

LLANGWM VILLAGE NEWS

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In this issue... Llangwm takes its WW1 Opera to St David's Cathedral... Heritage Project in full swing... Village Domesday Project latest... Sport News... Festival News... Gardening Tips... Tree Planting - and much more!



Have you entered the village's photographic competition yet? There are cash prizes for each season/quarter of the year. Pick up an entry form from the village shop and get snapping. So many opportunities...there is nowhere we can think of that is more photogenic!

Llangwm Village...Always Full of Surprises

The newsletter is expanding rapidly in the range of subjects it covers - and it is all down to the activities and events happening in and around Llangwm right now. Some of the new topics in this issue are *community embroidery, podcasts and dressage!* There is exciting news of *archaeology on our doorstep, school sporting champions* and an incipient *village literature festival*.

A big thankyou to all of you who have researched material, contacted contributors, written up your news, sent in your photographs, helped with publicity, proofread pages and delivered copies of the newsletter round the doors.

If anyone would like to help put the newsletter together - if you are a writer, a budding journalist, graphic designer, photographer - or just a willing volunteer with a strong sense of community, do get in touch. Can't promise you wages, but it might look

good on a CV!

On-line (hopefully) you can now see the **latest two newsletters in colour!** (Unfortunately the print budget still only stretches to black-and-white.) Just go to www.llangwm-pembrokeshire.org.uk, the village website's home page, click on the button '**Llangwm News**' and you'll find links to the two most recent editions.

You cannot fail to have noticed how busy our webmaster Pam Hunt happens to be right now, with the Heritage Project going on apace. If you are at all familiar with website technology, perhaps you could lend a hand with Llangwm's website, if only on a temporary basis. Please get in touch if you can help.

You can contact me by phone (01437 891580) or email m.brace@btinternet.com.

Margaret Brace - Editor

LLANGWM VILLAGE SHOP

Easter Opening Hours (25th -28th March)

25 March	Good Friday	9am-12noon
26 March	Easter Saturday	8am-1pm
27 March	Easter Sunday	9am-12noon
28 March	Easter Monday	closed

We wish all our customers a wonderful Easter.

From the Cottage Inn...

Matthew writes:

"We intend to be back open at lunch time from Easter.

To keep up to date with future events join our Facebook page."

Watch out for...

Facebook pages from **Heritage Llangwm**, **Llangwm Village Voices**, **Llangwm Community Centre** and the 500-members strong **Llangwm** group page. **Llangwm Village** and **Heritage Llangwm** also have dedicated websites.

NEWS from THE COOKHOUSE

The very popular takeaway service, The Cookhouse, which recently migrated from Main Street, Llangwm to Johnston for bigger and better facilities, is going from strength to strength, now offering special family meal deals as well as a restaurant facility on certain nights of the week.

Proprietor/chef Owen Hall is pleased to be of service to the community in his home village of Llangwm and farther afield. He especially welcomes the re-opening of the Langford Road, from Johnston to Llangwm - its closure has been somewhat challenging for pizza deliveries!

****Watch The Cookhouse Facebook page for regular updates****

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News of the Llangwm Festival - Winter and Summer!

from the Llangwm Festival Committee

Well, here it is...another start to a wonderful year, with lots of lovely and exciting things happening in our village.

Let's not forget our amazing year last year, with such a successful **Carnival**...plans are now being put in place to make this year even more fun and enjoyable! We also had a wonderful **Halloween Party** which was attended by most of the children in the village! It was lovely to see such a great turnout - not forgetting **Santa and Village Voices** visiting **Llangwm Green** for a wonderful opportunity to sing some festive carols and enjoy some mince pies and warming mulled wine...again it was so lovely to see so many people coming to join us.



The New Year brings to the festival committee a new and very welcome member, Martin Wilcox... bringing with him lots of carnival knowledge and excellent ideas...welcome Martin!!

If you are interested in joining the festival committee we meet at The Cottage Inn Pub roughly once a month...Claire, Kerry, Lucy, Liz and Martin welcome any new members! Also if you would just like to offer a helping hand at various events it would be very much appreciated!

Our next event is our **Easter Fun Day** which will be held at **Llangwm Village Hall** on **Saturday 26th March**, 2pm 'til 4pm. It's sure to be the most "Eggsellent" fun., with kids bingo, games, refreshments and much more...just £2.50 per child.



Events coming up...we will be celebrating the Queens 90th birthday in style...so watch out for Facebook and posters for more information as we put together a day to remember!!

And finally....**Llangwm Carnival**....this year to coincide with all the events surrounding Llangwm at the moment, as the breathtaking research into Llangwm's history continues...**our theme is MEDIEVAL!!** and the date for this year's carnival is **Saturday 9th July 2016**. Don't forget to put your thinking caps on for all kinds of **Medieval Scarecrows** too! Last year saw over **50** great scarecrows on the '**Nursery Rhyme**' theme - let's beat that number this year with knights, damsels in distress and all things medieval.

If you would like to be involved in any way...or put on an event during the two weeks leading up to Carnival Day then **please contact Claire** on 07809 446439 or email her on **claire@mylittlecupcake.co**

Last year was so unforgettable in so many different ways...let's make this year even more memorable!!

Claire Holland



NEW YEAR HERALDS HONOUR FOR RICHARD

Richard Tovey of Port Lion had a surprise in store at the New Year - it was announced that he was to be awarded the MBE for his services to education, in particular for his voluntary work as a member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS), Leamington Spa, of which he is now an Honorary Life Member.

Richard has been a member of IAPS since 1975 serving on the IAPS council for four occasions and was chairman from 1999 to 2000. He served on many IAPS committees and has been a governor of many independent schools in this country and abroad and is currently governing two schools in the UK.

Richard was educated at St. Dunstan's Prep School at Burnham-on-Sea and Clifton College, Bristol. He attended Culham College, Abingdon where he trained as a primary school teacher.

He taught in the state and independent sector before taking over as headmaster at Tockington Manor School in September 1975 with his wife Jane. They ran the school for 38 years and retired to Port Lion in

August 2013.

Their house Curlew Call was bought by Richard's parents Janet and Gordon Tovey in 1967.

Jane and Richard with their four children Mark, Clare, Paul and Simon enjoyed coming to Pembrokeshire for their summer holidays whilst running the school. As they planned for their retirement they renovated Curlew Call.

They are greatly enjoying living in and becoming part of the Llangwm community.



Richard Tovey, MBE, of Port Lion, Llangwm

GERMAN POW PAINTINGS ARE LINK TO 'GREAT ESCAPE'

Two paintings, by German prisoners at the Island Farm PoW camp, Bridgend, will soon go on display - thanks to co-operation between three Welsh museums.

The town museum at Cowbridge will be the new home for the two landscapes, donated by **Jeff James** who runs a private museum at Llangwm, near Haverfordwest.

Jeff offered the two paintings to Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre, along with other

wartime items. While the paintings did not fall into the Heritage Centre's collections policy their unique significance and wartime connections were instantly spotted by Aled Lewis, the Centre's Archiving Officer,

and also the Voluntary Curator of Cowbridge and District Museum.



*Photograph:
Aled Lewis and Jeff
James (right) show
off the two German
PoW paintings at the
Pembroke Dock
Heritage Centre.
PICTURE: Martin
Cavaney
Photography*

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Well, what a difference a coat of paint makes! Although the 'make-over' was completed in the now distant time of sunny August, the freshness still inspires surprise and further improvements are hopefully not too far away!

We still have our **regulars using the Hall** which includes **Tai Chi**, **Sparkle Tree Jewellery Making**, the **Village Voices Choir** on a weekly basis, as well as the **History Group** and **Krafty Kids** who meet monthly. **St Jerome's congregation** are holding some of their Sunday services in the Hall during the Church restoration period – all welcome. A very successful **Pudding Club event** was held by them at the Hall in September and their **'Breakfast with Santa'** is now a regular slot by popular demand! The **Tapestry stitchers** for the St. Jerome's panels have enjoyed receiving **training sessions** in the Hall from Dale's parish priest and textile expert, Rev. Andrew Johnson.

The **'Nights Out' performance of Aladdin** by the **Indigo Moon Theatre Company** using shadow puppets proved to be a delightful and magical way of retelling an old story. After the performance, the puppeteers demonstrated how to make your own shadow puppets and scenery – entrancing children and adults alike with its simplicity.

Hopefully, by the time this edition goes to print, you will have noticed several new **Defibrillators** around the village. A **coffee morning** was held in the Hall on 30th January where a demonstration of how to use this important piece of equipment was given by Anthony Hamilton-Shaw. With his wife Sherilyn, he started **Cariad**, the charity that has provided the initial and on-going training, plus monthly monitoring of the equipment.

Funding for the defibrillators was provided by two private donors from Llangwm. We wish, on behalf of the village, to say THANK YOU! Knowledge of the song **'Staying Alive'** by **The BeeGees** was shown to give just the rhythm needed for pumping the chest and getting it back into its proper rhythm! In other words, an entertaining talk was given, but one where the information was clearly understood.

