

# Llangwm Village News

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*Poppies' by Jenny Ambler*



## A LANDMARK EDITION

### ***Would you believe...this is the 50th edition of the Llangwm newsletter!***

It was started as a four-page news sheet to let people know about events taking place in the Millennium. It has grown since then to cover almost everything that takes place in the community, and as we know, these events are many and varied.

The newsletter aims to provide an accurate record of how Llangwm has grown into the 21st century - and as such it attracted the attention of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, at the time of the Heritage project, the restoration of the church, and the WW1 commemorations including the Village Opera. The Library requested copies, both paper and digital, and has received these for every issue since that time. Recently the Archive Project (*see the History Report later in the newsletter*) meant that an additional set of back copies was sourced and the Library now holds a complete record.

A full set of copies is also held by Llangwm Local

History Society - and, we're told, by several households within the village!

There's no denying it, the future will know what went on in Llangwm in the past!

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At this moment in time there is an amazing variety of events happening in the village.

Look through the pages of this newsletter and you will find Christmas bazaars, 'pop-up' cafes, film club, music nights, choir performances, walks, talks, and sports fixtures, to name but a few.

Keep checking the 'News' and 'What's On' sections of the village website - and do send in details via the website if there is an event you are organising:

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

First in line are the two annual events - the Service of Remembrance on Llangwm Green on Sunday 10th November (see page 21) and the Remembrance Concert with Goodwick Brass on Friday 15th November (page 10) in aid of the British Legion - always moving occasions.

There's certainly no time to be bored when you live in Llangwm.

*Margaret Brace*

## **Arrrrr! Great pirate fun was had by all!**

**A report by the Festival Committee**



*The Thorpe family at Llangwm's Carnival in July. Baby Penelope (at the right of the family group) takes the title of the youngest pirate, blissfully unaware of it at four weeks old! Elliott (on the left) is sixteen months, Ethan-James is a swashbuckling eight.*

**Llangwm Festival Fortnight** ran from 29<sup>th</sup> June to **Carnival Day** on July 13<sup>th</sup> and once again was packed with activities and events, including the **Annual Scarecrow Competition**. This year the theme was "**Pirates**" and the 28 entries showed a lot of inventiveness in their pirate-themed scarecrows and displays. "*Pirates Ye Be Warned*" at No 5 Main Street was judged the winner of the individual cup while the Scarecrow shield for the best group entry went to "*The Black Tar*" produced by numbers 9-16, River View. **Thank you to all who entered and to our judges.**

The first weekend of the Festival had a definite mediæval feel to it starting on Saturday with the "**Walking with Adam**" (de la Roche) *sponsored walk* from Roch Castle to St Jerome's raising money to support the cost of the upkeep of the heating in the church and followed by the brilliant **Mediæval Banquet** (fantastic food - thank you Matthew and everyone at *The Cottage Inn* - and good company and entertainment).

On Sunday we were treated to a talk on the **medical**  
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**uses of herbs** by *Dr Leanna Broom* and followed by a retelling of the **Third Branch of the Mabinogion** by *Reverend Rhianon*. The evening rounded off with a wonderful **classical guitar concert** by *Christopher Roberts* in St Jerome's church. Altogether an amazing weekend!

The fortnight continued with an invitation to try rowing with the **Llangwm Longboat Rowing Club**, a talk on the **Romans in Pembrokeshire** by *James Meek* hosted by **Llangwm Local History Society**, art exhibitions and a **Treasure Hunt/Walking Quiz** (pirate-themed, of course!) whilst, throughout the Festival, delicious cakes, sandwiches, bacon butties and innumerable **teas and coffees** were served in the Methodist Chapel School Room.

Thursday brought another successful **'Llangwm's got Talent'** held at the Rugby Club. And what a fabulous variety of talent there was! After a very enjoyable evening, the three top acts were crowned as the best talent in Llangwm: 3rd place going to the *Mini Fleas* playing their ukuleles, 2nd place to the *Happy Girls* as they treated us to an amazing dance and gymnastics display and in a well-deserved 1st place were *Drew, Tom and Reuben* with their own rendition of *Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child o' Mine"*. What a fantastic night and well done to every single act that entered ... see you all next year!! Thank you also to the Rugby Club for hosting the event.

Finally, **Carnival Day** arrived dry and with the promise of some sun to come. The stalls were all set up in the marquees (thank you to Valero and Johnston Scout group) and around the Carnival ground, the event arena was fenced off, Billy Coles arrived with his funfair and everything was set for the main event. At 1:30 the **procession** set off from

The Cottage led by the Kings and Queens and many pirates and well supported by Gemini Gym who stopped and performed along the route. On reaching the field, the Kings and Queens received their crowns and an afternoon of gymnastic displays, sideshows, sweets, popcorn and general fun began with delicious teas and cakes served in the village hall by the Hall Committee for those needing a rest or sustenance! **Thank you to everyone who helped make the Carnival a success.**



As usual, the carnival was followed by an **evening of entertainment** at *The Cottage* beginning with a *family magic show* and a performance by the *Jumping Fleas Ukelele Band*. This was followed by music from *Rosey Cale* and, after a break for the raffle, more music from *The Collective*. To complement the relaxed evening atmosphere, we also enjoyed **one of Matthew's delicious barbecues** - thank you to Matthew and all the staff at the Cottage. All too soon it was 11pm and time to make our way home!

**We hope you all enjoyed some, or all, of the Festival activities.** However, these things don't organise themselves and with a *very small committee* we are desperately in need of some more members in order to be able to continue to put on events! If you are interested in joining the committee or finding out what would be involved - or just helping out at events, please get in touch with us via Facebook/Messenger (Llangwm Festival Committee Events) or by email). After all, *the more people get involved,*

*the less any one person has to do.* Meetings are generally held in The Cottage on an evening that suits most people.

*Judy Rose*

#### **STOP PRESS**

- A great Halloween Party was held at Llangwm Rugby Club.
- Watch for Carols on The Green - TBA.





## Green-fingered gardeners raise an amazing £1,800 for charity



*Photograph shows (L-R) Steve and Lynne Vincent Davies, representatives of Pembrokeshire Samaritans, and Liz and Stuart Beresford at the presentation of their £1,800 cheque at the popular Plant Stall at The Kilns, Llangwm.*

"Our recent presentation of £1800 to the Pembrokeshire Samaritans has been the largest amount we've donated to any charity so far. They need funds to keep their local office

and support networks open and our donation is approximately 10% of their annual costs.

There are a number of people we would like to thank. The ever-increasing number of people who buy our plants, Our local friends and neighbours who water the plants when we are away and donate to our plant range on occasion And especially Steve and Lynne Vincent Davies who take loads of cuttings throughout the year and produce amazing plants for the stall.

Our next year's charity chosen by Steve and Lynne is Prostate Cymru Wales. It has a strong local group of fundraisers and we look forward to continuing with plant sales for 2020. Thank you all again."

Liz & Stuart Beresford

## Fun and games at the Regatta - 50 years ago!

On a cold but fine Friday in mid October 1869, a Regatta was held on the river Cleddau just downstream from Haverfordwest. The old walk of Fortune's Frolic was lined with hundreds of people and the hillside was crowded with locals enjoying a day's holiday. On the steamship "Wave" (built in Pembroke Dock the previous year), moored midstream, the band of Castlemartin Yeomanry Cavalry played a selection of tunes.

The sailing and rowing races included a special event for the Llangwm dredge boats. Four boats, to be "manned" by two women and one man, competed in the race. However, the winning boat was subsequently disqualified as the crew was found to consist of two men and one woman. The names of crews were not recorded in the newspaper reports of the event.

On shore, in the Croft Field, a number of "rustic

sports" took place. Apart from running races, high jump and throwing a cricket ball, there was the chance to win a leg of mutton and 2 shillings 6 pence by climbing a greasy pole. This contest was won by a man named Stultz who got to the top of the pole by means of a rope tied round the pole, with loops attached in which he placed his feet alternately, whilst, with his hands, he raised the rope a small amount at a time.

Three donkeys participated in the donkey races - Moses, Betty and Polly - for a prize of 10 shillings. In the first race, about 50 yards from the winning post, Polly bolted and knocked over a stall selling gingerbread, cakes, nuts, apples and pop. The aim of the second race was for the last donkey to finish to be the winner - and the owners had to ride an opponent's donkey. Both races were won by Moses.

