country drive to Port Elizabeth.

**We wish Kevin all the very best.**

### Did you see...

the piece in the Western Telegraph on 1st August, Family Page? It was an emotional 'Thanks' to all their friends in Llangwm and Hook, from Janet and Michael Hazard (from the Cottage Inn), who moved to stay with their daughter in Scotland as a result of Michael's illness.

### Picture this

Mike Evans from Port Lion would be interested to hear from anyone who is keen to start up a Camera Club in the village. Please contact one of the editors, who will forward details to Mike.

## Watch out for Sugarcraft, Harvest Supper and the Christmas Fayre!

### Llangwm Community Centre News

As summer visitors depart and Llangwm settles into a time of 'mellow fruitfulness' (i.e. Autumn!) the Village Hall begins its yearly cycle again.

The Hall has been well used in 2006-2007, with the regular activities taking place, plus this year providing the venue for the Cricket teas all summer. All events in the Village Hall contribute by helping to raise the £1000 needed just to keep it going (insurance, fire checks, maintenance etc.) so we need everyone in the Village to use it (use it or lose it could be the motto!!).

The *Harvest Supper* is planned for *12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> October* with a *new menu* this year, and the usual mix of music, entertainment and excellent company! Watch out for the posters advertising the event shortly, with tickets available from Pat in the Shop.

With perfect timing for you to buy your '**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WITH A DIFFERENCE**' (Diana will have scoured the area for local craftsmen/artists etc. who will present their wares) the *Christmas Market* will be on *Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November*. Please note that this year there will be **no entry charge**, but teas and mince pies will be on sale to keep you buoyant during the event!

At the time of going to press (August) the following classes are already planned:

**Scottish Dancing** starts early in September and **Pembrokeshire College** are running a free **Christmas Sugarcraft** course that is starting on **25<sup>th</sup> September** for 8 weeks, following the success of the Sugarcraft class during the **Festival Fortnight**.

The **Village Hall Committee** meets at the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, so anyone interested in joining the committee or being a '**Friend of the Village Hall**', which means you are able to spare a little time to help out with particular events from time to time, please come along or phone **Val John** on **01437 890370**—a warm welcome is extended to all and new ideas are always welcome!!

#### Any volunteers?

Does anyone fancy working on **Llangwm News** with us? We could always use **help** with the **writing** and **editing**, and we would really love to have a good (young?) **photographer** to call on when we need pictures taking. (Must be on-line and digital!)

## From the Archives...

### House for sale?

Advertisements of houses for sale are a relatively recent innovation in local newspapers and it was not until the early 1970s that newspaper adverts really started to feature photos and prices. During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many properties were sold to sitting tenants (as they were gradually sold off by the large estates such as those belonging to the **Scourfield** and **Lort-Phillips** families in Llangwm) or they were sold at auction.

In 1911, 'Millbrook House' (off Main Street) was sold for £46 but, by 1952, it was on the market for £1,000. In 1914, cottages on the Scourfield estate in the Guilford area were being sold to their sitting tenants for between £35 and £100 and 'Butterhill' was valued at £450.

The sale of 'Mill House' for £250 in 1928 was not completed – due to the death of the purchaser – and it was eventually sold in 1949 for £260. Further up Mill Street, 'Trindall House' (no. 6) was sold in 1962 for £1,600.

Great Nash farm was valued at £5,500 in 1933 whilst The Kilns farm was sold for £1,500 in 1923. In the 1960s, The Kilns (without the farmland, I believe) was on the market for £600.

In 1964, a plot of land adjacent to 'Black Tar Cottage' was bought for £320 and the purchaser of a property at Edward's Pill had to take out a mortgage for £600. In 1976, 'Black Tar Cottage' was up for sale at £13,500 while, in Port Lion, 'Apple Tree Cottage' was on the market for £13,750.

Number 30 Gail Rise was put up for sale at £32,500 in 1985 – and number 12 ('Ty Gwyn') had recently been advertised at £28,750 in the window of R K Lucas. In 1986, a modern detached architect-designed house in Port Lion would have set you back a massive £62,000.

'Wynbrae' (in Main Street) was purchased by its tenant in 1911 for £40. By 1954, it was changing hands for £600, in 1962 for £750 and then, in 1963, for £700. Since then, in common with other properties in the village and elsewhere, the market value has increased rapidly - £15,500 in 1983, £19,000 in 1986, £40,000 in 1993 and £90,000 in 2004.

Information on house prices can be found in the records of solicitors, estate agents, land agents and valuers as well as in the local newspapers.

Nikki Bosworth

## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday School Anniversary

Undoubtedly, all of those who participated in Sunday School Anniversaries of years gone by, would have nodded their heads in approval, and smiled benignly, had they been able to witness the performance of the fourteen children at the Anniversary Service on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The children responded magnificently to the encouragement of a large congregation comprising parents, grandparents, friends and visitors from other churches.