Next year there will be a repeat demonstration once the defibrillators are installed in the village, but there is plenty of information about how to operate them on the internet, so please do look. **'Staying Alive....'**



A good turnout for the all-important defibrillator demonstration at the Village Hall in January.

On **Thursday 3rd March** we managed to secure back, by popular demand, the **Village Voices**, with three young soprano soloists, who came and sang at our **St. David's Day Evening** (see pic below). For the bargain price of £7.50, a meal was served of potato and leek soup with garlic bread and our infamous puddings! Many of you came along, wearing your daffodils and carrying a bottle of wine (if that was your choice of tipple). A wonderful evening as always.

Future Hall events will include another **'Night Out'** performance in **November/ December**.

Hall Charges

1. Sessional – morning, afternoon or evening £10
 2. Adult Party - £35
 3. Children's party - £25
 4. Charity event per session - £10
 5. Summer wedding (to include electricity, extra time for setting up and clearing away over 3 days, cleaning costs) £150
 6. Winter wedding (to include the above + heating) £175
- Please note: there will be a refundable deposit of £50 required when booking a wedding.

Finally, as always, thanks to our committee, our volunteers and to Pat in the shop for all the time and effort they give so unstintingly to keep our Community Centre open.

Val John



LLANGWM DOMESDAY PROJECT 2016

The original *Domesday Book* was William 1's attempt after the *Battle of Hastings*, to quantify just what it was that he had "conquered". It ensured that everyone listed their holdings and possessions and formed the basis of a new set of tax laws. The information collected was recorded by hand in two huge books and takes its name from the story of *Judgement Day* in the Bible when the deeds of Christians, written in "*The Book of Life*" were to be placed before God for judgement – "*Doomsday*". William actually died before the task was complete. Today the books give us an insight into just what the country was like in the late 11th century.

In the 1970s the BBC, in conjunction

with schools, created a modern *Domesday project*. Schools throughout the country undertook the task of recording just what life was like in their communities. These were then transferred to a laser disc – state of the art technology at that time – and then distributed by the BBC. Unfortunately, like the Sinclair C5, that bit of technology wasn't destined to survive although today, the contents of those discs have been put onto the world-wide web. Llangwm didn't contribute to the 1970's project so we have no archive material, either photographic or written, on which to draw. Perhaps now is the time to put that right and construct *our own record for 2016* and leave a legacy to future generations.

The aim of *Llangwm Local History Society* is to carry out a survey of life in the village over the coming year. Given our limited resources for processing large amounts of data, the survey will

be confined to what we believe would be of interest in 50 or 100 years' time. Already, some members of the community are keeping *weekly diaries* and detailing other aspects of day to day life. Pupils at *Cleddau Reach School* are also *recording life from a child's perspective*. By taking *photographs, videos* and even retaining everyday items like *shopping lists*, we aim to produce a snapshot of our village and what it would be like to live here in the early part of the 21st century.

Everyone can take part in this venture. If you would like an entry form for the quarterly **photographic competition**, please ask at the Post Office. Entries for *January, February and March* need to be submitted by the *beginning of April* with prizes awarded for the best shots. The result, we hope, will be a treasure chest of data to enlighten and fascinate generations to come.

Graham Stephens

LLANGWM VILLAGE VOICES - THE CHOIR REPORT

Christmas got off to a good start when we were asked to sing at a ball in aid of *Adam's Bucketful of Hope* appeal. And it all started with a lot of double takes seeing our esteemed leader Sam resplendent in a suit and tie with polished shoes

The venue was the *Pavilion* on the showground where the great and good of Pembrokeshire were gathered. They may have been great but some were not very good at all, quite naughty in fact. Maybe it was the first time they had been let out without their mummies but a tableful of guests drowned out our singing. Fun though, maybe like being in a cabaret. The powers that be were very complimentary about us.

The *Christmas Concert* this year was held in the *Methodist Chapel*. With *Cantabile* ladies' choir singing with us, the numbers combined with audience would have been over the limit for the village hall. We raised £234 in aid of the Pembrokeshire branch of Young Onset Dementia.

Then we had a jolly evening singing carols in the pub and also did our annual stint singing carols to parents and children as they queued for the school's Christmas Fayre. Come to think of it, we also sang carols on the Green for Santa's visit - and sang carols again to the old folk at Williamston Nursing Home. That was a very busy carol-singing Christmas.

The New Year brought new recruits. Little did they know that they would be singing Rachmaninov in Russian.

Michael from Edward's Pill, fresh from Moscow, kindly came to give us pronunciation tips. There's a lot to learn this term, we're battling on with John Rutter's '*Gloria*' as well as some Borodin, *West Side Story* and in the future, *Grease*.

As you may have read on page 5 of this newsletter, we have done our usual 'gig' at the *St David's Day Supper* in the village hall. Everyone there agreed that, along with leek soup and varied puddings, *Village Voices* contributed to a great community occasion.

Sunday evenings are now devoted to polishing up the *opera*. Learning it, in fact, for the new recruits and also for *Cantabile* and *Tempus* who will be enlarging our numbers for the choral version which we will perform in *St David's Cathedral* (yes, *Village Voices* have hit the big time) on June 2nd with an orchestra of musicians from *Welsh National Opera* no less. Tickets will be available from March 16th. Sam is currently working hard on the score and we will have a new *Tom*, a new *young Kaiser* and a new *Kaiser*. The rest of the cast should remain the same.

If anyone wants to join the choir, just turn up at 7.30 on Thursdays. Subs are £15 every two months. Mp3 s are available for everyone whether you can read music or not.

Fiona Cutting

**Did you know that
singing is good for
your health?**



LLANGWM'S OPERA STARS TO SHINE AT ST DAVID'S

It's now official: Llangwm's own locally-written opera, which wowed audiences in November 2014, has won funding for a concert version to be performed in no less a venue than St David's Cathedral.

It will be part of the prestigious St David's Cathedral Music Festival and is on the programme for June 2.



As well as being re-worked by composer Sam Howley from Llangwm and librettist Peter George from Newport, it has a new name: *A Village at War – Concert Version*.

The Ministry of Defence Armed Forces Covenant, which part-funded the opera, has awarded the organisers, Llangwm Local History Society with Llangwm Community Centre, a grant of £9,659 to complete and stage the new version.

The opera, which told the story of a young couple against the background of the Battle of the Somme, played to sell out audiences in Llangwm, Haverfordwest and Newport and featured widely on media outlets including BBC Radio 4's *Saturday Live*.

Taking part in the new version will be three local choirs: Llangwm's Village Voices, plus Cantabile and Tempus. Rehearsals have already started.

Llangwm Local History Society's Liz Rawlings welcomed the grant.

"It's appropriate that an armed services group is again helping us tell the story of the brave young men and their families back home who had to cope with the horrors of four years of war.

"It's a great honour to be able to perform at such a prestigious event as the St David's Festival."

The concert version, like the opera, will include references to true stories – the two young brothers who lost their lives on the Western Front, and on a lighter note, the butter war when Llangwm women boycotted merchants who raised their prices.

Librettist Peter George - who won last year's RS Thomas Festival poetry prize - commented: "I am very pleased to hear that grant aid has been awarded to a project which will involve so many in the community.

"The challenge for me will be to convert the text of a full Opera into a 'Concert Opera' which can be performed by mixed choirs with soloists and a narrator without loss of the message and poignancy of the original.

"I very much look forward to working again with Sam Howley in creating a work that will grab the public imagination and linger in the memory."

Heather Payton

LLANGWM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Walks, Talks and Events

As usual, there has been a varied programme of talks and events over the past few months.

In **November**, Robert Scourfield, Buildings Conservation Officer at the National Park took us on a trip (via power point) through the ages, from Pentre Ifan, Neolithic Burial Chamber, to an Art Deco style house, built in the 1960s in St Davids. He included some hidden gems such as the 15th century fisherman's chapel of St. Anthony, in Angle.

In **December** our AGM was followed by a fascinating meander down memory lane. Heather Payton and

Pam Hunt had interviewed and filmed Grace Childs of Burton Ferry, who at **102 years of age** retains her sense of humour and a wealth of memories.

December also saw us tucking in to a Christmas meal, prepared by Matthew at the Cottage Inn.

In **January** a joint Quiz was held, with mixed teams from the Gardening Club and History Society enjoying the evening, followed by supper.

'Langford House' was the subject of Pam Hunt's excellent film of her family's estate in Somerset, showing a bygone age captured on celluloid by her grandfather and enhanced by Pam's choice of music. The film certainly brightened up a dark, deary night in January.

In **February**, Phil Wensley of Orchard Row gave a talk on "Mesolithic Finds

in Llangwm" which everyone found to be very informative and clearly illustrated. We are very lucky to have such expertise locally.

Our latest talk, held in the Village Hall on **9th March**, was entitled "The Legend that is Llangwm RFC" and was given by Richard Howells, author of the book "Llangwm RFC - 100 Years of Rugby" and past chairman of the Club.

Further talks and walks are being planned for the Spring and Summer months and we hope that you will join us to learn more about the history of the local area.

Eileen Horton

2016 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

April 21 Members tour of Gt Nash Dig
May 20 Visit to Stackpole Estate
June 15 Historic Walk: Angle Village

Cleddau Reach VC Primary School News

Welcome to the Cleddau Reach VC School section of the newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy reading about some of the events which have taken place since the last edition of the community newsletter.