In the evening, a dinner for the organisers of the regatta was held at the Salutation Hotel.

*Nikki Bosworth*

**Information from local newspapers available online at [newspapers.library.wales](http://newspapers.library.wales) and on microfilm at Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies.**

Watch out for a **digital copy** of this newsletter **in full colour** on the **Llangwm website**. It will appear there a few days after publication and distribution of this paper copy. Go to:

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

Click on the '**News**' tab then '**Llangwm Village News**'



## Llangwm talent shines through at Llangwm's fourth Literary Festival

Throughout the UK in the second weekend of August, severe weather forced a large number of festivals to throw in the towel. Not so in Llangwm, where despite the wind and rain, the LitFest team delivered a world class programme of literary events.

This programme turned out to be a true showcase of Llangwm talent with a number of individual presenters, including Owain Roach, Ellie Brick, Rob Martin, Philippa Davies, Pam Hunt, Liz Monk, John Roach, Fran Evans not to mention the formidable team of Llangwm women presenting poems, films and prose from the acclaimed Women of West Wales Project.

In addition, the interlocutor team of Penny Reed, David Mills, Eleanor Davies, did themselves proud by teasing out the secret stories of Highclere and Downton with Lady Carnarvon, the remote tribal lands of Pakistan with Isambard Wilkinson, elusive Orchids with Leif Bersweden and some of the greatest challenges we ever encounter with Julia Bueno.



Village Voices put on a thrilling concert, with added *son et lumière* provided by the elements. Down at the Rugby Club the atmosphere was electric as more Llangwm talent peppered the thought-provoking programme of performers in an evening to make us think about the planet.

Galilee joined the fun for the first time, hosting Llangwm's superb history exhibition, whilst at the Methodist Chapel, the visitors to Llangwm art exhibition were able to enjoy refreshments, including the legendary bacon rolls.

One of the highlights of the weekend was when The Cottage Inn became Downton Abbey for the night, and Matthew and his team produced a feast inspired by Lady Carnarvon's 'At Home at Highclere'. The best Lady Grantham competition put the jury through intense deliberations before plumping for Liz Rawlings, who looked quite majestic, and thrilled to win a bottle of Cleddau Gin.



None of this would be possible without the Organising Committee, the teams of volunteers, the interlocutors, our sponsors, and in particular, Valero, those who provide accommodation for the writers and those who present. Thank you very much indeed!

Report by: Michael Pugh  
Photographs: Francesca Albert





# Important News from Llangwm Village Hall

## What are Village Halls?

Well, they are certainly bricks and mortar, but also, so much more than that. They are places for:

**Exercise:** Tai Chi classes, Yoga, Dance classes **Culture and knowledge:** Literary Festival, History and Gardening Clubs, Night Out Theatre shows, Singing, Village Voices, **Social interaction for all ages:** Happy Hedgehogs (playgroup) Children's parties, Soup lunches, Bazaars, Silent Auctions, Pop-up cafes, Teas, rehearsal space, Breakfast with Santa, St. David's Day celebrations... **Wider Community Information/ Liaison function:** Polling Station and a meeting place for Public Events forums (see November 26<sup>th</sup>, National Resources Wales meeting so we are able to have a look at the plans for replanting Benton Woods) etc, etc.

It is a space available that anyone in the village and its surrounding area can use for a whole variety of purposes. I am sure I've missed out many of the things that do and can take place in our Village Hall, but the important thing is that **we need it! And we need a more modern hall fit for our community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!**

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*The piece below was written by Liz Rawlings (our Chairperson) and explains what has happened in our journey towards gaining a better hall in the last 8 months:*

"You might have noticed that plans/talks/meetings about the current state of the hall and future developments have stopped since February. This is because out of the woodwork appeared a Covenant from the National Playing Fields Association (now the Fields in Trust) linked to a grant given to Llangwm to buy the rugby field in 1955. Apologies for the history lesson!

This Covenant meant that there was to be no future building on this land safeguarding it for ever, but the Village Hall had been built in 1978.

So since February, the Committee has been trying to find a solution, mainly through research and discussion with Fields in Trust. The Office of the Secretary of State for Wales was contacted for information relating to the building on the recreation fields in Llangwm, but records had been transferred to the National Assembly for Wales and then the trail went cold! However, following a chance remark by Mrs Maureen Kiff who recalled as a child jumping from concrete block to concrete block on the site of the current village hall, further research took place back to 1938, at the end of the Depression. It was discovered that a group in the village wanted to set up an Institute for Employment to help people learn skills and gain employment. They purchased that piece of land for this centre, and the land was later given to the Community Council for a Community Centre. So we have a Conveyance.

All the paperwork relevant to all the changes/developments (over 10 cms thick) was taken to Cardiff where it was duly copied and accepted by the Fields in Trust. A final report has been sent to their Trustees requesting not just this piece of land but an extension so that we can add in storage and a small meeting room. Fingers crossed, we anticipate a positive outcome and months of work will finally have paid off.



*There is currently no appropriate storage in the village hall - a dedicated store room would make all the difference.*

Our next steps - once approval has been given, we restart the process of getting funding, and this is where you come in. Without European funding available in the future, this is going to be increasingly more difficult. **So if we call for your support e.g. attending a public meeting, please come. It has to be a community effort otherwise we won't get funding. Please help when you can.**

The current state of the village hall is now NOT good. Although the interior seems reasonable, the structure is poor and the roof is in a very poor state with the slates and coping stones deteriorating rapidly. There will come a time in the not too distant future when it may become unfit for purpose."

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In the months to come we will be meeting again with the Representatives of all the many Llangwm Groups who came together in March this year, forming a Community Action Group which will enable us to canvass opinions from local people about their wishes for the Community Hall.

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*Quoted from Ian McMillan in the "i" newspaper recently:*

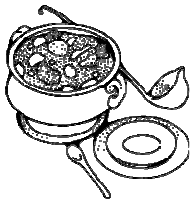
**"One of the inviolable rules of the village hall is that the bigger the teapot, the more amazing the village hall will be."**

Llangwm village hall's teapots are PRETTY BIG - but we want to make them EVEN BIGGER!





## More from the Village Hall (continued from previous page)



Following the success of our last Soup Lunch, we are holding another 'Winter Warmer', **Soup Lunch** to be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** at 12.30 pm (doors open 12.00pm) in the Village Hall. *All welcome*

**Item Loans:** A plea to borrowers: Please remember that if you wish to borrow items from the Village Hall, **the key MUST only be collected from the Cleddau Stores** and a committee member must be informed so items can be checked in and out. It may be that our loan service will stop if people fail to comply with this procedure, to nobody's advantage!

For Hall Bookings and details of Clubs and Events, apply at the Cleddau Stores 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

Finally, a big **THANKYOU** to all those who help and contribute in any way at all to the Village Hall – without your support it just would not keep going.



(Village Hall report compiled by Val John)

## Try out a new Explorer Unit at Hill Mountain Scout Hall



Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

Why not come along to our **taster sessions** as we look at opening a new Explorer Unit in Hill Mountain? Open to all aged 13 to 17.

Each week we help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. Why not be one of them?

Join us at 7.30pm at Hill Mountain Scout and Community Hall, SA73 1NB on the following dates:

23rd October  
 20th November  
 22nd January

Or email [1stjohnston@gmail.com](mailto:1stjohnston@gmail.com) to find out more.  
 #SkillsForLife

**More fun. More skills. More adventure.**

## The friendliest museum for miles around!

After opening for a fortnight this year (it has only been a week in previous years), just about every group had problems getting the planned numbers to actually arrive at Edwards Pill on the day - with the final Thursday turning into a fiasco - virtually none of the Haverfordwest Dementia group were able to get through Merlins Bridge, because of that terrible fatal accident there at lunchtime.

