

LLANGWM VILLAGE NEWS

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3rd July 2018: Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall enjoy their visit to the village and look on with fascination as Llangwm's past is re-enacted before them, courtesy of cocklewoman-for-the-day Jennifer Poole.



Photograph by Steve Richards

After an epic summer, when the riverside village of Llangwm was graced with royal visitors - and regal sunshine showing it off at its absolute best - we prepare for a very busy autumn and winter, with a programme of events to suit all tastes. Film, theatre performance, commemoration, music, sport - there's something for everyone! See inside.

Royal Visit celebrates 'rich sense of community'

July brought not only the annual festival fortnight to Llangwm but also two very special visitors – their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.



The visit was part of the couple's annual summer trip to Wales, and was intended to celebrate Llangwm's 'rich sense of community'.

Their Royal Highnesses spent more than an hour and a half (well over their allotted timescale of one hour!) meeting many members of the local community, and pupils from Cleddau Reach and Hook primary schools, and chatting about life in the village.

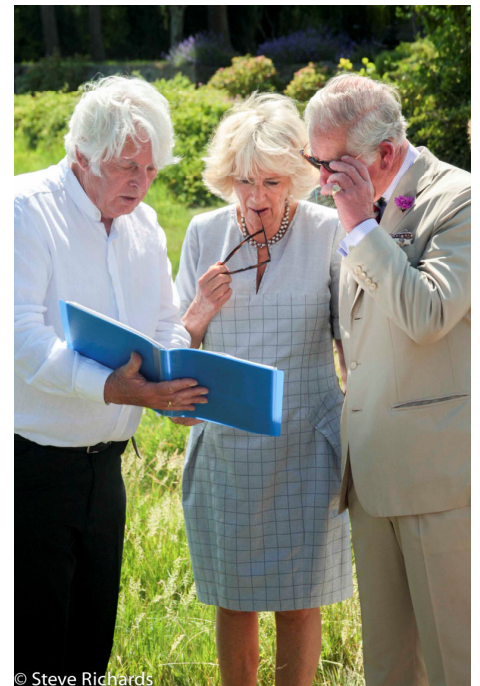


They also met local artists, craftspeople and representatives of many village groups; viewed the Talking Tapestry and an attempt to bake the world's largest Welshcake, and heard about the restoration of St Jerome's Church.





Appropriately for the land of song, they were treated to wonderful music throughout their visit, from young harpist Harriet Devonald, the *Mini Jumping Fleas* ukulele group, the chorus from *WW1: A Village Opera*, the Cleddau Reach school choir - and even a chorus from our visiting Polish choir!



Their visit ended with a walk down to Guildford Pill, where they heard about the village's fishing heritage and the famous Llangwm fisherwomen of old.



News from the Llangwm Festival Committee

Well, what a summer! The Festival Committee have yet again worked their little festival socks off in the hope that Llangwm would have yet another memorable Carnival... and we hope that we didn't disappoint!

This year brought us the "Rockstar and Popstar" theme, all starting with the Medieval Banquet - thank you to Pam and the organisers, and thank you also to Matthew at The Cottage for hosting a wonderful event. Following this event was the telling of "The Second Branch of the Mabinogion" at St Jerome's Church followed closely by "Amber Chant". It was a sell-out evening in St Jerome's and a beautiful introduction to the Polish choir who provided us with the most stunning music. Thank you to all involved!

Later in the week we had a talk about "Pembrokeshire Pirates" - who knew what a lawless place Pembrokeshire was! Thank you to Terry John and Llangwm Local History Society. While this was all happening, the Festival Committee was hard at work bringing together our first "Llangwm's Got Talent" held at the village hall and performing to a packed out audience. We gave our two judges, Pam Hunt and Matt Baker, the unenviable task of judging the 14 acts, each of which was brilliant - what an amazing amount of talent we have in Llangwm! Well done to Roxy Evans with her Ballet Rap, scooping first prize, followed by Tom and Reuben with their amazing drum and guitar set with third prize going to the Showgirls with their "This is me" performance...beards 'n all!

Saturday morning, just halfway through Festival fortnight, brought us the Fun Run and Toddler Dash held for Tirion's Rainbow - a beautiful morning, with the ever popular Pop-up Café. Well done all for completing the race in such hot temperatures! Thank you to Tirion's Rainbow committee for providing such a lovely event. On Sunday evening "A Grand Singing Event" was held at Galilee Baptist Church with a guest appearance by Llangwm's very own men's choral group, Wrong Direction. Thank you all for a lovely evening. On Monday the Festival Committee held a Pop Quiz in The Cottage Inn thank you to all the attending teams, a great night was had by all!

Finally, a huge thank you to the ladies of the Methodist Chapel for feeding us throughout with the most delicious sandwiches, rolls and cakes throughout festival fortnight.

And then it was Carnival Day...

Our theme this year saw us dusting off our platforms, wigs and microphones to become a village of Popstars and Rockstars. It was lovely to see so many children and adults dressed up as their favourite popstar! Our own 'royal party' led the procession from the Cottage Inn to the carnival field, where we were met with a fantastically busy and thriving field full of fun, The beautiful sound of the Village Voices welcomed us and Mark Evans kept us up to date with the day's events starting with the crowning of the Royal Party; thank you to Rosie Jones, our Carnival Queen; Lily Arnold, the Queen's attendant; Miley Breen, the Fairy Queen; Charlie Burke, the Carnival King and Jackson Collett, our Fairy King; you all did a fantastic job! We then had



the proud winners of the Fancy Dress competition and the ever popular Scarecrow competition. There were two categories this year - well done to 'Cat Stevens' for winning first prize in the Individual category, with second prize going to 'Ziggy Stardust', and third prize to 'Suggs from Madness'. The group entry saw Elidyr Park scooping first prize with 'Thriller', and 'Boy George' by the crochet group highly commended. (Even Boy George himself liked it when someone tweeted him a photograph!) 21 scarecrows officially entered this year, with more lurking here and there around the village - let's smash that number next year!

Meanwhile, back at the Carnival...

We then saw a fantastic gymnastic display courtesy of Cleddau Gymnastics Club. Thank you to Gemma and those amazing gymnasts. There were craft stalls, face painting, pony rides, fun fair rides, food and drinks a-plenty and a beautiful cream tea provided by the wonderful ladies of the Village Hall as well as a fabulous Dog Show put together by Greenacres - and much more! Thank you to Llangwm Rowing Club and 1st Johnston Scout Group for the

All that is left for me to say is a huge big heart-felt thank you to everyone involved in putting the events together that make Llangwm Carnival, but mostly, a huge big thank you from us all on the committee to all of you for attending and making it a carnival to remember!

There will be a suggestion box at Cleddau Stores for any ideas you have for next year - we would absolutely love to hear them - and remember, we always welcome volunteers..!



loan of the wonderful marquees; a great day was had by all and we had sunshine!

A great day was followed by an even greater evening at Llangwm's very own Cottage Inn. Thank you to Neville and Matthew Evans and all the staff for working tirelessly through the evening serving us drinks and a beautiful BBQ. The evening started with Little Monsters providing the entertainment for our little ones, followed by a great Raffle (thank you to Tasmin Nash for gathering some wonderful prizes) and music from the Mini Fleas and the Jumping Fleas. This was followed by amazing vocals from Jess Dando accompanied by Mark Evans on guitar and then to finish we had music from The Collective - If you were there I am sure you will agree they absolutely rocked Llangwm! Thank you to the band for bringing the day to a superb close.

Forthcoming Events

Halloween Party - at Llangwm Rugby Club, Wed 31 October 6-7.30 fancy dress, music and games £2.50 including hotdog and drink.

Phil Evans and Friends comedy night, Saturday 1st December £7.50 See leaflet or Facebook for more details.

Christmas Carols on the Green with Village Voices - Friday 21st December 6pm. Bring a torch !

Santa's helpers will be dropping the Christmas Post Box, which will be located outside Cleddau Stores, ready to receive your letters to Santa. Please look out for the arrival of the post box and post your letters by December 10th (including your name and address) - all letters will receive a reply from Santa!

That's it for now, and once again thank you Llangwm!

Claire Evans, Festival Committee Chairman

Llangwm Literary Festival 2018 – 'Omne Trium Perfectum'

'Good things come in threes' or so that saying goes. It was no exception for Llangwm's third literary festival, which offered a wide range of activities to challenge the mind and warm the soul.

