

LLANGWM VILLAGE NEWS

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Emerging from the white-out of the 'Beast from the East' to mild spring days and budding trees and flowers, Llangwm looks forward to a busy summer season.



Llangwm has something for everyone! A summer Festival Fortnight (30 June-14 July) with Scarecrows, a Medieval Weekend, Talent Show, Carnival (14 July) and much more. Then there's Llangwm LitFest (10-12 August). And all year round there are events for gardeners, local historians, concertgoers and film buffs. Sportsmen young and old have cricket, rugby and rowing...there's scouting and birdwatching if you love the great outdoors. The list goes on...

All down to team work

Our village newsletter runs on co-operation - there is a sizeable team of people behind every edition.

First there are the writers who share with everyone the news and events which have happened, or are about to happen, in their groups and societies. Always willing and (fairly!) prompt with their contributions, their names figure below the reports and features throughout these pages.

Photographers too, who 'say it in pictures' - we wish there was more space to feature their work, which regularly appears on Llangwm Facebook and, via the village website, in full colour when the newsletter is posted on-line a few days after publication of this paper version (go to www.llangwm-pembrokeshire.org.uk and click on the 'Llangwm News' link for several recent newsletters).

Then there are the forgotten heroes - the team of 'postmen' who walk around the village all weathers (but hopefully catch a dry spell) delivering village news to every household in the Llangwm area, from Little Nash Farm to Honey Hook Barns. Time for a vote of thanks to:-

Liz Beresford – in charge of distribution
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Val John - Chapel Row/The Green/Mill Street
Neil Martin - The Gail/Gail Rise
Joan and Graham Stephens - Llangwm Ferry
plus their able deputies - Patrick Davies, Jutta Preece and Kim Sandford - always ready to step in to cover holidays and any kind of crisis.

Also, many thanks this time around to Gareth Horton for the extra help with design, and to various checkers and proofreaders. If you would like to help with the production of the newsletter - either as a designer, writer-editor or helping to collate the articles and features - please get in touch.

Finally a big thank you to Llangwm Community Council for sponsoring it.

Margaret Brace

Email: m.brace@btinternet.com

Llangwm Shop and Post Office—ringing the changes

End of an era...

We wish Pat Morris all the best in her steady recovery from ill health and as she retires as Postmistress and shopkeeper.

Pat has been the mainstay of the village, running the shop and post office for the past fourteen years, from her first day as postmistress on 27th May 2004. Even before that, Pat recalls that she has worked with every subpostmaster in Llangwm since June 1980.

She has been dedicated to her role there, often opening the post office counter beyond her contract hours, and providing extra services such as selling tickets for village events, keeping the village hall diary and contributing to fundraising efforts. During this time she also served several terms on Llangwm Community Council - all part of Pat's record of service to the community, an example to follow.

...and a new beginning

As I am sure you are all aware the Shop and Post Office has been seriously affected by Pat's poor health. After a rather lengthy application process I am pleased to say that I have been successful in securing the contract to run Llangwm Post Office. And after further negotiations between myself and the owner of the shop I will also be taking that over.

I have lived in Llangwm most of life, my family have had a long association with the village - historically my Mum ran the Post Office and more recently my sister has been the Postmistress.

My intention is to return the shop to its former self, being well stocked and at the centre of village life. I am hoping that I can renew the contract to have daily papers so if you have previously had a paper and would like that to resume then please

contact me to let me know what your requirements are: my email address is Cleddaustoresandpostoffice@gmail.com. I intend to use Social Media as a platform to keep you informed of Shop News. Look out for us on Facebook.

I also intend to make some improvements to make the shop run more smoothly, this includes introducing a Card Payment System. My intention is to stock the goods that you would expect to find in a convenience store but also to expand the range of what's available.

**The shop will reopen on
Tuesday 3rd April.**

I look forward to serving customers
old and new.

Dave Golding

Advance news from the FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The next event from the Festival Committee will be Festival Fortnight!!

Put the dates in your diary now...30 June to 14 July!!

This year **Carnival Day** will be held on **Saturday 14th July**, with the fortnight leading up to Carnival Day full of amazing events. There will be something for everyone!!

This year's theme: Rockstars and Popstars! So get those thinking hats on for scarecrow ideas!

If you would like to hold an **event during Festival Fortnight** or run a stall in the **Craft Tent on Carnival Day**, please email llangwmfestival@gmail.com - this is also the contact email for any general enquiries.

We will be holding a **Llangwm Festival Talent Show** and **Carnival Day** on **Sat 14 July**. Entries will be open for **adults and children**, so whether you love to tell a joke, do a dance routine or sing like a rockstar, the stage will be yours on Carnival Day!! Get planning and rehearsing now!

To ensure a fantastic and memorable Carnival **we need your help** - if you can spare the odd hour or can help on Carnival Day, we would really, really appreciate it! If you would like to join the Committee we meet at the Cottage Inn every month on a Tuesday...we would love to see you!

Please keep an eye on our **Facebook page** for updates.."**Llangwm Festival Committee Events**"

See you in summer!!

Claire Evans, Festival Committee



*Remember Elvis?
He was one of the
scarecrows from
2008 (a Hollywood
theme).*

*He could be back
again - and many
more like him - in
the 'Rockstars and
Popstars'
Scarecrow Festival
this summer.*

MEDIEVAL WEEKEND IS JUST FOR STARTERS!

Festival Fortnight will kick off with a **Medieval Weekend**, courtesy of the **Friends of St. Jerome's**.

On **Saturday 30 June**, they will be re-enacting the legend of **Adam de la Roche** and how his shrouded corpse mysteriously turned up at **St. Jerome's** the morning after he was buried at **Roch Castle**...this to be followed with a **Banquet** in ye olde **Cottage Inn**.

On **Sunday 1 July** following on from last year, we will have a performance of the second branch of the **Mabinogion**, and that will be followed by a concert by an acclaimed **choir from Poland** performing medieval music in the evening.

Pam Hunt

LLANGWM SURGERY
(St Thomas's Surgery, Haverfordwest)

Tel: H'west 01437 762162
Tel: Llangwm 01437 891749

Monday: 9.30-11.20
(Dr Vijay)

Friday: 10.00-11.20
(Dr Williams)

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Mon/Wed/Fri
10.30am-12.30pm

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9.00-10.00am
(Pharmacist: Simon Noott)

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next on Llangwm Green

on Thursday 29 March 2018

at 11.05-12.05

and every fourth week thereafter

Great community support for Pop-up Café

The Pop-up Café team in Llangwm would like to say a huge thank you to the local community for supporting their latest fund-raising event.

The latest café, held in the village hall on 3rd February, raised a total of £2,084.20 in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity.

It was fantastic to see so many people come along, and the pop-up café team – Eve, Fran, Beth, Jayne, Anna, and the Skylarks – Zoe, Angela, Rich and Paul – are really grateful to everyone who came and helped make it a success.



A total of £1,584.20 was raised from the sale of cakes, refreshments and the crafts stall, and £500 was raised by Emma Moule of Gorseinon from the sale of unicorn-themed gifts which she made especially for the event.



Emma is a good friend of Beth and Mike Preddy of Llangwm, whose daughter Tirion very sadly passed away last year. Tirion and her family were given wonderful support by LATCH and Emma and the Pop-up Café team are pleased to be able to donate so much money to them to

help other families in need.

It could not have been done without the support of the community in Llangwm and the surrounding area. The beautiful hand-made craft items and preserves were donated by talented craft-makers, all the delicious home-made cakes were made by local people, while Claire Evans very kindly donated £1 from the sale of each decorated cupcake.

Many other people gave help in other ways too – from designing and printing posters, providing the tea, coffee and milk, washing up and clearing tables, and publicising the event.



In previous years, Llangwm's Pop-up Cafe has supported Unicef and Save the Children focussing on the plight of child refugees.

Anna Wilson



Cllr Michael John praised the support for the event, and said he had been pleased to attend.

"There is a fantastic community spirit in the village and wider community, and it was great to see the excellent local support given to such an important cause," he said.



The Llangwm Literary Festival

10–12 August 2018

"We're back again!"

Following the great success last year of the LitFest, we are back this August with a programme to inspire and entertain!

We have a lot of activities for children with bushcraft, painting and for the first time, the children's 'Soap Box', where the future of tomorrow can give a microlecture on their special area of interest.