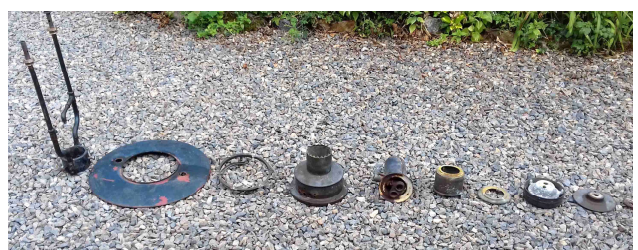
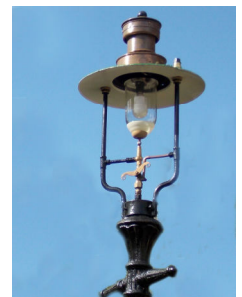
Anyway, with £950 in the kitty before 'manic' Saturday, we were confident to clear a grand, and possibly get to £1200 but we didn't foresee the **£1,500** that was finally handed to Shirley Evans from the Paul Sartori 'Hospice in the Home' charity. Amazing. Thanks to *all*, whatever part you played in the fortnight. I suppose the girls who served on Saturday must have 'pulled the shortest straw' in Liz Beresford's list of helpers, with Shirley Evans herself one of the hardest working volunteers.

After opening this May, Pat insisted this would definitely be our last year - EXCEPT that a meal up the pub with the 'helpers' on the closing Saturday (OK with plenty of wine) ended with the announcement that evening, that it would be for the Wales Air Ambulance charity next year (2020).....good game. The picture will remind everyone how quiet it was.

*Jeff James*



Next year the Museum will be open to groups from 25-29 May, and to the village on 30 May. On display will be a 'new' collection of model trains and double decker buses, along with an old gas lamp (right) which Jeff has already restored and installed at the entrance gate. Who would believe that it came from a few rusty 'bits and pieces' (below)?





## Village history preserved - with a little help from our friends

### Archiving Project

In March this year, a very exciting and innovative project began called "Sharing Local History". Llangwm Local History Society are the forefront of developing this two-year project and acquired funds from the **EU Leader Fund** and also from **Heritage Lottery**. This enabled the appointment of two project officers - *Angela Jones* and *David Llewelyn*, who were tasked with digitally archiving the collections of artefacts, photographs, documents and memorabilia from five Pembrokeshire History Societies. These will then be uploaded onto two websites - the *People's Collection, Wales* and *Heritage Pembrokeshire*. This ensures they will become totally accessible for all.

*Liz Rawlings*



*In the photograph (L-R): David Llewelyn (archivist), Jane Mills (Chair, LLHS), David Glennerster (Penally), David Douglas (Hook), Liz Rawlings (Vice Chair LLHS), Angela Jones (archivist).*



### Walks, Talks and Other Events

In April *Dr. Robert Llewellyn Davies* gave a well researched and illustrated presentation on the *Landshipping Disaster*. This proved to be a popular subject, given its very local connection, with over 60 people in attendance.

In May, *David Llewelyn*, who is currently involved in cataloguing and digitising our archive for us, gave a talk on *Archives and Their Importance*. It is, obviously, vital to conserve and document local history to preserve it for future generations.

In June we were blessed with excellent weather when a group of members visited *Chapel Bay Fort* in Angle. Following a light lunch in the cafe we were given an excellent guided tour of the fort including the guns, the

underground magazine rooms and the museum, which contains many military artefacts from all eras. The tour ended with a bang as one of the guns was fired for our entertainment.

*The Romans in Pembrokeshire* was July's talk. *James Meek*, archaeologist, gave a fascinating and informative presentation on the Roman incursion into West Wales. He also spoke briefly about the recent chariot find in Pembrokeshire but he couldn't elaborate much at that time as it was still being researched.

During the *Literary Festival* in August we mounted an exhibition in Galilee Baptist Chapel entitled *Llangwm – A Glimpse of the Past*. This was visited not only by local people, some of whom were very helpful in identifying some photographs on display, but also by visitors from further afield.

In September *Alex Powell* and *Christian Donovan*, who are both guides at Pembroke and Carew Castles, answered the question *Who Killed Richard III?* - the answer being Rhys ap Thomas who owned Carew Castle.

16<sup>th</sup> October local historian and author *Mark Muller* gave a most interesting talk on the *Rebecca Riots* (a series of protests throughout Wales, including Pembrokeshire).

Further events are as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> November A talk on *Orielton House* by *Chris Millican*. The house is currently a field centre but was previously owned by the powerful Owen family, Baronets of Orielton.

11<sup>th</sup> December *Christmas Meal*. This will be held at the Cottage Inn and is always an enjoyable occasion.

Our programme for 2020 is currently being finalised and will be available on the Llangwm website when completed.

Two definite dates for January 2020 are:

6<sup>th</sup> January *Annual Quiz and Social Evening* with the *Gardening Club* in the village hall.

20<sup>th</sup> January *AGM* plus we hope to show a short film "*Women of West Wales*".

Membership of the history society is just £5 per annum and includes admission and refreshments at all our talks, which are held at 7.30pm in the village hall. The fee for non-members is £2 per talk, including refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

*Eileen Horton*

*Our June outing saw us at Chapel Bay Fort, Angle, where George Geaar and his team showed us their remarkable collection of weapons. Much restoration of the buildings had taken place since our first visit ten years before.*



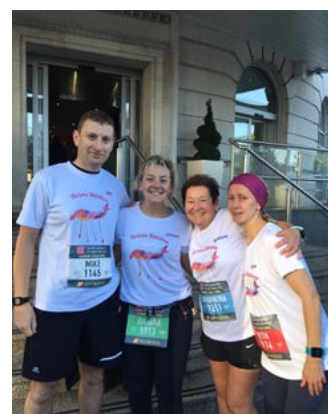


## High energy support for Tirion's Rainbow

Autumn is here and we are almost half way through our second year of fundraising and planning for the park improvements. In between our fundraising we are now busy working on grant applications to access the funds we need to make the park improvements a reality. Back in May we had our second pop-up cafe and consultation where we shared the plans for the park. This included the play equipment space designed by Wicksteed, and the landscaping plans designed by landscape architect Shani Lawrence. We believe that Shani's designs will make the play space a truly unique and special place to visit for all, we are so grateful to have Shani on board. The fun run was unfortunately rained off but it didn't stop lots of lovely people from coming to join us to enjoy the amazing cakes we had on offer and to share their views on the park plans. We are very grateful to everyone for their support and positive feedback on the day and for helping us to raise £1,000 to add to the park fund.

We are very happy to announce that we have been awarded a £500 grant from the Magic Little Grants fund, which is a lovely boost to our funding.

We've just run another successful Cardiff Half marathon, a huge thank you to all 23 runners who supported Tirion's



Rainbow this year. It is a huge challenge to run 13.1 miles and a massive achievement for all who completed it. Our online donations are at £3,478.50, with considerable cash donations still coming in. We will share the final total on our Facebook page when all donations are received. A huge thank you

to everyone who has supported this amazing group of runners!!

On October 9th Delilah Nash had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust, and at the same time raised over £400 to help us with the park improvements. A huge well done and



*Five plaits for the Little Princess Trust and £446 for Tirion's Rainbow! Thank you [Georgia Scriven](#) for kindly cutting Delilah's hair and a massive thank you to everyone who has supported and sponsored!! We are very grateful!*

thank you to Delilah and also a huge thank you to everyone who supported her fundraiser!!

We have a few thank you's to make, firstly to Llangwm's Community Council who have recently given us a donation of £200 toward the park fund. Also a thank you to Johnston's Farmhouse Bakery, who have been so supportive of us from the start, our donation pot there is always full and they have most recently raised £73.60 from the last two collections. And finally thank you to years 3 & 4 at Cleddau Reach Primary School, who have chosen to donate funds raised from their harvest service to Tirion's Rainbow, we are very grateful to be chosen as the charity you wish to support again this year.

At present the grand total in our account is £21,388.64p, which is incredible for just over a year's worth of fundraising. The community's support has continued to be incredible, we hope that everyone is happy with the park when it is completed, and that it becomes a much loved space in the community that provides lots of opportunities for our children and families to come together, explore and connect with each other and the nature that we hope to attract to this.



*The park plan by Shani Lawrence*

*Mike and Beth Preddy*



# Bringing “Sir Adam” back to Church

## HERITAGE LLANGWM/FRIENDS OF ST JEROME’S

The big project of the year was our Walk with Sir Adam, where we all fell in love with Frank but then got hopelessly lost without ghosts and ghoulies to transport us magically back to St Jerome’s. If that doesn’t ring a bell, we re-enacted the story of St Jerome’s founder Sir Adam de la Roche, buried at Roche castle against his wishes, but who then appeared magically back in Llangwm not once but several times. His story ended relatively happily when the ghosts and ghoulies at Roch rose up to transport him once and for all to his preferred resting place. We didn’t go quite that far, but did manage to take Sir Adam, slung over the back of Frank the Horse the 13 miles from Roch to Llangwm, where he magically transformed himself to join in the Scarecrow Festival.