The standard of excellence was a testament to the hard work and training undertaken by their teachers Mrs Jane Brock, Mrs Mandy Blyth and Mrs Llinos Martin.

The Chairman, Mr Gareth John's interaction with the children greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr John's wife, Peggy, who herself had performed at Anniversaries as a child, trained the adult choir. Mr Bob Richards, a faithful member of the choir sang that well known hymn 'I Hear Thy Welcome Voice.'

During the announcements Mrs Betty Davies presented a bouquet to Mrs Brenda Vaughan celebrating her 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary attendance.

All in all an excellent evening's entertainment, credit to those taking part - but most of all the children. They fully deserved their McDonald's treat on the following evening.

Children taking part were: Ryan Gau, Louise Blackmore, Sian Roach, Daniel Meehan, Cora White, Beth Meopham, Lauren Gau, Alice Blackmore, Ben Meehan, Anna Roach, Katie Phillips, Meelie Gau, Lowri Roach and Hannah White.

*N Roach*

MINISTER: Reverend William Robertson  
TREASURER: Mrs Hilary Hitchings  
SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock

Sunday Services:- Morning 11.00 am  
Sunday School 11.00 am  
Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly on Wednesdays - 2.00 pm

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival Services -  
Morning Service at 11am and Evening Service at 6pm

Sunday 16<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

## GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Galilee Baptist Chapel celebrated its Sunday School Anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The service was organized by Mrs. Margaret Watkins who also trained and accompanied the children in their solos, choruses and recitations, assisted by Mrs. Cherril Phillips and Mrs. Gaynor John Davies.

Mrs. Melanie Ablitt presided and the organist was Mrs. Margaret Davies who also accompanied the soloists.

Guest soloists were Mr. Derek John, Mr. Bob Richards and Mr. Dennis Rees.

Children taking part were Toby and Ben Asson, Zoe Clout and James and Sara John Davies. Grateful thanks to all who supported us.

### Fellowship at Galilee

Harvest time beckons, and **Galilee Baptist Chapel** looks forward to the annual **Harvest Festival** services to be held on **Sunday 23 September** at 10.30am and 5pm.

**Weekly worship** and **Sunday School** are at 10.30am on Sundays, as well as valued times of friendship and fellowship during the week with **Mums and Tots** meeting in the vestry each Thursday morning at 10.00, and **Women's League** held fortnightly on Thursday afternoons at 2.00, recommencing at the October 4<sup>th</sup>.

This summer there have been some very **interesting talks** at Women's League, notably by Mr Ian Jacob who spoke about his career in marketing and art, Mr Richard Palmer who spoke of the group plans and objectives in renovating the Pill Parks Grandstand, and sisters Jacqui and Jo (of Chapel Row) on the subject of healing by faith.

The group spent a most enjoyable day on their **summer outing** in June, calling at Pembroke Garden Village en route to lunch at Saundersfoot and an afternoon's shopping in Narberth. If you are interested in going along to meetings this autumn you are sure of a **warm welcome**. Ring Mrs Maureen Kiff on 01646 600432 for further details.

Mr Nigel Thomas who frequently leads the worship at Galilee was once again organist at the annual **Singing Festival** held during August at **Sardis Baptist Chapel** to celebrate their 185<sup>th</sup> year. Many Galilee members attended, when **rousing hymn-singing** from a large congregation almost lifted the rafters.

## ST JEROME'S CHURCH, LLANGWM

### Weekly Services

Sunday	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Said Eucharist	9:30 a.m.

Please refer to the new notice board inside the church wall for up-to-date information on services and events.

### Raising the roof at St Jeromes's

Festival '07 saw a new venture for our parish church with the staging of two very successful concerts. On 26th June we were treated to an Elizabethan delight when **John Shearshaft** introduced us to the world of the travelling player. In full costume, he entertained us with stories, songs and sonnets to the accompaniment of a variety of musical instruments of the time. His invitation at the end of the performance to look at the instruments and their workings was an added bonus.

On 4th July, Pembrokeshire's own **Landsker Singers** sang to a capacity audience, with an Independence Day theme, but including as well some of favourite English and Welsh pieces. The quality of their singing was outstanding and confirmed the well-held view that the acoustics at St Jerome's are exceptional. Towards the end of the concert, the call for audience participation was greatly appreciated and the roof was truly raised!

Church members were delighted to play an active part in this very special fortnight. Thanks to the hard work of **Pam Hunt**, plans are afoot to stage a series of similar concerts throughout the autumn. It is no coincidence that scaffolding has now appeared on the church building - all profits are being ploughed back into our planned maintenance and renovation programme.