On the centenary of women's suffrage, women featured prominently. Presenters included Joanna Penberthy, the first female Bishop of the Church in Wales. The Bishop of St Davids took us on a journey through her calling and demonstrated that compassion and spirituality are no strangers to a razor-sharp intellect that embraces Aristotle to Aquinas. Bishop Joanna left us with the thought-provoking challenge that 'There's no reason why St Davids could not be a Santiago de Compostela'. We were also delighted to welcome one of the



Phoebe Smith, from a new generation of female travel writers, inspired us with her worldwide adventures.

world's greatest living travel writers, Dervla Murphy. Dervla rose to fame in the 1960s when she wrote '*Full Tilt*' about her cycle-ride from Dublin to India. Dervla's most recent books provide great insight into the relationship between Palestine and Israel. Dervla also answered questions about her numerous travels, which have seen her attacked by wolves and crossing the mountains of Ethiopia by mule. The 86-year old adventurer shows no signs of slowing down and caught the overnight ferry back to Ireland to welcome four guests at her home in Lismore the next morning.

The Rugby Club provided a warm welcome to Eddie Butler who introduced us to his latest thriller '*The Asparagus Thieves*' researched in Pembrokeshire, Grangetown and Magaluf. Eddie Butler talked a little bit about the research required to write such a book, noting that there were limits to method-writing, with the memorable words 'Well, I've never been a stripper in Magaluf'.

The Children's Soapbox proved to be a great success with writers and poets of the future lining up to share their work. Buzzard Chris ran three wonderful bushcraft workshops free of charge in glorious sunshine on the Friday. Julia Horton-Powdrill led her foraging party around the countryside in mist and rain on Saturday before bringing them back to the marquee to warm up with Sloe Gin and Rosehip Wine. Bob Phillips joined forces with Wrong Direction for a showing of *Gathering the Graves* that left hardly a dry eye at St Jerome's. Pembrokeshire talent also featured prominently with David Wilson and Jamie Owen sharing their latest book with beautiful pictures of Pembrokeshire: the perfect Christmas present. Many other Pembrokeshire authors and poets performed during the festival weekend. I think we'll be seeing more of some of them.

Bob Marshall-Andrews, Diana Darke, Norman Davies, Phoebe Smith are amongst the others who made superb presentations. We were lucky to welcome Liza Lort-Phillip's Versability Shop with a poem for every occasion.

Congratulations to *The Cottage Inn* on its delicious Spanish feast. Thank you also for a super wrap-up party on the Sunday evening, accompanied by the beautiful music of The Skylarks.

The festival art exhibition provided a stimulating range of outstanding work by local artists and craftmakers. Thanks to the team at the Methodist Chapel for providing the art space and for their delicious teas, cakes and bacon rolls. Village Voices performed a beautiful concert at Cleddau Reach school to create acclaim. The children's illustration competition was a great success with a vastly increased number of entries.

We are busy putting together a programme for next year. The dates are 9–11 August 2019. We still need more B&B accommodation in the village and would love to hear what you'd like to see more of. Suggestions can be emailed to llangwmlitfest@gmail.com



A spectacular double rainbow - long-lasting too - graced the close of the Third Literary Festival over Llangwm's Cottage Inn. A good omen for next year, no doubt.

More from Llangwm LitFest

Gathering The Graves

On Sunday 12th August there was a performance of the WW1 film "Gathering The Graves" at St Jerome's. The work of local filmmakers Bob Phillips and Lloyd Grayshon, it tells the story of the formation of the Imperial War Graves Commission and the work to recover the bodies of the fallen, to give them a dignified resting place and memorial. The film follows two cousins (one of whom goes missing in action) and the story of how their family and loved ones attempt to reconcile their grief with keeping their memory alive. The performance, to a

packed church, combined the film with acted scenes and contemporary songs performed by Llangwm's own 'Wrong Direction'. The success of the performance was such that it was repeated (with the choir) on Wednesday 10th October at St Jerome's, part of the History Society's programme of talks and events.



The 'lads' of Wrong Direction, together with film-makers Bob Phillips and Lloyd Grayshon.

"Dump" brings record numbers to the village hall

Bob Marshall-Andrews' satire on a certain US President drew crowds to hear an entertaining, enlightening and amusing account of world politics today.

The lively Q&A session following the discussion on the book (and his Druidston house!) proved what LitFest is all about - variety like nowhere else.



"Dump" author Bob Marshall-Andrews, in conversation with Liz Bligh.

Llangwm Community Centre - the Past and the Future

From delving into the past as far back as World War 1 with the History Society, to looking the future in the eye with parodies of Trump's presidency from the Literary Festival - all this is possible in the Village Hall!

It is a venue that is able to support a host of activities and gatherings for Llangwm and its wider community.

The Village Voices choir meet regularly on a Thursday and the new male voice choir on a Tuesday. Tai Chi classes are on Tuesday mornings and the excellent History Society talks take place monthly. The Gardening Club had its best ever Plant Sale at the Hall in May, perhaps helped by the goodwill feelings from our glorious weather this summer, plus the Royal Wedding and Cup Final taking place the day before!

The Hall has also proved to be an excellent venue for charity coffee mornings and fun-run hospitality. In July, as part of the annual village two week Festival and Carnival, the hall was host to a Talent Show and of course the wonderful cream teas on the final Carnival Day itself.

August saw the third year of the highly successful Llangwm Literary Festival and for this the Hall was 'literally' packed out (standing room only!) for many events.

November will see the week long WW1 exhibition

taking place, commemorating the end of the war 100 years ago.

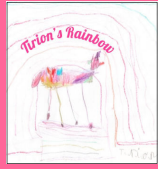
Our latest bid for funding to provide a future Village Hall for our times is being further worked on so that it hits the Lottery Fund criteria and the committee are hoping that this won't take too many more months. As fewer people now buy lottery tickets and there are more communities in need there are ever greater demands on shrinking Lottery funds, meaning that precise targeting of bids becomes overwhelming.

For Hall bookings and Loan of Equipment from the Village Hall please see David in the shop. He has taken over that important task from Pat and we are very lucky to have the continued efficiency and helpfulness that Pat always provided. Our sincere thanks to them both. * Please note that we now have a new loan system for Village Hall items which entails a committee member checking items in and out and a proper hire price-list in place.

Finally, last November we had a full house for the 'Wales Night Out' performance by Apphia Campbell with her show based on the life of Nina Simone. This year, on December 1st the Wales Night Out show is a Comedy Night arranged by the Festival Committee - do please come along for a rollicking evening!

Val John

Tirion's Rainbow



The Tirion's Rainbow Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported our fund raising efforts for the park so far. Everyone's support has given us confidence that we will achieve something really special in our village that will benefit so many children.

We made a great start to our fundraising leading up to the summer holidays, which was kicked off with an overwhelmingly well supported cake sale at Cleddau Reach School, where we raised an incredible £790. This was followed by the Mini Fleas' Busk in Tenby, where they created a lovely atmosphere in the town and entertained the holiday makers whilst raising a wonderful £221. We then had the Fun Run which took place in July and was supported by the Pop Up Cafe.



We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and there was lots of fun had by all who attended. There were a few serious games of football played after the run and lots of beautiful rainbows made at the craft table. We

would like to thank everyone who helped to pull this event together, for cakes donated to the Pop Up Cafe, Coffee donated by Morrillos, Water donated by Princes Gate, Milk, Tea and Sandwiches kindly donated by Matthew Evans at the Cottage, all of the wonderful raffle prizes we had donated (especially James McFadden who donated the M&S Hamper that was out of this world!). Finally we want to thank everyone who gave their time on the day, by helping with the running of it all, and to all of the lovely people who came to enjoy the event and help raise lots of money through sponsorship and eating lots of cake. All to help us create something special for all of the children growing up in and around this very special village!! In total the Pop Up Cafe, Fun Run and Raffle raised £2731.55.

We are very grateful to the local businesses who have been supporting our fundraising efforts since we began. Matthew Evans (The Cottage Inn) and Dave Golding (Cleddau Stores) both have our donation pots on display in their establishments. Dave is also helping us to sell our gorgeous cards that were designed by children from Cleddau Reach, all of whom were close to Tirion. Farmhouse Bakery Johnston has also been incredibly kind with their support, they too have one of our donation pots and are selling our lovely cards. The Bakery also very kindly raffled an amazing unicorn cake for us which raised £105.

Mark Evans has recorded a beautiful and very catchy song, "Fly Like a Bird", which is written by Mark and his daughter Lulu. The song is sung by Lulu who is accompanied by children from

Cleddau Reach School. Proceeds from the CD are being very kindly donated to Tirion's Rainbow.