So, bright and early on June 29th saw a band of medieval costumed pilgrims gathering at Roch where they were fed and watered by the kind souls at the Roch Castle Hotel. Frank and his carer, Kari, set us all an example, finding their way back to Llangwm while the rest of us got to know the paths and byways of Little Milford rather better than we’d intended. All ended happily however with a slap-up medieval feast in the evening.

St Jerome’s also hosted the remarkably talented Christopher Roberts, guitar virtuoso extraordinaire, in June, and then in September the very welcome return of the Russian Nikolsky Ensemble.

Looking to the future, planning for a new series of concerts is underway. The season will get off to a great start with the medieval melodies of La Volta (plus mulled wine and mince pies!) on December 6th. You’ll also be able to top up your Christmas purchases from our souvenir stall. In January, old favourites Wrong Direction and John Roach will be back plus in February the acoustic guitar sounds of the Llewellyn Duo and in March we’ll be blessed by the wonderful contralto voice of Jan Winkley (last seen in St Jerome’s earlier this year with the Saint City jazz band).

As ever we’re looking out for volunteers who’d like to join our merry band to help with concerts and visits to the church and the Talking Tapestry.

**Our website is [www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/](http://www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/)  
or call Pam Hunt on 01437 899966.**

*Heather Payton*



*Some of the intrepid walkers plus Frank the Horse and Kari, about to emulate Sir Adam’s last journey from Roch to Llangwm.*

### Don’t Forget

On **Friday 15th November at 7.30pm** we are proud to present **Llangwm’s 12th Annual Concert for Remembrance** featuring **Goodwick Brass**. As in previous years, all profits go to the **Royal British Legion**. The theme of this year’s concert is **“The Day That The War Broke Out”**. So why not come along and hear people’s memories of the **3rd September 1939** and the weeks that followed to become known as the **Phoney War**.

Tickets are £6.00 (Adults) and £3.00 (Children). They can be purchased directly from The Cleddau Stores or you can reserve seats by emailing [info@heritagellangwm.org.uk](mailto:info@heritagellangwm.org.uk). There again you could use our new online booking system. Go to [www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/events](http://www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/events). Scroll down to St Jerome’s Annual Remembrance Concert and click the ‘HERE’ at the bottom of the write-up. Follow the instructions and your booking will be taken.



## Llangwm photographic exhibition planned for 2020 - exclusive preview for readers here!

### Llangwm 19 Photographic Project

Photographer David Wilson would like to thank all those who have participated in his documentary project 'Llangwm 19' so far this year and the ones he has yet to corner!

The project records a year in the rich and varied life of the village and will finish at the end of December.

There will be an exhibition of the work in the village hall next spring with proceeds from admissions donated to Tirion's Rainbow, the charity set up in memory of Tirion Preddy to raise funds for the building of a new play park in the village.





## Focus on Cleddau Stores - a lifeline in the village

As we head towards Christmas 2019, I can't believe this will be my *second* Christmas in charge of Cleddau Stores.

Once again this year we will be supplying Upper Haythog Farm Fresh Turkeys - all of the customers who bought a Turkey last year were pleased with the quality and the price and don't forget we deliver them on Christmas Eve free of charge. We can also supply Free Range Chickens, Game or any other joint of meat that you require. We will also be supplying Fruit and Vegetable boxes, order forms will be available in the shop at the beginning of November and again these can be delivered free of charge to your door on Christmas Eve or earlier if you require them. We have a good selection of locally produced beers and ciders. Caffle Ales, Pembrokeshire Cider and Gethin's Cider are in stock.

We also have a good selection of locally produced Jewellery, Seasonal Cards, Honey, Jams and Chutneys. We supply Logs, Kindling, House Coal and Anthracite delivered to your door. And let's not forget CHRISTMAS TREES! We will again be supplying Christmas Trees this year, various sizes but we will be limited in numbers so please if you would like one of our Trees then let me know early.

I am grateful to the support that my regular customers afford me, these are difficult times in the retail industry and this is not only happening on the High Streets in towns but also in rural locations. I like to think that Cleddau Stores is a vital part of the village life. We have lots going on in Llangwm - we have a thriving community, a lovely Village Pub with great food, a popular School where local children thrive but as with any business we need your support, we need your custom.

*Dave Golding*

I would like you to take the time to read the following letter, it was written by a customer who is sadly no longer with us.

## CLEDDAU STORES

There comes a time when age creeps up  
Unheeded until realisation arrives.  
No longer the sprightly step, the careless stride,  
Now the hesitant shuffle, the faltering gait.  
Thoughts of busy stores, bustling aisles,  
Cause troubled feelings, panic buttons pressed,  
But thank goodness, feelings of gloom dispelled.  
No longer morbid thoughts remain  
Cleddau Stores meet nearly all our needs.  
And when it can't, it will, thanks to Dave,  
Obliging owner, endeavour to obtain,  
That which we need - no problem there,  
Nothing troubles Dave's cheerful demeanour.  
Late night deliveries of bread, done with a smile,  
He makes the STORES a welcoming place,  
Where one can meet and have a chat,  
To fellow villagers who discuss the news,  
And enquire about each other's health.  
So one emerges with lighter step.  
Glad to have met with various folk,  
Pondering conversations, forming opinions,  
All this in CLEDDAU STORES the hub of  
the village,  
And, as the River Cleddau moves inexorably on,  
Let's hope CLEDDAU STORES is with us for  
many years to come.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS	SHOP	POST OFFICE
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	7.30am - 2pm	9am - 1pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30am - 2pm	9am - 1pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9am - 11am	9am - 11am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9am - 11am	Closed
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30am - 2pm	9am - 1pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	7.30am - 2pm	9am - 1pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed	Closed
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Closed	Closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8am - 1pm	9am - 1pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	8am - 12noon	9am - 11am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	9am - 11am	Closed



*Photograph by David Wilson, from his forthcoming exhibition (see page 11)*



## Off they go - in the right direction!

Llangwm's very own (old) 'boy band', Wrong Direction, is thriving! With the recent addition of two new recruits, the ensemble currently stands at sixteen singers, plus musical director Neil Martin. There are no plans to expand further.

Rehearsals, held every Tuesday morning in St Jerome's, are very affable affairs, with much banter before the serious business of singing begins. The repertoire covers traditional (folk-based) and contemporary songs - often with more than a dash of humour.

We kicked off the summer season on 28th June with an appearance at an 'open mic' session in the pleasant garden of the Castle Inn, Manorbier.

Next came the highlight of our choral existence to date... our visit to Poland with an entourage of WAFs (Wives and Friends). We had been invited to perform at the huge annual Medieval Festival at the spectacular Malbork Castle, a UNESCO world heritage site and the largest brick-built castle in the world.

Our eight-day trip included two days in vibrant Gdansk and a day's sightseeing in Frombork, home town of astronomer Nicolas Copernicus. The rest of the time we were ably looked after by Amber Chant, the Polish choir who had visited Llangwm in the summer of 2018 - they are both accomplished and great fun to be with! They arranged for us to have a day tour of the castle, next evening a spectacular 'Night Tour', followed by the dramatic 'Siege of Malbork' re-enactment and an amazing firework display to close the night's proceedings. The following evening we attended a sumptuous medieval banquet, Wrong Direction providing much of the entertainment between courses. Other notable performances were at the hotel's welcoming conference room - and several rustic riverside bars on the festival site. We also marched in the Grand Parade.

After recovering from our epic trip, Wrong Direction's next appearance was at Llangwm LitFest's Poems and Pints night on 9<sup>th</sup> August. A merry performance, well received!

Upcoming engagements include "An Evening with Wrong Direction and Friends" in the Rugby Club on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

A Christmas concert is planned, for the evening of 22nd December in St Jerome's.

In January we are kicking off Pam Hunt's series of Sunday lunchtime concerts in St Jerome's.



*Songs in the Shrubbery - sharing the evening "stage" with a variety of local performers, Wrong Direction take the opportunity to liven up the Manorbier beer garden.*



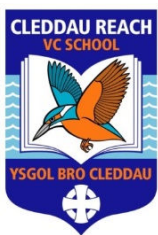
*The Llangwm ensemble "Wrong Direction" occupying the main music stage at Malbork's Medieval Festival. A proud moment.*

We have also been invited to sing at Tiers Cross URC Chapel early in the New Year and at Pysgah Chapel near Cresswell Quay as part of their bi-centenary celebrations. Watch for more news of these.

