

# LLANGWM VILLAGE NEWS

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Black Swans...WW1 Exhibition...Village Opera...Sport...School News...Music Nights...

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



**Last year 154,000 Macmillan coffee mornings throughout the UK raised £20 million.**

**This year's in Llangwm on 26th September raised £1000.**

Coffee and homemade cakes were served in the Llangwm Community Centre alongside raffles, stalls selling bric-a-brac, plants/preserves, and more cakes.

The event was really well attended and people not only came but also spent lots of money.

So many thanks to everyone for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

It would not have been possible without the following people:

Pat Morris at the Village Shop for helping to advertise the event and for the coffee and milk.

Tesco and Morrison for donations to the raffle.

Stuart and Liz Beresford for plant sales this year.

Tea Girls - Dilys Ash, Joan Stephens, Hazel Cripps and Pat James.

Cake Makers and Stall Holders - Barbara Alderman, Beth Chesmer, Gail Kelly, Jacqui Wordsworth, Caroline Box, Fiona Cutting, Lorraine Grange, Stuart Beresford, Patrick Wordsworth and Jeff James.

Don't forget to come and support this event next year which will be held in HOOK SOCIAL CLUB.

*Liz Beresford*

## Two Llangwm fisherwomen recently seen on the shore at Black Tar!



**History was being re-lived this summer as two Llangwm cocklewomen helped celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute (WI).**

Throughout the country this inspiring women's organisation is celebrating its centenary reflecting important events since its foundation in 1915. The main attraction, throughout 2014 and 2015, is the journey of the **Centenary Baton**. It will be visiting every WI on its journey, completing its travels in 2015. As the baton passes from one WI to another there will be local celebrations.

The baton spent one week with Pembrokeshire Federation having arrived from Ceredigion. Locally it was transported by sail up the River Cleddau from Dale WI to Burton WI and then on to Freystrop and District WI. Representing Freystrop and District WI, the first members to receive the baton were two Llangwm Fisherwomen on the shore at Black Tar. Compass Fishermen (women) were next at Hook and then it continued its journey to the Freystrop Miners.

Arriving at Freystrop Village Hall local WI members were entertained by hearing the history and tales of the Fisherwomen, Fishermen and Miners. Then, in true WI fashion, members enjoyed a sumptuous strawberry cream tea.

The baton continued its journey throughout Pembrokeshire before being handed into the care of the Carmarthenshire Federation.

*Jennifer Poole*

*In the photograph (above): Jennifer Poole of Mill Street and Alyson Newis-Edwards of The Gail don the traditional dress of Llangwm cocklewomen for the arrival of the W.I. Centenary Baton as it makes its way around Britain over the next two years. It arrived at Black Tar on 22 July 2014.*



## ALMOST THERE...

*Preparations for the opera and the exhibition have moved up several notches as the organisers realise that what was once a long-term plan is now almost upon us.*

*Casting and rehearsals for the opera have continued throughout the summer and composer Sue Howley has magically transformed what was once a disparate group of singers into an impressive musical force. Librettist Peter George's words have truly come to life under Sue's treatment.*

*Who would have thought a little village of 800 people on the way to nowhere could do this?*

*There are to be five performances: at Cleddau Reach VC School, Llangwm on November 12 and 13, at Newport Memorial Hall on November 15, and at the Merlin Theatre, Haverfordwest on November 28 and 29. All performances start at 7 pm. Tickets (£5 for adults, school children free) will be on sale from the beginning of October.*

*The exhibition too is taking shape. Mark Thomas at the County Museum has been working hard getting the information panels into shape. They contain some fascinating stories about the deeds of local heroes on the front line, as well as those who kept life going at home.*

*The exhibition, in Llangwm Village Hall, will be open from November 4 to 10, from 2.00 pm to 8 pm.*

Heather Payton

### **Tickets are on sale at the following venues** (from 6 Oct):

Victoria Bookshop in Bridge Street, Haverfordwest

Llangwm Shop and Post Office

Newtown Stores, Hook

Gate2Plate Farm Shop, Lower Freystrop

Seaways Bookshop, West Street, Fishguard

The Post Office, Long Street, Newport

Cost: £5 per adult, schoolchildren free (ticket still needed)

Cash only

Please make arrangements to get your tickets from these venues as these are the only places they are available.

As part of the Heritage Lottery Grant requirements, Secondary schools have been offered an allocation of free tickets for the performances at the Merlin Theatre.

### **An Extra Exhibition - and Teas!**

An added bonus at the time of the Exhibition, the **Methodist Chapel** on the village green will be opening its Sunday School Room for **teas and light refreshments** from **2pm to 8pm daily (4-10 Nov)**. These proved very popular in the summer Festival!

What's more, the History Society's previous exhibition, **'Llangwm: A Glimpse of the Past'** will be able to be viewed again **in the Chapel**, where the boards will be on display.

**BE SURE TO SEE BOTH!**

Llangwm Local History Society presents

## WWI: A VILLAGE OPERA

*A moving story of love, war and history*

Music: Sue Howley

Words: Peter George

November 12 & 13, 7pm

November 15, 7pm

November 28 & 29, 7pm

Cleddau Reach VC School

Newport Memorial Hall

Merlin Theatre, Haverfordwest

**Tickets £5 (school children free)**

Victoria Bookshop, Haverfordwest; Llangwm village shop;

Gate2Plate, Lower Freystrop; Newtown Stores, Hook; Seaways Bookshop, Fishguard; The Post Office, Long Street, Newport.



**Don't miss Llangwm's big events this November!**

## LLANGWM: A VILLAGE AT WAR EXHIBITION

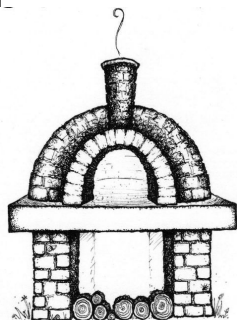
*Memories of our heroes  
presented by Llangwm  
Local History Society*



**LLANGWM VILLAGE HALL**  
Tuesday November 4 to  
Monday November 10  
2pm to 8pm



## NEWS from THE COOKHOUSE



01437 899880

Owen and Agata would like to announce to anyone who hasn't already heard that we will be relocating the Cookhouse to Johnston sometime in October, due to planning restrictions on the number of nights we can open from the home address.

The good news is that we will be now open five nights a week, Wednesday to Sunday, and delivery will still be free to Llangwm and the surrounding villages.

There will be some exciting new additions to the menu including the Cookhouse Lasagne and home smoked pulled pork Burritos. We will also be running exclusive monthly themed evenings from around the world from the Llangwm

Cookhouse kitchen, including Mexican, Thai, Italian, Chinese, Spanish Tapas, Indian, Vietnamese and French. We will post the special menus on Facebook and there will also be a leaflet drop to keep everyone informed.

We would like to thank all of our customers for your support over the past two years, and we hope you stay with us on our journey.



## Coming this winter to St. Jerome's

### "A Concert for Remembrance"

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm

A welcome return of **Goodwick Brass** who will perform the concert once again in aid of **The Royal British Legion**. This year we mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of WW2 and especially we mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Normandy Landings. And there will be a chance for the usual 'sing along'.