Due to popular demand, we'll be welcoming Bob Marshall Andrews to talk about his new novel 'Dump' – a compelling satire on the rise of Donald Trump – reincarnated in his book as a gorilla living on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Following the great presentation on Hinterland last year of David Wilson and Jamie Owen, they will be back this year to launch their epic new book on a topic close to our hearts, 'Pembrokeshire'.

In this year when we celebrate 100 years of female suffrage, we have a line-up of ground-breaking women to inspire and entertain. Joanna Penberthy, the first woman bishop in the Church in Wales, will be talking about her path to St David's.



Irish writer Dervla Murphy will keep festival-goers engrossed with her travel tales.

Dervla Murphy, one of the world's best travel writers, will be crossing the Irish sea to tell us about how it all started with a bicycle ride from Ireland to Afghanistan in the 1960s. Dervla will also be talking about her latest travel book "Between the Sea: Encounters in Israel and Palestine."

Diana Darke will be back with her latest book 'The Merchant of Syria'.

For those inspired to write, the energetic Phoebe Smith will be running a travel writing masterclass and talking about sleeping the Three Peaks and why small is beautiful when it comes to Britain's hills. Phoebe will be joined by Julia Horton-Powdrill who, due to popular demand, will be inviting you to 'Come Forage' on the banks of the Cleddau.

Chris Elliott will be inviting you to find your inner 'Bear Grylls' or 'Dervla Murphy' with his introduction to Bushcraft. Nigel Owens, 'a legend in his own lifetime' will be taking us through the highs and lows of being probably the world's premier rugby referee. Norman Davies will be talking about a life of history and his take on 2018 in the context of 2,000 years of Europe.



Flashback to LitFest 2017... David Wilson and Jamie Owen attracted a 'full house' at Cleddau Reach School. This year they have collaborated on an epic new book "Pembrokeshire".

The artists of the village are preparing a diverse offering of inspiring art.

There will be plenty of good food and drink. *The Cottage Inn* will be transformed into 'La Casita' for a Spanish feast and the Chapel will serve its outstanding range of delicious teas and cakes.

Alis Hawkins will be regaling us with tales of her murder mystery novel set at the time of the Rebecca riots and Tony Riches will be talking about that well-known family from down the road, 'The Tudors'.

The weekend will wrap up with a great gathering at *La Casita* to the melodies of Llangwm's Skylarks! 'All aboard!'

Penny Reed will be announcing the results of the Children's Illustration Competition at a prize-giving ceremony on 10 August. More details of the competition can be found at: <http://www.llangwmlitfest.co.uk/competition>

Anyone who'd like to be involved or has any suggestions should email: llangwmlitfest@gmail.com; or call Michael on 07970 812050 or let your usual contact know.

We need more B&Bs in the village, so feel free to get in touch if you fancy running a B&B for the weekend. For more details about the festival in general, please click on www.llangwmlitfest.co.uk

Michael Pugh



The new map of Britain, from 'The Oldie' magazine March 2018 and its related feature highlight Llangwm as the cultural capital of Wales! (Thanks for the compliment go to Harry Mount, 'The Oldie' editor and author who has featured in both Literary Festivals so far.)

Fresh Outlook for Llangwm Community Centre

New Year, New Orientation!

Well that's the focus for the **Community Centre** in 2018.

In the last edition of *Llangwm News*, we wrote about our aspiration to provide a greatly improved Village Hall (up to 21st century requirements) for the village. Our initial step in this process, to apply to the 'People & Places' Lottery Fund for the Capital Development Grant which would have enabled us to carry out all the necessary preparatory work, was thwarted!

Unfortunately, in the delay between our grant application being submitted and then considered by their committee, the grant criteria were changed, so it is back to the drawing board for us...

The new focus must be to **actively** involve those people and groups who will benefit. In both the design and delivery of the new Village Hall project, emphasis is on the involvement of the community, to show us what they need, rather than just asking them what they want.

As a first step, a 'Community Action Meeting' was called. Community groups/organisations were contacted and asked to send a representative to a meeting on 21st February in the Village Hall. It was wonderful to have so many representatives of Llangwm groups, all together, illustrating just what a diverse and lively community the village has!

After explaining the new direction of focus, and how important their involvement would be, a discussion followed, including ideas on how the different groups could also support each other. (*If any groups in the village were not contacted, please do contact the Llangwm Community Centre committee, as although we tried to contact all groups/organisations, and certainly don't want to leave anyone out, we are not infallible!*)

We hope the representatives will be able to discuss with, and gather from their members, thoughts, ideas, and any

skills that they could offer to the project, and feed these back to the Village Hall Committee. Finally, a public meeting will be held to consider the design proposals. The preference is to have a new bid submitted by Easter, although this may not happen in practice!

Business as usual section...Well, not quite business as usual, as in November, the Village Hall played host to the 'Wales Night Out' performance from an exceptional performer, *Apphia Campbell*, with her production of 'Black is the Colour of My Voice'. All who came agreed that to have such a production in our relatively small village was a terrific 'Night Out'. We are hoping to host another such

event later in the year, so watch out for details !

Our usual clubs and societies continue to use the Village Hall and the new 'Stretch and Strengthen' class, held on Friday mornings is a welcome addition to these (who doesn't need to get fit in Spring?!) Parties and coffee mornings have also taken place and the Gardening Club will again hold their Annual Plant Sale there on May 19th



Cleddau Reach School Choir delighted the audience with Welsh and English songs for St David's Day

St David's Day Supper

This year's St David's Day Supper took place on February 28th which proved very fortunate as we all know what happened on March 1st with schools closing and roads becoming treacherous as the snow arrived.

Cleddau Reach School provided us with some sparkling entertainment at the commencement of the evening. Mr Groves introduced all the performers and teachers (Mrs James and Mrs Ellis) who had coached the children.

We were entertained with a variety of singing, readings and harp playing, all with a Welsh flavour. In conclusion the audience, which included parents, stood and joined the children in singing 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau'. Diolch ir athrawon, y plant, ar rhieni.

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For Hall Bookings and details of Clubs and Events, apply at the Shop or contact any Hall Committee Member.

Hall charges:

Per session-morning/afternoon/evening - £10

Adult Party - £35 Children's Party - £25

Summer Wedding - £150 Winter Wedding - £175

Charity Event - £10

(Village Hall report continued from previous page)

The supper consisted of a choice of two homemade soups. A traditional leek and potato and a soup called Nana's Magic Soup which was made from just red vegetables (sweet potato, peppers, carrots, red onion and tomatoes). At least the colour was traditional!

This was followed by the usual selection of delicious homemade puddings, with most people managing at least two helpings. A picture quiz of Welsh celebrities together with some brain testers kept the audience busy during intervals and a raffle rounded off a very successful evening.

All the proceeds go towards the up keep of the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who came and also our Committee who themselves who supply, slave in our very small kitchen and generally see all goes well. Thanks also go to a group of ladies who regularly come up trumps with the puddings. Thank you Beth Chesmer, Pat James, Fiona Cutting, Jane Tovey, Jane Mills, Sue Beesley.



St Davids Day entertainment, a tasty supper and a great atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

(report by Val John and Liz Beresford)

1st Johnston Scout Group



It has been an action-packed return for all our Members, and we have already achieved over 100 badges and awards this term!

Beavers and Cubs have been hard at

work on their DIY badge, thanks to the support of Homebase who ran some sessions for us. The Scouts have been brushing up on some of their First Aid and Navigator skills, along with all the hard work from all Sections on helping to tackle marine litter.

All of our Sections have continued to grow, and a number of Beavers have made the transition to Cubs, and some Cubs have moved on to Scouts. We have some new Young Leaders in the Group along with some young people completing elements of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

You can keep track of our upcoming events on our website including a community café, our AGM and celebration, and a quiz evening.

Simon Preddy, Group Scout Leader

To find out how you can join the Adventure, contact us via Simon Preddy
1stjohnston@gmail.com
or 07824 504 802

To hire our Hall in Hill Mountain, contact us via Pat Dixon
pat.dixon54@btinternet.com
or 07824 748 748



Young Reporters
for the environment

Having learnt more about marine litter on the coast of Pembrokeshire, the Scouts decided to look further into how plastic, in particular fishing lines, nets and ropes, have impacted on the third largest gannet colony in the UK on the island of Grassholm.

They have been carrying out research and investigations, including speaking with local fishermen, staff of cargo ships, and RSPB staff. They ran a successful event as part of their Community Impact work at Milford Haven Library from 8th-

Scouts at 1st Johnston Scout Group have been participating in an international competition for young people aged 11-25 years to find out more about environmental problems and issues local to them. The Litter Less campaign, run by Keep Wales Tidy as part of the Young Reporters for the Environment competition encourages young people to investigate and produce a journalistic piece about important environmental issues such as marine litter, affecting their local area.