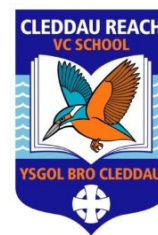
*(Report by Graham Brace)*



*Polish choir Amber Chant, who memorably sang on Llangwm Green to Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, perform at an informal corner of Malbork festival site. Their rich harmonies stop people in their tracks wherever they sing.*



## **CLEDDAU REACH VC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**



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

### **Cleddau Reach VC Primary School Inspection**

Cleddau Reach was inspected in June 2019 by Estyn the Welsh inspectorate for education.

The full report is available on the Estyn website but I have included the summary statement below:

*'The school provides a secure environment in which pupils feel safe, happy and eager to learn. Pupils are attentive, caring and considerate towards each other. They are curious and ambitious and have positive attitudes towards their learning. Their behaviour in and around school is excellent.'*



*The curriculum is rich, broad and balanced and most teachers have suitable expectations of what pupils can achieve and set appropriately challenging tasks for them. As a result, most pupils develop their literacy, mathematical and information and communication technology (ICT) skills well. The quality of pupils learning experiences in the foundation phase is very high.*

*The leadership team focuses well on establishing an ethos in which most pupils achieve well. The governing body supports the school well and ensures that its resources and budget are managed efficiently.'*



### **The report also commented on the strength of the schools links with local communities stating:**

*'The school develops pupils' understanding of their culture and their local communities successfully through regular Welsh assemblies and St David's Day events and by involvement in a wide range of events across each of the three local communities.'*



*The school participates in various events that contribute to promoting pupils' cultural development well. For example, the school has won awards for film-making, and holds eisteddfodau to encourage pupils to take part in the arts. The school choir performs at local venues and pupils participate in archaeological digs and in the local literary festival.'*



**As headteacher I wish to thank all members of our local communities who have contributed in many different ways to the work of the school.**

### **The report was also complimentary about our school governing body stating:**

*'The governing body members are proud of the school and are committed to school improvement. Many governors know the school well through regular visits and learning walks and use assessment data to evaluate pupils' progress and to identify strengths and areas for improvement across the school. Governors make a sound contribution to the self-evaluation process and help to set the strategic direction of the school.'*

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I would also like to thank our parent, community, church and local authority governors who give freely of their time to voluntarily support the work of the school. In particular I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Barry Childs who has chaired the work of our governing body for eighteen years. During a period of amalgamation and change Mr Childs has always undertaken this position with courtesy, skill and complete integrity. He has fully supported the efforts of staff, parents, governors and members of the local communities to create a school where all learners are valued and provided with rich teaching and learning experiences.

### **Cleddau Reach Girls Cricket Team Runners Up in South Wales Finals**



In July Cleddau Reach, Fenton and Tavernspite schools represented Pembrokeshire in the Girls South Wales Kwik Cricket Finals at Sophia Gardens Cardiff.

On a gloriously hot and sunny day the Cleddau Reach team won all three of their group fixtures at a venue which had hosted several ICC Cricket World Cup games only a few weeks before!

The semi-final draw pitched the remaining two Pembrokeshire Schools against one another. It was an incredibly close game that went down to a last ball run out which secured Cleddau Reach a place in the final. The match was played in a competitive but highly sporting manner.



In a fluctuating final, Cleddau Reach lost by 23 runs to Ysgol Gwenllian from Kidwelly.

Throughout the competition the Cleddau Reach girls displayed excellent batting, fielding and bowling skills combined with wonderful team work. At the presentation ceremony they were delighted to receive their medals and proud of their achievement in reaching the final of a competition which had begun with over two hundred schools taking part.

The Cleddau Reach team were: Lily Arnold, Roxy Evans, Amber Kelly, Sophie Llewelyn, Ruby Hall, Lexi John, Rosie Jones, Olivia Baker, Rosie Thomas (captain), Daisy Brick and Lacey-May Mattson.



### **Llangwm Literary Festival 2019**

Over 150 children from the school took part in the writing competitions linked to the 2019 festival. Our children enjoyed focusing their poetry work on the theme of 'Dragons'.

The school enjoyed being involved in the Literary Festival and providing seating for some of the events.



### **Families from Haverfordwest High Feeder Schools Design an Entrance Mosaic**

Learners attending Haverfordwest High School after the summer holidays were welcomed back by two creative and ambitious mosaics at the main entrance.

The artwork was the result of a series of workshops for families of pupils from Cleddau Reach and the other nine feeder schools. The project was part of the many activities undertaken to support a smooth transition from primary to secondary education.

*(School report continues overleaf..)*

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Haverfordwest High logo thus ensuring that new pupils feel the connection between past and present on the learning journey at their new school.

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

All applications for school places are dealt with centrally by the Admissions Officer at County Hall. In order to complete an application for a school place parents need to complete an on-line application using the link [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/education/admissions](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/education/admissions).



#### **CLEDDAU REACH VC CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Our Christmas Market will take place at the school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. The festive fun will start at **6pm**. Once again there will be a wide variety of creative festive stalls and refreshments.



*Many thanks to Mr N Groves, Headmaster, for this update from Cleddau Reach School*

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**



**SOUP**

**A SLICE OF CAKE  
& TEA/COFFEE**

**IN**

**LLANGWM  
VILLAGE HALL**

at 12.30 p.m. (doors open 12.00pm)  
on Wednesday 20th November



TICKETS - £5 from CLEDDAU STORES (booking advised)

**ALL WELCOME**

All proceeds go towards Llangwm Village Hall running costs

**Christmas**

with



**WRONG**

**DIRECTION**

7.00pm

**St Jerome's Church**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Free entry by ticket only  
All proceeds from donations go to  
'Get the Boys a Lift'



## There's plenty of variety at LLANGWM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Members and visitors contributed to another fabulous PLANT FAIR back in May, held in the village hall, our best yet! This event goes from strength to strength with the range of plants sold.

Members enjoyed a talk at Picton Castle by Terry Walton, Radio 2's resident gardener, in June and went back to support another gardening talk in September by Darren Rudge. He was very informative with loads of practical top tips as well as a good sense of humour and some marrow rum!

A Picton picnic, fabulous AGM BBQ at the COTTAGE INN and a pre-talk supper at MARIA's of Picton Castle were also enjoyed over the summer months but then after the summer break we were back to the 2019/20 season opener in September where members were given a short talk on the wonders of the Crocus corm. The promise of Spring always helps as the nights draw in!

October's meeting was another visual treat as John Shipton of Shipton Bulbs, Whitland, gave an excellent illustrated talk about his visit to the island of HOKKAIDO, quite wild and remote, it has a similar climate to our own. Wonderful rich plant filled forests then barren volcanoes and stunning vistas.

The coming winter has a variety of events for members to enjoy.

November's Talk is THE SMALLER FOREST GARDEN by Jake Rayson, a different and fascinating way of planting. We look forward to welcoming him from the north of the county. This talk will take place in the village hall on the 4th at 7.30.

Christmas will be celebrated at the LAMPHEY HALL HOTEL on Monday Dec 9th and festivities will continue with the

ever popular QUIZ & NIBBLES held on Monday 6th January at the Village Hall. This is a joint event with the History Society and guests are welcome too.

We're delighted in February to return to the Cottage Inn for a GARDENERS QUESTION TIME as we have invited a panel of local gardening experts to come and give us their expertise. With a wealth of experience and interests this should be fascinating.

We will welcome Spring with first time visitors, Fiona and John Wormald from Llandeilo, experts on Snowdrops. The talk will take place on Monday 2nd March in the village hall.

Lots more to come in the season so if you're interested in joining the club or attending the above events, please email [kashepherd1602@googlemail.com](mailto:kashepherd1602@googlemail.com) for further information. Guests may attend talks for a £2 entry fee.

Events are advertised by local posters and on the Llangwm Facebook page. We also have our own page - just search Llangwm & District Gardening Club.