Tickets £7.00 adults & £3.50 children – On sale at Llangwm Shop from 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### "Step into Christmas"

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

From **White Lady Productions** and supported by the **Arts Council of Wales**, a two man show performed by **Greg Arthur**, and **Rob Marshall** with Christmas songs from many musical genres, along with some festive tales, fun and audience participation.

Tickets £7.50 adults & £3.50 Children – On sale at Llangwm Shop from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Reserve Seats by calling **01437 899966** or by emailing **pamela-hunt@btconnect.com**

### TALKS and VISITS

*More from the History Society...*

As well as all the research we have been doing over the winter (and summer) months, the History group has been holding events of general interest with a lively 'Talks and Visits' programme.

On 31 March Terry John gave a stunning (no-notes) talk on the Pembrokeshire connection with 'The Lusitania'. On 19 May Pat Swales Barker illustrated her talk on 'Towns through Time' with past and present photographs of Haverfordwest and Milford Haven. Ted Goddard gave an excellent illustrated talk on the early years of Pembroke Dockyard (2 July).



*National Park Voluntary Wardens Gordon Lewis and Peter Royle led us on a minibus tour of the east and west sides of Castlemartin Range on 3 August (guns not firing that day!) A fascinating look at the disused medieval farms, hill forts, cliff geology (including a fossil hunt) and natural history of this completely uncultivated section of the Pembrokeshire Coast. This photograph was taken in front of the 'drowned mill' at Frayneslake on the range.*

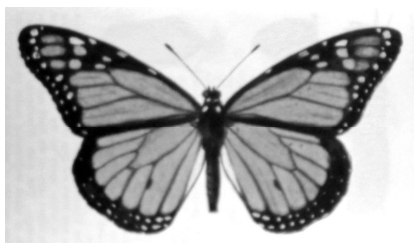
We had a well attended ploughman's lunch and talk on 6 September by Simon Hancock on WWI in Pembrokeshire.

After the busy Exhibition and Opera period over the coming weeks of November we hope to hold a Xmas celebration after our AGM on Dec 10th (7pm), with talks resuming in the New Year. Watch for a further talk in January by Terry John, on Pembrokeshire in the Civil War, a further chance to visit Castlemartin in the spring, and a North Pembrokeshire outing to several places of historic interest, as the year progresses. And membership is only £5 a year, from April to March! (MB)

## Llangwm & District Gardening Club News

What a lovely Summer this year - all the winter wet forgotten, everything growing so well, good harvests and a sense of wellbeing. Having just picked a bumper crop of damsons I am trying to find ways of using what is left after making a ton of jam! The damson bush is only a small tree sprouting from the hedge, but it struck me how lucky we are to get fruit like sloes, damsons and blackberries just for the effort of picking them. I curse the brambles all year, until they glisten with black juicy berries – although they still fight back with prickly stems when we try to pick them. Foraging for food plants is becoming more popular, but I am very wary about being certain of identification, and need a knowledgeable person with me. My father used to come back from milking with a hat full of field mushrooms for breakfast, but I'm always afraid of ending up with toadstools. I was talking to someone recently who used to live in Cyprus, and she said she could pick asparagus in the hedgerows – so long as you had a stick to scare off the adders!

Were you one of the 45,000 people taking part in the annual **Big Butterfly Count** this summer? What a lovely excuse for sitting in the garden enjoying the sun!



*Butterflies count!*

The results have been published recently, and many common species have increased by 30 to 50%. Apparently butterflies respond very quickly to environmental changes, making them a good species for biodiversity indicators. **Red admiral** – up 43%, **Common blue**- up 55%, **Speckled wood** – up 28%, **Small tortoiseshell** – up 22%. One that was down was **Large white** – down 65%, mixed feelings about this one as I pick caterpillars off my broccoli plants!

The Garden Club has had a lively Summer. Since Easter we have had a really interesting walk around Llangwm on a **Treasure Hunt**, a very successful **Plant Sale**, and a talk from Jenny Matthews of Moorland Cottage Plants on **Perennials** that really will grow in Pembrokeshire. She also had some useful advice on slug control without chemicals that she uses at her Garden & Nursery at Brynberian.

The end of year **AGM & Barbecue** was enjoyed by all – thanks to Matthew for putting on such a good Barbie. The Joe Neal Cup Competition this year, traditionally held after the AGM, was won by Maureen John with a lovely pink Calla lily.



*Joe Neal Cup Winner*

We started the new season in September with a “fun” **Fruit & Veg Show** – we were told to bring our biggest and ugliest! So together with Single Bloom and Fruit and Veg Sculpture competitions it made for a great display, with ‘tromboncino’ courgettes & cucamelons!



*Plenty of entries!*

Our ongoing **Programme** is as follows:

- Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** **Ferns :** **Richard Bramley Farmyard Nursery, Llandysul**
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Plants for a W.Wales Garden:** **Joseph Atkin, Aberglasney Head Gardener**
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** **Christmas Dinner :** **Lamphey Hall Hotel**
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** **Quiz & Nibbles**
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** **1<sup>st</sup> Aid in the Garden :** **Dilwyn Griffiths, Pembrokeshire First Aid**
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Flowers in Madeira :** **Annie Haycock**
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup>** **Llangwm & District's own Gardeners' Question Time**
- May 11<sup>th</sup>** **Evening Plant Sale & Buffet**
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** **t.b.a.**
- Jul 6<sup>th</sup>** **AGM & BBQ**
- Aug** **Summer Break**

**Maureen John**



## Cleddau Reach VC Primary School News

Welcome to the Cleddau Reach VC School section of the newsletter. The items below provide information about some of the events and activities that have taken place recently.

During the 2013 - 2014 school year the staff and children settled very well into the new building and site. The school provides a wonderfully bright and well equipped environment for learning. The standards of attainment within the school remain high and place Cleddau Reach significantly above the Welsh and Local Authority averages. At present 221 children attend the school.

### Funds Raised for Defibrillator Unit



During the summer term the staff, children and families of the school were successful in raising funds to purchase a defibrillator. These portable units are used in the event of a suspected heart attack.

Members of staff from Cleddau Reach took part in the CARTEN 100 charity cycle ride and all the children within the school participated in a sponsored fun run.

The defibrillator unit is available to anyone on the school site should the need arise and can also act as a community resource.

### The 2014 Pembrokeshire Enterprise Fair

The children in Year 5 recycled a range of materials when designing herb and plant holders for the Pembrokeshire Enterprise Fair. They also grew many of the plants and herbs from seed. Year 5 had a very enjoyable day selling and discussing their products with potential customers in Castle Square Haverfordwest.



### A Special Guest Welcomed to Premiere of Documentary Film made by Children at Cleddau Reach

A film celebrating the centenary of Dylan Thomas's birth was premiered at Cleddau Reach VC Primary School in July. The film was developed by children who are members of our Film Club.



The documentary film entitled 'A Sense of Place: finding poetry in our own community' involved the children in scripting, filming and editing. The documentary, filmed on location in Llangwm and Laugharne, focused on how characters and places from local communities can inspire poetry.

The young filmmakers, their teachers and families were joined by a very special guest at the premiere. Dylan Thomas's grand-daughter Hannah Ellis, who had been interviewed by Year Five and Year Six pupils as part of a documentary travelled to Llangwm for the premiere as part of her support of events celebrating the centenary of her grandfather.