St. David's Day Celebrations



The school recently celebrated St. David's Day with a wide range of activities. A special whole school assembly was held on Tuesday 1st March and the children came to school in traditional costume. During the first week of March the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 classes held eisteddfods where they shared poems, art work, Welsh



conversations and traditional dances. The activities were enjoyable for the children and allowed them to learn more about the culture and traditions of Wales.

Enterprise Troopers Regional Finalists 2016



The school reached the West Wales Regional finals of the Enterprise Troopers Competition. At the competition our current Year 6 class received an award for the most innovative enterprise project.

While in Year 5 the class designed and made products for the Pembrokeshire Enterprise Fair inspired by the art and design work of William Morris. The children used recycled materials for their products and each member of the class was actively involved in costing, selling and evaluating their products.

The children were aware that any profits from their Pembrokeshire Enterprise Fair stall would be used to support the creation of a

new enterprise project which they would aim to introduce and sustain during their time in Year 6. This led to the creation and launch of their **Stationery 8 Company** in September 2015.

Stationery 8 has provided a weekly school based shop for stationery products proving to be popular with customers, motivating for the Year 6 class and financially successful. All enterprise work outlined above has involved the class in the regular sampling of opinions from other classes, local businesses and family members when looking at design, product, pricing and promotional issues.



Sladen Swimming Gala Champions 2016

On Friday 5th February Cleddau Reach were one of twenty two schools taking part in the Sladen Swimming Gala.

The boys squad came first and won the swimming salver and the girls squad came fifth.

Congratulations to both squads for their wonderful efforts!

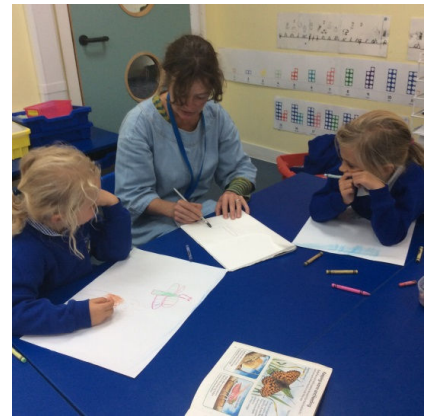


Children Inspired by Local Artist to Draw Creatures and Plants from Pembrokeshire Environments



The children at Cleddau Reach have been working with local illustrator and author Fran Evans.

All of our classes have been involved in workshops where Fran has shared ideas from her sketchbooks and answered questions about her work as an artist. The children have found out about different creatures and environments within our local area and produced sketches to record their findings.



Fran has incorporated the children's sketches into a fantastic mural which she has created at the entrance to the school building. The mural provides a colourful and thought provoking entrance. It also captures the imagination and flair the children put into their original sketches.

The children have been really excited to see their ideas and sketches incorporated so well into this stunning mural. As well as brightening up the entrance to the school the mural will provide inspiration for the children to create their own imaginative stories linked to some of the creatures incorporated within the design.



Oakwood Cross-Country Champions 2016

The school was represented by fifty-two children at the Pembrokeshire Cross Country event at Oakwood on Thursday 16th October. I am delighted to report that Cleddau Reach were the overall winners of the competition.



On Monday 9th November Mr Peter Freeman the Team Manager of Pembrokeshire Harriers presented the Gerald Codd Memorial Award overall winners shield to Cleddau



Reach as part of a special assembly. The smaller photograph shows the children who won medals for their individual performances in the races for different year groups.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR ADMISSION INTO CLEDDAU REACH VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

All applications for school places are dealt with centrally by the Admissions Officer at County Hall. For first time nursery admissions parents need to send to the Admissions Department, County Hall a completed application form (NP1) and a copy of the child's full birth certificate. The application will not be processed if the birth certificate is not received. Pupils admitted to school in the nursery class do not have an automatic right to transfer to full time. A formal written application must be made at the appropriate time using the correct form (RE1). The Admissions Service at County Hall will provide parents with an application for a full time place at the time of formally confirming the nursery place allocated to the child. **The Admissions Officer, Teleri Williams** can be contacted on **01437 775030**.

Llangwm 150 years ago: The Oyster Season from the Pembrokeshire Archive with Nikki Bosworth

Llangwm was once famous for its oysters and piles of oyster shells can still be found in local gardens and on the sides of footpaths leading down to the shore. In Spring 1866, Charles Thomas was employed as an agent for the Herne Bay Oyster Company in Pembrokeshire. It has not proved possible to positively identify Charles Thomas as he does not appear in this capacity on the 1861 or 1871 census in Pembrokeshire but he was certainly accused of contravening the Oyster Fishery Bye Laws several times between December 1865 and April 1866.

At the Roose Petty Sessions held at the Shire Hall in Haverfordwest on Saturday 17th March 1866, Police Constable John Griffiths stated that "I am at present stationed at Llangwm. On 1st February last, I inspected the oyster beds at Black Tar, belonging to the Herne Bay Company, to whom defendant is agent, and saw a quantity of oysters on the top of the bed under 2 ¼ inches. I spoke of the matter to the watchman but did not say anything to the defendant until I gave him the summons. The number of oysters on the face of the bed was between 200 and 300. The oyster beds were about 100 yards from the road. The tide was over part of the beds. I walked between the beds of oysters and passed the small ones through my ring."

Mr Price, solicitor for the defendant, replied "The oysters in the bed are daily turned over with long iron rakes and the teeth of those rakes coming in contact with the oysters will necessarily chip the edges and so it is possible that small oysters will be found in the beds".

In the same court, John Skyrme of Llangwm was charged with storing and collecting oysters of less size than 2 ¼ inches. P.C. Griffiths stated that he had visited the coach house used by the defendant for receiving oysters from the dredges and saw 48 under the size in the mouth of a bag containing about 3 bushels. [A bushel of oysters weighed 45 to 60 lbs and

comprised 100-150 oysters depending on their size.]

Both cases were adjourned for a fortnight. To find out more about John Skyrme's case, go to the website www.skyrme.info and click on 'Library'. The case against Charles Thomas was dismissed but he had been fined £3 (in lieu of 1 month's hard labour) for a similar offence on 22nd December 1865.

Information from the 'Haverfordwest & Milford Haven Telegraph' and 'Pembrokeshire Herald' newspapers, Police Charge Sheets [PQ/AP/5], Police Nominal Roll [PCC/PO/1], parish registers and censuses at Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies.

Names of persons who have Registered themselves conformably to certain Bye Laws made at a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed by an Act passed in the 46th year of his late Majesty King George the 3rd intituled "An Act for the Regulation of the Oyster, Sole and Salmon Fisheries within the Harbour of Milford in the County of Pembroke and the Rivers running into the said Harbour" holden in pursuance of due Notice given at the Shire Hall of and in the said County of Haverfordwest the 25th day of January 1865.

No	Date when registered	Name	Residence
1	February 1 st 1865	William Morgans	Burton
2	"	Thomas Morgans	Llangwm
3	"	William Johns	"
4	"	John Palmer	"
5	"	John Skyrme	"
6	"	Richard Palmer	"
7	"	William Childs	"
8	"	Mary Edwards	"
9	"	Elizabeth Morgans	"
10	"	George Palmer	Llangwm Ferry
11	"	Margaret Johns	Llangwm
12	"	John Palmer	"
13	"	William Llewellyn	"
14	"	Thomas Bryant	Llangwm Ferry
15	"	Thomas Davies	do do
16	"	William Cole	do do
17	"	James Skyrme	Llangwm
18	"	John Morgans	Guildford
19	"	George Morgans	"
20	"	James Bryant	Llangwm
21	"	Elizabeth Llewellyn	Guildford

Transcript of Register (left)

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William Morgans, Thomas Morgans, William John, John Palmer, John Skyrme, Richard Palmer, William Childs, Mary Edwards, Elizabeth Morgans, George Palmer, Margaret John, John Palmer, William Llewellyn, Thomas Bryant, Thomas Davies, William Cole, James Skyrme, John Morgans, James Bryant, Elizabeth Llewellyn

(of Burton, Llangwm, Llangwm Ferry and Guildford)

A Llangwm Literary Festival -

"Those who don't believe in magic will never find it" - Roald Dahl, 'The Minpins'

Would you like to get involved in a summer literary festival in Llangwm?

The format is still flexible, but we would anticipate authors presenting their works and writers organising writing workshops for adults and children. It would also be a chance for local artists to exhibit their work.

We would anticipate opening and closing musical evenings.

If you are interested in getting involved, presenting your book, or would like to know more, please contact Michael Pugh, 2 Edwards Pill, Llangwm. Email: michaelpughnew@gmail.com Mobile: 07970 812050

A Museum with a Mission

Llangwm's little museum at Edwards Pill, will be opening for the village on Saturday 28th May, 2pm to 5pm.

Teas/coffees/cakes served as usual, so please bring your friends or relatives along, since all donations this year will be going to the WALES AIR AMBULANCE (you never know when you'll need this voluntary service) and we want to give them a nice big donation - from the people of Llangwm.