10th February 2018, with an exhibition and survey for members of the public to raise awareness about the plight of the gannets. Their survey was completed by 149 people. The Scouts' report is almost ready for the competition deadline of 9th March 2018. The web page at www.1stjohnstonscoutgroup.org.uk/yre.php gives more information and the full report will be published there shortly.

Lorraine Allman

New Ventures

Heritage Llangwm / Friends of St Jerome's

When the last edition of Village News went to press, we were still walking around with fingers and other extremities crossed, wondering if anyone would come to our planned season of concerts, whether the choice of Sunday lunch-time was sensible and would we find ourselves at the door of the debtors' prison if we failed to cover our costs. We needn't have worried. The first of the Music at Lunchtime series in St Jerome's starred the early music group La Volta, we supplied free mulled wine and mince pies and had lots of merchandise for sale. Would that be enough? The first of the audience came through the door early – and they kept coming. It was more than a sell-out – we had to scour the place for more chairs to accommodate the latecomers. The remaining five also sold out, with Two Pianos (Sam Howley and Seimon Morris) on March 11 ending the series on a sky-high note.



Sam Howley and Seimon Morris

One interesting point is that a surprising proportion of audience members were from further afield than just Llangwm - possibly helped by publicity in newspapers and online - from the furthest corners of the county. With such county-wide encouragement we're now planning some follow-up musical events: a wonderful toe-tapping Russian ensemble on April 20, a medieval Polish choir in July and the possibility of an *acapella* group from closer to home. So keep an eye on your nearest lamppost as well as Facebook nearer the time.

We've already decided we need a bigger church and now we're wondering if we need bigger lampposts too to accommodate all the posters.

We had good news in February with the announcement that we'd been nominated as one of the final four in Pembrokeshire Tourism's Best Access for All award. The judges visited on February 20 and we'll find out in April if we have been successful. We had some lovely comments from the judges though. One example: "It was a privilege to be shown what you have achieved at St Jerome's - With best wishes for the continued success of a rather special

venue." So: fingers crossed.

Meanwhile the St Jerome's film club has gone from strength to strength. Operating throughout autumn and winter on the third Friday of every month it shows films chosen by members. Those of us addicted to old movies are looking forward to Brief Encounter and High Society though we do allow a few modern classics past the censors as well. You'll be glad to hear that two early glitches – technical problems with the underfloor heating and the projection equipment - have been sorted. And no, we didn't jeer and throw things at the projectionist when the film ground to a halt!

On a slightly different note we screened the 2014 movie *Pride* in March in the Village Hall in March. As you may know it's the story of an LGBT group from London who raised more than £11,000 pounds for a Dulais Valley mining community during the miners' strike in 1984. The man who smoothed the path between the miners and their unlikely benefactors in the film and in real life was a union official called Dai Donovan – and the real life Dai joined us for the evening to look back on a remarkable time.



Dai Donovan readily helps with the tea-making - no way to treat a guest!

And finally we're welcoming a new member to the team. Many of you will know that St Jerome's was built by a chap called Adam de la Roche in 1185. Well now Adam has given his name to Adam Bear (we think Adam probably had a sense of humour...) who measures 27cm (or 10 inches) and has joined our selection of tapestry merchandise, along with the mugs and cards. Adam, in another incarnation, by the way will be starring in a re-enactment as part of our next Medieval Weekend in the summer – more on that soon!



And don't forget that the Talking Tapestry of Langum will be open every day from Easter until the end of September.

Heather Payton

* *The Friends of St Jerome's is a community based group with members from all religions and none, with the aim of raising the extra cash needed to cover the costs of exhibiting the Talking Tapestry of Langum.*



County Council Report

This is my first report in the Llangwm News, and I hope to make it a regular item. It is my intention to add brief summaries of some of the County wide issues which affect us all, which you may have questions about.

I will start with one of the controversial topics, re-cycling. PCC along with all other councils have to meet stringent targets for re-cycling set by Welsh Government. The penalty is paying hefty fines to WG if over their allowance for land fill.

PCC has been exploring options for this, and one of the scrutiny committees has been tasked with coming up with a preferred option. They have made the following recommendations:

- * 3-weekly black bag collection
- * kerb side sort of paper, plastics and cans
- * food waste to remain weekly
- * new fortnightly service for sanitary waste, nappies etc

The work did involve a public consultation and has yet to be formally agreed.

On a planning theme, the Local Development Plan is currently under review, and PCC will shortly be asking for

any candidate sites in the area to be put forward for consideration. If accepted, they would be added to the plan.

Another topic of interest locally is the site for the new secondary school in Haverfordwest, which is the catchment school for our area. A decision is yet to be made on the location with both sites, Tasker-Milward and Sir Thomas Picton being considered. The PCC Cabinet have asked for a report on the possible use of the Thomas Picton site, which would involve a new entrance off the Scotchwell Roundabout.

If you do wish to discuss any issues or have any suggestions for future reports, please let me know.

Since last May I have held 6 surgery evenings across the area. Two of these were in Llangwm Community Centre, the most recent being in February.

These evenings are open to any residents who wish to come along to meet me, to discuss any local issues of concern, or countywide topics. They are informal lasting no more than one hour. I intend to continue with these events over the next 12 months and will publicise dates in due course, closer to the time.

If you would prefer to give me a call or send me an e-mail, then please do so. I will then call to see you at a convenient time. I can be contacted on 01437 890175 or cllr.michael.john@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

If you do have any issues or queries you can also contact PCC direct on 01437 764551 or - <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/resident>

Cllr Michael John

Llangwm Local History Society Talks and Events

The winter programme kicked off in November with a packed village hall for a presentation on "Slavery in Pembrokeshire". The talk was given by Mark Muller, a renowned local historian, who gave us a wealth of background information on the political situation in both the county and the country in regard to slavery plus some surprising facts regarding Pembrokeshire slave owners, including Thomas Picton.

At our AGM, as well as the usual reports from Jane Mills (chair) and Mervyn Hopkins (treasurer) an updated Constitution was ratified. This was followed by a short film put together by Pam Hunt consisting of previously unseen footage taken whilst she was making the DVD "The Search for Little Flanders" which addresses who the Flemings were and why they came to Pembrokeshire told through the eyes of both experts and people living in Llangwm. I don't think that BAFTA nominees need to worry!!!

In December we had our usual excellent Christmas meal at The Cottage with both good food and excellent service from Matthew and his staff. This was followed by a post

Christmas quiz with the Gardening Club which added some brightness to an otherwise gloomy January.

Black Diamond Village, aka Hook, was the subject of February's talk, given by Richard Howells. We were shown the DVD made by Hook History Society on the history of the village, especially in relation to the mining of anthracite.

The Torch Theatre approached our Society to put on part of our "Llangwm - A Village At War" exhibition to coincide with their 20th Feb -1st Mar staging of "The Wood", a play written to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. This exhibition, in its entirety, will be again staged in the village hall from 29th October-3rd November.

On 14th March Angela Jones of the National Trust, gave an illustrated talk on "The Tudor Merchant's House".

A full and varied programme is arranged for the rest of the year:

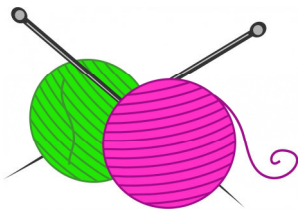
11 th April	Ralph Arnesen	Vietnam
9 th May	Tegryn Jones	Setting Up The National Park
13 th June	Members Visit to	Magpies Nest Museum at Templeton
4 th July	Terry John	Pembrokeshire Pirates
5 th Sept	Members' Visit to	Morfa Park Trench Experience
10 th Oct	Film by Bob Phillips	- "Gathering The Graves"
28 th Oct	Opening of "Llangwm - A Village At War"	Exhibition - Village Hall followed by a performance by 'Trenchfoot' in the Rugby Club
10 th Nov	"WW1 - A Village Opera"	- final performance at Follies Theatre, Folly Farm

Eileen Horton

Here's a special invitation to all those who want to make the Royal Wedding a day to remember...