The audience enjoyed watching not just the documentary, but also the full interviews, plus some photographs of the children while they were out and about on location. While making the film, some of the pupils visited and filmed in Laugharne and were lucky enough to go inside Dylan Thomas's famous writing shed. The children spoke about their experiences of film making, and afterwards they interviewed Hannah Ellis on the stage.



They asked Hannah lots of questions, ranging from how she has learned about her grandfather, to what her favourite works of his are, and who is the most famous person she has met - with singer Tom Jones receiving the most gasps from the children.



Speaking after the film's premiere, Hannah said: "I really enjoyed the film and the way the children have been inspired by the work of my grandfather to take a look at their own village"

"They have highlighted many similarities between Laugharne and Llangwm and I am sure that if my grandfather were alive today he would have loved the film and been inspired by what he saw."

The school has entered the film into a number of educational film festivals that are taking place across the United Kingdom this year.

The school's film club began again this September for children from Year 2 up until Year 6.



## Outdoor Schools

Cleddau Reach is one of the Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools. This means that as a school we actively encourage the children to use the outdoor environment of the school as a rich stimulus for learning. It also involves the school in making a commitment to regularly develop the children's understanding of different outdoor environments within Pembrokeshire and beyond.

During 2013-2014 we started to develop different environmental projects within the school grounds. Each class has been involved in planting projects and the Key Stage 2 classes grew and harvested a range of fruit and vegetables. The photograph shows Year 5 children harvesting their potato crop.



## Summer Sporting Success

During the summer term the school successfully competed in a wide range of sporting competitions.

The girls cricket team reached the semi-finals of the Pembrokeshire Kwik Cricket Competition. The mixed cricket team were regional winners and for the third year running were successful in reaching the South Wales finals in Cardiff. During the season the school established good links with Llangwm Cricket Club. We would like to thank the club members who supported our development of cricket skills at the school.



In tennis the Cleddau Reach team reached the Pembrokeshire Final and were runners up to Mary Immaculate. In the boys singles competition Cameron Bartlett won all of his matches to become Pembrokeshire Primary Champion.

In July the school held Sports Afternoons at the school for Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 children. Both were enjoyable and well attended events.

## Future Community Events at Cleddau Reach VC Primary School...

### The Christmas Market

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-8pm**

Please try and join us for our annual Christmas Market. The school will be transformed into a winter wonderland containing a wide range of seasonal stalls.

### Five Gold Rings - Christmas Musical Year 5 and Year 6 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

There will be a special community performance by the older children of their Christmas Musical. If you are able to join us please phone the school during the first week of December to book seats. The performance will take place in the school hall.

### World War 1 - A Village Opera Performances at Cleddau Reach

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00 pm**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00 pm**

Cleddau Reach Primary School is delighted to be joining with the Llangwm Local History Society to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War this year. A group of children will form part of the choir for performances of 'World War 1 - A Village Opera'. Two of the performances will take place in the Cleddau Reach School hall this November.

## One Hundred Years Ago

From the pages of the '**Pembroke County Guardian**' and the '**Haverfordwest and Milford Haven Telegraph**' newspapers: -

1<sup>st</sup> July 1914

"The shabby action of Haverfordwest Rural District Council in refusing to adopt the plans of the proposed **new road** to enable Hook and Freystrop people to attend their market town called forth some strong protests ----- the question of a road from Hook to Haverfordwest had been under consideration for nearly 35 years. The original scheme was to make a road connecting with the District Council road at Fern Hill." [The road finally opened in 1922.]

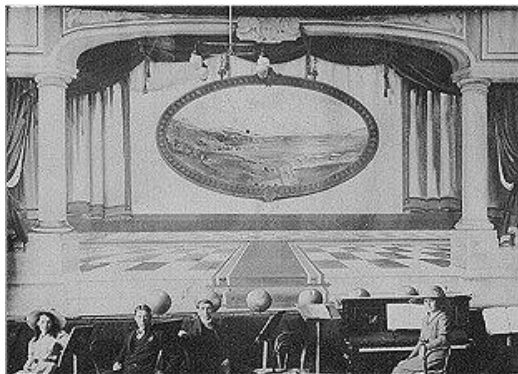
24<sup>th</sup> July 1914

"Under the auspices of Llangwm Institute, very successful **athletic sports**, consisting of foot, cycle and pony races, were held in the Pill Park."

"One mile **pony race** for 14.2 hands and under – this was an exciting race, but unfortunately the third horse Mr J Hancock's 'Surprise' came to grief in the last round. The jockey J Evans of Edgecombe Farm was badly thrown. The crowd rushed across the course and some of the officials picked up Evans and found him in a dazed condition. He was badly cut about the face."

*(Does anyone know where Edgecombe farm was?)*

"In the evening, dancing was heartily indulged in, the music being supplied by the Pembroke Dock Temperance Band."



*The Band shown here in 1909 at the Temperance Hall, Pembroke Dock*

16<sup>th</sup> September 1914

"The children of Llangwm have picked and delivered 2 consignments of **blackberries** of 212 lbs and 60 lbs respectively, to the Pembrokeshire Branch of the Red Cross Society"

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1914

"Tomorrow Mr & Mrs **John Philpin**, Llangwm House, Llangwm, celebrate their **golden wedding** ----- of the marriage, there were ten children, of whom four are now living: Mr Tom Philpin, Llangwm; Mr Henry Philpin,

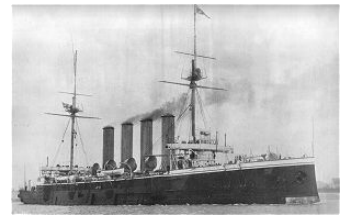
Devonport; Mrs Skone, Milford Haven, and Mr James Philpin, Llangwm."

*[Mrs Annie Skone was the wife of John James Skone and, in 1911, they were living at Merlins Hill, Haverfordwest.]*

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1914

"**Mr Phillips**, a naval pensioner, of Llangwm who left to re-join the Navy, when the Royal Naval Reserve was called up, is amongst those who went down with HMS Cressy."

*[Stephen Arla Phillips, aged 45, husband of Hannah Phillips of Black Tar, was actually on board HMS Aboukir as an armourer when both vessels were sunk by a German U-Boat on 22<sup>nd</sup> September when on patrol in the North Sea.]*



*HMS Cressy and HMS Aboukir, both sunk on 22 September 1914 with devastating consequences for families in Llangwm.*

21<sup>st</sup> October 1914

"A notice has been issued, under the Defence of the Realm Act, prohibiting the possession of **carrier and homing pigeons** without written permission of the police."

30<sup>th</sup> October 1914

"An outbreak of fire took place in the **shop of Mrs Palmer** on Tuesday morning. Considerable damage was done, but a number of women were soon there and were able to extinguish the outbreak."

*[Mrs Ellen Palmer was the wife of William Palmer of Holloway House where they ran a bakery and grocery business.]*

25<sup>th</sup> November 1914

"It will be gratifying to the many friends of Mr **James Edwards** in his native village of Llangwm to learn that the London City Council have recently appointed him to the head mastership of a large boys' school under their jurisdiction, a position which carries a salary of £300 per annum."