*Joan Stephens*

October 19<sup>th</sup> sees the first of the new series with "**Music for an Autumn Evening**", with Pembrokeshire's choir **Cantabile**.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert by **The Pembroke Town Band**. The first half will be Llangwm's own **Festival of Remembrance** with music interspersed by diary extracts and letters home by Soldiers, sailors and airmen taking part in 20<sup>th</sup> century conflicts. The second half will be a more upbeat evening of fun.

A '**Victorian Christmas**' is planned for December.

*Pam Hunt*

## MEALS on WHEELS

### WRVS needs volunteers

Many people are unaware that the Pembrokeshire Meals on Wheels service is actually organised by the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service).

Meals are prepared at Pembrokeshire County Council kitchens - at Neyland Day Centre for example - but the service relies on volunteers to drive them to the people who need them.

If you are able to offer some time on any day of the week, from 11.30am-1pm generally, the county's co-ordinator **Beth Fletcher** would be pleased to hear from you at the WRVS office, tel. 01437 762911.

Travelling expenses are reimbursed at 40p per mile - and you can be sure that your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

## GRANT APPLICATION SUCCESS LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY ARCHIVE PROJECT

The **Llangwm Local History Society** has recently received a grant of **£974.79** from the **Sustainable Pembrokeshire Small Grants Scheme** run by PAVS (Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services). This grant has enabled us to purchase display boards, which were used in the recent exhibition held in the Methodist Chapel, a storage cupboard and other equipment, stationery etc. The boards and cupboard will be housed in the Village Hall and will enable the Society to consolidate and augment the local historical archive for the benefit of the whole community. The display boards will also be available for use by any other organisation in the village.

The aim of the Archive Project is to increase the amount and variety of documents and photographs relating to **Llangwm** and the Local History Society would be delighted to copy any items in order to augment its records. **We are constantly trying to enlarge the archive and would be grateful for any assistance in this area.** If you can help in this way, or wish to borrow the display boards, please do get in touch with one of the following: **Jane Mills 890147, Margaret Brace 891580 or Christine Jacob 899350.**

April saw a large group from the Society make a memorable visit to the **Pembroke Gun Tower**. This fascinating defensive tower was like the tardis - far larger on the inside than it looks from the outside. We were given a very instructive and entertaining talk by the volunteers who run the tower, about its construction, purposes and life inside! The Society was even able to add to their knowledge as one member could identify the guns on the 'top deck' as being made in the Crawshay Ironworks in Merthyr Tydfil. It is well worth a visit if you have never been.

Following on from her interesting talk on different types of **old handwriting**, Claire Orr, the Archivist from the Records Office, made a return visit to give the Society members a go at reading **old documents**. She brought along different documents relating to Llangwm which gave everyone a good deal of practice in deciphering types of handwriting. This should prove of great use for anyone who is researching their own family history and also as we start to research and augment our own local history archive.

Our final visit took place in June and carries on from our environmental remit. Ever willing to try something new, about 30 members climbed aboard Will Scale's trailer to be taken around Great Nash Farm and learn about his methods of farming. For those of us who drive past farms and are only slightly aware of what actually goes on, this proved fascinating - and we were even lucky with the weather. Will explained about his experiments with growing crops using a no ploughing system, the different environmental projects he is undertaking, set aside and his new pigs. We also explored the site of the old mill and saw a wonderful range of birds which can be seen on farmland and not usually in gardens. **We are very grateful to Will for welcoming us for a second time to Great Nash Farm.**

The Local History Society events will start again on **12<sup>th</sup> September.**

Everyone is welcome to come along - look for posters around the village or contact one of the members.



## LLANGWM VC SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn term will commence on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and we look forward to new starts joining us throughout the school. This term always proves to be very busy and Christmas productions are being thought of already.

### Dates for the diary

Harvest Festival - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Llangwm School, North Wales joining Llangwm School  
Pembrokeshire on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October inclusive

Half term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007  
inclusive

INSET Day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – School closed

Christmas holidays – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2007 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 2008 inclusive

Dates to look out for:-

Christmas Fayre, Christmas Concerts/Productions

### **SEE THE FOLLOWING TWO REPORTS OF A SCHOOL TEA PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE**

## **Llangwm's WWII Tea Party**

Class 5 in Llangwm School have been doing a project on World War II. The children have found out a number of things but wanted to find out more information.

Their teacher Mrs Jane Rees, helped the children organise a party. The children took invitations home and put posters up around the village. The tea party became quite an event and around 40 people came.

The visitors enjoyed their afternoon, and loved the children's work.

The oldest person in the village, Mrs Skyrme turned up and fascinated the children with her stories about WW II. Some of the guests told the children about the war rhymes they used in the war and the children loved it.