**Happy Gardening!**

*Karen Shepherd*



*Plant fair in May in Llangwm Village Hall*

## Kingfishers After School Club



*Kingfishers CCASC is registered with CIW to provide quality after school care for children aged 3-11 years at Cleddau Reach School. Further information about Kingfishers is available from Cleddau Reach school office.*

Kingfishers After School Club has already enjoyed two fantastic workshops run by Clubiau Plant Cymru. At the end of the busy summer term the children took part in 'Nature Zone', they used plants and flowers to create bunting and crowns. This term 'Games Galore' was the theme, everyone had a fabulous time creating indoor and outdoor games and

using the play equipment provided by Clubiau. Two more workshops are planned very soon!

*We are currently looking to recruit an experienced **Play Leader** as well as new committee members - if you are a parent, grandparent or community representative we would welcome your input to our committee. Further information about becoming a 'Play Leader' can be obtained from Amanda Blyth or Anne Lewis via the school office.*



**Don't forget to check out the Llangwm website for all village services and all that is currently happening here. You'll find 'News', 'What's On', 'Amenities' and much more - even back copies of your village newsletter!**

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

## Llangwm Methodist Chapel News

MINISTER: Reverend Lorette Hinson  
SECRETARY: Mrs Jane Brock  
TREASURER: Mrs Sue Davies

Sunday Services: 11am every Sunday  
Sunday School: 11am-12noon every Sunday. Please come and join us - children of all ages welcome. We read Bible stories, sing, crafts, drama, puzzles, games and colouring but most of all we have an enjoyable hour and have fun.

### Festival Fortnight Teas and Literary Festival Teas 2019

Thank you so much to all who joined us again this year for these two very busy and special events in our village. We hope that all attended enjoyed our bacon rolls, scone teas and homemade 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 2020!

### FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Service  
Sunday 15th December - Traditional Carol Service with members of our Sunday School taking part - commencing at 11am  
Wednesday 25th December - United Christmas Day Service at Llangwm Methodist Church commencing at 9.30am

### LOOKING TO 2020:

Friday 10th April - Good Friday Service commencing at 3.30pm followed by the Good Friday Tea in the Sunday School Room at 4.00pm  
Sunday 12th April - Easter Service commencing at 11.00am

### FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

*On the first Friday of each month*, please join us for good company and a chat and enjoy bacon rolls, light savouries and delicious homemade sweet with a cup of tea/coffee in the Sunday School Room. Open from 12noon until 4.00pm. The next date is Friday 1st November.

A '**Christmas Special**' will be held on Friday 6th December from 12noon until 4.00pm. We will be serving more traditional Christmas savouries and sweet.

Please look out on the Llangwm Facebook page and various points around the village for our New Year dates for you to join us for company, chats and delicious refreshments.

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

## News from Galilee Baptist Chapel

There have been several highlights in Galilee's calendar this summer.

A pretty wedding was held there in the August sunshine for local bride and groom Amy Yelland and Andrew Brock.



Galilee also took part in the annual Llangwm Literary Festival, by hosting an exhibition there in conjunction with the local history society, "Llangwm - A Glimpse of the Past". This brought back many a memory for villagers and gave a 'snapshot' of old village life to visitors and residents alike.



Harvest Festival - along with the jointly attended Methodist Harvest - is always a special time of year, and it was celebrated in glorious colours in each chapel.



Lately there was some housekeeping and maintenance to attend to, with copious scaffolding erected in order to spruce up paintwork and give Galilee a facelift.

Services continue to be held each Sunday morning at 10.30am, with special Christmas services as follows:

**Dec 15 Carol Service at Galilee at 10.30am**

**Dec 25 United Christmas Day Service at the Methodist Chapel at 9.30am**





## ST. JEROME'S NEWS

As Autumn arrives, along comes Mother Nature yet again throwing awful weather at us! Luckily, we escaped the worst of Storm Lorenzo that was looming towards our shores. We have however, incurred extremely high winds, flood warnings, with near enough constant daily rain lately! However, as we enter this beautiful season of vibrant colours, plants rich in berries, we give thanks for the hard work our farming communities undertake in the gathering of bountiful harvests, to see us through the dark, stark winter months, especially during uncertain times ahead.

**A brief recap of recent news and events.** The Annual Cleddau Reach Year 6 Leavers BBQ was again a great success with the usual warm-up game of rounders, to get appetites going! Thank you to Church members for their hard work preparing, cooking and serving delicious food, that was enjoyed by all. Once again, a big thank you to Mr Groves for the use of the school for the evening, also to Mrs Woodward, Deputy Head; Mr Pearson, the new Year 6 Teacher and his first BBQ! Also, Mr Steve Richards, Site Manager; which sadly was his last one as he has retired from his position and will be missed by everyone.

A Confirmation Service was held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10am with Bishop Joanna in attendance, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall.

Film Club @ St Jerome's launched its 2019/2020 season on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September with Cry Freedom.

The Nikolsky Male Ensemble from Russia returned to entertain everyone at the end of September; this time with their full complement! An extremely enjoyable concert. There have been numerous musical events held over the summer period in St Jerome's, including the Medieval Weekend at the end of June with the Medieval Banquet at "Ye Olde Cottage Inne". As always, grateful thanks to Pam Hunt and Friends of St Jerome's for their hard work organizing these events. We celebrated our Harvest Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October with a Harvest Lunch in The Cottage Inn.

The Silent Auction was a very successful and enjoyable evening held in the Village Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October with some interesting and unusual items up for grabs!

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **Film Club @ St Jerome's**

This will be on a Friday evening, film commencing at 7pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. **Please check on Friends of St Jerome's Llangwm Facebook page for upcoming films.**

Membership is still only £12 per annum, (enjoy at least 8 movies a year!). Day Member is £3 Adults and £1 Children. Full details from Pam Hunt.

This year's **Remembrance Concert** will be Llangwm's 12<sup>th</sup> Festival of Remembrance at St Jerome's on

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.** This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of WW2 and looking at life on The Home Front and the Phoney War. Music courtesy of Goodwick Brass. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. These are available **now** from Cleddau Stores, also online by going to [www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/events](http://www.heritagellangwm.org.uk/events) or emailing [info@heritagellangwm.org.uk](mailto:info@heritagellangwm.org.uk).

**St. Jerome's Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Always a great atmosphere and fun, once again Mother Christmas will be visiting us at this busy time of year!

**Carols around the Christmas Tree** will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December between 3.00–5.00pm at Curlew Call, 72 Port Lion. Singing starts at 3.30pm. By kind invitation of Richard and Jane Tovey.

**'Nine Lessons and Carols'** at St Jerome's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

### SERVICES

Remembrance Service will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am** on Llangwm Village Green at the War Memorial.

**Worship Time (an informal all age service) is held on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00am.**

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

Next Joint Parish Service (held when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month), will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church in Johnston.

Family Crib Service will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**, including our popular 'Impromptu Nativity'.

Midnight Eucharist will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm.**

**Christmas Day Service (25<sup>th</sup> December) 10.00am.** A Family Communion Service at St Justinian's, Freystrop.

Sunday School is held during regular morning services

**Coffee Mornings** are held every third Wednesday of the month in St Jerome's, starting at 10.30. Next ones are 20<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> January. There will not be one in December.

**Youth Discovery Group** is a new group for children over 8. It's Christian based with fun and adventures, as well as discovering new ventures! They recently had a Bushcraft afternoon. They meet the First Sunday of every month at 3.00pm, venues vary. Contact Polly Zipperlen via Llangwm Facebook page for details.

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

**Reverend Marcus and everyone from St. Jerome's Church would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year in 2020.**

## From Beerfest to Foodfest - 'Village Voices' sing at a variety of venues

A choir competition at Bluestone Brewery...up in the Preselis or as my laptop wants to say...the Presleys. We thought there might be gold up in them thar hills but it turned out that the prize was a wooden carving of Pentre Ifan. The compère, a right wag, said we looked like we were at a wake dressed in black as we were. He wasn't too complimentary about the others either so it was like water off a duck's back. The setting was a farmyard, a stage constructed from a milk stand supplanted with plywood which felt rather delicate under our massed weight. We drank very good beer while we were waiting and ate water buffalo burgers, also very good and then suddenly we were called...the first ones on stage. Sam was dressed as a pirate or a ringmaster, maybe a cross between

the two and we launched into Pergolesi's *Magnificat* at a cracking pace with no warm up. We turned away from the audience, Dennis covertly put on his bald wig and we were off on a *Time Warp*. Very shaky choreography, moving is not our thing but the audience loved it. The beer had helped. A choir of Nuns won the prize, rightly so, they were word and movement perfect, young crystal voices and a fabulous soloist. For the finale, all five choirs piled on to the stage, the plywood creaked and we all sang *Calon Lan* and *Mae Hen Wlad*. Stupendous. It got chilly so home we went. Next year same place same time. We hope so.