The Lord Chamberlain of Llangwm is commanded by
Her Majesty to invite you to witness
the wedding of her grandson
His Royal Highness Prince Harry
to Meghan Markle
On the grand screen at St Jerome's Church
On Saturday 19th May 2018 from 11.00 am
Dress: Formal with prizes for the Best Dressed Lady,
Gentleman, Girl & Boy
Pimms and Refreshments
Plus other activities
Tickets £6 Adults & £3 Children
Available from the Village Shop or contact
butterhill10@btinternet.com

"Positively Loopy" - what a great name for a group!



If you fancy learning a new skill, or would just enjoy some pleasant company once a week, go along to Annie's Crochet Group.

Held in the Cottage Inn on a

Monday, it is an opportunity to learn - for free - the basic stitches and techniques of crocheting, as well as reading patterns and making a variety of things.

The 'Positively Loopy' group has already decorated the pub for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, and may do the same for Easter too.

Most people start by thinking that they will find crochet difficult, but are amazed at how simple it is when it is explained to them. In Llangwm they've really got the bug!



Just some of the crocheted daffodils that were 'hidden' around the village for people to find in time for St David's Day - finders were thrilled. Definitely a Llangwm good news story.

Memories of Times Past

Miss Grace Childs, of 'Brynrhyd', Burton Ferry, who died in autumn last year aged 104 (all but two weeks, that is) was interviewed a few years ago by members of the history society about her early life. She had excellent recollection, both of her childhood and her remarkable teaching career in Somerset and Hertfordshire.

Grace recalled the days of the Pembroke Dockyard when her father and many men from Llangwm were employed there.

"They would ride their bikes to Burton Ferry (some would walk) and row across to the dockyard.

The boats would leave the shore at Burton Ferry at 6.00 a.m., to be at work by 7 a.m. The boats had 6 or 8 oars each. They were provided by the Admiralty.

Father's older brother Tommy Childs lived next door up. The Llangwm men left their bikes there, also in Tommy Harries's father's sheds, along the way (down). He hired them a shed at tuppence (2d) per week.

If the men were a bit late for work, they lost a quarter of an hour's money. If they were more than a quarter of an hour late, they lost the morning's wage."

She remembered some of the Llangwm men, often by nickname rather than name: 'Tommy Pinnock', 'Cushtoo' (Kushtu?) and the Kiddleses.

Grace and her sister would watch at the end of the afternoon (they lived along the 'raised road' at Burton Ferry) until they could see water between the Dockyard and the rowing boat. "Then we'd tell our mother, who put the potatoes on. That would have dinner ready for father as he came in through the door!"

The men always pulled the boats up the shore to leave them high and dry. Then they'd push them down in the morning. Grace pulled up many a boat herself, or helped pull them up.

Hazelbeach and Neyland also operated boats in that way, provided by the Dockyard.

Grace also recalled the ferryboat – a 16ft rowing boat with a sail. "There was no point in putting the sail up, you were practically there before it was up."

On Tuesdays and Fridays about five Llangwm fisherwomen crossed over to Pembroke Dock – with

Grace going with them over to Grammar School.

There was a hedge by the Jolly Sailor, and a wide bit of land. The women left their carts there, out of sight, and they left the donkeys in the fields to graze.

The Llangwm women sold mussels and cockles. Oysters were finished with, all gone before Grace's day. But they sold mainly fish, which they had bought from the Milford Docks the day before. Prior to that, Grace assumed, they would have sold whatever fish their husbands caught from the river.

Names that Grace remembered:

"Bessie Numm". She supplied fish to the barracks in Pembroke Dock, and had the biggest pannier of all (and the least distance to walk, the easiest round). Nevertheless her pannier weighed her down so much that the men said "Bessie, you're like a snail!"

Ginny Morgan, Grace's cousin.

Martha Jones, of Black Tar.

Annie Thomas, Bessie Numm's sister.

Maggie Day of Llangwm Green.

All the women walked through the barracks to get to their rounds, around houses in various parts of the town, to regular customers.

Bessie went first to the Officers' Mess, where they would select what fish they wanted. Then she went to the Sergeants' quarters, then lastly the 'Rookies'. She would then hang about the barracks until the other women finished their rounds, door-to-door, and were ready to return.

Grace also remembered the famous Llangwm fisherwoman Dolly Palmer. She said of her: "She wore a red flannel petticoat - most had black - and she wore her apron up."

Some of Grace Childs's riverside memories, from the DVD which Heather Payton and Pam Hunt of Llangwm's history society recorded, are currently in use by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. They form part of an audio accompaniment alongside the famous painting "Le Passeur" ("The Ferryman") at Oriel y Parc, St Davids. On loan (and on tour) from the Tate Gallery via the National Museum and Galleries of Wales, William Stott's painting can be seen at the St Davids centre from 24 February to 2 September (afterwards it goes on to Southampton, Oldham and Aberdeen). Graham Stephens, Graham Brace, Rob Scourfield (of Cresswell Quay) and others with close links to the River Cleddau have also contributed to the audio loop.

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GREAT NEWS FOR FANS OF THE OPERA

Llangwm Local History Society is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its application for funding to put on a final performance of its opera, "WW1 – A Village Opera", on a very appropriate date for this, the centenary of the ending of the First World War.

It will be performed on Saturday 10th November at The Follies Theatre in Folly Farm and it will be a very different performance to either the original events in 2014 or the concert version which was performed as part of the St David's International Music Festival in 2016 to celebrate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

This time we will be filming many of the scenes in situ at appropriate places around Llangwm during the early summer, so don't be surprised if you see soldiers in First World War uniform or Llangwm fisherwomen around the village. These scenes will then be put into a film which will provide the backdrop to the Sam Howley's music and Peter George's libretto and which will be performed by the British Sinfonietta and the Village Voices chorus along with key characters on stage.

This will be a most exciting finale to our project to commemorate the events of the First World War, so put the date in your diary and come along for a memorable evening.

Jane Mills

LLANGWM COMMEMORATES ITS WAR DEAD

Saturday 17th February saw the second of the events to commemorate the 17 men with Llangwm connections who gave their lives during the First World War. Percy Adolph, Private, 13150, Welsh Regiment had been born at Llangwm, the only son of George and Mary Adolph. The family later resided at Continental, Goodwick, Fishguard. He enlisted at Haverfordwest into the Army, and was posted to the 1st Battalion, Welsh Regiment. In 1915 the regiment saw action at the Second battle of Ypres in front line action at Hill 60. Percy was killed here on 17 February 1915. He was just 18 years old, and as his grave was lost in further fighting in the area, he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

The occasion was attended by representatives from the Community Council, Galilee and Methodist Chapels, St Jerome's, The Royal British Legion and the Local History Society as well as members of the community. Also in attendance was Sherren Laybourne. Although living in Devon, Sherren has many Llangwm connections, one of which is that her grandfather was Percy's cousin, so it was particularly significant that she was able to make the journey and join in the occasion. Over a cup of coffee afterwards, she commented that she felt the occasion was suitably appropriate and poignant. She was also delighted to find out that another relative, Bertie Jenkins, would be commemorated on Saturday 5th May when she will also be able to attend.

Since that date we have also commemorated William John Bevans, who served in World War One as a Private in the Welsh Regiment. He served in Palestine and is buried in the Jerusalem War Cemetery. We commemorated his death on March 9th, exactly one hundred years on.

Future dates are as follows:-

Monday April 23rd 2018
William Henry Hitchings *Private, East Yorkshire Regiment*

Saturday May 5th 2018
Bertie Jenkins *Royal Navy, HMS Amphitrite*

Friday June 1st 2018
John Davies *1/28th Batt.(Artists Rifles) London Regiment*

Sunday June 24th 2018

Frederick Bevan *Driver, Royal Field Artillery*

Monday August 6th 2018

James Henry Skyrme *Stoker 1st Class, Royal Navy*

Saturday August 25th 2018

Edwin Arthur John *Private, Canadian Expeditionary Force*

James John *Private, Canadian Expeditionary Force*

Saturday September 8th 2018

David Harris George *Trooper, Cavalry, (of Great Nash Farm)*

Saturday September 22nd 2018

Stephen Arla Phillips *Armourer, Royal Navy, HMS Aboukir*

Sunday September 23rd 2018

William Joseph Bevan *Private, Labour Corps*

Saturday October 6th 2018

Arthur Williams *Lance Corporal, South Wales Borderers*

Saturday October 20th 2018

William John Jones *Private, Hampshire Regiment*

Saturday November 24th 2018

John Hutchings *Private, Welsh Regiment*

Tuesday December 4th 2018

James Charles Thomas *Private, Machine Gun Corps*

The church bell will be rung and a short ceremony will be held at St. Jerome's at 11.00 am on each occasion followed by tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Sherren Laybourne of Devon (right), seen with History Society Chairman Jane Mills, travelled to the Llangwm commemoration of her relative Percy Adolph, who died in WW1.