*[In 1911, James Edwards, aged 42, was living in East Dulwich with his wife and two daughters.]*

30<sup>th</sup> December 1914

**George Dunn** of Llangwm was recruited into the Welsh Army Corps.

*[George Dunn was an agricultural labourer, the son of Thomas and Maria Dunn of Hill Mountain. The Welsh Army Corps was never actually formed but evolved into the 38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Division which saw active service in France from November 1915 onwards.]*

Nikki Bosworth

Archivist – Collections, Pembrokeshire Archives



# Choir News from LLANGWM VILLAGE VOICES

Summer is over again but most of the choir have been slogging away throughout the holidays rehearsing for the opera. THE OPERA???? Yes, Opera. You have heard of La Scala, Covent Garden, The Met, Sydney Opera House: now add Llangwm to the list. Llangwm, the only village or town in the UK to get funding for an opera to commemorate WW1, and a specially commissioned one at that, will have stunning music by our Sue Howley and libretto by Peter George. Watch out for the posters.

Since the last edition of Llangwm News the Village Voices performed at a concert in the lovely St Mary's Church in Haverfordwest, and Sue even praised us, not often you hear that. Lou Hales sang, Abi Price played the flute, Andrew Ross played the clarinet and Sue treated us to the sound of the mighty organ. Well, the the good people of St Mary's were so impressed that they said they wouldn't charge us anything for the next concert and what was more, they would even throw in free tea and biscuits.

Friday Nite is Music Nite at the Rugby Club is usually jazz, rock, folk, country but what filled the place to the gunwales? Answer: Village Voices. In aid of the Rugby Club's charity, The Paul Sartori Fund, we took up a lot of space. It was another chance to hear Lou and Abi and Sue gave us Gershwin.

To round off the season we once again entertained the residents and families of Williamston Nursing Home who

kindly fed us burgers, scones and tea We also managed to fit in a couple of social occasions... a curry at the Taj after the St Mary's concert and one of Matthew's curries at The Cottage for an end of term bash.

The future... apart from the opera of course... we will be doing a concert with Cantabile at The Picton Centre on Dec 6th, a Christmas carol evening in the Village Hall and will be singing before the Cleddau Reach Christmas Fayre. There will be a concert in St Jerome's before it is closed for renovations.

Village Voices started rehearsals again in September with new pieces for the repertoire. Phew! I bet you stalwarts are pleased about that. Expect some more Abba, Vivaldi, Mozart, more show tunes and possibly snatches from The Opera.

Are you new to the village or do you like to sing but nervous about joining a choir? Don't be, it's open, very forgiving and if you don't read music there are MP3 recordings of the various parts available. Don't be put off by us either, we like to show off but it's easy to get used to the music.

Join us at 7.30 on Thursdays in the Village Hall. £5 for 5 sessions, payable in advance. No commitment, so reasonable you just can't refuse. Just turn up. See you there.

Fiona Cutting

*(Below: Village Voices performed in the first of a series of fundraising activities for Llangwm Rugby Club's Charity of the Year, the Paul Sartori Foundation)*



## SUPERFAST BROADBAND NOW AVAILABLE IN LLANGWM

The 2 new fibre cabinets in Llangwm are now live.

Anybody interested in Superfast BroadBand needs to contact their Service Provider to place an order.

Fibre Broadband is the next generation of broadband - much faster, more reliable and it uses a different technology. Whilst traditional broadband (known as ADSL) is delivered via copper telephone lines, fibre broadband uses fibre optic cable. Fibre broadband can be delivered in two ways from the exchange: fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) and fibre to the premises (FTTP).

FTTC uses fibre-optic cables throughout the network right up to the street cabinet. It then uses copper wires to connect the cabinet to homes and businesses. It will provide the majority of

business and residential premises with the capability of accessing broadband at speeds in excess of 30Mbps (48Mbps has already been achieved).

## MOBILE LIBRARY DATES and TIMES

**Thursday October 30th, November 27th**

then every 4th or 5th week -

watch PCC website for Christmas/New Year dates.

The new service makes one dedicated stop at each village.

**Freystrop - Heathfield Terrace.....9.15--9.45**

**Hook - Hook Sport Club.....9.55--10.55**

**Llangwm - The Green.....11.05--12.05**

(Thanks to Cllr. Mike John for this information.)



## 'Heritage Llangwm' project reaches a milestone



By the time you read this, the proposed **Heritage Llangwm** project will have completed its first stage development and the Heritage Lottery Fund will be deciding whether or not to grant us a further sum in the region of £340,000 to help the project of repairing and renovating St. Jerome's, installing a WC, kitchen facility and sustainable heating system, along with a massive research project into this community's medieval past, proceed to its conclusion.

At the same time another five charitable fund providers are deciding whether they will provide the top up funds of around £80,000 we need to complete it.

We will know the outcome of all these deliberations by Christmas and if we raise the funds necessary, the project will start in February 2015 and run until April 2016.

The Heritage Llangwm Working Group have held two public meetings and provided additional opportunities for people to see the drawings and other detail of the proposed works. If anyone missed this, please contact me, and you can come to see the plans. I'd also like to pay tribute to the Heritage Llangwm Working Group, all who have undertaken essential tasks to allow us to get all the material together for the Stage 2 bid which was submitted in September.

This is going to be a very exciting project lasting right through 2015 and into 2016. There are opportunities for the community to get involved in Medieval historic research, Archaeology, Tapestry making, photography and film making. However, in the short term, we are looking for a volunteer to make the six frames over which the tapestry fabric is to be stretched so that the volunteer needle workers can complete their task. ***Finally if there is anyone in the village who just wants to know more about the project and would like to become involved, again get in touch with me.***

Pam Hunt – 01437 899 966 or  
email [pamela-hunt@btconnect.com](mailto:pamela-hunt@btconnect.com)

### Well Worth Considering

Occasionally we stumble across a really good book but more often than not, reading whatever it may be, follows a recommendation arising from a chat/conversation. Such was the case with the novel '**A Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out Of The Window and Disappeared**'. This book, written by Jonas Jonasson (yet another Swede), was enthusiastically recommended to me by Jane Mills. I am very grateful. It's one of the cleverest and funniest novels I have read, clever because of the way he uses history over the last hundred years and funny because of the brilliance of its satire. The main character, Allan, is and always has been a renegade which endears him to the reader and allows the author to, very humorously, mock characters as different as Stalin and a hopelessly optimistic Anglican priest touching on many famous historical characters in between. The story is told with pace and is a quick read because one's interest never flags. Put simply it's great. I've now bought his follow up, '**The Girl Who Saved The King of Sweden**'. More of that at a later point.

An old favourite has come up with the goods again. In

'**Bad Monkey**' Karl Hiaasen is back to his very best. It's another hard-to-put-down book. If you need cheering up then this is for you.

Very different from both the above is '**Guernica**' by Dave Bolin who is an American sports journalist. His subject is the village made famous during the Spanish Civil War and immortalised by Picasso's painting in which the painter captures the horrors of the flattening of that village by German and Italian warplanes with the collaboration of the then Spanish dictator General Franco on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1937. The novel traces the lives of individuals and families connected with the village at that time. Though not without its humour, this is a moving record of a key event of the last century. An early extract from this novel was used in this year's G.C.S.E. examination paper in Wales.

Frank Keating was an outstanding sports writer. The book '**The Highlights**' is a collection of his articles on a range of sports written over the past fifty years. There is something here for anyone with an interest in sport.