We've been quiet throughout the summer holidays as everyone has been busy with family commitments, but we have a few things happening in the next few months. A very close family friend's daughter, Jessica Moule (7yrs) was due to abseil 80ft down the Keep at Pembroke Castle on the 23rd September, however this was postponed due to high winds. Another date is yet to be arranged. Jessica is still very keen to complete this challenge. Thank you to everyone who has supported her so far. If anyone hasn't done so yet but would like to support Jessica, donations can be made to her just giving page and will be very appreciated!

justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jessicamoule

By the time the newsletter goes to press a team of us will have completed the Cardiff Half Marathon. The Tirion's Rainbow running team consisted of Tirion's mum, cousin and parents with children at Cleddau Reach. Many of us had never thought we could run more than 5k before starting to train for this event, but through lots of hard work and determination we did it! You may have seen us training hard over the last few months running around the village and the cycle path come rain or shine. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to show their support by making a donation to our just giving page or via the sponsor forms in the Cottage Inn and Cleddau Stores. Your support has meant so much to everyone involved in taking on the challenge of running 13.1 miles!

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Tirion's Rainbow (continued)

We have been very kindly approached by the lovely Llangwm crochet group, 'Share a Little Happiness', who are organising a fundraiser which is to take place on the 24th November at the Cottage Inn. The event will include a Christmas crochet hunt around the village, followed by a craft stall, raffle and teas and cakes in the Cottage. We are very grateful to Rachel and the 'Share a Little Happiness' group for organising such a lovely event

in support of Tirion's Rainbow!

Behind the scenes we will be busy looking into grant applications and enquiring about park designs and getting quotes. We have lots of ideas thanks to all of the suggestions that were made at the consultation and will share ideas and information as it comes in. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support.

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so
much" (Helen Keller).*



...STOP PRESS...CONGRATULATIONS...STOP PRESS...CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to the Tirion's Rainbow running team, who completed the Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday 7 October, raising well over £4,000 towards the Playground Appeal - an amazing effort all round!

Photographed at the event are (L-R): Tasmin Nash, Maria Galdes, Beth Preddy, Jacqueline Warrender, Kirsty Holder, Sian Dobbs & Helen Jones. Also running were Claire and Mark Evans (not in the picture) - and a new friend who met Beth just two days before, Claire Hobbs.



A special Remembrance Concert

This year's annual concert featuring Goodwick Brass is on Friday 26th October at 7.30pm at St. Jerome's. This year they are joined by Wrong Direction and the concert



will feature the RAF as it marks its centenary.

At the time of going to press there were just a few tickets still available, priced £6.00 (adults) and £3.00 (children) from Cleddau Stores, or email pamela-hunt@btconnect.com, or call 01437 89 99 66.

Time to Gather on the Green

**Sunday 11 Nov 2018
at 10.00 am**

This year's Remembrance Service will be a very special one, as it falls on Armistice Day, 11-11-18, and marks 100 years since the end of WW1. Upwards of 80 people annually pay their respects to the fallen heroes of this and other wars. Names of the Llangwm men who fell in WW1 and WW2 are read out, and all victims of war are remembered.



A large crowd assembled for last year's village Remembrance Service.

Llangwm and District Gardening Club

who have enjoyed a sunny summer!

Members welcomed the fabulous summer with a talk in April from the creators of Lamphey Walled Garden and May brought us our annual Plant Sale in the Village Hall.

This was a very successful event and the switch to a Sunday afternoon with cream teas proved very popular.

Garden visits to Daisybus Gardens of Well-Being near Solva were made in June on an individual basis and the season came to a close with the AGM and BBQ at The Cottage Inn in July. We enjoyed Matthew's wonderful fare on a warm and balmy evening!

The 2018/19 season kicked off in September with *All About Alliums*, a short presentation by club chairperson Karen Shepherd. Annual membership fees were exchanged for free bulbs and our club choice this year was *alliums*!



All set up for the annual Plant Sale (and cream teas) in May.

The club is growing each year and we have welcomed over 50 members back to the club but we always welcome others to come join in and enjoy our events.

October saw a talk by Joseph Atkins of Aberglasney Gardens on *Planting Combinations*. Fascinating as always!

We've lots of interesting talks and events lined up for November to March including John Archer Thomson talking on coastal salt marsh and dune plants and we'll be celebrating Christmas at The Cottage Inn with a social event - and once again we'll see the New Year in with our quiz and nibbles evening held in the Village Hall with the History Society!

Monthly meeting details are advertised through the village with posters and on the Llangwm Facebook page as well as emails to members. The club has its own Facebook page too.

Hope to see you soon!

Karen Shepherd

A Letter from Llangwm's Shop

When the latest *Llangwm News* hits your inbox or letterbox we will have been open over 6 months and hasn't the time flown? I must say a huge THANK YOU to everybody who has supported Cleddau Stores since we opened on 3rd April 2018. We are continually looking at products and services that we can offer so that the shop can thrive and continue to offer a valuable service to residents and to the wider community. Don't forget we offer a free delivery service if you spend over £10, we also supply and deliver House, Multi Fuel and Anthracite coal as well as kindling and logs in nets. We offer free delivery if you purchase 2 of any combination.

For Christmas we will be able to take orders for fresh Meat either from John James, Gate to Plate or Preseli Bluestone. We will also be able to offer fresh seasonal vegetables and cream to make sure your Christmas celebrations run smoothly. We continue to offer Daily Papers and the very tasty Rhydwen Bakery Bread is delivered to the shop twice a week.

From the end of October, we will be offering Breakfast Baps on Saturday mornings. You will be able to order these in store or pre-order via our Facebook page, more details are to follow.



Christmas opening hours are as follows.

Saturday 22nd December 8am – 1pm
Sunday 23rd December 8am -12 pm
Monday 24th December 8am – 4 pm
Tuesday 25th December Closed
Wednesday 26th December Closed
Thursday 27th December 8am – 1pm
Friday 28th December 8am -1pm
Saturday 29th December 8am -1pm
Sunday 30th December 8am – 12pm
Monday 31st December 8am – 1pm
Tuesday 1st January 2019 Closed
Wednesday 2nd January 8am – 1pm
Thursday 3rd January 8am – 1pm

Normal opening hours resume as from Friday 4th January.

Dave Golding

Llangwm Local History Society Talks and Events

As usual it has been a very busy few months for the history society.

Throughout the year the society has been commemorating those Llangwm men who died in Service during the 1st World War. To date thirteen ceremonies have been held at St. Jerome's on the anniversary of each man's death, with a further three planned, to take place at St Jerome's at 11am which all are very welcome to attend:

Sat 20 th Oct	William John Jones	Hampshire Regiment
Sat 24 th Nov	John Hutchings	Welsh Regiment
Tues 4 th Dec	James Charles Thomas	Machine Gun Corps

We have had several talks on a variety of subjects spanning the centuries.

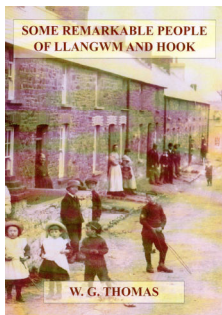
In April, Ralph Arnesen gave a talk, to a packed village hall, on the Vietnam War where he had seen active service flying helicopters. In May, Tegryn Jones, Chief Executive at Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, gave a presentation on the setting up of the Park through to its future, post Brexit.

In June members visited the Magpie's Nest Museum in Templeton with its huge array of memorabilia and, in July, local historian, Terry John, entertained us with a talk on piracy in Pembrokeshire during the Tudor Age - and not an eyepatch or parrot in sight!

History Book

Llangwm Local History Society's great achievement this summer was publication of the book entitled "Some Remarkable People of Llangwm and Hook". W. G. Thomas, a native of the village, had researched information for the book but sadly died in 2002, before the manuscript was finalised. His wife preserved his papers until her death and late last year her daughter handed them over to the history society. In August, after preparing the book for publication, the book was finally launched at Llangwm village hall attended by Mr Thomas's daughter, Amanda and her two sons. Simon Hancock gave biographical details regarding Mr Thomas, a man still remembered by many in the audience, emphasising the importance of keeping local history alive.

An exhibition on the history of Llangwm was also on display throughout the evening. The event proved to be very popular and the book has been such a success that a reprint has been necessary. Copies are £5 and can be purchased locally at Cleddau Stores Llangwm, Hook Shop and at Victoria Books in Haverfordwest. So if you missed out and fancy a stocking-filler for Christmas, you're in luck. It will also be on sale at Cleddau Reach School's Christmas Market and other local fayres and venues.



At the book launch in August...L-R: Simon Hancock (historian), Jane Mills (chairman), David Lort-Phillips (whose family used to own the Lawrenny Estate including many parts of Llangwm), and Amanda Britt (nee Thomas, daughter of the author).