Two weeks in Japan

Back in October, I and three other students along with two teachers travelled 6,000 miles east to Hiroshima in Japan. It was an exchange trip, so I stayed in the home of a boy of the same age, who lives in the Hiroshima prefecture and attends a high school about 30 minutes away from the main city. The school is made up of approximately 75 students from the ages of 15 to 18. A high school in Japan is similar to a sixth form centre, as compulsory education finishes at age 15 and you would have to apply to get a place there. Whilst in the school, we attended a few lessons. We learned about local cooking, played the Japanese drums and even took part in a traditional tea ceremony as part of their home economics class.

In Hiroshima, we visited the Peace Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome, along with a tour around the Atomic Bomb Museum. It was moving to see that the whole city had paid tribute to the disaster with such a big and affectionate memorial. Much of the city is very modern due to its reconstruction after being destroyed by the bomb.

Being very close to the sea, and being one of the renowned fishing ports of Japan, lots of the food Hiroshima had to offer was seafood based, and one of the most popular dishes was black squid and pasta.

On the first weekend, I saw my pupil host participate in a Japanese drumming festival, as this was his favourite pastime. On the second weekend we took the Shinkansen

(bullet train) to Osaka where we enjoyed a day at the Universal Studios.

Society in Japan is very different from ours. The brief, but rich history of the area was exciting to learn about and was shown throughout the city

The two-week trip was a great cultural experience and living in a Japanese student's house was very educational. It was definitely worthwhile!

Interesting to note, all four of the students who made the trip from Tasker Milward were ex-pupils of Cleddau Reach School - Tamsin Davies, Naomi Hughes, Harry Davies and myself.

Ben Asson



Ben and his pupil host at the Peace Park, Hiroshima

Willie, Winston and a few others

Willie Nelson, a true legend of American music, is now 84 years young. Not only is he a first rate performer but an outstanding musician, and a talented song writer. As far as the last is concerned he has written over 300 songs among which are: 'Aint It Funny How Time Slips Away', 'Angel Flying Too Close To the Ground', 'Crazy' (written for Patsy Cline), 'Healing Hands of Time', 'On the Road Again'. His autobiography **'My Life: It's a Long Story'** written in his authentic and inimitable voice tells us much about Willie Nelson, the man, the musician, the craft of the song writer. He has interesting things to say about Nashville (not impressed at all), his great friends The Highwaymen; Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson, an even better song writer than Willie, and a multitude of other well known and less well known singers. His brush with the American tax authorities which cost him six million dollars is another aspect of a life interestingly led. Whatever your taste in music or if you've no interest in music, time reading about this 'one off' individual would be time well spent.

There has been a rich crop of films of late. 'Dunkirk' in terms of content speaks for itself. Accompanying this much acclaimed film is **'Dunkirk. The History Behind the Major Picture'** by **Joshua Levine**. The author acted as historical adviser on the movie. Closely researched, it gives fascinating insights into a key period in our recent history. Filmed at roughly the same time 'Darkest Hour' deals with the same historical period though from a different perspective. This is Churchill, familiar in many respects, but also seen in a different light, particularly in his relationship with his wife, his secretary and with the king, George VI. Like the book **'Darkest Hour'** by **Anthony McCarten**, the film is engrossing and moving.

Many very fine documentaries have been made in recent times but none better than **'Vietnam'**, a ten part series which uses eye witness accounts and some remarkable film footage to give a very honest account of that American disaster. It was directed by Ken Burns who was also responsible for **'The American Civil War'**, one of the classic series of its type. The pace of the commentaries in both is so well judged and makes for easy listening if disturbing watching.

Hope you enjoy some or all of the above. Happy Easter.

Barry Childs

Museum Piece

An update from the Museum of Scrimpinology, Edwards Pill, Llangwm.

The museum continues to grow and several times during the year, Jeff heads off to various antique fairs etc., collecting, and last year he had to part with his yellow Morris Cowley - to make space for more items!

In February he and the museum made a star appearance in Channel 4's "Village of the Year" series and did Llangwm proud (together with fisherman Alan Lewis and the Festival Committee under the wing of chairman Claire Evans).

The most recent addition to the collection is a donation by the Hunt family, of Sidney Hill's 1923 Bell & Howell (16mm) silent movie projector, together with a selection of both silent and sound films. Sidney Hill was Pam's Grandfather and he had a passion for new technology. Not only did he head



up to London to buy a set of the brand new 16mm equipment in 1923, he was also appointed to the steering committee that set up SWA the BBC's brand new radio station serving Cardiff and the west of England. The projector and case had been left out in a damp



garden shed for the past 50-plus years (see photo). The restoration is almost complete, and should be ready for the museum's Annual Open Day. There is a photograph, too, of film canisters before and after restoring and spraying. (Not on record is Jeff chiselling two lenses out of their holders in order to clean them!)

Whereas 8mm or 9.5mm movie cameras and projectors were becoming popular from the 1930s with those who could afford them, 16mm was something quite special, and is a most welcome gift.

The museum is open for group visits in the last week of May. So far there are six societies/groups booked in throughout the week, with a few provisional bookings yet to be firmed up.

The Village Open Day is on Saturday 26th May from 2-5pm.

Further information from Jeff James on 01437 890841.

Llangwm 150 years ago

An announcement in "Potter's Electric News" (a newspaper published in Haverfordwest) revealed that Anne, eldest daughter of the Rector of Llangwm, had married William Burns Beatson, M.D., of H.M. Indian Army, Civil Surgeon of Nagpur, Central India, at Christ Church in Bankipur on 25th February 1868. It is not clear how Anne met her husband-to-be or came to be in India. Her father, Rev. Thomas Williams, was born in Nevern and served as Rector of Llangwm for almost 50 years, from 1833 to 1882, and her mother Caroline came from Carew. William Burns Beatson was born in London, qualified as a doctor at Guy's Hospital and served overseas for most of his working life. Anne had been born on 15th May 1840 and baptised at Llangwm church on 18th June. Sadly, Anne died on 20th September 1869 in India and her son - Harry, born on 21st June 1869 - had already died from "disorder of the bowels and failure of nutrition" at only four days old.

At the Summer Assizes in 1868, fisherman Samuel Evans was found not guilty of "burglariously breaking into the dwelling-house of Daniel Skyrme" at Llangwm with intent to steal a ham. However, there appeared to be no doubt that he was in the house and that he did make two cuts in the ham with a knife.

In a civil case at the Assizes, John Higgon (as executor of the late Mr G Lort Phillips) sued Francis Paul, late of Ashdale

Farm, then in Burton parish, for non-payment of 6 months' rent and shooting rights at Ashdale and recovered £60.

It would appear that Ashdale was then unoccupied for some time as John Eynon, waterman, of Lawrenny was acting as caretaker when William Brown and James Brown of Llangwm were accused of stealing a quantity of lead from the roof of the kennels.

Another case at the Summer Assizes is worth a mention even though there was no connection with Llangwm. Thomas Noot was indicted for making a forged copy of an entry in the Slebech baptism register. There were two classes of shipwrights in H.M. Dockyard at Pembroke Dock - hired and established - where Thomas had worked. On 6th December 1867, Thomas Noot had been promoted to an established shipwright's post but he had to prove that he was no more than 35 years old by producing a birth certificate or certified copy of his baptism. As Thomas had been born in 1828, he decided to tamper with the details of his baptism, a copy of which had been obtained by his cousin William Noot of Boulston from the curate at Slebech church. Thomas pleaded that, "having a very large family, he was anxious to get bread for them". Although he was found guilty, there was a strong recommendation to mercy on account of his previous character so he was only sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment with hard labour. According to the later censuses, he was able to resume his career as a shipwright, living with his family at Cosheston and then at Golden Hill in Pembroke.

Nikki Bosworth

Update from Llangwm and District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club celebrated the close of 2017 with a Christmas celebration at Lamphey Hall Hotel and kicked off 2018 with a Quiz and Nibbles evening. This has become a joint venture with the History Society in the village hall and by mixing up the teams all enjoyed or endured the history, gardening and general knowledge questions! A buffet supper was provided by members and prizes won!

At February's meeting held in The Cottage Inn, Sarah Wint of The Daisybus Gardens of Well-being gave members a talk on her voyage of discovery as she worked in a variety of National Garden Scheme gardens and the inspiration she took to develop her own garden, open to visitors near Solva.