I hope you get as much pleasure out of the above as I did. There are so many good books out there; time is the problem! *Barry Childs*

## What a great Festival that was...

*As this summer draws to a close, maybe your thoughts turn to this year's Festival, and just how much everyone enjoyed Llangwm Carnival and the run up to the Carnival day.*

*We saw some amazing Scarecrows, had some fantastic evenings out, enjoyed the stunning Carnival Procession, scrumptious Paella, Dog Agility, Beautiful Craft Fair...plus much much more, finishing with some great music at the Cottage Inn...what a day!*

*Thank you to everybody who took part,*

*helped and attended. It really couldn't happen without you!*

*We are now turning our thoughts to Summer 2015 and next year's Carnival, we can tell you that the date is July 4th 2015 - further details will be announced in the next newsletter.*

*The Festival Committee would be delighted to have any suggestions or comments.*

*Please contact Claire Holland  
on 07809 446439  
or email [claire@mylittlecupcake.co](mailto:claire@mylittlecupcake.co)*



*New for this year's Festival was a lively Facebook Page, courtesy of Tasmin Nash . Look it up on Facebook: "**Llangwm Scarecrow Festival 2014**".  
Great photos Tasmin.*

## LLANGWM VILLAGE SHOP

Please note our

### CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve	7am-3pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
New Year's Eve	7am-4pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED

The shop will be closing at 6pm on weekdays from December 29<sup>th</sup> until 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

All the staff would like to wish all our customers a wonderful Christmas.

Pat Morris

## From the Cottage Inn...

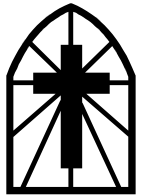
Matthew at the 'Cottage' extends a hearty welcome to all over the forthcoming Christmas season, offering a traditional and seasonal menu, Christmas party lunches and evening meals.

Reasonably priced three-course party meals at £19 per head for groups of friends, colleagues or family also include coffee and home-made mince pies.

The pub/restaurant will be open throughout the Christmas holiday period - watch the noticeboard outside for details of special events during this time.



## ST. JEROME'S NEWS



What a wonderful Summer we have had this year and the warm weather has even continued into the month of September, extending the season even further!

We held a Harvest Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

This year's Remembrance Concert (also mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter) will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm. It will be held at its usual venue, St. Jerome's Church, organised by Pam Hunt and once again featuring the award winning Goodwick Brass Band. The special tributes this year will be 70 years since the outbreak of World War II and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings. The posters are up on display.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June a Celebration of the life of Rev. Jane was held in St. Jerome's. It was led by Archdeacon Dennis Wight and Rev. Victoria. Rev. Jane's daughters and their families came to St. Jerome's to join parishioners and friends in the very special service. Elizabeth Davies read a poem, with special memory contributions from Cleddau Reach VC School, Johnston CP School, St. Jerome's Youth and St. Jerome's Sunday School, as well as 2 very special action songs. Afterwards, everyone was invited by Rev. Jane's family to join them for a buffet lunch in Llangwm Village Hall.

Our annual Sunday School Beach barbecue in August had to be diverted into the Llangwm Village Hall, due to the weather. Our attendance numbers were significantly down from last year, but those who came to "an indoor Beach BBQ" had fun inside and still tucked into hot dogs and cakes!

Worship Time is on the first Sunday of every month at 10am and we have 2 more dates until the end of this year: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday School is held during our regular morning services.

Our popular themed Crafty Kids is held at Llangwm Village Hall.

The next Crafty Kids theme is HARVEST and will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4-5.30pm.

November Crafty Kids will be A LIGHT PARTY on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 4-5.30pm.

December Crafty Kids will be BREAKFAST with SANTA! on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9am-12pm.

As the children enjoy the fun-packed sessions, parents are welcome to come and join us for a cuppa & chat or even join in the fun!

St. Jerome's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Hook Social Club this year.

Christmas Crib Service will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

Midnight Mass will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm.

The village's United Christmas Day Service will be held this year at Galilee Baptist Chapel at 9.30am.

Lastly, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September some parishioners from St. Jerome's joined parishioners from St. Peter's Church, Johnston, and St. Justinians' Church, Freystrop, for the Ordination as Deacon of Steve Bessant, from Johnston, in St. David's Cathedral. The Cathedral was very well attended. It was a very joyous occasion, with many supporters there, family, friends and parishioners. A big thank you to Steve's wife Anne for organising the transport and the very satisfying lunch on the way back in Newgale. We wish Steve all the very best as he takes up his post as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Llanstadwell.

Reverend Victoria and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year in 2015.

*Debbi Lawson-Earley*

### Galilee Chapel Women's League

The Women's League meetings resumed, after the summer break, in early October. We had a full and enjoyable winter, spring and early summer with speakers who shared their expertise and interests with us. Sadly, we mourned the passing of our friend Mrs Judith Nurse who had fought a long illness with courage and fortitude. We miss her but are reminded of her as we walk into the chapel

where her very beautiful framed cross stitch of The Lord's Prayer hangs. Rest in peace, Judith.

On a happier note we celebrated with lunch at the Cottage Inn a very special birthday for Mrs. Avril Morgan. Mathew excelled himself as usual and we had a joyous day together.

We should be happy to welcome any lady who would care to join us on alternate Thursdays at 2pm in the vestry. We can promise you great fellowship and lots of laughs.

*Maureen Kiff*

## BUSY TIMES AT THE VILLAGE HALL...

### WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL

Those of you who have visited the hall this summer will have noticed the Memorial Plaque for WW1 which is on the wall to the right of the main door. The Community Council have organised and funded its new site. The plaque was previously in the old school and when that closed it was felt it may be more appropriate to display it where more people would see it.

Take a moment when passing to reflect on what these men from the village did 100 years ago.

### HALL HIRE

The hall is available for hire at a very reasonable charge and bookable via Pat Morris at the shop. It is possible to borrow some of the tables and older chairs for outside events. There is a deposit required in case of breakages and a small charge. Currently the hall is being used on a regular basis by the Village Voices Choir and for rehearsals by the Opera Group and the Artistic Licence theatre group.

Other hall users include:-

the Local History Group, Community Council, U3A Tai Chi are in the hall on a Tuesday morning and Fitsteps exercise group are hoping to run a class in the Autumn.

### TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICE

This is available from the council if you wish to hold a 'Licensable Activity' i.e. with a Bar, and make some money for your organisation. The fee for the licence costs £21 but you need to give 10 working days notice to the council. More information is available from the P.C.C. Web site.

### FESTIVAL COMEDY NIGHT

This was a very successful evening run by the Festival Committee with the bar being run by the Village Hall committee by obtaining a T.E.N. (temporary events notice).

It enabled us to provide a bar facility and make a small profit for the hall funds.

### FESTIVAL TEAS

The hall committee served cream teas all afternoon during carnival day. The scones were all home baked and were delicious when served with jam and cream. A band of helpers were kept very busy and all the scones disappeared rapidly.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The hall use has undoubtedly increased due to the improved facilities, most recently the toilet block and new comfortable chairs. We hope in the near future to improve the heating in the hall.

### BOOK SALE

Secondhand books are now on sale in the foyer. Paperbacks are 50p and hardback books £1. The money raised will go to the new heating system. There is a money box provided. Please bring along your old books as this is providing a good source of revenue.