Other Events

On Wed 10 Oct at 7.30pm **Gathering The Graves**, a film by Bob Phillips and Lloyd Grayshon, was shown in St Jerome's Church. Wrong Direction, Llangwm men's vocal group, performed the songs of WW1.

Mon 29 Oct-Sat 3 Nov

WW1 EXHIBITION in LLANGWM VILLAGE HALL

Please note opening times:

Mon-Sat 2-6pm

Wed & Fri 2-6pm + 6-8pm

Wed. 28th Nov 7.30pm

December - TBA

AGM (in Village Hall)

Christmas Meal

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE

Sat 10th Nov at 7.00 pm

WW1 - A VILLAGE AT WAR

The Follies Theatre, Folly Farm

Llangwm Local History Society's other huge project is the 2018 version of the opera, **WW1: a Village at War** commemorating the 1918 Armistice. It'll be performed on **November 10**, at the **Follies Theatre, Folly Farm** with Louise Hales back to sing the tear-jerking part of Mary, with Josh Morris as Tom. Unlike the 2014 versions, it'll be performed in concert format but with one important difference: an ever-changing backdrop will be projected onto the stage showing Llangwm scenes and WW1 action. Many of the images have been provided by celebrated Llangwm photographer David Wilson. The huge job of putting together the film is being undertaken by society member Pam Hunt, who luckily for us is a former independent film maker.

Reports by Eileen Horton and Heather Payton

A report from Heritage Llangwm/ Friends of St Jerome's

The highlight of the year, as for many Llangwm groups, was the royal visit – where we managed to give Prince Charles some advice on the restoration of old buildings. As part of the visit in July His Royal Highness popped in to see the Talking Tapestry of Llangwm, and he seemed impressed not just with the tapestry but with the whole church project. In fact he was so taken with the results that he asked team leader Pamela Hunt who the contractor and architect were. Does that mean we might soon see Llangwm's finest employed at Clarence House?

On more down to earth matters we hosted more than a dozen visits from groups all over West Wales, so keeping our promise through sales of souvenirs and donations to cover the extra expense incurred by the display of the tapestry. They bring to 31 the number of groups we've had since St Jerome's re-opened and each one gets a full scale presentation by Pam or Liz.

We also played our part in the Llangwm Festival with a repeat of last year's medieval feast and a rip-roaring performance of a further episode of The Mabinogion.



Polish choir Amber Chant entertaining the diners at the Medieval Feast which began this year's Llangwm Festival Fortnight.

Given the success of the winter lunchtime concerts – all of them sell-outs – we honed our skills as impresarios further while also doing our best for east-west détente: performances by the Nikolsky Ensemble from Russia and Amber Chant from Poland. The latter were the result of a chance meeting in a castle near Gdansk by local couple Llinos and Neil Martin. The Russians almost fell victim to the tensions following the Skripal poisoning affair; one of their number had to stay at home after his visa failed to materialise. But

given the extraordinary level of sound the group managed with one member missing it's hard to imagine what the full complement would have done to St Jerome's roof.

So it's no surprise that the concerts will be back next year with the wonderful Cwm Cerwyn Ensemble and John Roach (this time with Joe Griffin) back by popular demand. There'll also be a woodwind ensemble, the Chalumeau Ensemble and two Llangwm groups, Wrong Direction and the Skylarks. And of course a pre-Christmas extravaganza by the early music group La Volta.



The ever popular Skylarks photographed earlier this year, performing at Llangwm's Pop Up Café.

Plus the return of the Film Club @ St Jerome's, already underway with some great oldies (that's the films not the projectionist) in the pipeline including the original *All Quiet on the Western Front* as well as *Brief Encounter* and *High Society*. Membership forms are available from Cleddau Stores.

And we're working on something completely different and rather ambitious. You might think that a small village in Pembrokeshire is an unlikely place to be organising a series of mystery plays like those performed by outwardly well endowed (though they'd dispute that) cathedrals in England. But that's what we're planning. As you may know, mystery plays were performed in medieval times as a way of educating the illiterate masses about the stories from the bible. They tend to be colourful and loud, just the thing the cathedrals feel will raise money from audiences hooked on spectacle. We have an expert on board and we have the good wishes of the Rev Marcus – so watch this space.

Heather Payton

Summer arrived and found us filming for the opera backdrop. The trenches were dug,

corrugated iron laid, battles scenes already filmed and **Day One** we were ready for the fisherwomen scenes. Weather: bright, sunny. Location: Black Tar, glorious as always. Nets and oars ready but one thing missing. A boat. You can always rely on someone to let you down. Never mind. There were children dressed as Edwardians, no, let's be historically correct, George VI-ians, kicking a (real) leather football around, there were the old fisherwomen, the film cameraman, two still photographers. The last scene of the day was filmed at Edwards Pill with a black boat.

Day Two. Location; The Mission Hall, an ex WW1 army hut covered in corrugated iron, its interior cream wood. The Torch Theatre Group were out in full force, girls with long flowing hair and long skirts, the boys dressed as rookie soldiers. Bob Phillips as the sergeant lined the boys up, sorted them out, an Oscar worthy performance. The fisherwomen acted upset as their boys were marched off to war. They (the boys) had been recruited inside the hut and given a medical by Bob Chesmer wearing a dicky bow tie.

Ferried off to the village hall for a picnic lunch and then a walk to the Methodist Chapel schoolroom, laid out for tea with embroidered tablecloths and old china. There the chapel ladies acted knitting and tut-tutting at the girls' antics with the soldiers. The cakes and sandwiches didn't last long. The filming ran on greased tracks and it was all over two hours earlier than planned.

And now for the Royal Visit! After a long long long wait (with rehearsal) in the church, Anna Wilson finally popped her head around the church door and held up four fingers. Four minutes to go....Sam played horror music to lighten the atmosphere. Da da DA DA Daaaaaah. We were all neat and tidy-like in black. HRH wore a beige suit, Camilla pale grey silk. They arrived to handshaking, creased brows and smiles as they went into the side chapel to see the Tapestry. Deathly quiet and you couldn't hear anything being said. Then they came in and sat down. Opening bars Tenors and Bases....Libera Me Domine.....slow and ponderous. Sopranos and Altos thundered into Quando Coeli etc and off we went, probably the best rendition we've ever done. He said Thank You to Sam although it

Variety is the Spice of Choir Life - with Village Voices

looked as if he expected another piece...Keep them wanting more is our motto.

At the Literary Festival,

the school hall was packed, well almost, but there were plenty of new faces waiting to have their first dose of Village Voices. There had been mutterings in the ranks in the weeks before, someone said there was too much serious stuff but we carried on regardless with Pergolesi. We were primed, ready to go and we burst into the

Magnificat. We'd cracked it. Jess did the soprano solo in 'Et Misericordia'. And we carried on through Mendelssohn's Elijah, the Israel section. Then just for a change, as though we hadn't already done it a million times before, Vivaldi's Gloria and Domine Fili. Oh yes, we were nicely warmed up now and blithely went through the Mozart Lacrimosa before Lou (lovely to have her back) hit even higher notes than usual with her solo. It must be the Cardiff air. We finished the first half



Village Voices and other members of the Llangwm opera chorus perform Sam Howley's moving 'Libera Me' in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall at St Jerome's Church on the memorable morning of 3rd July 2018.

with Sam's Libera Me and Dies Irae before letting the audience out for ten minutes parole.

Then we debuted Wicked which with the Pergolesi had taken months to learn. We were relieved to get it over with and on to the familiar Grease, Mamma Mia. Africa was unleashed with John Roach on drum then a bit calmer...Greensleeves...before ending with West Side Story. We had an encore ready, New York, New York. It wasn't as intimate as last year's fest concert in the marquee but it sure was a good 'un.

The opera rehearsals have started. It was like putting on an old favourite winter coat, Seimon Morris valiantly took the podium for the first practice, Peter George has altered the script slightly but the music and libretto stay the same so we're all wandering around with "It'll All be Over by Christmas" in our heads instead of last term's earworms Pergolesi and Wicked.

Onward and Upward as Graham Brace says. Anyone want to join in...Thursdays 7.30 Village Hall.

The opera is on Saturday November 10th at the Follies Theatre, Folly Farm. Tickets £12 (£6 under-16), available from Cleddau Stores Llangwm or the Torch Theatre Box Office/on-line.

Fiona Cutting

Newest arrival at the Museum

Way back in 2006 or thereabouts, the junction was improved at Bowlings Corner...and the old Llangwm fingerpost was removed.

After a tip-off at the time Jeff James tried to track it down for the museum in Edwards Pill, but after enquiring with a Pembrokeshire county councillor was told that all signs went to Scolton Manor and in any case he was too late.