Oh yes, and if you are away that day - please pass on your donation to someone who will be coming! - or even bake a cake for the event please (let Pat know though)

Groups visiting throughout that week include, Hook History Society, Haverfordwest Probus Group, Carew Art Group, Milford Haven Probus Group, and Preseli Men's Shed Group.

Jeff James



Something old, Something new

Just over twenty years ago, **Bill Bryson**, an American, wrote a travel book entitled '**Notes from a Small Island**'. The book was his take on places throughout the length and breadth of Britain. It was interesting, informative and funny and encouraged me to visit places I'd not been to. Last year to mark the twentieth anniversary of the book's publication Bryson took to his car and his walking boots and revisited England, Wales and Scotland though this time getting to different destinations, including Pembrokeshire. Can you put names to the three following descriptions?

- (1) 'full of pastel-coloured houses, sweet looking hotels and guesthouses, glorious beaches and gorgeous views.'
- (2) 'it's a village really but an adorable one. It is very pretty and prosperous with a butcher's, a National Trust shop, a tiny bookshop, even a Fat Face.'
- (3) 'Three large pubs on the main square were out of business as was the Ship and Anchor up the road.'

Unfortunately, he didn't get to Llangwm. That apart, '**The Road to Little Dribbling**' will give you hours of pleasure.

Author **Robert Harris** started out as a journalist/television

reporter. He is now one of our most successful writers who bases his work on historical happenings. All of his books are marked by meticulous research and recreate, with a sure touch, the periods in which their characters move. '**An Officer and a Spy**' is set in France and takes as its subject the infamous Dreyfus affair. The story of this scandal is told by an insider in a clear, unsentimental way. If you want a page turner this is it. '**Imperium**' is the first book of a trilogy he has written on the great Roman statesman and orator, Cicero. The story is related by his slave/secretary, Tiro. Again, you won't be disappointed or with '**Lustrum**' and '**Dictator**' which follow it.

Just a couple of other possibilities? How about '**Let the Great Word Spin**' by Colum McCann set in New York City or '**Dissolution**' by CJ Sansom where the subject matter is medieval in period.

Finally, I wasn't too sure about the idea behind '**Dickensian**' recently broadcast by the BBC but decided to watch the twenty half hour episodes and thoroughly enjoyed them. The writer was Tony Jordan whose other claim to fame is that he scripts 'East Enders'! It was Charles Dickens but not quite as we know him. How many of his books did you spot?

Barry Childs

If you like reading, read on...

If you are **interested** in joining a new village **Readers Group/Book Club** please contact me, **Penny Reed**, on **01437 454337**.

HERITAGE LLANGWM - IT'S STARTED!

After over three years of development work and vigorous fundraising, the contractors moved in to St. Jerome's on the 12th February. They had barely lifted the pews when bones were found lying in the rubble underneath. So within hours of starting, the builders had to stop. The bones had to remain undisturbed until both the police and the Dyfed Archaeological Trust had examined them. Once the police had satisfied themselves that the bones were "Historic", it was down to the archaeologists to record them and box them. They will remain in the church until such time that they can be reburied once the works are complete.



The company that won the contract to carry out the nine month building project is David Siggery Ltd from Carmarthen. Like the Architects Acanthus Holden, who are overseeing the project, David Siggery's company is highly experienced in the restoration of historic buildings.

As well as the building works starting, all the community driven aspects of the project have started too. The **tapestry stitching** is underway at six different locations in the village. This is proving a real community activity with children of Years 5 & 6 at both Cleddau Reach and Hook schools making the basic designs and 26 local volunteers stitching away. But everyone can have a go. On **Saturday 19th March** all the tapestry frames will be in the **Village Hall** for members of the community to come along and see how it's getting on. Why not have a go at stitching too? Just come along and ask. The Hall will be open from **10.30am** and there will be teas, biscuits and cake on sale, but no sticky fingers near the tapestry frames please.

Among the discoveries that the research team have made since our last report, the **DNA results** for our seven male volunteers (six are pictured below) came through last November and the result for one of them, retired deputy



Head Teacher **Norman Roach**, demonstrated that he is a direct descendant of Godebert The Fleming, the patriarch of the **De la Roche dynasty**. But the people of Llangwm can be reassured that Norman would prefer that he is not called "My Liege Lord" as a result of this discovery. However if the legend of the hidden treasure of the De la Roche family is true and it is found during the archaeological dig, he feels it would be rather nice if he could have his share!

And on the Archaeology, stand by for **The Big Dig at Great Nash Farm**. That will be starting on **Monday 11th April** and will continue until **Thursday 28th April**. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Liz Rawlings on 01437 891706.

Finally, by the time the next issue of Llangwm Village News appears, the work should be completed and St Jerome's Church will have reopened, ready to serve our community for another 150 years. But before that happens, watch out for announcements relating to the **medieval re-enactment and banquet** to mark the **700th anniversary** of the **wedding of Sir David and Lady Johanna de la Roche**.

You can follow this and general progress on the project on the **Heritage Llangwm Website** and **Heritage Llangwm's** dedicated **Facebook page**. And don't forget to listen to **Heather Payton's monthly Podcasts**, which can also be found on the Website.

Pam Hunt

STOP PRESS

Among the discoveries made as the contractors excavated the floor of the nave was an early Victorian under floor heating system. A first opportunity for Llangwm's burgeoning

archaeologists to get going with a trowel.



HERITAGE LLANGWM'S PODCAST – NOW FOUR EPISODES OLD

So far we've featured 23 people, an entire orchestra, and two dogs. The Heritage Llangwm podcast (that's a mini radio-style report on-line, if you're not familiar with the term) has now reached the grand total of four episodes, one every month.

We were lucky. In episode two we joined the makers of the television programme *DNA Cymru* as they trawled through the genetic heritage of seven Llangwm men – and, remarkably, found one whose genes matched those of Irish descendants of our Flemish founders. The following month an expert in Australia told us these genetic markers originated in ancient Egypt and travelled via Italy and Belgium. His neighbour's dog joined in the conversation.



Norman Roach of Glan Hafan, Llangwm (left) and his son Peter. Their DNA proves Flemish ancestry.



Since then, we've caught up with the chief of the Irish Roche clan, and heard about St Roche day – which is where the other dog comes in, having saved the eponymous saint from a nasty death. We've met (and heard) La Volta, the early music orchestra who'll be helping us celebrate, we've joined the new vicar on his first inspection of the church, and we've heard from the archaeologist who we hope will find remnants of the Flemish founders. And we watched as the tapestry stitchers began their work.

If you've not yet joined us, the podcast appears at the start of every month on the website www.heritagellangwm.org.uk as well as on YouTube. And we'd love to hear what you think of it.

Heather Payton

Members of **HERITAGE LLANGWM's team of volunteers** enjoyed a rare moment of relaxation at the Social Evening held in January in the Cottage Inn, to mark the end of the major fundraising and the start of the project works.



ST. JEROME'S NEWS



It seems very strange to see daffodils, crocuses and even camellias flowering in February; the winter has been very mild indeed!

A brief recap of the end of year events in 2015.

We had a very well attended 'Breakfast with Santa' in December - with a special appearance from Mother Claus this time! Our Impromptu Nativity service on Christmas Eve was led by Father John Davies, with both children and adults participating.

On Sunday 24th January, St. Jerome's congregation said goodbye to Rev. Bill Lewis, extending their grateful thanks for looking after us for the past few months. He was presented with a farewell gift and his wife a bouquet of flowers.

Our big news is that the new Rector, Reverend Marcus Zipperlen, his wife Polly, sons Sonny and Malachy have moved into The Rectory.

On Wednesday, 27th January the Licensing Service of Rev. Marcus Zipperlen as Priest in Charge of the parishes of Llangwm, Johnston and Freystrop was held at Cleddau Reach, Church in Wales VC Primary School. It was officiated by The Venerable Dennis Wight, Archdeacon of St David's and an interesting witty address (with the presentation of a tennis ball) was given by Rev Alan Chadwick, Area Dean of Roose. Also attending were members of the local clergy.

After a warm welcome to everyone from Mr Nick Groves, Headteacher, the Cleddau Reach school choir, conducted by Mrs D James, opened the evening with two songs, which were beautifully sung and received very loud applause.

Wardens from all three churches gave the readings; members of the congregations of Llangwm, Johnston and Freystrop presented Rev Marcus symbols of ministry. The children from St. Jerome's Sunday School presented a stole, which had been made by Mrs Elizabeth Davies. Various members of the Communities came up to welcome Rev. Marcus, including Rev. Hugh-John Wilson, Llangwm Methodist Chapel; the Headteacher from Johnston Primary School; Freystrop WI. The legal part of the Licensing followed this and Rev Marcus Zipperlen was formally introduced to everyone. Gifts were presented to Rev. Marcus' wife, Polly, children Sonny and Malachy, welcoming them to the parishes. Rev. Marcus gave a brief address and delivered his "first announcements!" The school choir sang another song before the final hymn, as The Venerable Dennis Wight led the clergy from the hall. Mrs Hilary Anderson played the music for the service.

After the service everyone was invited for refreshments, which was a magnificent buffet prepared by the ladies of the three parishes. It was a lovely evening.