### HALL CHARGES - NOTE NO INCREASE

- Children Parties- £20
- Adult Parties- £30
- Session Hire- £7.50 for 2-3 hours
- Loan of Equipment - £5- £10 plus deposit

Remember if you hire the hall, plates, glasses and cutlery are included in the price. There is an additional cost for the heating.

*Liz Beresford/Liz Rawlings*

## LLANGWM NEWS GOES WORLDWIDE!

Thanks to our webmaster, Pam Hunt, the latest editions of Llangwm Village News are posted up on the village website,

[www.llangwm-pembrokeshire.org.uk](http://www.llangwm-pembrokeshire.org.uk)

Simply go to the website and click on the home page tab "Village News".

It's a great way for friends, relatives and 'village expats' to keep in touch with what's going on in Llangwm. Please tell them about this facility, if they don't already know.

## A special plea to ALL to attend this year's SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

at the Cenotaph on Llangwm Green  
on Sunday 9 November at 10a.m.

*(time t.b.c. at time of printing)*

100 years on from the start of World War One, let us show our respect for the men of the village - and elsewhere - who gave their lives as the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and prosperity today.

This short service also remembers ALL men and women who died in the service of their land and freedom, in ALL wars.

***Upwards of 80 people turn out each year to pay their respects. Please make it an outstanding turnout this year and show that everyone in this community cares.***



## Galilee Baptist Chapel

A notable event recently, on 13th September, was the wedding of our Minister, Rev. Roger Hart to Christine Powell, at Bethany Chapel, Pembroke Dock. Several of the deacons were guests at the occasion, and many more went along to give their good wishes.

The following day Rev Hart preached at Galilee's morning service, and his wife Christine gave the Bible reading, appropriately the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. The congregation later toasted the couple's happiness and enjoyed a slice of wedding cake in the chapel vestry, welcoming Christine into the fellowship.

Later in September Harvest Festival was celebrated, the chapel being decorated with autumn fruits and flowers, a splendid sight.

The original clock dating from the time of the building of the Chapel in 1904 has been restored and now hangs on the wall of the vestry. The work was carried out by Preseli Clocks of Rosebush and was sponsored by the Women's League in memory of Mrs Marion Eynon.

Leading up to the Christmas season, services continue to be held at **10.30am** every **Sunday morning**, with the annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**, at **10.30am**.

The **United Christmas Service** encompassing all worshippers in the village will this year take place at **Galilee** at **9.30 a.m.** on **Christmas morning**, led by Rev. Hart.



*(Above) Rev. Roger Hart of Galilee Chapel and his wife Christine, photographed at their wedding on 13 September and (below) being presented with a wedding gift in the vestry at Galilee by Mrs Maureen Kiff on behalf of chapel members.*



## LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

**MINISTER:** Reverend Hugh-John Wilson

**SECRETARY:** Mrs Jane Brock

**TREASURER:** Mrs Hilary Hitchings

**Sunday Services:** Morning - 11.00am every Sunday

**Sunday School** - 11.00am every Sunday

**Sunday School** - please come and join us.

**Children of all ages welcome.** We meet every Sunday morning- 11.00am-12noon. We read bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles & games and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun.

**Women's Fellowship:** Fortnightly on Wednesdays - 2.00pm

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 4th November - Monday 10th November**

**Supporting Exhibition ("Llangwm: A Glimpse of the Past") in Chapel, with WW1 Exhibition in Hall. 2pm-8pm daily**  
**Refreshments served in Sunday School Room**

**Friday 5th December 2014**

**Mince Pies, Coffee & Carols - 7pm**

**Sunday 21st December 2014**

**11.00am Carol Service**

**Thursday 25th December 2014**

**9.30am United Christmas Day Service at Galilee Baptist Chapel**

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

## NATURE NOTES

Apart from August which produced a 'blip' we have enjoyed glorious weather from early April to the time of writing (mid-September).

This resulted in the early emergence at the beginning of April of flowers like bluebells and butterflies like small tortoiseshells and speckled woods. It has turned into a great summer for butterflies, although fewer commas have been seen in our garden this year.

During April, May and June when the Pill is generally devoid of water birds, whimbrels regularly passed through and I also saw occasional common sandpipers. Redshank returned earlier than usual with ten present on 22 June, quickly rising to 72 a few weeks later. This is the largest number I've recorded in the Pill for many years and may indicate a successful breeding season for redshank. The first teal arrived back on 5 August and a single green sandpiper turned up briefly on 7 September. Numerous red kite sightings have been recorded over the summer with three attracted by the silage cutting at Butterhill on 18 May.

Our resident pair of mute swans attempted to build a nest under the sea wall in Rectory Road in mid-June but they were thwarted by high tides over two days that swamped the nest. Ultimately they abandoned the idea.

### AN AUSSIE INVASION!



The wildlife event that everyone in Llangwm is talking about is the arrival on 3 July of three black swans. They had previously been seen downstream and upstream of Llangwm at Dale, Lawrenny and Hook Reach. However they arrived in Llangwm, obviously liked what they saw and appear to have settled in (undoubtedly encouraged by the food being offered them by shoreside residents).

Black Swans are native to western Australia and have been introduced as ornamental birds to various collections in the UK and Europe over the last 150 years or so. Although only numbering a few

hundred (mostly captive) in the UK there is a 'wild' colony in Dawlish in Devon and a sizeable colony in the Netherlands. However, their general lack of breeding success in this country means that they are not able to sustain a growing population in the wild. So, it will be interesting to see if our black swans attempt to breed locally, should they decide to stay.

Their arrival caused much consternation with our resident mute swans. There was much posturing and threatening display between the two species and I and others have witnessed physical attacks on the mute swans by the black cob. Consequently the mute swans now ensure that they keep a cautious and respectable distance from their Aussie cousins.

Despite the aggression the black swans are unafraid of humans and will swim readily to people standing on the shore (presumably expecting to be fed.) They regularly display to one another by stretching their necks vertically and pointing their bills skywards and uttering soft, almost plaintive "whooh" sounds. They are voracious vegetarians and can often be seen out of the water at low tide consuming large quantities of bright green seaweed. In flight they display prominent white wing bars that contrast starkly with their black/brown plumage.

The origin of these individuals is unknown but they are not ringed which suggests that they have come from a wild colony and not a collection (where they would also have their wings clipped to prevent flight).

Mammal sightings have included an otter at Black Tar on the afternoon of 11 April and early in the morning on 21 May three smallish cetaceans were spotted briefly off Llangwm Ferry – probably harbour porpoises following fish. It is highly unusual to see these so far upstream.

Early on 13 September I was lucky enough to encounter three foxes on the forestry track above Port Lion. Two were "play fighting" in the middle of the track and I watched them for half a minute or so before they spotted me and sauntered off into the woodland. They appeared to be fully grown but were possibly young siblings.

Despite the beautiful weather there are definite signs of autumn. The trees, particularly horse chestnuts, are starting to turn and there is an abundance of blackberries and hawthorn berries. Early morning mists over the river are more frequent and that evocative sound of the Canada geese leaving their roost in the Pill in the early morning is at present virtually a daily occurrence. And the swallows are heading south.

If you see anything unusual wildlife-wise ring me on 891580 or email me: [grahambrace@btinternet.com](mailto:grahambrace@btinternet.com)



## News from Llangwm Rugby Club



With the new season now underway, it is a great time to look at what has been going on behind the scenes since the last village news, as well as looking forward to the highly anticipated local league rugby in Llangwm.