Imagine his surprise when in July this year, a good twelve years on, he had a telephone call out of the blue to ask if he wanted a road sign - and couldn't believe it was THAT sign!!

But it was hardly recognisable...



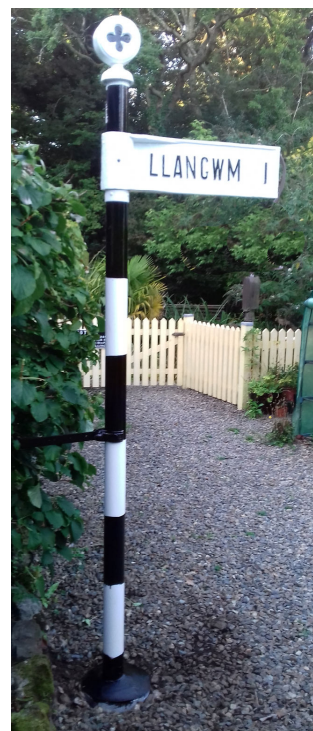
Nothing daunted, Jeff set out to repair and restore the Llangwm fingerpost to its former glory. Now painted, re-lettered and given a fabricated post and finial, it is ready to point the way for visitors during the Museum's Open Week next May.

Two groups are already booked in for museum visits then. Any groups or societies interested can contact Jeff for a convenient time on the rota, which runs from 17th to 23rd May 2019. **Make a note that the Village Open Day is Saturday 25th May** - afternoon teas that day are highly recommended, with the best of Llangwm's home-baked cakes.

All donations next year will be going to the Paul Sartori Foundation (Hospice in the Home).

Tel: Jeff on 01437 890841
wjames@btinternet.com

*Well restored, Jeff! -
you're a craftsman.*



Kingfishers After School Club

Kingfishers After School Club raised **£155** for **Save the Children** last term but holding a muddy puddle sponsored walk.

The children had lots of fun splashing in multi sensory puddles, taking part in themed activities and going on a sponsored walk around the school grounds. Well done to all who collected sponsorship and took part in the fun.


Kingfishers CCASC is registered with CIW to provide quality after school care for children aged 3 - 11 years at Cleddau Reach School from 3:25 - 5:30.

Further information about Kingfishers is available from Cleddau Reach school office .

Come and join the fun! - We are currently recruiting new committee members and relief staff; if you are a parent, grandparent or community

representative we would welcome your input to our committee.

Further information about becoming a '**Relief Playworker**' can be obtained from Amanda Blyth or Anne Lewis through the school office.





Save the Children


We're Muddy Puddle Walkers!

Kingfishers Cleddau Communities After School Club
raised an amazing
£155.00

so that Save the Children can make
life better for children all over the world.







Scenes from Llangwm Life - 150 years ago

In 1868, the parish of Burton extended as far as Guildford and Llangwm Ferry. The stream which is crossed by the stepping stones formed the parish boundary between Burton and Llangwm. Most of the property in the parish of Burton was owned by the Williamston Estate.

On 10th October 1868, Owen Henry Philipps Scourfield of Williamston "attained his majority"; in other words, he came of age or reached his 21st birthday. Owen was the son of John Henry Philipps, who had taken the surname Scourfield on succeeding to the estates of his maternal uncle William Henry Scourfield and who later became Sir John. Owen's mother was Augusta Lort Philipps of Lawrenny, a member of the family who owned much of the property in Llangwm village.

To celebrate Owen's birthday, bonfires were lit on prominent high points throughout the Williamston Estate in Pembrokeshire, such as Newton Mountain and Pope Hill. All of the Williamston employees had the day off work and were treated to a meal of roast beef, plum pudding and "good English ale". Schoolchildren were provided with tea and cakes and, in the evening, a dinner party was held at Williamston House for friends and relatives of the family. At

Burton, an oak tree was established near the church and, at Williamston itself, two Wellingtonias (also known as Giant Redwoods) were planted. On Newton Mountain, near the Cricket Club, fireworks marked the end of the evening. All were fortunately fired without accident despite a crowd of around 700 or 800 who gathered to watch the fireworks. The Roman Candles were described as very beautiful and the Rockets attained a great height "occasionally a source of terror to the softer sex". The celebrations ceased at midnight but the bonfire continued to burn "brilliantly" throughout the following day.

Owen Henry Philipps Scourfield, born in Burton, married twice. His first marriage was to Gertrude Katherine Allen in 1877 and, after her death in 1894, his second marriage took place just over a year later to Frances Katharina Harriet Lea. There were no children from either marriage. Owen died on 5th February 1921, aged 73, from diabetes and kidney disease. In his will, written in 1914 with a codicil added in 1916, he left a wide selection of paintings, silverware, candelabra and other belongings to numerous relations and godchildren, pensions to former servants and the main Williamston Estate to the Saunders Davies family of Pentre.

Nikki Bosworth

Sources for the above include newspapers "The Welshman" and "The Pembrokeshire", papers from the collection of RTP Williams, solicitors, of Haverfordwest and other items held at Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies.

The Kilns Charity Plant Stall

Llangwm residents as well as those from further afield continue to support The Kilns Plant Stall again this year. One lady on holiday was so keen to buy Lily of the Valley that she took them home on the train.

The main problem this year was the relentless sun which meant a lot more watering not just for the stall but for every gardener. Some plants didn't thrive until the August rain came so hopefully all those people who purchased salvias found they sprung into life towards the end of the season. At least the slugs and snails were quiet so the hostas all behaved until the rain came.

The charity benefitting this year is local and called **The DPJ Foundation**. It was set up by Emma Picton-Jones whose husband Daniel took his own life in 2016 following years of suffering. Emma has inspirationally

set up this Mental Health charity based in Pembrokeshire which aims to support those in agriculture and rural communities. She has done this while dealing with her own grief, bringing up two children and working as a school teacher.

Our co-Green Finger suppliers of plants, Steve and Lynne Vincent-Davies from Crundale, have been extremely busy this year and provided a huge amount of plants from their own to ensure a continuous supply throughout the season.

Thanks to everyone who continues to buy plants, and also to those who donate plants and cuttings and bring us empty pots, etc. Also to Cleddau Stores who have supported us this year by selling some of our excess garden veg and donating all of that money to the Charity.

So the Plant Stall is delighted to be able to hand over £1400 this year to The DPJ Foundation.

Liz and Stuart Beresford

Llangwm Community Council News

1. Thank you. The current Community Council would like to sincerely thank Margaret Watkins, Pat Morris and Dilwyn George for their hard work and dedication as members of your previous Community Council.

2. The Community Council extends thanks to all local groups who have arranged events in the village over the summer. All their hard work in organising festivals and events ensures the village is vibrant and brings a great deal of enjoyment to many.

3. Black Tar Facility opened from Good Friday 2018 until end of September 2018. Our thanks to those volunteers for keeping it clean. Also, those who have made financial donations to support running the service.

4. The Community Council are supporting a local parent group who are arranging events to raise money towards an upgrade of the Play Park. For more information contact the Clerk.

5. Dog Fouling. Some dog owners are still allowing loose dogs onto the Pill Parks recreation area, and therefore dog fouling remains a problem for users of the field. Please read the Dog Fouling notice on the entrance to Pill Park and reacquaint yourselves of where the "foot path" lies. Please let's see if we can make every attempt to keep the field, and Llangwm Village, free of dog faeces. If you have any ideas which may help the current situation, please contact the Clerk (see below).

6. Nash Recycling Site - Pembrokeshire County Council have been made aware of the unnecessary dumping of non-recyclable rubbish being left at the site. This is a recycling site only - it is well used by the community but is becoming unsightly and unsafe

by the number of black bags being left at the site, and, at times, fly tipping.

7. Old Cemetery - Rev Marcus is looking for quotes to tidy and make safe the path. Are any of you able to help? For further information please contact Rev Marcus at marcus@zipperlen.com or contact the Clerk as below.

8. Events at Pill Parks – if you are planning any event at Pill Parks or any other public area in the village, please let us know well in advance to ensure that it is run correctly and in line with Health and Safety and insurance guidelines. Thank you.

Community Council meetings are held every second Tuesday in the month bar August, future dates 13th November and 11th December 2018, 7.00pm @ Cleddau Reach VC School. If you would like any matter raised regarding Llangwm please let us know.

Email codd1946@btinternet.com, ring 07866 958795 to leave a message or ring 01646 601655, thank you.

"One for sorrow, two for joy..."

Mark Twain's famous remark - "The rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated" - came to mind when I read recently that book sales are on the increase and the battle with Kindle is far from a victory for technology.