Rev. Marcus had a busy weekend. On Saturday 30th January it was the first Krafty Kids of 2016 in Llangwm Village Hall, we had 14 children! On Sunday 31st January we were back in the hall as Rev. Marcus held his first service, which was

joint service. It was a very full hall! On Sunday 7th February Rev. Marcus led his first Worship Time, which featured a rugby ball in the interactive story! On Sunday 14th February he led his first service in Llangwm Methodist Chapel. He has had a lot of "first services" in a short space of time!

Our future services are as follows:

20th March PALM SUNDAY (Joint Service and Walk of Witness at St. Peter's Church, Johnston)

WALK WILL BEGIN FROM BAPTIST CHAPEL, JOHNSTON to ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON AT 11 am prompt.

(There will be lunch after the Palm Sunday Service at The Vine restaurant in Johnston).

27th March EASTER SUNDAY

Eucharist Service in Methodist Chapel at 9am.

For the time being 2nd 3rd and 4th Sunday Services will be at the Methodist Chapel at 9am. If there is a 5th Sunday in the month, then it will be a joint service at 10am at either Freystrop or Johnston Church. Next 5th Sunday's are in May, July and October. Please check St Jerome's Noticeboard for details of venue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held during our regular morning services.

WORSHIP TIME is the First Sunday of every month in Llangwm Village Hall at 10am.

As always, anyone wishing to attend any of our services will always be given a very warm welcome. St. Jerome's would like to say a big thank you to all members of Wesley Methodist Chapel and Galilee Baptist Chapel for welcoming us into your Chapels during this restoration period of our Church.

Our popular themed **KRAFTY KIDS** is held in Llangwm Village Hall, usually the last Saturday of the month.

Krafty Kids in March will be the The Annual Easter Egg Hunt! (Details below).

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!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 26th March ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Llangwm Village Hall at 10.30am.

Come along to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, see if you can find the eggs and don't forget to wear your Easter hats and bonnets! Prizes for best ones. Refreshments afterwards. Please note the new venue and time.

Saturday 7th May SPRING FAIR 2pm Llangwm Village Hall

Please check on the St. Jerome's Church Notice Board and Church gate for times and venue of Services, and further forthcoming events. Reverend Marcus and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone Easter Blessings and a lovely Summer, hope we get some sunny days.

Debbie Lawson Earley



A Letter from Llangwm's new Vicar

Hello all,

Greetings to you from Rev. Marcus, new vicar in the village. It's good to be here.

Many thanks to all who came along to my licensing service in the school. I really did appreciate having such community support, it made it a special occasion. Most from St Jerome's know some of my background but I thought I'd write a few lines to let the rest of you know a bit about the new boy in town.

My wife Polly and I are fairly new to Pembrokeshire. We moved first to Haverfordwest two and a half years ago, where I have been a 'curate' (apprentice vicar). Before that we lived in Cardiff for three years while I did my vicar's training. But we first moved to Wales from Sussex around ten years ago, and lived in Aberystwyth. So we've moved around a lot recently, and we're looking forward to staying put here in Llangwm. Before training to be a priest I used to work at the Centre for Alternative Technology near Machynlleth, looking after all things biological there. Polly is a nurse, and we have two young boys, Sonny and Malachy.

As you know, our house, the Rectory, is here in Llangwm, but I'm also vicar in Johnston and Freystrop churches too, so there's quite a big area to cover - I'm grateful the road to Johnston is now back in action. It's my first posting as a vicar so I'm learning the ropes. If you need me for anything at all do please get in touch: feel free to accost me in the street, or my contact details are as follows: tel. 01437 899548; or email marcus@zipperlen.com

I look forward to living here amongst you, being your parish priest if that's what you would like, or simply getting to know you as neighbours over the months to come.

Yours kindly,
Rev. Marcus Zipperlen

Llangwm Methodist Chapel

MINISTER: Reverend Hugh-John Wilson
SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock
TREASURER: Mrs Susan Davies

Sunday Services: 11am every Sunday
Sunday School: 11am every Sunday

Please come and join us - Children of all ages welcome
We meet every Sunday morning 11am – 12noon. We read bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles, games and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun.

Womens Fellowship: fortnightly Wednesdays 2.00pm

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Good Friday – 25th March - service in the main chapel 3.30pm followed by the Good Friday tea in the Sunday School Room commencing at 4.00pm

Easter Sunday, 27th March – 11am service

Sunday 15th May: Chapel Anniversary 11am service

Sunday 26th June – Sunday School Anniversary Service – commencing at 6pm

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Festival Fortnight

Every day in the Sunday School Room - please join us to enjoy bacon rolls, light savouries and sweet with a cup of tea/coffee – please see poster for times nearer the fortnight

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

Galilee Baptist Chapel

Galilee follows a traditional pattern of worship in its weekly Sunday morning services, with much emphasis on hymn singing in its fine chapel building with an excellent acoustic.

In the past Galilee - and its sister chapel at Sardis, hidden away down a small lane from the main road - were renowned for their congregational singing, and Sardis Chapel still holds an annual Singing Festival during the first week in August when members of Galilee also attend.

Galilee Women's League meetings continue to be held in the chapel vestry on alternate Thursdays at 2pm, until early June when they break for the summer months.

Easter Services 2016:

25 March Good Friday Service
9.30am with Rev Roger Hart. Followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns in the vestry.

27 March Easter Day 10.30am
with Rev Roger Hart.

May 22 Chapel Anniversary Service at 10.30am.

June 5 - Evening - Hook Mission
Anniversary Service/Concert. Members of

Galilee traditionally support this event.
(Sunday morning service at Galilee as normal on this day.)

June 19 Galilee Sunday School Anniversary service at 10.30am with Rev Roger Hart.

June 26 - Evening - Methodist Chapel - Sunday School Anniversary service at 6pm. Members of Galilee traditionally support this event. (Sunday morning service at Galilee as normal on this day.)

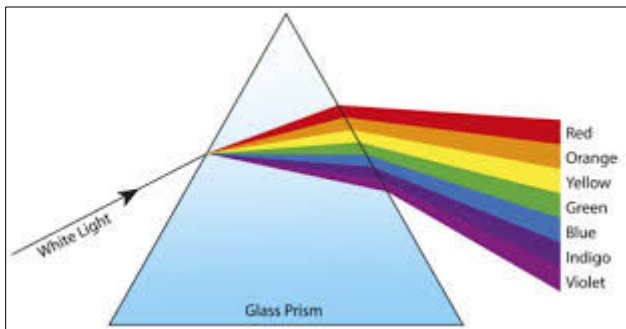
7 August - tbc - Evening - Sardis Baptist Chapel - Annual Singing Festival. Come and sing your hearts out. Members of Galilee traditionally support this event. (Sunday morning service at Galilee as normal on this day.)

Sept 25 Galilee Harvest Service at 10.30am with Rev Roger Hart.

Llangwm & District Gardening Club News Spring 2016

Is Winter the new Spring? My daffodils seem to think so - the first flowers appeared at the beginning of November and there have been splashes of yellow in the garden ever since! A lot of shrubs have kept going, and birds have been inspecting nesting sites since the beginning of February, not to mention slugs still on the prowl. A few frosts now have been welcome, as well as some sunshine.

Yellow – not everyone's choice, but one of my favourite colours – always cheerful and sunny. I had some yellow voile curtains in a spare bedroom and my son-in-law always called it the "Happy Room"! Sitting right in the centre of our visible spectrum, our eyes are more sensitive to yellow than any other colour, and perhaps that's why some people find it too vibrant. It's the first one that babies see as a colour, the more muted shades coming later as their eyes develop.



The Garden Clubs' **January Quiz** was boosted this year with a contingent from the Local History Society, so we included some local and topical History questions, as well as the usual Gardening and General Knowledge categories. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and a tasty buffet provided by club members.

In our **February** meeting we basked in the lovely Madeira sunshine in Katrina Pitches illustrated talk on the Flower Festivals and lush growth of the island. She described the climate there as "perpetual early summer", which sounded idyllic while we were being battered by yet another storm!



Madeira Flower Festival

Our **March** talk was by Mark Thomas, Manager of Scolton Manor, describing developments in the Walled Garden

Rebuilding Project. It is now such an impressive area at the back of the manor house, with a lot of history - a lovely addition to the site. A group of Garden Club members formed a weed-bashing and planting working party last June, who did 2 days hard labour in the garden to tidy the enormous lengths of beds, fortified only by tea and biscuits, lavishly supplied by the Scolton Café staff!



Scolton Walled Garden

Mark's talk informed us exactly how things are going. I read very recently in the Western Telegraph that the Council has approved a decision to buy Scolton from the Trust that owns it, hopefully to continue with developments there.