Thanks to a local group of six form students from Taskers, our changing rooms have been redecorated ready for the forthcoming season. The group of six formers were looking to perform community work within the Llangwm/Hook/Burton area so where better to start than Llangwm Rugby Club. Some of the volunteers already had connections with the club so to persuade them that this was a worthwhile project was going to be easy for student Milly Thomas.

The work was recently completed to a very high standard and the club is much indebted to this highly competent group of volunteers.

There are also changes within the clubhouse, as following the departure of Mickey, the club steward, Natalie McDonald quickly stepped up and was successfully appointed as the new stewardess of the club. Natalie will be no stranger to most club members having covered bar duties on several occasions, and everyone at the club wishes her success in her new role.



*New club stewardess Natalie McDonald*

With thoughts moving towards the rugby season, it was time for the players to vote on who should become the new captain and James Lewis is to lead the club forward. James is not new to the position as he was the club captain for the season 2010/11. He has played for the 1st XV continually since being a youth team captain in his younger days.

We wish James the best of fortune for the forthcoming season and thank Danny Chesmer for all

his hard work and the dedication shown in his position as club captain for the previous two seasons.



*James Lewis, First XV Captain for the 2014-15 season.*

Our 1st XV coach, Jeremy Brock, has extended his coaching team with the arrival of two assistants. David Barker joined the club towards the end of last season having just settled in Haverfordwest. David hails from Lancashire and has a background in both codes but more prominently in rugby league. The other assistant, Dafydd Bowen, ex Haverfordwest RFC, played on permit at the end of last season and decided to join the Wasps in the closed season. Dafydd has played for the County on many occasions and also represented the Scarlet Region's amateur XV.

The playing season started with a run out against a Tenby development squad followed by the first competitive game of the year against Haverfordwest, away in the KO cup.

Although the score didn't flatter Llangwm at the final whistle, the dedication shown by the players and the coaching staff was tremendous and commented long afterwards in the clubhouse.

The SWALEC league started in the beginning of September, with the well documented return to a more local fixture list, as demonstrated by the first three fixtures against Pembroke, St. Davids and Neyland, and Milford, Fishguard and Pembroke Dock Quins to look forward to in October and November, with Aberaeron separating these local games.

The new strip was unveiled at the first home game, against St. Davids on 13 September, and the club takes this opportunity to thank St. Davids for their kind gesture of wearing their alternate strip, so all the home fans could be at the first public showing of the new kit.

Llangwm are also looking forward to the draw for the second round of the SWALEC bowl, as we received a bye in the first round.

As we look slightly further into the new season, Wales have four Autumn International matches, the Dove Men Series 2014, at the Millennium Stadium, and once again the club will be open for supporters to come along and have a drink whilst watching the games.

*The dates and kick off times are:*

Wales v Australia, Sat 08 November @ 14:30

Wales v Fiji, Sat 15 November @ 14:30

Wales v New Zealand, Sat 22 November @ 17:30 and

Wales v South Africa, Sat 29 November @ 14:30

As last year, there will be a reduction in the price on draught beer, lager and cider during the game.

Looking a little further ahead in the international calendar, Wales host England and Ireland in the 2015 six nations on Friday 06 February @ 20:05 and Saturday 14 March @ 14:30 respectively, and the club will be open for all to come and support the National side, and enjoy a drink with a reduction on the draughts once again.

Membership is now due and can be paid to any committee member at the clubhouse. For all information about the rugby club, including details of the regular music nights, please log on to: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm>

Please contact the Clubhouse for any information on membership, events or participation in rugby for Llangwm RFC. Tel: 01437 890462

*Report by Steve Poole*

## Llangwm Rugby Club Junior Section

The Junior section of Llangwm Rugby Club ended last season very strongly with numerous tournaments and events, and a very successful and well supported junior presentation evening.

We currently have 6 junior sides playing on a regular basis, under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's play tackle rugby and the under 7's and under 8's play tag rugby. Unfortunately this season we have not been able to keep the Under 14's going, despite our best efforts this age group has now folded.

We have seen a lot of movement of players over the summer months, but fortunately many of our better players have remained loyal to Llangwm.

We started the season off strongly with games

against Neyland, St Clears and Whitland. All our teams showed a lot of promise against strong opposition. The under 12's started their season with a trip paintballing which produced far more bruises and injuries in 3 hours than a whole seasons worth of rugby!!

As always we rely heavily on our coaches and this year we are again fortunate to have a dedicated group who encourage and support our young players.

Home matches take place in Llangwm on Sunday mornings and on most occasions teas, coffees and bacon rolls are available. There is often a small but vocal group of parents and family providing encouragement and support to the children. Only **positive** support for our teams is encouraged.

Anyone wishing to help with coaching, refereeing or just organising please contact one of the junior coaches or committee members.

Training takes place on a Wednesday night at 6pm at Llangwm playing fields and after October half term training will take place at Moor farm from 6pm to 7pm.

Any children between the ages of 6 and 12 regardless of previous rugby experience are more than welcome to join the junior section and help Llangwm junior rugby section to continue to grow. We encourage all children who train with us to play in our matches. Information can be found on the junior page of our website

**[www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwm) and our Facebook page.**

*Report by Suzanne Bartlett*





## Llangwm Cricket Club News



The 2014 season saw Llangwm 1<sup>st</sup> XI become the Division 2 Champions and so has deservedly regained its Division 1 status in the Pembrokeshire Cricket League for 2015. Unfortunately the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI suffered continually from withdrawals and often struggled for numbers and consistency. As a result it was disappointingly relegated down to division five. Our thanks go to Shaun Waller, Simon Richards and Matthew Gow for the weekly efforts they made to raise a second team and then go out and captain the team on a Saturday.

On the brighter side it was encouraging to see five players who last season were considered second team players playing in the first team and contributing with both bat and ball to the promotion of the first eleven.

Pill Parks on a warm Saturday is as welcoming as any ground in the County and the hard work of grounds man Ian Gow and his hardy troops is well appreciated as is the time of Jeremy Brock in keeping the outfield and surrounding area in tip top condition. The exceptional commitment of our club

chairman, David Davies must be mentioned in the amount of work that he and Julian Platten put into erecting and painting the boundary fencing, most of which they did themselves, and which has made a big improvement to the boundary area. David with help from Vice-Chairman Martyn Inward and club members also erected and electrified the new scoreboard which for the 2015 season will be accompanied by a new electronic scoreboard donated by Jon Davies of Llangwm and Australia. Further ground improvements are also in hand and we would welcome any help that any of you are prepared to offer.

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Matthew Evans of the Cottage Inn who again undertook the task of supplying sandwiches and savouries for home fixture teas, together with his sponsorship of the weekly chicken for the Saturday raffle. We also acknowledge and thank all those ladies who supported the club on home games and willingly helped in the supply of cakes and preparation of the teas.



*Llangwm 1st Team, who secured the championship in the final game on 30 August 2014:*  
Daniel Hughes, Huw Brock, Janice Brick (Scorer), Shaun Waller, Chris Thomas,  
James Lewis, Chris Inward, Will Beresford (WK).  
Luke Brock, James Venables. Joseph Kiff (Captain), Richard Brock, Ollie Davies.