Anyway, if you only read one book between now and whenever it's got to be *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. It is set almost entirely in the Hotel Metropol in that city where following the Russian Revolution Count Rostov has been confined by the authorities with the warning that if he attempts to leave the consequences will be very serious. This is an elegant, funny, moving, brilliant piece of fiction which is in the process of being made into a television series starring Kenneth Branagh. If you like it then try *Rules of Civility* by the same author: different but a fine read.

Anthony Horowitz's *Magpie Murders* is not your run of the mill whodunnit. It starts conventionally enough but then leaves the main story to cut to the story's author and the tale behind the tale. The book's structure is what makes it different and interesting. A significant part of the novel is set in Suffolk in the area Janet and I visited in June to attend the wedding of the son of someone who was brought up in Llangwm and who will be very familiar to long standing residents: Albert John. Albert lived at the Kilns in St Hilary until a teaching career took him to Suffolk and Oxfordshire.

For those interested in Germany between the wars *Travellers in the Third Reich* by Julia Boyd will fascinate. It records the views, many very surprising, of a wide range of people of different nationalities visiting Germany during that critical but fascinating period of European history, regarding the regime and its leader. This is a closely researched book but very readable.

Happy reading.

Barry Childs



ST. JEROME'S NEWS

Autumn has surely blown in! Mid September brought three back-to-back storms from the Atlantic, but thankfully we were not hit as hard as certain parts of the UK or those who suffered in the US and the Far East. This is truly a beautiful season as leaves display their vibrant colours, plants their berries and we give thanks for bountiful harvests; to take us through the dark, stark winter months until nature pops her head up in the Spring, with new life and growth!

A brief recap of recent news and events.

The Annual Cleddau Reach Year 6 Leavers BBQ always starts off with a game of rounders. This year's will be particularly remembered by everyone for Mr Groves being caught out on his first bat by Rev Marcus' brilliant catch! He certainly had the "hands of God" on his side! It was talked about gleefully in school. Once again, a big thank you to Mr Groves for the use of the school for the evening, also to Mrs Woodward, Deputy Head, Miss Arran, Year 6 Teacher and Mr Steve Richards, Site Manager.

Many events have happened this year; the Nikolsky Male Ensemble from Russia, most of whom managed to get their visas just in time for their concert in April! A very enjoyable concert from the Polish Ensemble AMBER CHANT was an amazing evening, with an invitation for Llangwm to come to their festival in Malbork next year from their Mayor. They lodged with a few families in the village. The Royal Visit to the village by HRH Charles, Prince of Wales and HRH Duchess of Cornwall will be remembered for many years; they visited many parts of village including the Methodist Chapel and St Jerome's Church; taking in the Talking Tapestry. Amber Chant even gave a spontaneous rendition on the Royal Walkabout.

Film Club @ St Jerome's launched its 2018/2019 season on Friday 21st September with *Bride and Prejudice*.

Llangwm Proms Charity Concert was on Saturday 22nd September, a drop-in concert with donations going to Christine Morris's Educare Charity work in India.

We celebrated our Harvest Service on Sunday 7th October, once again during our Worship Time Service, with Harvest Lunch in The Cottage Inn at 1pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Film Club @ St Jerome's

This will be on a Friday evening commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6.15pm) with the first Winter Season of films on the following dates: -

October 19th The First of the Few (1942), a bio-pic about RJ Mitchell, aircraft designer of the Spitfire.

November 3rd **Saturday Matinee 4pm** All Quiet on the Western Front PG (1930)

November 16th Brief Encounter PG (1945)

December 15th **Saturday Matinee 4pm** High Society PG (1956)

December 28th Evita PG (1996)

Membership £12per year (enjoy at least 8 movies a year!) Day Member £3 adult, £1 child. Full details from Pam Hunt.

A Songs of Praise Evening will be held on **Sunday 21st October at 6pm.**

This year's Remembrance Concert will be an **RAF 100 Concert on Friday 26th October at 7.30pm.** It will be held in St Jerome's organised by Pam Hunt (*see posters around the village*). Tickets available via Pam or the village shop.

St. Jerome's Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday 17th November at 2pm** in Llangwm Village Hall this year. Pick up some Christmas gifts, Raffle and much more.

Breakfast with Santa! will be on **Saturday 1st December from 9.30am-11.30am** in Llangwm Village Hall.

An evening Christmas Concert with 'La Volta' on **Sunday 9th December at 7pm.**

St Jerome's Carol Service on **Wednesday 19th December at 7pm.**

SERVICES

Remembrance Service will be on **Sunday 11th November at 10.00am** on Llangwm Village Green at the War Memorial, commemorating 100 years since the Armistice.

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

Our regular Sunday Services including Sunday School start at **9.00am.**

If there is a 5th Sunday in the month, there is a Joint Parish Service at **10am**, held either in Llangwm, Johnston or Freystrop, details will be given on the Church Notice Board.

Next Joint Parish Service will be on **Sunday 30th December at St Peter's Church in Johnston.**

Family Crib Service will be on **Monday 24th December at 4.00pm**, including our popular 'Impromptu Nativity'.

Midnight Eucharist will be on **Monday 24th December at 11.30pm.**

United Village Christmas Day Service (25th December) will be held at **9.30am** at Galilee Baptist Chapel.

Our popular themed **Krafty Kids** is held in St Jerome's Church. December Krafty Kids will be **BREAKFAST with SANTA!** on Saturday 1st December 9.30am-11.30am in Llangwm Village Hall. While the children enjoy the fun-packed sessions, parents/carers are welcome to come and join us for a cuppa & chat or even join in the fun!

2019 EVENTS

Lunchtime Concerts - for details see also the *Friends of St Jerome's* report elsewhere in this newsletter. Concerts will be held at 1pm at St Jerome's on the following Sundays: Jan 13, Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 7.

Please check the Church Notice Board for any changes to times and venues of Church Services and Events.

Reverend Marcus and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year in 2019.

Debbi Lawson Earley

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Reverend Lorette Hinson

SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock

TREASURER: Mrs Susan Davies

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

Women's Fellowship: Fortnightly on Wednesdays – 2.00pm

Our minister, Reverend Hugh-John Wilson, unfortunately retired at the end of August due to ill health. A retirement service for all churches in the circuit was held at Priory Road, Milford Haven followed by afternoon tea. The service was very well attended and all those present enjoyed both the service and tea. May we take this opportunity to thank Reverend Hugh-John for all his dedication and support to us during his time as minister in our church. We send him and his family our very best wishes for health and happiness during his retirement. Our new minister, Reverend Lorette Hinson, will be at planned services with us throughout the year and a very warm welcome is extended to all to join us.

Festival Fortnight Teas and Literary Festival Teas – thank you so much to all who joined us for these two very busy and special events in our village again this year. We hope that all attended enjoyed our bacon rolls, scone teas and home made cakes and refreshments. The members of our church are, as always, so delighted to meet old and new visitors during these two very busy events. Thank you to those who worked so hard to make these teas such a success. We are very grateful for the wonderful support received, it is always very much appreciated. Looking forward to repeating it all again during 2019!

FORTHCOMING SERVICES/EVENTS 2018

Coffee, Mince Pies & Carols - Friday 7th December at 7.00pm in the Sunday School Room

Carol Service - Sunday 16th December at 11am

United Christmas Day Service – Tuesday 25th December – this year being held at Galilee Baptist Chapel at 9.30am.

LLANGWM METHODIST CHURCH

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ADVANCE NOTICES FOR 2019

Good Friday Service in the main chapel – Friday 19th April - 3.30pm, our Good Friday tea will be followed at 4.00pm in the Sunday School room

A concert on Good Friday in the main chapel will be given by

Llangwm Village Voices – please look out for posters nearer the date for confirmation of the start time for this concert

Easter Service – Sunday 21st April – 11am

**A VERY WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO YOU ALL TO JOIN US AT THE ABOVE SERVICES AND EVENTS
YOUR PRESENCE IS ALWAYS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED**

GALILEE BAPTIST CHAPEL

Our summer **Singing Festival** was held on the lovely warm evening of July 8th, part of the village Festival Fortnight. Many thanks to Llangwm's male choral group, 'Wrong Direction', for their participation in the evening's music.

Our **Harvest Festival** in September saw the chapel beautifully decorated with fruits and flowers of every hue. We also joined our friends at Llangwm Methodist Chapel for their Harvest Sunday and welcomed them to ours.

The **Christmas** season approaches and we look forward to the annual services and celebrations. This year **Llangwm's United Christmas Day Service**, welcoming members of St Jerome's, the Methodist Chapel and all who live in and around the village, will be held at Galilee, at 9.30am.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday 23 December at 10.30am - Carol Service
- readings and carols led by Rev Roger Hart

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December - United Christmas Day Service - at 9.30am

30 December 2018 - Sunday Service at 10.30am
- with Rev Roger Hart

6 January 2019 - Sunday Service at 10.30am
- with Rev Roger Hart

(and continuing through 2019)

Women's League meets fortnightly, in the chapel schoolroom, on Thursdays at 2.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to all.