In April the Methodist Chapel. It was Good Friday so serious stuff. Lovely acoustics, great audience and we finished with *Jesus Christ Superstar*. A bit of a shock after Mozart, Pergolesi and Faure but people seemed to enjoy it.

Newport Music Festival May 12th in lovely Ebenezer Chapel again. Light and sunny with a VERY small audience. It was suggested that everyone was down on the beach. We did sing rather well, Seimon Morris accompanied us so that Sam could concentrate on directing. Great stuff.



*A concert of fine sacred music was performed at Llangwm's Methodist Chapel on Good Friday and was well received by the large audience present.*

The Lit Fest. We struck it lucky...or did we? Most of England and Wales were hit by a giant power cut. Yes, we had lights in the marquee but also an unwanted acoustic accompaniment. The storm made the tent poles rattle, the canvas flap so combined with the drumming of the rain we had competition and plenty of it. Surprisingly despite the vile weather we had a full audience. After starting with Pergolesi we apprehensively continued with *Zadok the Priest* then Faure's *Requiem*. Thankfully we had solos. One by Jess, a duet by Jess and Abbie, and a girl group, Sereni. This all enhanced the mood no end. Time was moving on, we didn't have an interval so we went straight into *Don't Stop Me Now*...very loud to fight the meteorology going on outside. This got everyone going before Billy Joel's *Lullaby* calmed everyone down. The mood went up with a *Tribute to Queen*.

Sereni did a great version of *Gentleman Jack* and Seren, a very pretty triathlete, sang a haunting folk song. We finished with *Time Warp* and it was all over for another year as we went into summer break.

Another year, another

marquee, another downpour. This time it was Narberth Food Festival on 28 September. We had an hour to use up. And we did the sound check appropriately enough to *Let the Rivers Run* before using it to start the performance. By the time we did *Mamma Mia* the rain was drowning us out but the marquee filled with shelterers who happily joined in with the music. We went through the repertoire twice. We thought no one would notice as their minds were on food. So were ours, the surrounding smells were heavenly and tempting.

Next day, Burton Church to help raise money to keep the rain out. Is there a theme going on here? So it was a more spiritual programme apart from a few fizzy things, again like *Mamma Mia* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. We are now officially Mamma Miaed out.

Sad news....The lovely Bill Hirst, ex harbourmaster and stalwart bass who had a major role in our opera and who obtained funding for our piano and banner, died very suddenly in October. We were all shocked, devastated and deeply saddened and we will miss him greatly.

*Fiona Cutting*



# Llangwm Community Council - Report

- Ash Die Back – Be aware that this ash tree disease is prevalent in Wales. Go to the Pembrokeshire County Council website for advice and information.
- Parking on Holloway Hill has caused disruption and has been highlighted as a risk to pedestrians and road users. A proposal has been made by Pembrokeshire County Council and we await their considerations. This will then go out to the Village for residents to comment.
- Removal of Tree – a tree at Black Tar picnic area is to be removed due to the root system undermining the drive of the adjacent house. Since the decision to remove the tree has been made the tree itself appears to be dying.
- Dragons Teeth have been placed at Black Tar Common Land by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority at the request of the Community Council to deter car parking on the Common Land.
- Llangwm Community Council accounts have been audited by Grant Thornton for 2018/2019 and given a clean bill of health. Should anyone wish to see the results please contact the Clerk at [llangwmcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:llangwmcclerk@btinternet.com).
- A seat has been lost at high tide from the Edwards Pill area. National Resources Wales donated three seats to the area some years ago. Should this reappear please inform the Clerk.
- Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019, please see the notice at the base of this page for details. Cones will be placed around the War Memorial and adjacent area on Llangwm Green by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November to keep the area clear for the ceremony to take place. All are very welcome.
- Thank you - Dog Fouling appears to have improved and we thank all those residents who are responsible dog owners. Please report any incidents of dog fouling to both Llangwm Community Council and Pembrokeshire County Council.

*Kathy Codd*

*Clerk to Llangwm Community Council*

**A drop-in session  
has been arranged  
in Llangwm Village Hall  
for Tuesday 26th November  
between 2.30pm and  
6.45pm  
when NRW (Natural  
Resources Wales) will be  
exhibiting and discussing  
the future plans  
for Benton Woods.**

**Please try to attend.**

## This year's **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

will be held at the memorial on

## **LLANGWM GREEN**

**on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10 a.m.**

The service will commemorate  
the Fallen of the village  
during WW1, WW2 and those who have died  
in all conflicts past and present.

Please attend if you can to honour those who  
gave their lives for our freedom.

## Cricket, Crime, Comedy and the Classics

### Book Review by Barry Childs

The cricket season just gone was a memorable one: England won the World Cup in a thrilling final and there was a fantastic test series against Australia. This great game has a richer literature than any other game. A book that contributes to that library is '**Arlott, Swanton and the Soul of English Cricket**' by **Stephen Fay and David Kynaston**. The book compares two revered but very different journalists/broadcasters of the game, one from a modest background, the other from a world of privilege. They couldn't have been more different.

Speaking of different, '**The Axeman's Jazz**' by **Ray Celestin** is a remarkable book for a range of reasons: the way in which it captures the atmosphere and spirit of 1919 New Orleans that 'most un-American of American cities'; its structure which has three people coming at the same crimes from three different angles; the appearance of Louis Armstrong (then Lewis) as a significant character in the book. Apart from being beautifully written and brilliantly constructed it deals with important themes such as the hideousness of racism. In some respects this book is not for the faint-hearted but one to relish for so many reasons.

Completely different in feel, tone, setting is **Ben Elton's 'Identity Crisis'**. Elton is well known as a stand up comedian and writer of TV shows such as '**Blackadder**', and, recently mentioned in this column, '**Upstart Crow**' which is about to go on stage in the West End. He is a brilliant satirist and in this, his latest book, uses his considerable wit to highlight contemporary issues in his own 'near to the mark', fearless way. It doesn't come much sharper than this and the book will have you laughing out loud.

From the present to the past now. There has been, of late, quite a surge of books dealing with Greek and Roman mythology. Amongst these are '**Circe**' by **Madeline Miller**, '**Mythos**' by **Stephen Fry** and by the same author '**Heroes**'. These imaginative retellings by fine writers are a good introduction to a long gone but fascinating world.

And after these? For me? '**The Body - a Guide for Occupants**' by the multi talented **Bill Bryson**. For you? Whatever takes your fancy.

#### **"Well Done Cleddau Reach"**

At the beginning of June a team from Estyn visited the school to conduct a full inspection. This is a rigorous process and one that puts a lot of pressure on staff, pupils and governors. I am delighted to say that the inspectors were very pleased with what they saw and the report that has just been published clearly reflects that. Comments such as 'Pupils feel safe, happy and are eager to learn and their behaviour is excellent', 'the teaching is consistently effective and the provision high quality' are just a sample of the complimentary observations made.

Obviously, where improvements can be made at our school the governing body will work with the head teacher and staff to bring about those improvements.

*On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank all at Cleddau Reach for their conscientiousness, commitment and professionalism. Well done.*

*Barry Childs, Chair of Governors*

*This poem was written by Margaret, my sister. Members of the Women's League, at our chapel, were asked to bring in some thoughts on their childhood and this is what she penned.*

#### **A Llangwm Childhood**

Llangwm village where I was born  
Is a special place on earth  
My parents lived in Portsmouth  
Yet my mother came home for my birth.

Our stay in Portsmouth was very short  
We stayed for just a few years  
A sad event happened then  
Which ended in many tears.

Our father died when I was four  
He was only twenty seven  
The Lord decided to take him from us  
And now he's up in heaven.

We lived with our grandparents in Llangwm  
Such wonderful people were they  
The house was filled with love and care  
On every single day.

Barry and I went to Llangwm school  
Where the three Rs were drummed into all  
We chanted the tables every day  
When we mastered them, we walked tall.

I remember being out all day  
And only went home for food  
The weather always seemed sunny then  
When tar melted on the road.

In the Summers we walked through bracken  
And made many a daisy chain  
We played fun games on The Gail hill  
No traffic, so no-one complained.