The rest of our **Programme** to July is listed below:

April 4 th	Heritage Plants
April visit	Picton Castle & Gardens - Guided tours
May 9 th	Garden Treasure Trail
May 21 st (Sat)	Annual Plant Sale & Coffee morning – Llangwm Village Hall
June 6 th	Skomer plants
July 4 th	AGM & BBQ

All are welcome at our meetings, held at the **Cottage Inn, Llangwm, 7.30pm**, on the **first Monday of the month** (or Tues if a Bank Holiday)

Maureen John (Chair)

Allotment News - February 2016

I'm not sure that anyone thought it would ever stop raining this winter, and I must admit I was really worried about how the allotments would fare. However I've been pleasantly surprised and everyone I've spoken to is looking forward to the next few weeks and months of preparation and growing.

We will shortly be having our AGM (no date has yet been set as this goes to print) and I'm sure we will continue to go from strength to strength, as we now have a waiting list.

If you would like information about the allotments please contact **Kim Sandford** on 891127.



Speed up your gardening process

'Eco' advice from organic gardener Paul Morafon

Village gardeners might like to know about a compost activator which can help in and around the garden.

It results from experimental work carried out by Maye Bruce in the 1940s. She arrived at a homeopathic 'tea' or 'tisane' that you spray into the compost bin. This 'tea' helps the micro-organisms to break down the compost material at a very acceptable rate and can give gardeners a soil-ready compost at a very quick rate.

We are very lucky in Llangwm in that we have access to seaweed washed up on to the foreshore. When I build my compost, I put layers of seaweed, kitchen waste, grass chippings and muck with a spray of the aforementioned 'tea' on each layer.

The other very necessary ingredient in the compost bin is air as ideally the compost bin is consumed in a very similar way to a bonfire. So in order to have maximum effect, air is fed in from the base of the bin.

The compost activator is available from Chase Organics tel. 01932 253666 for about £3.00 a packet. What could be easier? It's called QR (Quick Return).

Planting for the people

A 'giant orchard' spreads around town

Have you seen groups of people busily planting fruit trees around Haverfordwest?

Orchard Mawr is a group of people affiliated to the ecology-based group Transition Haverfordwest. Planting and growing fruit in local areas is seen as meeting two aims: cutting down on pollution which results from food transportation and providing a healthy food source.

The group meets regularly to plan tree planting - on publicly accessible land. In 2012 a 'Green Fayre' was held on Picton Fields, when the first fruit trees were planted along the



First fruit tree planted by the Orchard Mawr group, part of Transition Haverfordwest, at the 2012 Green Fayre.

riverbank, from the skateboard park to the road bridge. There quickly followed tree-planting sessions at Fortune's Frolic and the Lower Racecourse, with Haverfordwest VC schoolchildren helping out. Wildflower seed was planted along Thomas Parry Way - children from Barn Street School helped with this. Land alongside the Milk Factory, Merlins Bridge is another location.

The aim is to plant 1,000 trees by 2020, and we are about a quarter of the way there.

Do you know of a publicly accessible planting site or would you like to sponsor a tree? Are you interested in helping us?

If so, please visit our website

www.transitionhaverfordwest.org.uk

or email us at:

mail@transitionhaverfordwest.org.uk/orchardmawr

Happy planting!

Paul Morafon

Llangwm Community Council Update

These last 6 months have been busy when several issues have been under review.

1. **Defibrillators.** The most important of these has been the acquisition of **three defibrillators** following an incredibly generous bequest from an anonymous donor. The addition of a further amount of money enabled us to purchase the three cabinets needed for their installation. These defibrillators will be found on the exterior walls of the **Shop** and **Community Centre**, and on the reverse of the plinth with the Interpretation Board at **Black Tar**.

Over 50 people attended the defibrillator training on 30 January in the Community Centre and this will be repeated at some stage during next year. Thanks should be extended to Anthony of the charity **Cariad** who was incredibly professional and inspired everyone with confidence. These machines talk to you and will not allow you to make a mistake. We are very privileged to have three in our community.

2. **Toilets at Black Tar.** LCC has been in negotiation with Pembrokeshire County Council over leasing the **public toilets at Black Tar** in conjunction with Llangwm Rowing Club. There has been a significant delay in determining the annual cost, with insurance being the main stumbling block. However figures are now in place, and it is anticipated that positive news will be

forthcoming over the next few weeks as matters have almost been finalised.

3. **Dog fouling at Pill Parks fields.**

Envirocrime, organised by Public Health, are involving primary schools with county P.S.O.s. Signs are going to be designed by children at Cleddau Reach and deployed around the fields and the village. We hope that dog owners will continue to adhere to collecting their dog mess and either taking the bags home or putting them in the specified bins around the village.

4. **Noticeboard.** The new noticeboard on the Green, partially funded by a legacy from the late Rev. Jane, is there for anyone to post community notices. Please take what you wish to display along to Pat in the shop, and she will loan you a key.

Scouting - part of our Community

The members of Sardis Baptist Church invited 1st Johnston Scout Group to join them for their Sunday service on 24th January. Our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts led the service with songs, readings and prayers, and Hannah gave us some thoughts to ponder.

After the service we were treated to a very nice tea, and we were able to sit and chatter together - lovely! The collection went to **Cwtch (Pembrokeshire)** - supporting adults 18 to 45 with long term or chronic physical health conditions.

It is hope that through the Summer term our Group Sections will help to **trim up and tidy the graveyard** at **Sardis Church** once the weather warms and the evenings lengthen.

This year Scouting nationally has been working with and promoting its link with five different organisations as part of *A Million Hands* initiative. Out of these five our Group chose to support **MIND** and **WaterAid**. Our Section programmes for the term have been based on helping our young people understand the issues facing people, and the ways the organisations help and support people both locally and overseas.

Recently we ran a **Table Top sale** at our new hall in Hill Mountain to raise awareness and funds for **MIND** whose drop-in centre is in **Quay Street Haverfordwest**.

Our Sections learned about the work of the **WaterAid** and the issues facing people overseas with lack of clean water and sanitation. Activities included a **water relay race**, a **quiz**, and designing and building **water carriers** which were then used to carry full containers of water on a night walk! It certainly gave everyone an insight into the challenges people face.

Our new Scout & Community Hall is now ready for action! Lots of work has been completed including a fully fitted kitchen, toilets and wet room. **The hall can be hired** for parties, meetings, clubs etc by contacting me on the number below.

We wish to give a big thanks to those organisations who have generously supported us: **Pembrokeshire Masons, Norman Industries, Neyland Town Council, Johnston, Llangwm & Freystrop Community Councils, and Milford Haven Port Authority.**

It has been good to see some of our **parents**, and **young members** getting involved with raising money for our hall in various ways too - many thanks!

Our next fundraiser is an **Easter Bingo** at our hall in **Hill Mountain** on **Friday 18th March** 6.30pm for 7pm eyes down! Please come along to support us - you will be in for a treat!

We are always on the lookout for a **good Leader or two!** If you would like to help in Scouting please give me a ring on 01646 602334 / 07824748748 / pat.dixon54@btinternet.com

Pat Dixon
Group Scout Leader
1st Johnston Scout Group

Rowing Club

It is always a quiet time for the Club from late autumn through winter but at last the storms seem to be dissipating which is good news for us rowers, we can finally get back out on the water!

Sunday rowing will commence in the next couple of weeks. Any old or new rowers are more than welcome to come along.

The AGM was rescheduled for the 24th March at 8pm in The Cottage owing to paperwork problems. Liz Rawlings on behalf of the Community Council outlined

the negotiations they had been having with the County Council regarding the toilets at Black Tar, the lack of which caused the annual league race to be cancelled last year. It was agreed that the Rowing Club would take over the cleaning, maintenance, cess pit emptying and pay the water and electricity bills. Failure to agree would result in the County Council immediately putting the site on the market. It was therefore unanimously agreed by the club members present. It is hoped that the contract would be signed by April 1st ready for the main rowing season.

Looking forward to seeing all the regular and hopefully some new faces on the river this season!

from Llangwm Longboats

CHARLIE AND HER TEAM WIN NATIONAL SUCCESS

Team Quest is a new and exciting competition within British Dressage - the ultimate discipline for horse and rider.

During November of last year, 16-year-old **Charlie Hunt** of **Gail Rise, Llangwm**, competed in the **Team Quest National Championships**. Her team had previously won the **Regional Championship** for the **Welsh Under-25 Section** which meant they qualified into the national circuit.

Therefore Charlie's team which included Rose Sinclair-James, Gracie-Lou Randles and Dani Sibbald travelled up to Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, to compete in the National Championship.

The weather wasn't on their side and they had to put up with extreme winds yet despite the odds they held first place after the first day of competition.

With the pressure on, the team managed to maintain their lead on the second day to claim the **Under-25 Team Quest National Championship title for 2015**.

Charlie, who has been riding since the age of four, has previously ridden in the Under-25 Welsh squad and she hopes to represent Wales once again during 2016. She says of her sport "I like dressage because it is a challenge. You always want to do the best you can possibly do. Each movement is marked out of 10 and you strive to get a 10 when you compete at every competition."

We wish Charlie and her team-mates good fortune in all that they do in the future.



The "Pembrokeshire Lunachicks" - the Haverfordwest-based team which carried off the national trophy.



*Charlie Hunt on her horse 'Fleur'
(full stable name 'Isaura Van't Ceusterhof')*

MORE SHORT MAT BOWLING SUCCESS for LLANGWM FAMILY

It's been another good season so far for the Llangwm bowlers, the John-Davies family from River View.