Monday, March 5th saw the welcome return of John Archer Thompson who gave a talk on Pembrokeshire Wild Flowers at The Cottage Inn. He's always a passionate and informative presenter.

We're hoping for a very useful first aid talk in April and a peek at the mystery tulip bulbs members received back in September!

Our annual plant sale will be held in May in the village hall

so members will be busy sowing extra seeds or dividing plants for sale. We always have some excellent and unusual specimens to buy and with tea/scones available.

The club will be visiting two Pembrokeshire gardens in June, including The Daisybus Gardens. The annual AGM and BBQ in July rounds up this season in a sociable fashion!

Guests are always welcome at any of our events and you'll find them advertised monthly on posters around the villages or on Llangwm Facebook page.

For further information please contact Club Chairperson Karen Shepherd on 01437 891203.



As part of the commemorations for the end of the Great War members were able to collect at our March meeting a sachet of Flanders poppy seeds to sow as part of the national 'Ribbon of Poppies' scheme.

Plant Stall at Laburnums, The Kilns, Llangwm

The plant stall has already been selling hellebores. These hardy plants at their best in early spring will grow in most soils but seem to thrive in the shade. They come in a variety of colours but one of their best features is the length of time they flower and before a lot of the traditional spring plants emerge. Various other plants and shrubs will be available as they come into season including a range for the kitchen garden and greenhouse.

Regulars know that every year we choose a different local charity. This year it is a Pembrokeshire charity called The DPJ Foundation. It is a mental health charity which aims to support those in agriculture and rural communities.

SOME MENTAL HEALTH FACTS

- 1 in 4 people suffer mental health problems in their lives.
- Suicide is the biggest killer of men under the age of 50.
- Every two hours a man in the UK takes his own life.

Last season we raised £1000 for the Wales Air Ambulance. We shall be doing our best to equal that target for this very worthwhile charity which was set up in July 2016 following the sad death of Daniel Picton Jones, a Pembrokeshire farmer.



All dormant at the Llangwm Allotments...

The wet winter has meant that there have been very limited opportunities for work on the land. We look forward to some drier, better weather when the allotments will be able to spring into action ready for summer.

Bob Phillips

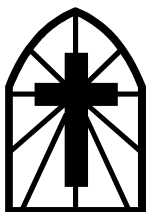
Snowdrop Lane



Those of you who make an annual pilgrimage to Monk Haven to see the snowdrops might do better to visit Llangwm's own display.

In Ashdale Wood, alongside the public footpath beneath Ashdale House, there has been a positive carpet of snowdrops this year.

Photo: Graham Brace



ST. JEROME'S NEWS

Well Spring certainly made its entrance on Thursday 1st March, with a visit not only from "The Beast from the East", but also "Storm Emma!" covering us with a thick blanket of SNOW and drifts!



*Pretty as a picture—St Jerome's Church in the snow.
Photograph: Graham Brace*

With a "snowday" the following day great fun was had by children and grown-ups sledding down the field! As we observe this period of Lent, Tuesday 6th March marks our first anniversary of moving back into St Jerome's! We've all appreciated having a warm church; along with many visitors enjoying the "Talking Tapestry" and the church with help from The Friends of St. Jerome's.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at St Jerome's on Easter Saturday, 31st March at 3.30pm.

The Annual Teddy Bears Picnic will take place on Saturday 23rd June 3pm – 4.30pm at St Jerome's.

Please check on the St. Jerome's Church Notice Board for any changes to times and venues of Church Services and Events.

SERVICES

Worship Time (an informal all age service) is held on the first Sunday of every month at 10am.

The next Worship Time service will be on **Sunday 6th May.**

Please note that Sunday 1st April is Easter Sunday, so will be a normal Easter Service.

Our regular Sunday Services start at 9.00am.

LENT/EASTER SERVICES

Mothering Sunday on 11th March will be at **9.00am.**

Palm Sunday on 25th March at 9.00am. **Please note clocks go forward the night before!**

Wednesday Eucharist on 28th March at 9.30am.

Maundy Thursday on 29th March at 7.00pm in **St. Peter's, Johnston** (with the washing of feet, stripping of the altar and the watch of the Passion).

Joint **Good Friday Holy Hour Service** on 30th March at 10.00am in **St Justinian's, Freystrop.**

Easter Day Eucharist on 1st April at 9.00am in St Jerome's.

Usually, if there is a 5th Sunday in the month, there is a Joint Parish Service at 10am, held either in Llangwm, Johnston or Freystrop. The next Joint Parish Service will be Sunday 29th April in St Peter's Johnston.

29th July – St Justinian's, Freystrop.

30th September – St Jerome's.

30th December – TBA.

Details of venues on the Church Notice Board.

Our Sunday School is held during our regular Sunday morning services.

Our popular themed Krafty Kids usually takes place on a Sunday afternoon in St Jerome's Church, 3.30pm – 5pm. However, some events maybe held in Llangwm Village Hall.

We are hoping to have a unique Krafty Kids in May! Details still to be finalised, so look out for the posters around the village and Church Notice Board.

While the children enjoy the fun-packed sessions, parents are welcome to come and join us for a cuppa and chat or even join in the fun! We always welcome any help!

Debbi Lawson Early

2018 EVENTS

St Jerome's Spring Fayre – Saturday 28th April in Llangwm Village Hall at 2pm.

May Day Bank Holiday – Children's Pilgrimage to St David's. Time TBA.

Royal Wedding Party – Saturday 19th May in St Jerome's Church. Time from 11.00am.

Butterhill BBQ – Sunday 17th June by kind invitation of David and Jane Mills at 2.00pm.

Teddy Bear's Picnic – Saturday 23rd June 3pm – 4.30pm at St Jerome's.

Llangwm Medieval Weekend – End June/July. Full details will be given in the Llangwm Festival leaflet later in the year.

Llangwm Carnival – Saturday 14th July. See write-up on page 3 of this newsletter.

Joan's Cream Tea and Big Raffle Draw – Friday 17th August by kind invitation of Graham and Joan Stephens. Time TBA.

Reverend Marcus and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and Summer.

LLANGWM METHODIST CHAPEL

MINISTER: Reverend Hugh-John Wilson

SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock

TREASURER: Mrs Susan Davies

Sunday Service: 11am each 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, painting and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly Wednesdays - 2.00pm

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Palm Sunday – 25th March – Service 11am with Reverend Hugh-John Wilson

Good Friday – 30th March with Reverend Hugh-John Wilson - service in the main chapel 3.30pm followed by the Good Friday tea in the Sunday School Room commencing at 4.00pm

Easter Sunday, 1st April – 11am service with Reverend David Murfin

Sunday 20th May – Chapel Anniversary – 11am service with Reverend Hugh-John Wilson

Sunday 27th May – joining Galilee Baptist Church – Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 17th June – joining Galilee Baptist Church – Sunday School Anniversary service

Sunday 24th June – Sunday School Anniversary Service commencing at 11am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Festival Fortnight

Every day in the Sunday School Room - please join us to enjoy bacon rolls, light savouries and delicious homemade sweet with a cup of tea/coffee with good company
12 noon – 5pm

Literary Festival Weekend

We welcome your company from Friday through to Sunday to join us for bacon rolls, light savouries and delicious homemade sweet with a cup of tea/coffee
12 noon – 5pm

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

GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

EASTER SERVICES

30 March Good Friday service at 9.30am led by Rev. Roger Hart. Followed by hot cross buns and coffee/tea in the Vestry.

1 April Easter Sunday service at 10.30am, with Rev.Hart.

On 5th May there will be a 'Galilee wedding'!



Emily Hoskins of Honeyborough, granddaughter of our minister Rev Roger Hart, will marry her fiancé Jonathan, from Charlotte, North Carolina, at Galilee Chapel at 2pm.

In good Llangwm tradition, come along to the chapel gate and wish them good luck.

20 May - we join the Methodist church anniversary 11 am

27 May – Galilee church anniversary 10.30am

SUNDAY 8th JULY at 7pm at GALILEE CHAPEL:

A Grand

"SINGING FESTIVAL"

(on the middle Sunday of Llangwm's Festival Fortnight)

Whatever your religion, or if you have none, come and enjoy the fine sound of Galilee Chapel in full voice! The organist will be Nigel Thomas and we will be under the baton of conductor Christine Lloyd. Watch for details in the Llangwm Festival leaflet.