After a talk tea, coffee and cakes were served and everyone sang along to war time classics. The guests went home feeling happy and they all enjoyed the event.

*by Eleanor*

## **WWII TEA PARTY**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Llangwm V.C School had a tea party to invite people to share their memories from the war. At least 40 adults turned up and talked to Class 5. Some pupils baked cakes to share with everyone. The adults said that the children were eager to ask questions, and listened carefully to the answers.



Later, the children served tea, coffee and cakes, taking orders and taking them into the kitchen. When they had all eaten their food and drink, the children took their cups and plates and put them in the kitchen. Then the children were allowed to eat some of the cake left over.

Hilary Anderson has been teaching the children songs from the war, and they all performed them at the end of the tea party with Classes 4 and 3 joining them. The adults were singing along with the children, as they could remember the songs themselves! The children sang 'Run Rabbit Run', 'You are my Sunshine', 'Pack up your Troubles', 'White Cliffs of Dover', 'All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor' and 'Rule Britannia'. Teacher Jane Rees and Headmaster Nick Groves say that they will definitely do it again. Before they left, three of the children had a photo taken with Mrs Skyrme and Mrs Golding.

The children reported back the next day and Mrs Rees was so surprised with what they had found out.

*by Fen*

### **AN APPEAL FOR INFORMATION**

We have been approached by Mr Andy Ingham who is researching for a book on 127 Squadron RAF.

He is keen to find out about Sgt Pilot Ronald Palmer from Llangwm who was tragically killed when his aircraft crashed in Holland, several weeks before the end of World War II.

We have traced Ronald Palmer's first cousin, Mr. Viv Jones of Freystrop, who has kindly loaned photographs for us to copy for Andy Ingham and provided family information. This is also being used for our History archive, and for the Pembrokeshire Aviation Group research via John Evans of Pembroke Dock, who is likewise helping Andy Ingham.

*Does anyone else have family ties, memories of Ronald Palmer or any information they want to share?*

## Scouts celebrate Centenary

This year, Scouts all over the world are celebrating 100 years of Scouting! Pembrokeshire Area Scouts are taking part in this celebration by putting on various fun events. On March the 4<sup>th</sup> we took over Pembroke Castle for the day, where the very heavy rain did nothing to dampen our enthusiasm. The St George's Day Parade, (he's the patron saint of Scouting), was held in St David's Cathedral. A proud march down through the town, with smart uniforms and flags flying. The next big Area event was a three day camp at Scolton Manor at the end of May, over 500 Explorer Scouts, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers took part, the Army cooked for us and still the weather did not spoil our fun. On the 1<sup>st</sup> August we all took part in '**Scouting Sunrise**', this was held at Llys-y-Fran dam, where at 8am we all renewed our Scout Promise, along with Scouts around the world – a wonderful experience! Lots of other things planned throughout the year.

The **Scout World Jamboree** is held every four years; this time it's being held in Essex. Each Area is allocated so many places, so four Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Johnston have gone along to this once in a Scouting lifetime experience. Harry Dixon, Deputy Area Commissioner and Assistant Scout Leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Johnston, has been awarded the Medal of Merit for outstanding service to Scouting, he's been 22 years with Johnston. Simon Preddy, our Scout Leader, received the Chief Scouts Commendation for good service. Kevin Lewis our Cub Leader, also received the Medal of Merit for outstanding service to Scouting.

1<sup>st</sup> Neyland Cub Pack merged with us last September '06, the move has gone extremely smoothly. The Fundraisers have been working hard, organising several events such as bingos, bag packing at Morrison's, coffee mornings and a Garden Open day. We hope to hold a Christmas Fayre again this year in the Church Hall Johnston Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm. The Scouts did a sponsored all night hike supported by the Leaders and parents, while the Cubs did a sponsored 'tie 100 knots in 100 minutes'. **Well done all for making the effort!** Over the last month we have had donations from Johnston Community Council, the Port Authority and Neyland Town Council, and would like to thank them for their support.

Our Group did a litter pick in Johnston one Friday evening, supported by Keep Wales Tidy. Lots of bags of litter were collected!

Kevin was supported on Camp by our Group Quartermaster, Tony Leggett and some of the cub parents. There are now 35 Scouts in the Troop, and Simon is running a waiting list. They held their Summer Camp this year at Welsh Hook on a farm owned by Mr and Mrs James. A traditional Scout camp where the Scouts cooked on open fires, went on day hikes, and night hikes, played wide games, built aerial runways and had fun! Simon and Harry were supported by parents and adult helpers.

We have two new Assistant Scout Leaders joining us in September. Nigel Davies has been helping us as an adult assistant for some time, and now goes in to uniform. One of the parents, Ian Spice, has decided to join us too!