November saw the first u21 Short Mat County Championships which saw James winning the title, not losing a game all day, and Sara coming fourth - well done both. James went on to play in the Welsh u21 Pairs in Carmarthen with team mate Cameron and came runner up by one shot - good effort boys.

December saw the family travel to Newry, Ireland, for the Tri-County Championships, Sara being honoured to carry the flag for Pembrokeshire in the opening ceremony in Newry as the youngest member of the team. In this she followed in her brother James's footsteps - he had the honour two years ago. Pembrokeshire came second overall.

Together dad Haydn, James and Sara won the County Triples (as pictured), gained third place in the Red Card Triples and took part in the Welsh Finals in Llandrindod Wells in February. A great family effort.

James continues to do well in both Singles and Pairs events. He will be competing in the Welsh Singles Finals in Llandrindod Wells in March and also representing Pembrokeshire in this year's Tri-County competition (second round) in April.

We wish James and the family every success.



L-R: Haydn John-Davies with daughter Sara and son James with their winning trophy in the recent Pembrokeshire County Triples Short Mat Bowls Championships.

Looking forward to the 2016 season

The Llangwm Cricket Club AGM was held on Thursday 25th February in the Llangwm Rugby & Cricket Club on the Green, Llangwm at 7.15pm at which this year's officers and committee members were elected. We welcomed Suzanne Waller to be our new Secretary following in the footsteps of Bill Marchant who has kept the Club on the straight and narrow for the last four years. Bill has promised to be on hand to advise so his vast experience and skill will still be available to us. Thank you Bill for all your help and support.

We are actively looking for more ideas to further develop the Club both on and off the field. The Clubroom at the top of the Stand is a great place to meet people before, during and after games so everyone is welcome to come along and become part of the local scene whenever there are matches or practice sessions. Cricket is played at Pill Parks every Saturday starting at 1.30pm (1st XI) & 1.45pm (2nd XI). Junior training takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7.30pm with under 11 and under 13 matches often on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 6pm. Senior County cup games also take place on weekday evenings – join our e-mail “newscast” to be kept up to date with fixtures and results as well as any other forthcoming events. Club Membership is available to everyone and the subscriptions received are an important lifeline to keep the Club going, as village cricket facilities are not cheap to maintain. See below for sponsorship opportunities.

Llangwm Cricket Club has not been idle during autumn and winter and looks forward to resuming play at the end of April when, hopefully, the weather returns to some sort of normality. The grass seed on the newly levelled eastern cricket outfield has germinated quite well in spite of both the incessant rain and the deprivations heaped upon it by it having been used and abused it before it had become properly established. Hopefully it will recover in time for the cricket season and be a considerable improvement to our field. The more level run-up to the cricket net is a great improvement for the bowlers. The ground will have to be lightly rolled prior to playing on it. Again, volunteers for such work are always very welcome.

We do not have a website as such but keep members and friends in touch with fixtures, results and other news and events by means of a weekly “newscast” by

e-mail. The result of our weekly “Chicken Dinner Raffle” which is drawn every Saturday evening in the Stand Clubroom after the game is also recorded in it. Just contact us with your e-mail address to be included – the e-mail list is confidential so your address is not disclosed to others when sent to you.

The junior section intends to field an under 13 side this year – we have a number of players of that age group but will need more recruits to ensure we can hold our own against the other clubs we play. So anyone out there wanting to play or already playing cricket get in touch – we start junior training at the end of April ready for matches to be played from May onwards at u11 and u13 levels in the County junior leagues and also are involved in the under 9 Festivals run at several clubs in the County on Sunday mornings including Llangwm.

Pre-season senior net practice at Thornton Hall will be booked and will be augmented by practice in our own net on Friday evenings weather permitting.

We are proud to report that another Llangwm player has been chosen to represent Wales – and definitely the youngest ever!

Maisy Davies has been selected for the under 12 Welsh girls and has been attending training sessions in Cardiff and other centres for some weeks now.

Congratulations to Maisy, and to her Mum and Dad - Karen and Mark - and also to proud Grandparents Sue and Club Chairman Dai Davies.



Maisy Davies

Our Chicken Dinner Draw is drawn after the game on Saturdays—tickets £1 per strip. The chicken is kindly sponsored by Matthew Evans (Cottage Inn Restaurant, Llangwm).

Llangwm Golf Day provisionally booked for Friday 15th July at Haverfordwest Golf Club. Contact Dai Davies for more details On 01437 890706).

A Llangwm Cricket Club Vice Presidents lunch will be held in the Stand Clubroom at 12pm on Saturday 9th July before our home game against local rivals Hook Cricket Club.

2016 Officers & Officials

*President	Barry Jones
*Chairman	Dai Davies
*Vice Chairman	Martyn Inward
*Secretary	Suzanne Waller
*Treasurer	William Beresford
*Child Welfare Officer	Chris Inward
*Junior Organiser	Colin Phillips
Executive Committee	*Officers & Captains plus Toby Asson, Huw Brock, Paul Morgan, Julian Platten, Simon Richards.
Qualified Umpires	Simon Richards, John Skyrme
Qualified Coaches	Dai Davies, Stuart Beresford, William Beresford, Jon Rowles Colin Phillips, Jamie Streeter, Brian Rothero, Simon Richards
Club Scorer	Janice Brick
Wicket Groundsman	Ian Gow
Outfield Groundsman	Jeremy Brock

Contact details for all teams are included below

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We look forward to next season with increased enthusiasm in the belief that for Llangwm Cricket Club the only way is up.

Club Membership categories

Vice President	£25
Club Member	£15
Senior Playing Member	£15
Youth Member (u14s and over)	£5
Junior Member (up to u14s)	£2

Club Sponsorship opportunities

Saturdays—Match Sponsor	£25
Saturdays—Umpires Sponsor	£15
Saturdays—Teas Sponsor	£15
Saturdays—Match Ball Sponsor	£5

STOP PRESS - LLANGWM CRICKET JUNIORS

Our Junior Section now has a full fixture list for under 11s and under 13s for the season with the fixtures for the under 9s due in early April.

We are now actively looking for **new recruits** to bolster our **under 13 team** and are holding our first training session in Thornton Hall on Friday 1st April to which all under 12s and under 13s (School years 7 & 8) are invited. It is on from 7pm to 9pm and there is no charge. Come along dressed in comfortable sports clothes and join the fun. We provide all the kit needed. Outdoor training is at Pill Parks on Wednesdays from 6 to 7.30pm starting on 27th April when the younger age groups also start training.

SOCCEER - an update from LLANGWM A.F.C.

The Llangwm Soccer team continues undefeated in the League, maintaining its strong position at the top of the table.

Since our last newsletter report the team has played only two matches – a 2-1 away win in Fishguard and a 6-0 home win against Letterston. As soon as the clocks go forward there will be quite a few evening matches at Pill Parks.

We anticipate that there will be lots to report in the next issue of Llangwm News!

Richard Scriven



Llangwm Rugby Club News



League News

Llangwm RFC are currently the strongest team in SWALEC League 3 West A – We are holding every-one else up! The scores at full time, against tough local sides, have still not been a fair reflection on the efforts and determination shown by the players. Strong individual and team performances have not been rewarded with a positive result after 80 minutes of rugby.

As of 20 Feb 2016, Llangwm are one of the few teams to have played all their scheduled fixtures in the 4 club competitions that are open to us – League, Bishop Cup, SWALEC Bowl and Pembrokeshire Knock-Out Cup. (The Cardigan game was postponed as they were playing in the SWALEC Bowl, which according to Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) rules, takes precedence over a league fixture), and this is a credit to all those involved in the preparation of the pitch and grandstand for match day. It also means that the swap from Rugby to Cricket at Pill Parks, as we head into summer, will once again be seamless.

As the league season now finishes so early in the year, a proposal by Pembroke Dock Quins (PDQ) for a cup competition involving only 3 West A clubs, which is the majority of the local sides, to be played once the league is complete, has been given approval by the District H Committee. Pending the approval by the WRU for referee support, and the compilation of rules for the competition by PDQ, it is expected that the new contest will start at the end of the regular 2016/2017 season.

Cup news

Following the bye in the first round of the SWALEC Bowl, Llangwm had the long journey to Milford Haven, who were a stronger side on the day, and they progressed to the 3rd round for a trip to Cowbridge as their prize.

The first round of the Pembrokeshire KO Cup, saw Llangwm drawn at home to Pembroke Dock Quins and despite the best efforts of the groundsmen at Pill Parks, the game had to be postponed in December 2015, as the extreme weather meant unsafe pitch conditions. This led to the slightly unusual fixture in January, where the league match against PDQ was given WRU approval to be a double header – A Cup and League fixture. A home fixture in the 2nd round was up for grabs, but the visitors on the day took the victory.

The club continues to be represented at the monthly District H meetings where local routine issues have been discussed and it has been helpful to have representatives of many departments of the WRU at these meetings. Issues raising concerns to Llangwm, as well as other local clubs, have been presented face to face with the Union. The support from our District Rep, Mr Gordon Eynon has been invaluable, especially in relaying the views of the club back to the WRU committee.