On 17 June - The Methodist Chapel joins Galilee's congregation for their anniversary service.

On 24 June – Galilee will join with the Methodist Chapel congregation for their Sunday School Anniversary service, at 11am.

HARVEST SERVICES

16 September - Galilee joins the Methodist Chapel for their Harvest Festival at 11am.

23 September - likewise, the Methodist Chapel congregation comes to Galilee for their Harvest (10.30am).

GALILEE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League continues to meet every fortnight on Thursdays at 2pm, until the summer trip in June/July. They re-convene in the autumn.

Neil and Llinos Martin held one of their popular 'travel evenings' in the Methodist Chapel schoolroom on March 6th, with a powerpoint presentation of the photographs taken on their recent holiday to Myanmar (the former Burma). Exotic temples - in their hundreds - characterise the landscape, alongside colourful street markets - and Neil's occasional dramatic sunset.

Donations were given for the chapel and a chosen charity, and the ladies provided a delicious spread of cakes and savouries. A pleasant way to brighten up a cold March evening.

Watch out for the next travel adventure - Neil and Llinos have Australia in their sights!

Llangwm Village Voices

We were steadfastly slaving, no, sorry, SLOGGING through John Rutter's Gloria. He is usually so sweet and Christmassy but this brings out the beast in him and this time the beast won so it has been put on hold for the time being and we are happily ploughing through the Pergolesi Magnificat as well as the infinitely easier Mozart Lacrimosa, both due to be performed at a concert in May (date and venue t.b.a.) As you can guess, it will be a concert of sacred songs. Serious stuff. Levity will come later in the year.

Sam was in hospital before Christmas so Neil Martin stepped up with piano under his arm and accompanied us as we sang carols at the Cleddau Reach Christmas Market in late November and then again and again, yes, two nights running, at Tesco. Our feet ached as we stood 'neath the Christmas tree for two hours each evening hearing the clunk of cash in the bucket put out to raise money for the

Wales Air Ambulance. The WAA logo is not very distinctive, particularly when glued to a bucket on the floor so the donations were not as impressive as we thought we were hearing. However, with match funding from Valero refinery and a donation and more collected at the Carols on the Green we made £480. Hopefully next year we will have bigger signs and a busier time slot at Tesco. Still, it's the thought that counts.

The delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Matthew at the Cottage Inn culminated in riotous reindeer racing.

Another date for your diary...November 10th at The Follies Theatre at Folly Farm. We will be presenting the choral version of our opera with the British Sinfonietta.

Well, Sam is back on top form after his wedding to Julia and every Thursday, come rain or shine, at 7.30 you will find us at the Village Hall with yet more members joining. Why don't you? No audition, no ability to read music necessary. It's an education.

Fiona Cutting

"Wrong Direction"

MEANWHILE...

Llangwm's (old) 'boy band' *Wrong Direction* is busy putting together a repertoire worthy of public performance. Comprising a 'baker's dozen' of the male contingent of Village Voices and directed by Llangwm's other musical maestro, Neil Martin, they meet for rehearsal every Tuesday morning in St Jerome's Church.

Singing in three-part harmony (tenor, baritone and bass) the repertoire will include an eclectic mix of folk songs, show songs and sea shanties in addition to a selection of songs remembering World War 1 and an assortment of Christmas carols.

Having already performed at the Remembrance Concert in St Jerome's last November and at the Methodist Chapel

Carols Evening in December, this enthusiastic bunch of 'lads' have a few performances in the pipeline for later this year.

They are also providing songs for the soundtrack of Bob Phillips's moving WW1 film, "Gathering of the Graves".

Graham Brace



A representative section of 'Village Voices' sang at Surehaven Home, Pembroke Dock, last October - and gave the new choir shirts their first airing.

Look on-line in a week or so, on the village website, and you'll find out the colour!

News from Llangwm Community Council

Mike and Beth Preddy have an amazing idea which is totally supported by Llangwm Community Council. They want to create a volunteer team to re-design, get funding and construct a more exciting adventure playground at Pill Parks in memory of Tirion and other children from the village. Members of the council will offer practical support - will you help?

Black Tar Toilet and Car Parking area. The public toilet at Black Tar will re-open from Good Friday until the end of September 2018. Please help the operating group of volunteers to keep this facility clean and in good order.

An Independent Review Panel has been set up to

consider the future of Community Councils. Its current role is to represent the interests of the whole community equally and use the precept to carry out activities and services for Llangwm.

The review will:

- explore the potential future role of Community Councils drawing on examples of best practice;
- define the most appropriate model to deliver this role; and
- to consider how this should be applied across Wales.

This review will last for about a year.

Problems with illegal car parking in the village persist. Please be mindful of the need to park safely and with consideration for other residents.

Note: parking on pavements is illegal.



Downhill is best...

The "Beast from the East" brought a lot of fun to Llangwm.

Living in an area which does not often experience deep snowfall, Llangwm children were only too eager to make the most of it.

The slope at the top of Butterhill proved ideal for sledging and tobogganning.

Thanks to Anna Wilson for the photograph

LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

looks forward to the 2018 season



The Club had an excellent season last year and we look forward eagerly to our 1st XI playing in the top division of the Pembroke County Cricket Club Cricket League, and also to our 2nd XI returning to the 4th division. New players are very welcome to join us as we play an entertaining style of cricket as well as being fiercely proud of our record over the many years we have been carrying the flag for the village at cricket. All are welcome to come along to Pill Parks on weekends and weekday evenings to support us and enjoy good company around the boundary and in the Stand Bar & Tearoom where the views over the Cleddau and our cricket field are amazing. Saturday afternoon games start at 1.30pm.

We do not operate a website but do send out weekly "newscast" bulletins by e-mail to keep everyone up to speed with our results as well as posting information about forthcoming matches and other events.

We also run junior teams who play on weekday evenings starting at 6pm.

Our Junior Section has several age-groups who train and play junior Pembrokeshire League matches during weekday evenings usually starting at 6pm and we are proud to say that five of our youngsters - James Price, Dominic Asson, Joe Phillips, Harry Makepeace and Jack Phillips - are already in the County level Training Squads for 2018. Parents are encouraged to assist the coaches in developing the youngsters who are the future players of our senior teams - cricket is a game you can play and enjoy for many years whether playing, coaching, umpiring, scoring, watching or supporting by being involved behind the scenes.

Club Membership is available to players and supporters alike and the subscriptions received are an important lifeline to keep the Club going as village cricketing facilities do have a cost. See below for details and sponsorship opportunities.

Club Membership Categories (annual)

Vice President £25 Club Member £15 Senior Player £15 Youth Player (u14s - u17s) £5 Junior Player (< u13s) £2

Club Sponsorship Opportunities (Saturdays)

Match Sponsor £25 Umpire Sponsor £15 Teas Sponsor £15 Match Ball £10 Chicken Dinner Raffle £15

LLANGWM 2nd XI—promoted to Division 4



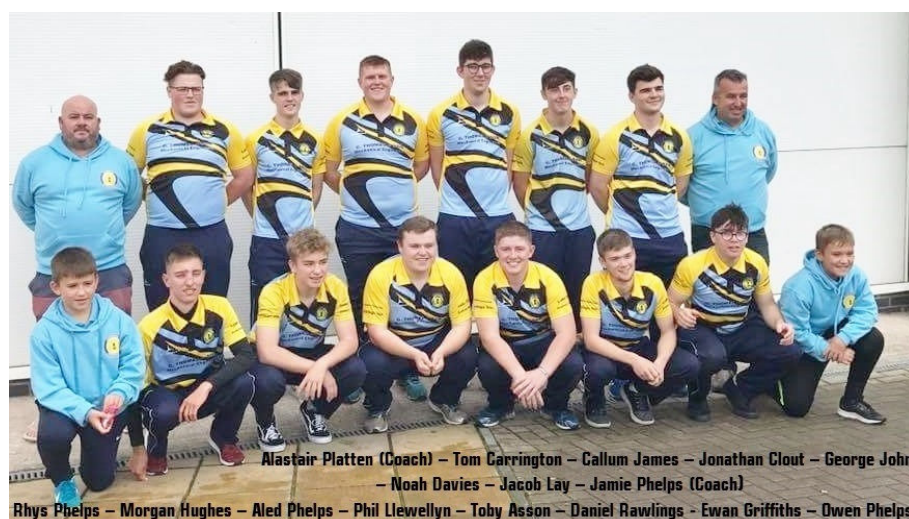
YOUTH PLAYERS SHOW THEIR METTLE

In addition to the two senior teams providing outstanding performances our younger teams were also very successful.