County Council Report by Cllr Michael John

The last few months have seen a significant increase in fly-tipping at the Nash re-cycling point. This is becoming a common occurrence as the facility seems to be being used by some as a general dumping area, and not its intended function for recycling. The facility has been open for well over ten years, and has been well used during that time. Since the introduction of kerbside collections for glass and other recycling materials, it could be argued that the site is no longer needed. However, on asking Pembrokeshire County Council recently they have confirmed: "the recycling bins are regularly full of "quality" materials, whether it be paper, cardboard or cans. With the recycling bins being full it shows the site is being utilised".

It is apparent therefore whilst some still prefer to use the recycling point for its intended use, and PCC do collect a fair amount of genuine materials, there are a minority who do not and are jeopardising its future for genuine users. If anybody does witness fly-tipping or have any evidence of mis-use, this should be reported to PCC on 01437 764551 or on-line via "MyAccount" system. The facility is well used, but ultimately it could be removed and lost to the community if it continues to be used as a general dumping area.

On 10th September Pembrokeshire County Council announced a new

scheme intended to crackdown on environmental issues.

The scheme is a new partnership between PCC and "District Enforcement", an environmental crime enforcement agency.

A new team of enforcement officers will be patrolling all areas of Pembrokeshire handing out on-the-spot fines of £150 to anyone spotted dropping litter, allowing dog-fouling, fly-posting, graffiti and other anti-social behaviour which includes fly-tipping.

The aim of this partnership is to improve the environment for local communities.

I will be asking that they patrol our area to improve some of the commonly complained about issues.

If you have any details regarding problem areas or any queries, please contact District Enforcement on 0 1 7 8 5 3 3 6 7 8 3 or environmentalcrime@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

I reported in the last issue on the location for the new Secondary School in Haverfordwest. This has now progressed to the next step with the Council formally approving the Prendergast site as the most appropriate and preferred one for the new build.

This is subject to Welsh Government approval for a new exit off the Scotchwell roundabout, or an entry direct to the land off the trunk road.

It is hoped this can be agreed soon, and the new build can at last proceed to minimise the time the school will operate over the current two sites, which is far from ideal.

Household Enquiry Forms (HEF) These have been sent to every household in Pembrokeshire asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the Electoral Register for their address is correct. Householders

are being urged to respond as soon as possible. The Digital Team at PCC is co-ordinating a promotional campaign with the aim to encourage householders to return their form, in order to increase the response rates across the county.

If anyone has any questions or queries regarding the HEF process, then contact the elections team on 01437 7 7 5 8 4 4 or at electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant is a grant that uses funds raised via the Second Homes Tax, and is available to provide for projects in our area. It is intended for new projects that help address the negative impact of second homes and add value to local communities.

Information on the grant can be found at: [https://](https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/grants/the-enhancing-pembrokeshire-grant)

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On the 31st August I was honoured to accompany the Cleddau Crusaders Cricket team to a reception at County Hall held by the Chairman, Cllr Aden Brinn. The event was arranged to recognise their fantastic achievement in winning the Welsh T20 KO cup for 2017. The players, coaches and committee representatives met the Chairman who commented on the honour this brought, not just to both Hook and Llangwm Cricket clubs, but to the County. **Well done boys!**

If anyone wishes to discuss any issues raised, or any other topics concerning PCC, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I can be contacted on 01437890175 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://](https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/resident)

News from the Cabbage Patch....Llangwm Allotment Society...by Bob Phillips, Chairman

The summer's near-drought conditions brought its share of challenges for the plot holders: our rainwater harvester gave some headroom to deal with the baking conditions and keep on top of the insatiable thirst of our fruit and veg plants. The break in the heat resulted in a sudden late summer rush of growth – famine to feast in time for Harvest Festival !

A mystery benefactor also made their presence known during the past few months; neatly bagged sacks of horse poo! One each left on all the plots – very welcome. The manure fairy was identified as former plot holder Kerry, who has moved to a small holding in North Pembs but was in the area so took the opportunity to drop off the sacks, courtesy of her horses.

Thanks Kerry !

A Village Prom

The first **Llangwm Proms Concert** was held on Saturday 22 September in St Jerome's. It was the brainchild of Neil and Llinos Martin, the aim being to raise funds for the Good Word Education Centre in Ootacamund, India, where their friend Christine Morris works. Christine has visited Llangwm and spoken here about the work of the Centre.

There was plenty of local talent on display, ably opened by Llangwm's very own 'boy band' **Wrong Direction**, followed by **Phil's Folk**, a four-piece vocal ensemble featuring the fine voice of Jill Bowen of Black Tar.



Other spots were filled by a group from **Haverfordwest Operatic Society** and the ever-popular singer-guitarist **John Roach**.

Two young performers, **Ela-Gwennon Jones** from Llangwm (clarinet) and **Caitlyn Arran** of Milford Haven (saxophone, voice) showed just how much young talent we have locally.

The final spot was taken by **Village Voices** who were in great spirits and, ably led by Sam Howley on the piano, closed the show with gusto.

Matthew and his team at the Cottage Inn would like to wish all customers old and new a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the coming year.

The Cottage will host a number of events over the Christmas period, all still to be confirmed.

We will also be open over the Christmas period all day from 12 noon. Should you wish to dine with us over this period it would be very helpful to reserve a table (see our website for details).

DON'T MISS **your last chance** **ever to see** **"LLANGWM: A** **VILLAGE AT WAR"**

This epic tale of love, war and history is being re-told in its final performance at The Follies Theatre, Folly Farm, on Saturday 10th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

It is a concert version with live-screened action forming the backdrop to actors, chorus and orchestra. Dramatic black and white photographs and images (such as the above) have been provided by David Wilson. It commemorates 100 years since the end of WW1.

Unmissable - so if you haven't already bought them, be sure of your tickets now, from Cleddau Stores or the Torch Theatre Box Office. Adults £12.00, Under-16s £6.00.



Llangwm Rowing Club

If you have ever wondered who uses the long yellow boat stored by the toilet block at Black Tar, it belongs to the Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club. The club draws members from across the county and includes competitive racing crews and those who just go along for the exercise and social outings. Racing crews compete against other clubs in the Welsh Sea Rowing Association League, with the men's crew winning the seniors category and a mixed crew winning the mixed veterans category in the league. We also have a ladies team and next year they are planning to compete in the Celtic Challenge which is a long distance race across the Irish Sea.

On the social side we have rowed as far as the Bristol Trader (for beating the bounds), Cresselly Arms (as a part of the Seafair Haven event) and the Jolly Sailor at Burton (for lunch). We also explored other parts of the tidal estuary such as Millin creek and up the Eastern Cleddau beyond Slebech. It's great exercise for young and old and an alternative way to appreciate the stunning scenery of the estuary.

New members are welcome, and although activity is running down now as the nights are closing in, there are still opportunities to go out at the weekends or occasionally during the week for those not working 9-5. Or you could look us up when things get going again in the spring. If anyone is interested please get in touch through me on prose1995@gmail.com or the LLRC facebook page.

Peter Rose



Llangwm Rugby Club News



The Wasps season has got off to a mixed start, but performances are improving week on week and the squad is coming together well. Over the summer, the club secured the services of Bruce Evans to work alongside current player/coach Rob Neill. Rob took charge over the pre-season and whipped the boys into shape before Bruce joined at the end of August. The team is responding well and the club cannot thank both coaches enough for their continued efforts.

The squad has also seen some new and very welcome signings over the last few months. This has helped boost numbers along with the Llangwm stalwarts to the highest they have been in a long time. With new club captain Gethin Thomas leading the way the signs are all positive for the Wasps best season in a number of years.

The season started with mid-week game against Neyland in the Pembrokeshire KO cup. It was a classic early season match with mistakes from both sides, but Neyland proved the better team on the day and after having a strong second half ran out the winners 29-10. Next up was the first league game against the old foe Haverfordwest. There were spells of great play from the boys who never gave up, but ultimately Haverfordwest proved too strong and won convincingly 41-10 in the end.

The following week we welcomed St Davids to Pill Parks, in what turned out to be the Wasps first victory in 18 months. In a tight and hard fought battle Llangwm proved too strong in the end, taking the victory 15-8. This was followed by a great night in the club with St Davids and their supporters.