The continual support of sponsors, and we particularly mention the Community Council, Michael Dickman, Stephen Thomas, Richard Palmer, Emma Griffiths (née Inward) and local residents is appreciated as cricket is played and enjoyed by many people in the Village and surrounding area. However cricket like all sport is expensive and whilst we depend heavily on our sponsors we also organize money raising events ourselves and two in particular need to be mentioned. One of the highlights of the social calendar for the Club continues to be the Annual Golf Day, co-ordinated by Chairman David Davies and his wife Susan. For the second year this event was held at Haverfordwest Golf Club and it continues to be an event where old adversaries can once again don a competitive stance with one and other whilst replenishing lifelong friendships post match. Our thanks go to Simon and Jonathan Kiff of Talbot Timber Ltd. for their generous sponsorship of this event.. The second money raising event was our Summer Draw and this was again organised by the club chairman and his wife and well supported by club members and players.

For most of us attached to the club the highlight of the year was the restarting of our Junior section. This was orchestrated by Stuart Beresford aided by Simon Richards, Derek Tjoonk and Colin Phillips. The first coaching session saw just eight boys and

girls turn up, but at our last session towards the end of August saw twenty five youngsters turn up for practice. In between times we played Carew, Cresselly, Hundleton, Haverfordwest, Hook, Burton and Neyland at under 11 and under 9 years of age and our teams gave a good account of themselves.

A good working relationship was also made with Cleddau Reach Junior School to promote cricket in the village by sharing some facilities and our coaches helping the school when requested. This can only be good for both School and Club and we welcome help and support from any parents who feel they would like to contribute in some way.

The contribution of our Club Secretary Bill Marchant cannot be under estimated. He has been pivotal in planning the future development of the club and with a young Treasurer and a new Assistant Secretary to work with him things are looking good for the Club. Further ground improvements are also in hand and we would welcome new members to be part of our overall plans.

The AGM will be held in the early part of the New Year when it is hoped all associated with the Club will make an effort to attend. Further details will be posted in due course at the Clubhouse and on the Club website:

[www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwmcricкетclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llangwmcricкетclub)

## ...Soccer Special...NEWS FROM LLANGWM A.F.C....Soccer Special...

*It might have escaped the notice of many of our readers, but Pill Parks has also been host over the couple of seasons to the sport played with a round ball...read on for the full story.*

### ***This current football season is the third since the formation of Llangwm AFC in 2012.***

Made up of mostly local lads in their early twenties, the team has been playing together as friends in the local Under-16's League for a few years. In their first full season they ended up a very creditable 6th in the Pembrokeshire 5th Division.

At the start of last season the aim was to try to get promotion to the 4th Division. However, the team took the league by storm. Never out of the top two, the 5th Division Champion's title was won with the very last kick of our season.



By Craig reeves

As a result of the club's success, this season has seen the formation of a second team. This is in part due to the offer by Hook and Freystrop to use their facilities for which the club is thankful. The club would also like to thank all at Llangwm RFC for all their support and hard work.

We would also like to thank our local sponsors:

Nash Plumbing Ltd (Hook )  
Training & Football Kit

Scott Gregory (Caddies  
Café) Football Kit

Anthony Phillips (Builder)  
Footballs

*Report: Andrew Harding*

# LLANGWM LONGBOAT ROWING

Before you hear about our successes this year, the rowing club would like to extend an enormous **thank you** to **Mrs Peters** for her kindness in letting us use her field in which to store the boats. Without her we could not possibly exist.

Thanks also to the long suffering residents of **Black Tar...** to **Janet Meopham** who cheerfully lets us plug in to her power supply to pressure wash the boats, to **Gary and Lisa** for their instant help whenever we need it, to **Ian and Christine Jacob** for allowing us to use their water supply at the regatta and to **Gareth and Joan (from Houghton)** for so much help with all aspects of the club. Thank you thank you thank you.

The season has just ended with the **Ladies' Supervets team** topping the entire **Welsh Sea Rowing Association League** which includes clubs from as far afield as Ynys Mon. The team was **Jane Scales, Mandi Chesterman, Mandi Phillips**, and **Debbie Phillips** coxed by the legendary **Mike Miles**.

A mixed team (men and women) of **Debbie Phillips Tony Phillips Jane Scales Lynn Hooper Karl Fyfe and Susie Adams** came **3rd** in the gruelling **Great River Race** (this is a **21 mile** race on the **Thames** from **Millwall** to **Richmond**). They were rowing a restored original **Pembrokeshire Longboat**, the heavier forerunner of the Celtic Longboat.

The club once again organised the increasingly popular **Marathon Row** from **Milford** to **Haverfordwest**. Rowers came from all parts of the UK and included **outriggers** and **dragonboats**.

Our wonderful **Annual Regatta**, held in **August**, attracted a record number of entries, there were **28 boats** on the lineup for the **mixed race** alone. The event was, as ever, well attended and **supported by the village**, indeed the village hall kindly lent us the use of its tables and chairs and the only fly in the



ointment was the **County Council's** strange decision to close the **public loos at Black Tar**, a much needed facility at races and indeed all year round. **So we hired some.** However, spirits refused to be dampened, there were **burgers** to be eaten, **cakes** to be guzzled and **Matthew's chili** for the hungry rowers.

The **fun event** was the **Duck Race**, as part of the **Llangwm Festival Fortnight**. This was held in the pretty **picnic area** off **Rectory Road** where children especially had **marvellous fun**, swinging on a rope from the bank, paddling in the Pill or eating cake.

The bi-annual **Celtic Challenge** was held in May. Some Llangwm rowers joined others from PYC to row **from Arklow to Aberystwyth**. A 12-strong team had to do shifts across the **Irish Sea**, changing at intervals to a mother ship to try to get some sleep as they continued throughout the night, arriving just after dawn in Aberystwyth. **It is officially the longest pure rowing race in the World.**

One member of the Club has been conspicuous by her absence for the past year or so. There was a good reason for it. **Mel Miles** was in serious training for the **Iron Man Challenge....over 2 miles swimming** in the choppy sea off Tenby, then a **112 mile cycle race** followed by a **marathon run** (26 miles). All to be completed between 5.30 am and midnight. She finished it in 15 hours.

**Phew!** Hopefully she won't do it again, because we missed her and need her back to spur the ladies on to further victories.

It's not all about racing though, it's not all about ladies either, just that the men have been lower key than usual this year. But some of us are just content to paddle down to **Lawrenny** in the evening for a pint and/or some food. Or to go out in the **early morning mist**, accompanied only by **herons, egrets, oystercatchers, cormorants, geese and ducks**. Sometimes we drift and watch the **fish jump**, sometimes we get a visit from a **seal**. These are experiences you just can't buy. Well you can if you **join the Rowing Club**. It's £55 for single membership inclusive of insurance so it's just over £1 a week, going out as much as you want. The first three sessions are free. **Sara Kenny** coaches a **novice group** on **Thursdays** at the moment until it gets too dark. If you want a bash, phone her on **07970857001**.

**Family rowing** £85  
(up to 2 adults and/or children 18 or under at 30/09/2014 living at same address)

**Individual rowing** £55

**Student/Unemployed** £28

**Junior** £20

(18 years and under on 30/09/2014)

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