In conjunction with our neighbours Hook Cricket Club as a combined team we lifted the Pembrokeshire Ormond Youth Plate which features our under-17 cricketers.

And the combined under-19 team, called the “Cleddau Crusaders”, won through to the All-Wales Final of the National competition. This was to take place in the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff but was postponed because of inclement weather.

It is now due to be played early in the 2018 season. This is of the Big Bash 20 over format which has proved so popular on the international stage.



Llangwm Mini and Junior RFC

It's been a busy and very frustrating season for Llangwm Mini and Junior rugby teams so far, with the season being disrupted by the very wet winter we have had. We may be one of the smallest if not the smallest club in the county, but we are able to field teams in the following age groups: Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's and 15's. It's down to the dedication of all the coaches, helpers, parents and committee that this small club continues to punch well above its weight in the county and beyond. During training and matches I often walk around and see the great work the coaches put in and I know as a coach myself all about the commitment that is required to coach and run a team. I see the children learning not only the skills needed and the rules of the game, but also the ethics and sportsmanship that the game requires. But above all of this I see children laughing and smiling while they are learning the game.

Due to the wet weather we have had over the past months, the season has been very 'start/stop', with long periods with no games. Credit to all the coaches

and parents for being patient with the committee while we found an alternative venue to train and thank you to Norton Farm for letting us train at their farm.

The games that have been played this season have produced a range of positive results and all the children are improving with every game. As I am writing this we have many of our age groups entering in to the Pembrokeshire Junior cup. All the age groups that have been entered have a real chance of progressing a long way in the cup. Good luck to all the age groups in the forthcoming cup competition.

The under 15's have had a really successful season so far and this is after taking the brave decision last season to play alongside Haverfordwest. Both Haverfordwest and Llangwm under 14's last season were struggling to field a

full side, so after much thought the decision was taken to trial both clubs playing alongside each other while remaining signed to their own club. They play one game as Llangwm and the next as Haverfordwest. Doing this has resulted in both clubs continuing to have an under 15's and can now field a competitive side, the players are enjoying their rugby and the side has had some stunning results. Billy and Nick need to be congratulated on taking the brave decision to bring the two clubs together.

The under 13's are busy planning and fundraising for a tour to Ireland during October half term next season. The fundraising is going well with bag packing in the local supermarkets and a brilliant fundraising dinner and auction at the Jolly Sailor with the Welsh rugby legend that is Mark Ring. A great evening was had by all, with Mark giving a great after dinner speech and a question and answer session. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to help raise the money for the tour. Adam Picton has worked hard to get the tour and fundraising organised.



On Monday 12th March we had a visit from the Scarlets and they spent time coaching and chatting with our 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's and 11's. We had a great turn-out and I know the children picked up some valued skills passed on from the Scarlets. Thank you to the Scarlets for taking time out to join us

for the evening.

We are currently busy planning for the end of season (presentation date and time to be confirmed). We always welcome new players, coaches or helpers to any of our age groups. We train on a Wednesday evening 6 to 7 and either play games or train on a Sunday at our home Pill Parks field. Children can train with us from when they are aged 5 and can play from aged 6.

If you would like to know more or want more information you can contact me (Graham) on gelliott39.ge.ge@gmail.com or just pop to the field on a Wednesday evening or a Sunday morning.

*Graham Elliott
(Llangwm RFC Mini and Junior Chairman)*



Another team from Llangwm Juniors enjoys time and training with Emyr Phillips and Tadhg Beirne, two of the Scarlets leading players (see previous page).



News from Llangwm Rugby Club



As the Wasps season continues we have seen a lot of changes in camp. The team have welcomed new coaches Colin Picton and Robbie Neill who along with team Managers James Griffiths and Richard Scriven, and team Captain James Lewis, have faced an uphill struggle to get a full team together week on week. Only thirteen fit and registered players is not enough to maintain let alone develop the teams' performances in the league!

In spite of all this the Wasps maintain their enthusiasm and passion on the field, and have put in some solid performances this season. Anyone who witnessed the close game against Neyland on the 20th January will confirm that!

The boys are looking forward to getting back onto the field after the Six Nations break. Due to the recent adverse weather many games were postponed; with this the WRU have extended the season until May. Any support for the remaining games would be greatly appreciated.

The club continues to survive with the support of members and committee, and also from fundraising events like Party in the Parks which was organised by Julian Platts last year. Hopefully we will see a repeat performance this summer!

We are also extremely grateful to all the sponsorship that we have received this season. Thanks to this generosity we have been able to buy a new kit for the team and an essential new boiler for the club, amongst other things.

Finally perhaps the biggest thank you should go to the players that have turned up week in, week out. Without them there would be no club!

Thanks to Sarah Griffiths for this rugby roundup .

A WINTER FOR WADERS

Nature Notes by Graham Brace

There is one thing which is notable about this winter...for some reason our local shores have attracted huge number of waders compared to the previous 40+ years that I have been monitoring birdlife around Llangwm.

I refer particularly to the numbers of **dunlin**, **black-tailed godwits** and **snipe**. **Lapwing** numbers have fluctuated between a couple of dozen and upwards of 300 often seen along the tideline from Port Lion to the Cunnigar. Similarly **dunlin**, those neat little grey and white waders, usually seen probing the lower shore and mudflats for food, have occasionally been present in numbers up to 300-plus.

The most notable species that has increased in number is the **black-tailed godwit** (popularly known as "**blackwits**" in 'birding' parlance) have been present since early November in various numbers peaking on the 22 January when Graham Stephens counted 138 along the waterline at Llangwm Ferry and in the Pill. These large elegant waders are easily recognised being a bit smaller than the **curlew** and having a very long straight bill. During the winter



months its plumage is light grey-brown above with whitish underparts. It is distinguished from its cousin, the **bar-tailed godwit** ("**barwit**") by having a distinctive black tail and prominent white wing strips

seen in flight. They are generally seen probing for food along the tideline. Winter visitors, the **blackwits** that we see locally will have migrated from their breeding grounds in Iceland and southern Greenland.

Common snipe have also been far more numerous than I recall in previous years with probably a couple of hundred resting and feeding invisibly in the spartina vegetation along the shore at Llangwm Ferry, taking to flight suddenly and rapidly when 'spooked' as you pass by. Also unusually, I have witnessed several times this winter, numbers of **snipe**



feeding in integrated flocks with **lapwing**, **dunlin** and **blackwits** along the water's edge.

Its less common cousin, the **Jack Snipe**, is smaller with a noticeable shorter bill and yellowish stripes along its back. Nigel Davies reported one feeding on his lawn in Pill Parks Way during the very cold snap in early March.

Other waders present over the winter months are the usual numbers of **redshank** (around 40), **greenshank** (up to 3 individuals) and **curlew** (there are generally 3 or 4 present at all times).



Common sandpipers are seen occasionally. These small 'bobbing' waders are generally solitary and are present along the entire length of the Daugleddau Estuary.

The usual duck species are present including **teal** (60+), **mallard** (12+) and **shelduck** (up to 40). **Little egrets** and **grey herons** are present pretty much daily

During November we had large flocks of **Canada geese** in and around the Pill and on 4th November, Andy Woolmer and Gareth Jones spotted an unusual individual among the throng. It was a **barheaded goose**...smaller than the Canadas, being mainly white in colour with two black bars running down each side of its head. This species is native to south and east Asia and was almost certainly an escapee from a collection in this country. It was probably the same individual seen previously in the company of the Canada geese flocks on the Nevern and Teifi Estuaries. **Greylag geese** have also been seen from time to time.

Other species seen offshore include **great northern diver**, **great crested grebes** and **little grebes** and onshore, **kingfishers**, **grey wagtails**, **rock and meadow pipits**, **stonechats**, **gold finches** and **linnets**. The recent severe winter weather brought in hundreds of those beautiful members of the thrush family, **redwings** and significant numbers of **fieldfares**. During this spell Norman Roach's garden in Glanhafan was visited by a **brambling**, surely one of the loveliest of winter finches, in addition to numerous **redwing** and a few **lapwing**. It was particularly unusual to see lapwings taking refuge and shelter in domestic gardens.

We're now looking forward to the arrival of spring and come the end of April the Pill and adjacent shores will, as usual, be virtually devoid of birdlife throughout the summer months.

Keep your eyes peeled and report any unusual sightings to me on 891580 or by email to grahambrace@btinternet.com

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