At the time of writing, the early stages of replacing the flat roof in the clubhouse, above the pool table and dance floor, have been completed. A project that was long overdue, and made possible by the WRU awarding the club a facilities grant to cover a proportion of the cost. Keeping with the ethos of the club, that local is best, the contractors are the well-known and local company of M&SDP Roofing Services. Having the roof replaced means that Julian won't have to get up there every 12 months to try and repair it!!

The bar in the Grandstand, now fully licenced for all fixtures, has proved a great success and will continue to open for both the rugby and cricket fixtures. The club thanks all those involved in running and stocking the bar on Saturday afternoons.

There are still numbers available in the 100 draw and, thanks to the efforts of Mr Raymond Hunt, joining and paying for your ticket is extremely easy. Direct Debit forms are available through Raymond to allow the ease of paying £72.00 for entry into all 12 monthly draws, with your bank transferring money to the club annually, or monthly at a cost to you of £6.00. The £500.00 summer draw top prize along with the £1000.00 top prize for the Christmas draw still remain, along with smaller monthly prizes. Please contact the club or Raymond for further information.

The final League fixture of the season will see Llangwm travelling to Cardigan to play in the rearranged match from early January. The new date is Saturday 02 April, 2016 with Kick Off at the normal 14:30.

Llangwm RFC would like to extend its constant and sincere thanks to all its sponsors for their kind support which helps to maintain rugby in the village.

(More rugby news on following page....)

Rhod Gilbert Work Experience : Rugby Coach (screened on 1 March, BBC 1 Wales, 10.40pm)

In 15 years of playing, Rhod may be the only rugby player on earth never to score a point. How did he fare when given the role of coaching a team?

After a day at the WRU's school of excellence, he was dumped with Whitland RFC's under-8s, and expected to prepare them for a major tournament.

Inspiring and managing the gaggle of energetic youngsters might just have been his biggest test yet. This tournament was played against 5 other local U8 sides which included **Llangwm**.

Missed it? Try i-player soon!

Some more dates for your Diary

There is an additional Summer International fixture. In preparation for the Summer Tours, Wales will be taking on England at Twickenham on 29 May 2016. The Kick Off time has not yet been announced by the RFU.

The dates and Kick Off times for the International summer tour series against the All Blacks are:

NZ v Wales 11 June 16, KO 19:35 @ Eden Park, Auckland.

NZ v Wales 18 June 16, KO 19:35 @ Westpac Stadium, Wellington.

NZ v Wales 25 June 16, KO 19:35 @ Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin. TV coverage details of these games have not yet been released.

Meetings can be time consuming, however it is most important that members make every effort to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Club on Monday 25 July 16 at 20:00. Please make a note NOW. The rugby season may be over but contentious issues may

fester away and the odd moments worthy of praise, forgotten. Do come along and have your say.

Moving much further into the year, the WRU have released the dates and opposition for the Autumn Internationals:

05 Nov 2016 Wales V Australia 15:00 KO

12 Nov 2016 Wales V Argentina 17:00 KO

19 Nov 2016 Wales V Japan (TBC) 15:00 KO

26 Nov 2016 Wales V South Africa 17:00 KO

Due to the KO time of 17:00 for the fixtures against Argentina and South Africa, a full league program will also be scheduled by the WRU.

For all information about the rugby club, including details of the regular music nights, please visit the Llangwm RFC website:-

<http://llangwmrfc.mywru.co.uk/>

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

Seniors Report by Steve Poole



Come and support Llangwm RFC minis and juniors



Llangwm mini and junior section enjoyed a very full fixture list in the early part of the season, but the constant wet and windy weather, and therefore the conditions of many pitches, has severely hampered the number of games played by Llangwm and many other Pembrokeshire teams this season.

The benefits of having the opportunity to train indoors on a weekly basis at Moor farm has ensured that at least the children get the opportunity to train and improve.

Earlier in the season Llangwm took part in a mini tournament at Whitland RFC where Rhod Gilbert was filming as part of the BBC 'Work Experience' programme, in the role of coach of the Whitland under 8 rugby team.. (See *previous page for details.*)

This year the under 10's were fortunate to be sponsored by Slipscreens and Talking Wills who purchased an entire new kit including hoodies which was recently shown in the Western Telegraph.

Specsavers Opticians have kindly agreed to sponsor match shirts for another age group.

We continue to field 7 age groups from under 7's-under 13's, and hope that next year we can attract even more players and allow our youngsters to progress through the age groups and field an under 14's team too.

Home matches take place at Pill Parks in Llangwm at around 11am on Sunday mornings and training is on Wednesday evening at 6pm either at Moor farm or at Pill Parks.

Any children from the age of 6 regardless of previous rugby experience are more than welcome to join us and help Llangwm rugby to continue to grow.

We appreciate all of the help that we receive from the local community and all of our volunteers and welcome anyone would like to volunteer with any aspect of Llangwm minis and juniors, to help with coaching, refereeing, 1st aiders or if you'd just like to come and help with refreshments on match days!

Juniors Report by Paula Goodridge



Llangwm Rugby Club—Your Local Live Music Venue



The Club continues to promote the very best in live music with a varied programme of monthly Music Nights throughout the year. Most musical tastes are catered for including rock, blues and folk. Past performers have included White Doves, SaxPax, Honey Fungus and Caroline Harrison, as well as our local 'Symphony Sid', Justice Done

and Cottonmouth. Open Mic nights have revealed new local talent right on our own doorstep. Upcoming gigs include Gary Hall (15 April), Lowri Evans with Lee Mason (20 May), Rick Berry & The Retrospect (24 June). Check them out on YouTube. Why not come along and suss it out for yourself? And help keep live music alive in our village. *Graham Brace*

WINTER WILDLIFE REPORT

by Graham Brace

There is no doubt that this winter has been one of the mildest on record with daytime temperatures over the last few months remaining mostly in double figures. This unusual weather has had a marked effect on our flora and fauna. We had daffodils and primroses blooming in the garden on Christmas Day and there were a number of celandines optimistically breaking into flower. The mild weather has also made life easier for our garden birds with an abundance of natural food available.

We saw an influx of redwings during the last week of October which made short shrift of the hawthorn and blackthorn berries in our garden. In the first week of December we had numerous visits from fieldfares feasting on the windfalls in the garden despite opposition from an aggressive bunch of blackbirds vigorously defending and claiming the apples for themselves.

On the 1st November when heading upstream by boat we watched a large flock of around 200 greylag geese rising from the shore just north of Knapp Wood and the following week a smaller flock of 24 flew over our house following a similar sized group of Canada geese. Their calls in flight are distinctly different with the greylag uttering a guttural cackle and the Canada geese a characteristic disyllabic honking.

On 20th November I witnessed an encounter over the river at Black Tar when a sparrowhawk (the aggressor) and a red kite had a brief mid-air tussle. The kite appeared unperturbed and the sparrowhawk headed on towards Sam's Wood on the opposite shore.

It may be due to the milder weather but numbers of teal overwintering in the Pill and adjacent shores have been significantly down compared to previous years. We would normally expect to see about a 100 teal present in January/February but this year I have counted no more than 40 individuals. Redshank numbers are also slightly down with around 30 being present at any one time. Conversely, overwintering lapwing numbers are higher than normal with upwards of 300 feeding along the tideline or wheeling around the Pill and Llangwm Ferry often with an accompanying flock of up to 150 dunlin.

Black-tailed godwits have also been frequent visitors at Llangwm Ferry with a group of 20 present on 21st February. At a distance these large and elegant waders (larger than redshanks and slightly smaller than curlew) are lightish grey in colour with very long bills that appear to be slightly upward curving. They are distinguished from their bar-tailed cousins (also a very occasional visitor) by its black tail feathers...hence the name!

Over the last month or so there have been upwards of 20



Top: Shelduck. Below: Lapwing and Dunlin on the shore at Llangwm Ferry Point



shelduck on the water or feeding on the mudflats around the Pill. Large in size and dazzling in appearance with bold white, reddish-brown, green and black plumage the male is distinguished from the female by having a prominent bright red 'knob' on the top of its bill.

Otters are ever present indicated by the spraint deposits around the Pill and a dead one was found in the road by Great Nash House in mid-December.

A huge 'gang' of magpies were seen at the top of Ferry Hill on 31st January. If one is for sorrow and two are for joy it's anyone's guess what 50 signify!!

On 14th February I saw a small tortoiseshell butterfly in flight at the south end of Benton Woods. An early harbinger of spring...or had it been disturbed from its hibernation by the extensive tree felling going on in the area?

Incidentally, the landscape south of Llangwm is being drastically changed with the clearance of the huge larch plantation in Benton Woods. The felling of the trees has opened up beautiful and breathtaking vistas of the stretch of river from Garron Pill to Picton Point and beyond to the Preseli Hills. It will be very interesting to monitor the changes in the local ecology in the wake of this forest clearance. Presumably a natural hardwood woodland will now be allowed to develop which will provide a superb environment for wildlife and be a fabulous amenity for future generations.

If you have any unusual sightings or observations that might be of interest please let me know by emailing me at grahambrace@btinternet.com