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September we are opening a new Beaver Colony. This will be run by Clare Nichols and Rachel Kersey. If you would like your son/daughter to become a Beaver, please contact Pat Dixon Group Scout Leader on 01437 890011.

All our Leaders work on a voluntary basis. Quite a number of parents have come forward to go on the weekly Adult Assistant's rota, which means helping at a Troop, Pack or Colony evening once a term, or at a fundraising event; we need more help so please contact Pat on 01437 890011 to put your name forward, now!

## A hole in one for Llangwm Cricket!

### NEWS FROM LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

There was great excitement among Llangwm cricketers and their guests at the recent fundraising Golf Day on 27 July when Mervyn Williams scored his first ever hole in one.

The tournament, now a regular annual event at Milford Haven Golf Course, is a popular day out and yields valuable funds for Llangwm Cricket Club. A warm welcome and ample hospitality characterise the occasion.

27 teams of four players (that's an expensive round, Mervyn!) teed off at intervals - winners were BDS of Milford Haven, Colin Phillips' team were runners-up, Alistair Platten and his team came third, and in fourth place was the Manderwood team.

Other successes:

Nearest the Pin (16<sup>th</sup> hole) - Alistair Platten

Nearest the Pin (6<sup>th</sup> hole) - David Lewis, Milford Haven

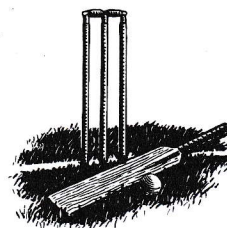
Putting - Mike Jones of Haverfordwest

### Back in the world of cricket...

At the time of going to press, Llangwm Seconds are in the final of the Colley Cup (2 September at Pembroke) and the Junior Team narrowly lost to Whitland in the final of the Ormond Youth Cup (26 August at Carew). The First XI have won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division championship whilst the Seconds are in a steady mid-league position. A good season overall.

### SUPPORTERS -

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S GOLF DAY  
FRIDAY 25 JULY 2008



## YOUNG PEOPLE DO LLANGWM PROUD

Llangwm has much to be proud of when it comes to its young people. There are many talented, hardworking, and able youngsters in the village doing lots of interesting and challenging things. Our profiles of Daniel, Zoe and Stephen, and news of Kate and Harriet, give just a flavour of the exciting stuff going on. If you're a young person, or a relative/friend, we'd love to hear more about what you're up to - please get in touch with the editors (see back page).

**DANIEL MORGAN**, of Llangwm Farm, has recently completed a day-release course in Agriculture at Pembrokeshire College.

Daniel works on the family farm, and is very much involved in everything from silage to dairy cattle - he does the milking each afternoon between 4.00 and 6.30pm.



Daniel, who is 21 years of age and an older brother to Carwyn and Aled, plays cricket for Llangwm in the Thirds, and is a talented rugby player, playing for the 'Wasps' First Team.

We've also heard he was a good singer in his younger days, and apparently is still a star at karaoke in town at weekends!!

**KATE McLOUGHLIN** who lives at Guildford Bridge, Llangwm is a member of Pembrokeshire Young Volunteers who this summer travelled to Baia Mare in North Romania to help build an infant school for local orphans.

Kate and the other volunteers worked on plumbing, electrics, plastering and landscaping, as well as taking the orphan children out for trips and taking turns to prepare meals and clean up.

The infant school project is funded by members of Broad Haven Baptist Church.

Kate's sister **HARRIET** attended the World Scouting Jamboree at Essex this summer, as one of four representatives from our local scout troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Johnston.

You will probably have seen reports of the occasion on the news and various TV programmes. It celebrated 100 years of Scouting and brought young people from all over the world together in one 'global village'. The giant camp had more than 40,000 day visitors, too.

*We hope we shall be able to bring you a fuller report on Harriet and Kate's experiences in the next edition of Llangwm News.*

Keen musician **ZOE LOCKE**, 17, has just gained a merit at Grade 8 in singing, and has applied to the National Choir.

Zoe, of River View in Llangwm, is already a member of the Three Counties Choir and the choir at Milford Haven School.



A pupil of local singing teacher Sue Howley, she is trained to sing all sorts of pieces, from classical to musicals, which are her particular favourite.

Zoe also plays the clarinet and is studying music at A-level, together with sociology and maths statistics.

She is hoping to have a career in music education. "I would love to teach music and inspire other people to enjoy it like I do," she said.

**STEPHEN INWARD** of Hill Mountain, is well-known for his cricketing success, having hit the headlines when he was selected for the England under-15s last year.



Stephen, now 16, was selected for the Glamorgan Academy last season, and in his younger days played for Llangwm Juniors, Pembrokeshire, West Wales and Wales.

Cricket was always around when Stephen was growing up, and he always had a bat and ball in his hand - and he still does! A former pupil of Llangwm School, Stephen has just completed his GCSEs at Tasker Milward School and is delighted to be starting a bricklaying apprenticeship in September with Andrew Phillips of Gail Rise.