A week later we were away in the Welsh Bowl to New Dock Stars in Llanelli, a game most Wasp players and supporters left feeling we should have won. Too many mistakes at key times cost the chance of the win but it was a good game on the whole. New Dock Stars eventually won 41-29.

A trip to Laugharne a week later proved challenging with a few injuries not helping things. The game struggled to get any flow in challenging conditions. Laugharne were too good on the day and won 45-13. Aberaeron made the trip to Pill Parks to round off the first month of games. This was what can only be described as a game of two halves. Aberaeron started strongly and outplayed the Wasps in the first half to lead 40-3 at half time. But the boys pulled together and a greatly improved performance in the second half led to a final score of 47-3.

The final game that has been played up to the time of going to press was against a Pembroke XV in the first leg of the Palmer Cup. After an early fright the Wasps really got into gear and played some great running rugby. The effort put in at training showed and the season's second win was secured. Llangwm 43 – Pembroke XV 10.

The club has put on a number of events over the summer and would like to thank everyone for their support. Party in the Park was again a huge success and a big thank you must

go to all involved in organising and ensuring the day ran smoothly. This was followed by the Pembrokeshire Darts series hosting a tournament in the club, which all involved agreed was a great day. Future events are planned and your continued support of these helps ensure the club raises vital funds.

Finally I would like to thank all the sponsors who continue to support the club. This support is essential in ensuring the club remains open. New members are always welcome and if you are new to the area I would really encourage you to come along and support the Wasps. The Club will be open before and after every home game, with the Grandstand Bar open during the game. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support of LRFC.

UP THE WASPS!!

James Griffiths



Llangwm Firsts leap to a 43-10 victory over Pembroke XV in the first leg of the Palmer Cup on 6 October at Pill Parks.



Gathering for the 'Party in the Park' on 4 August. A great fundraiser - and great entertainment from country and western band West Coast.



LLANGWM CRICKET CLUB

2018 - a most memorable season



Llangwm Cricket Club held its A.G.M. in the Clubhouse in March of this year. The meeting commenced with Mr. David Davies Club Chairman asking those members attending to stand as a mark of respect at the sad loss of the late Mr. Barry Jones the former Club President, and other Club members who have served the Club well over the past years.

Following the one minute silence Mr. Peter Rees was elected to succeed the late Mr. Barry Jones as President of the Club.

The following Officers were elected for the coming season:

ChairmanDavid Davies
Vice Chairman.....Simon Richards
Hon. Treasurer.....William Beresford
Hon Secretary.....Suzanne Waller
Assistant Secretary.....Jonathan Twigg
Child Welfare Officer.....Suzanne Waller
Junior Organizer.....Colin Phillips

Club Committee: All the above named, plus Ollie Davies, Sean Thomas, Paul Morgan, Daniel Morgan, James Venables, Roger Morgan, Julian Platten.

2018 PLAYING SEASON

The First X1 team, a mixture of youth and experienced players, was back in the First Division. Captained by Ollie Davies, the team had a good league season finishing mid-table and also reaching the semi-final of the Harrison Allen Cup against Lawrenny in Kilgetty.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs. Janice Brick who as usual scored first team matches.

The Second X1 team captained by Sean Thomas was promoted from Division Four to Division Three next season. In two seasons our Second X1 had moved from the Fifth Division and will play the 2019 season in the Third Division. Well done. It was a very good all-round performance by all the players which included many of our junior players.



Llangwm/Hook u17s Youth Team triumphed at the Ormond Youth Cup Final 2018 at Carew

YOUTH CRICKET

Llangwm/Hook joined together to be called "*The Cleddau Crusaders*" captained by Phil Llewellyn and won the Welsh Cup which was a superb achievement in beating Maesteg C.C. in Pontarddulais.

Llangwm/Hook Youth team under 17s captained by Noah Davies won the Ormond Youth Cup beating Carew/Saundersfoot in Carew. This was an excellent team performance against a very strong Carew/Saundersfoot side which is good for the future of both clubs.

closing his speech Dai thanked Helen Phillips, together with her helpers Pearl Phillips and Anna Wilson who organized and served a splendid buffet to all who attended.

CLUB NEWS

A new mower was purchased at the start of the season which made a great difference to the field in general, also a new cricket mat has been purchased which allows all players to practise in the outdoor nets. During the cricket season members spent very many hours keeping the ground and the playing wicket in good order. These are duties that have to be



The "Cleddau Crusaders" won the Welsh Cup against Maesteg CC at the 2018 Final in Pontarddulais

LLANGWM JUNIOR CRICKET AWARDS

The Junior Presentation Evening was held in the grandstand for the club junior awards.

Player of the Year.....Joe Phillips
Most Improved Player.....Charlie Wilson
Players' Player of the Year.....Joe Phillips

Chairman Dai Davies thanked parents and coaches for their support during the season and included Simon Richards for umpiring the matches, with special thanks to Colin Phillips who has now retired from coaching, also Stuart Beresford for the work he has done over the years for Llangwm Cricket Club. In

carried out weekly and the club offers its thanks to Ian Gow, Jeremy Brock, Dai Davies, Colin Phillips, Simon Richards, Julian Platten, Paul Morgan and Roger Morgan for the many hours they spent ensuring that our playing facilities were always in superb order.

In conclusion we would like to thank Joseph Kiff and James Venables for organizing our successful Golf Day in Haverfordwest. This was a splendid day out enjoyed by all who took part.

Finally thanks to all our officials, sponsors, vice presidents, advertisers, players and tea ladies, for making the 2018 season very special for Llangwm CC.

Summer Nature Notes

What a summer! The stunning weather that persisted from April through to the end of July finally disintegrated into an indifferent and often wet August and early September. As usual, the overwintering **duck and waders** had all moved on by the first week of April leaving the Pill and shores practically devoid of bird life with the exception of the occasional **curlew and gull**. However the last week of June saw the return of the **redshank** heralded by a small group on 26th June with 39 present the following day.

These numbers have increased to 60+ and as I write are accompanied by an increasing number of **dunlin** and a few **greenshank**. The teal returned in early September and their numbers are steadily increasing. As usual the females arrive first followed by the males in late October.

July 3rd was a red letter day starting with a Royal Visit from the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in the morning. In the afternoon a call from Gareth Jones summoned me to his garden on the shore from where we watched another very important visitor. Resting and preening in a gully was a **squacco heron**, resplendent in its creamy and light toffee coloured plumage and long crest feathers. This is Llangwm's



second record and a third record for Pembrokeshire. An hour and a half later it took off for the trees around the Old Rectory where it disappeared into the foliage. The following day there was no sign of it and thus it was only Gareth, his wife

Louise and myself who had the privilege of seeing it. (You may recall that we were visited by a squacco heron two years ago when it stayed in the Llangwm area for five days, often feeding on fish from a garden

pond at the top of Ferry Hill. That bird attracted twitchers from all over South Wales and even from further afield in Norfolk.)

Richard Joseph recorded a male **common scoter** downstream near Garron Pill on April 21st. A very rare and unusual sighting inasmuch as these black sea ducks overwinter in very large flocks off the coast (e.g. St Bride's Bay) and should have been in its breeding grounds in northern Scandinavia and around the Arctic coast.

A very amusing tale was told by Fiona Cutting regarding one of their visitors who was out kayaking one day in August. He noticed something moving on a raft of seaweed and debris floating downriver. He got closer to investigate and prodded the seaweed with his oar. Imagine his surprise when a very wet and bedraggled **grey squirrel** ran up his oar and settled on his shoulder. The bemused kayaker returned, with his passenger still on his shoulder, to Rectory Point where it was transferred to a dry cardboard box and fed. When the lid of the box was lifted a little later, the much revived squirrel leapt out and disappeared into the trees.

Last autumn I sowed a patch of **wildflower meadow** at the top of our garden. The selective meadow grass and wildflower mix produced a lovely area which yielded at least 5 grass species and over 20 species of common meadow flowers including **vetches, hawksbits, ox-eye daisies, buttercups, red clover, bugle, ladies bedstraw, wild carrot and willow herb**, to name a few. Next year I shall do a more accurate audit of the grass and flower species. It certainly attracted a host of butterflies and other insects. I would like to think it provided good cover for slow-worms, small rodents and hedgehogs.

I saw **common blue** butterflies in the garden for the first time in addition to the more numerous **speckled woods, gatekeepers, meadow browns, ringlets, large and small whites**. In May there were **orangetips**. Despite the lovely summer there were noticeably fewer **red admirals, peacocks, commas, small tortoiseshell** and **painted ladies** on our buddleia trees later in August and September. Perhaps the wet conditions over these two months was a significant factor in this.

Please let me know of any interesting sighting by contacting me on grahambrace@btinternet.com or, urgently, on 891580.

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