He loves cricket and hopes to make a career out of it, but he is also really looking forward to working with Andrew and learning a trade.

## Gough Edwards of *Llangwm* - "The Best Headmaster in London"

Recent visitors to Llangwm during May were two noted authors: Hilary Devonshire and Henry Pluckrose, from London. This was not their first visit as Hilary is working on her family tree with its roots in Llangwm; she is a descendant of the "Edwards" family of Chapel Row. Hilary's grandfather was **Gough Edwards** who was a brother of Martha Edwards, who later became the wife of Alderman James John J.P. of Chapel Row. Gough Edwards was a former pupil of Llangwm School and went on to become a B.Sc. (Honours) of London University and Licentiate of the College of Preceptors.



He was appointed to the headship of several London Schools, the last being Norwood Central (Carnac Street) L.C.C., where he was the headmaster for ten years before his unexpected death, while preparing to leave for school in the morning. He was aged 57 years.

The esteem in which he was held was evident from the newspaper reports at the time, one of which stated "Best Headmaster in London". Another reported "Through his encouragement, many of his old students have secured the highest awards in London Chamber of Commerce, Pitman's and the Society of Arts Examinations and the demand for Norwood Central students was great."

He had a brother, James Edwards, who was also a London Headmaster. Hilary was accompanied by Henry Pluckrose, the author of approximately 250 educational published titles (which have been published in some seven languages).



When they visited Llangwm School, they were warmly welcomed by the Headmaster Nick Groves. During the visit Mr Groves was able to produce a log book relating to the time that Gough Edwards was a pupil, much to the surprise of Hilary.

Both Hilary and Henry wish to thank Mr Groves for his efforts on their behalf. It was very much appreciated.



*If any Llangwm family has any information regarding the Edwards family, they can get in touch with Derek John of 6 Glan Hafan, Llangwm, tel: 01437 891341. As he is in contact with Hilary Devonshire, he will pass the information on to her.*

### Photographs:

- (i) Gough Edwards (1879-1936)
- (ii) Hilary Devonshire, Mr Groves and Henry Pluckrose
- (iii) Hilary Devonshire with Mr Groves looking at the log book

*Derek John*

## Walkies!

**Anne Butler** of Port Lion, Llangwm, is a very useful lady to know.

If you cannot look after your pet for any reason - for example if you are temporarily unable to walk your dog after an accident or operation - all you need do is contact Anne at **Pet Priorities** on **01646 600552**, or email her on [petpriority@btinternet.com](mailto:petpriority@btinternet.com) and she will arrange help for you.

Her professional pet care service can cope with most situations, including home visits and small animal care, between 9am and 8pm every day. Staff are experienced, reliable and fully insured.



## RUGBY



### SENIOR

Following a successful season with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV finishing joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league, the Annual **Dinner/Dance and Presentation Evening** was once again held at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel. As on previous occasions at this venue, the food and service were excellent and enjoyed by all who attended. After speeches by Michael John, Hamish Nichols and Coach Phil Sutton the following presentations were made.

**Clubman of the Year** -- Ray Hunt,

**Penry Esmond Award** -- Daniel Morgan

**Top Try Scorer** -- Graham Badham

**Supporters Player of the Season** -- Bill Brant

**Players Player of the Season** -- Ian Griffiths



*Michael John, (Chairman), Ian Griffiths, Hamish Nichols, (Captain), Phil Sutton, (Coach), Seated, Bill Brant, Daniel Morgan*

Eager to improve on last season's successes, training started on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. Phil Sutton is continuing as coach for the coming year and he will be ably assisted by team manager Simon Brick in getting the players together. There is a change of captain with Ian Griffiths taking over from Hamish Nichols who led the team admirably last season. Ian has, for the last two seasons, been voted Player's Player of the Year so there is no doubting the commitment he will bring to the post. Phil has been putting the team through some rigorous training sessions and there is a real belief that the team can improve on last year. With the team entertaining Pontyates at home for their first match they have an ideal opportunity to kick off on a high and boost their confidence.

### YOUTH

Also training hard at Pill Parks are the reformed Youth team under the guidance of coaches Jeremy Brock and Bill Brant. The team has been entered in the **Pembrokeshire Youth League** and has a full fixture schedule in what promises to be an exciting season. The team will be up against some established teams but given the effort and commitment shown by the under 16's last season, there is no reason not to expect some good results as the season progresses. Last year's under 16's will form the bulk of the team but will be bolstered by some older boys returning to the club now that a team has been reformed.

**If anybody is interested in playing youth rugby please contact the club for more information.** Also, if you wish to support the team, please come along on Saturday afternoons. Fixtures are advertised in local press, in the club and the village shop.

### JUNIOR

Once again, the club will this season be fielding a variety of team across the age groups.

The club has put several new coaches through the necessary WRU courses thus enabling teams to continue at Under 8, Under 9, Under 11, Under 12 and Under 15. All new players are most welcome to join this flourishing section of the club. As always help is appreciated so if there are any parents willing to give up their time please contact the club.

**Please contact the club or your relevant coaches for details of training and matches.**



*Club Vice-Chairman Roger Lewis and his wife Anne both of whom work tirelessly for the club.*

Finally, could all drivers either participating in sport, or supporting, please ensure they travel to and from Pill Parks in a reasonable manner. There are residents who need to be considered and also pedestrians walking to and from the field whose safety is paramount. The club appreciates your co-operation..

### News from Pill Parks Grandstand Redevelopment Group (PPGRG)

**PPGRG** has commissioned the architects Lewis Partnership Limited to undertake a feasibility study to determine the options for upgrading the existing changing and showering facilities on the ground floor, and to consider the possibility of developing the first floor into a gymnasium. Their report is due back in August and will be presented to the rugby and cricket clubs for discussion as to the way forward.

Fundraising to help achieve these objectives continues with the PPGRG joining with the Festival Committee to provide the marquee and entertainment on Pill Parks during festival fortnight. This partnership worked very well with both

organisations sharing the infrastructure costs – let's hope this can continue into the future. The PPGRG-run bar was able to show a surplus over costs despite the 'Glastonbury' conditions and the group would like to thank all who supported the volunteer helpers and us.

The clear up of Pill Parks in April was very successful with a good turn out of volunteers of all ages. The new litter bins around the grounds and regular pick-ups are keeping Pill Parks tidy. N.B. dog owners – please do not use our bins for bagged deposits!

*Owen John*

## Wildlife Notes

### SPRING AND SUMMER

Spring and summer arrived early and ended prematurely in early May when the prolonged wet spell began. The beautiful weather in March may well have caused the early exodus to breeding grounds of all the over-wintering wildfowl and waders from the Pill by 31<sup>st</sup> March...a good week earlier than last year.

During March a *spotted redshank* was present on numerous occasions before departing to breed. For long periods during April, May and June the Pill was completely devoid of water birds apart from a few gulls, the odd shelduck, a couple of non-breeding mallards and the occasional curlew and little egret (egrets are generally absent for most of April, May and June). Three *whimbrel* stopped over for a few days in mid-May and, unusually for the time of year, I saw a flock of 36 *dunlin* resplendent in summer plumage (black belly patches) feeding at the water's edge on the Cunnigar on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Occasionally taking flight, their underparts flashed brilliant white in the sunshine as they turned in split second unison this way and that.

A month later, on 28<sup>th</sup> June, the *common redshanks* returned and there were 14 present in the Pill together with a couple of *black headed gulls*...almost two weeks earlier than last year. The numbers of both these birds increased steadily over the following weeks with 36 redshanks present and in excess of 60 noisy black headed gulls at the end of July, by which time most had moulted out their distinctive black heads.

It was good to hear the *Canada geese* again after their spring and summer absence from the shores around Llangwm. I heard them early on 27<sup>th</sup> July and again taking off from the Pill in two groups of about twenty on 30<sup>th</sup> July. On 7<sup>th</sup> August there were 43 Canada geese and 3 *barnacle geese* present. On the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> August a flock of around 500 geese including 2 *snow geese* and 3 barnacle geese were resting and feeding on the mudflats at Ferry Point!

On the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> August while I was returning along the shore from Port Lion, a dog on the Cunnigar opposite disturbed 7 *little egrets* which took off and flew down river. On rounding Ferry Point a group of people further up the Pill caused another 6 to take flight from the gully under Ferry Hill. I have never known 13 little egrets to be present in the Pill together, although I have seen as many as 23 resting in a tree near Sprinkle. These beautiful and spectacular birds are obviously continuing to thrive and increase locally as they are elsewhere around the southern British and Irish coasts, extending their range northwards year on year.

There have been some notable raptor sightings since my last report. Bryn Bevan saw a *red kite* over Deerland on 14 March and Ian Jacob spotted two *ospreys* passing upriver at Black Tar on 26 March.

Dave Walters was alerted by an agitated and very noisy gang of jackdaws and rooks in Williamston Terrace on 9 April. On further investigation he discovered the cause was a female *sparrowhawk* being unceremoniously pinned to the road surface by a large rook on its back. It had obviously posed a threat to the very young crows in the trees (and chimneys) nearby, and had been mobbed and overwhelmed by the adult crows. Dave's arrival on the scene undoubtedly saved the sparrowhawk from injury (and possibly worse!) and it managed to escape.

Walking along the shore at high tide early in the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> March a noisy rabble of gulls wheeling about off Rectory Point drew my attention to a *Grey Seal* cow eating a large (unidentified) fish. Having swallowed it, the seal submerged only to surface again at intervals until it reached the top end of the Pill between Orchard Row and the Stepping Stones. This caused great excitement to a couple of workmen feeding the swans on the Guildford side. Perhaps it had been following the herrings upstream from Milford and the open sea.

After an absence of some 8 months there are once again signs of *otter* activity around Llangwm with fresh spraints being deposited at the 3 sprainting sites around the shore during the first week of August. The Pembrokeshire Otter Survey has resumed for another 12 month period and I'm collecting the spraints for analysis at Swansea University.

On one of the rare occasions recently when we opened the parasol over our patio table I was surprised to find attached to the underside what appeared to be a rolled, green cigar about 3 inches long. It was, in fact, the nest/egg chamber of a *leaf cutter bee*. This solitary bee builds its nest from small oval tiles of rose leaf about a half inch long which it cuts with its jaws and carries back to the nest site between its legs before gluing it into place on the structure with saliva. It lays its solitary egg in a chamber at one end which it then fills with honey and seals up with a firm wax. Usually the leaf cutter bee builds its nest in a bank, wall crevice or hollow tree or plant stem.

We've had an amusing battle of wits with a *grey squirrel* in our garden over supremacy of the bird feeder (containing peanuts) hanging in our crab apple tree. To begin with it sussed out how to remove the top to get at the peanuts which I then secured with thick wire. It unwound it and removed the top. I rewired it more securely. Then it worked out that if it unhooked it from the branch the bottom would fall out when it crashed to the ground. So I wired up the bottom and secured the hook firmly to the branch. It then with great determination and diligence gnawed its way through the (substantial) wire mesh containing the nuts. I patched it with intricately woven wire. It unwound it. I patched it up again. It unwound it again and for good measure gnawed a fresh hole on the other side. I gave up!



"Here's the culprit –the acrobatic squirrel".

Please keep me informed of any interesting news and sightings.

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Thanks to everyone, not only for their sterling work with the Festival and activities over the summer, but also for providing us with great reports and pictures about it all for another packed 'Festival Edition' of Llangwm News. From the editors:

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NB—Next deadline for your articles for Llangwm News Christmas issue is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2007.

We thought you would be interested to read the following comments on the Festival activities:

"Lots of children enjoyed the **carnival**, jumping on bouncy castles, having temporary tattoos and making fairy wands. I thought the best part was when all the **floats** arrived **on the field** and they were judged."

*Fen Smith (aged 10)*



"I think everyone enjoyed the **carnival**, especially when I played the **rugby** with the other boys and girls. I also had fun at the park. I thought the **band** were really good on the night of the carnival, I had a great day."

*Patrick Smith (aged 8)*



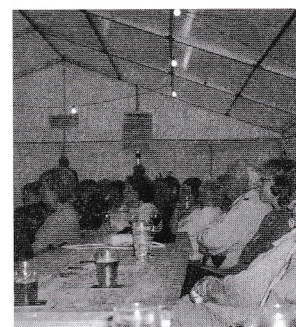
"The comedy evenings at **Llangwm Festival** appeared to be well received by the capacity audiences, and subsequent comment has been very favourable."

*Michael R Wargent, Gail Rise*



"The '**Poems and Pints**' evening took me back to my college days, and the folk clubs we used to go to - lots of songs and laughter, (and pints!)"

*Jo Parry, Rectory Road*

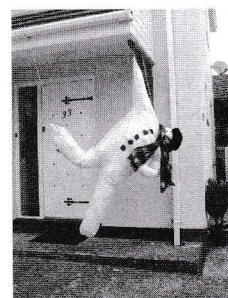
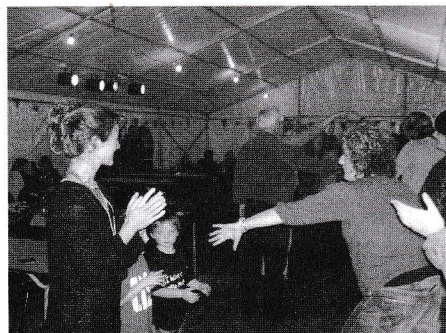


"**Comedy Night and Poems and Pints** were both very good entertainment. We need more events like these in the village."

*Robert Harries, River View*

"I spent my birthday having **lunch in the marquee**, 'in the mud', drinking champagne, listening to **terrific jazz**, surrounded by family and friends - nothing better!"

*Jennifer Poole, Mill Street*



"The **Ceilidh** was a great night for all ages —adults and children together. Really good family fun" *Dilys Ash, Llangwm Ferry*

"Goodbye until the Christmas issue!"