On Sunday we went to Sunday school  
Where Bible stories were read  
I loved the parables most of all  
With Jesus the figurehead.

Sunday school anniversaries were special  
We all had a part to play,  
We sang many happy, catchy songs  
And felt pleased at the end of the day.

When I look back I realise, that times were very hard  
Yet growing up that was kept from me  
Any worries they had they kept to themselves  
So that I could be worry free.

So much more I could say of my childhood days  
But mainly I'd like to stress  
Doreen, Maggie - Ann and Dai  
They were the very best.

**Margaret Davies ( formerly Childs)**





## County Council Report by Cllr Michael John

**Waste and re-cycling services.** The previously well publicised changes came into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. This followed widespread consultation and public information events, including one very well attended morning in Hook Sports Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. These changes are as a result Welsh Government re-cycling targets for all Local Authorities, and the potential hefty fines if their targets are not met.

There will no doubt be some issues of concern during the implementation period, and these can be raised with PCC on 01437 764551, via "MyAccount" or [wasteandrecycling@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteandrecycling@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**The new Local Development Plan** is still under review, and will take a step further when the latest report goes to council for the December meeting. If anyone has an interest in the LDP or who has input land for candidate sites, there is information on the PCC web site.

**Household Enquiry Forms (HEF)** These are sent out annually and have again 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. There has been a

promotional campaign with the aim to encourage householders to return their form, in order to increase the response rates across the county. At last report the highest response rate for an area so far was **76.62%** and the lowest was **45.21%**. The response for the Llangwm Ward was **67.2%**

If anyone has any questions or queries regarding the HEF process, then contact the elections team on 01437 775844 or via: [electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**Removal of Council Tax Discount on empty homes.** Owners of properties in Pembrokeshire which have been empty for up to 3 years are being warned that Welsh Government is considering removing its funding for the 50% discount they currently receive. Pembrokeshire CC has written to all owners of properties who currently receive the 50% discount or an exemption, to inform them of the possible changes. In light of WG's likely removal of the subsidy, County Council decided at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October to remove the discount if WG proceed. Not to have done so would cost the council an estimated £610,00 per annum.

If you are affected and wish to raise any concerns please write to Revenue Services [revenue.services@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:revenue.services@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**COUNCIL CAR PARKS: 'CASHLESS' SWITCH** Pembrokeshire County Council will shortly be taking the first steps to install cashless payment machines in its car parks.

Before the end of the year, the Authority will start to replace the current Pay and Display cash machines with Cashless Payment terminals.

The move follows a decision by the Council's Cabinet earlier this year to phase out the traditional cash machines in favour of cashless payments. Motorists who

regularly use car parks can apply for a pre-paid permit via the website or by emailing: [parking@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:parking@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

**BUS PASS DROP-IN SESSIONS** Transport for Wales recently announced that 'Concessionary Travel Cards' are being introduced to replace the current passes which will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

To renew a bus pass, apply at: [tfw.wales/travelcards](http://tfw.wales/travelcards)

For those unable to apply on line, or who do not have anyone to do it on their behalf, Pembrokeshire County Council is offering assistance through drop-in sessions at libraries in Pembrokeshire during November.

Local events are scheduled for:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**, Riverside Haverfordwest 10.00am-1.00pm & Milford Haven 2.00pm-4.00pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** Milford Haven 10.00am-1.00pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Riverside Haverfordwest 10.00am-1.00pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Riverside Haverfordwest 2.00pm-5.00pm,

There are also sessions planned at Neyland, Fishguard, Narberth, St. Davids, Saundersfoot, Tenby, Pembroke Dock and Newport. Details are available from PCC.

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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 01437 890175 or [cllr.michael.john@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto: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>

## Productive Season at the Allotments

Llangwm Allotments Group took over the site near Deerland Cemetery from Pembrokeshire County Council in April 2013 and it's been a busy few years preparing and measuring out the plots and building our first water harvester.

We continue to go from strength to strength although the weather isn't always kind to us.

If you are interested in an allotment please contact Kim Sanford, Secretary on 01437 891127 who would be happy to show you around.

We currently do not have anyone on our waiting list.



*Before and After: The hard work of setting out and planting the Llangwm allotments has reaped dividends.*





Llangwm Lions AFC U9's & U12's, pictured here in their new kits for the 2019/20 season, would like to thank **Nash Plumbing** for their continued team sponsorship. The Club would also like to thank the **Cottage Inn** and **Cleddau Stores** who have provided sponsorship for equipment that has been essential for the start-up of the U12's age group for this year.

→ Llangwm Rugby Club ←  
 present...  
 an evening with Llangwm's very own  
 "Boy Band"  
**WRONG  
 DIRECTION**  
 & FRIENDS  
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**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
 at 8.30p.m.  
 Admission £5.00 on door  
 A good time guaranteed!



**THE COTTAGE INN** looks forward to a busy festive season, with many families, clubs and groups making it their No 1 destination for Christmas meals. It will be open throughout the Christmas season - booking is highly recommended.

See the **COTTAGE INN FACEBOOK PAGE** for details of special nights and forthcoming events.

Matthew and his staff would like to thank you all for your custom during the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



## Llangwm Cricket Club News

**Llangwm Cricket Club started the 2019 season from a 2018 promotion for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to Division 1 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to Division 3.** Some tough challenges for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI side against the likes of Carew, Cresselly, Haverfordwest and Neyland but some very convincing wins against Lawrenny, Burton, St Ishmaels and the last game with Saundersfoot. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI similarly had some tough matches against Laugharne, Narberth 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Llanrhian, and also achieved some good results against other teams including Haverfordwest 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended the season with an excellent win against Lawrenny.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI team unfortunately lost in round 1 to Carew in the Harrison Allen Cup and also in the Dougie Morris Cup. Congratulations to Simon Richards, our Vice Chairman for umpiring his first ever Harrison Allen cup final in Cresselly. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI side however reached the semi-final stage of the Alec Colley Cup but, despite sterling efforts, unfortunately lost to Neyland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Hook.

The season ended with an unfortunate relegation in the League for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI maintained their position to remain in Division 3.

Well done to all players, led by Ollie Davies, Captain for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Martyn Thomas, Captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, and the teams' encouragement to develop our up and coming youth players. Congratulations from the Cricket Club to Jo Phillips for playing for Wales U14.

It is with much sadness that Pembrokeshire Cricket suffered the untimely loss of Umpire John Williams during the summer, and everyone at Llangwm Cricket Club offers their heartfelt sympathy to his family at this difficult time. In support of his memory and the Wales Air Ambulance Charitable Trust, a donation of £58.24 was received during one of the league matches, raised from the sale of the dinner raffle tickets. Thanks everyone for your generosity.

The fundraising Annual Golf Day proved a great success for the Club, with many players and other teams enjoying a great time at the Haverfordwest Golf Club. Many thanks to Jo Kiff and James Venables for organising this worthwhile event.

Unfortunately, no junior teams played during the season, but the Club is really pleased to announce that 6 new coaches will receive full Level 2 training during March 2020. Youth training will be set up shortly after that, dates, times, age groups etc to be advised accordingly. A Facebook page Llangwm Junior Cricket has been set up and links established with Mr Groves at Cleddau Reach who has kindly agreed to support the Club in its advertising. Many thanks also to Martin Jones at Pembrokeshire County Council for offering his support to help set it up. If you would like your son or daughter to train and play next year and require any further information, feel free to contact Suzanne Waller, Hon Secretary, at [suzzannewaller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzzannewaller@hotmail.co.uk). We look forward to this exciting step forward for our Junior Cricket in 2020.

Finally, much appreciation is expressed to those who make Llangwm Cricket Club a success, whether it be from the President, Life Members, the Chairman, Dai Davies, his wife Sue and all the committee members with special thanks for their contribution during the season to Colin Phillips, Julian Platten, Simon Richards, Suzanne Waller and William Beresford; the ladies who give up their time to score the matches, Cerys and Janice; Ian and Jeremy who make the wicket and grounds look superb for play; Matthew at the Cottage Inn for supplying the chicken for the raffle and really tasty cricket teas and to those who willingly give up their time to help serve them; the support of numerous Vice Presidents and sponsorships; the spectators who regularly attend and last but not least, the players themselves, dedicated to making it all worthwhile.

**Thank you all and let's welcome the 2020 season with the same great enthusiasm.**

## Llangwm Rowing Club

Report by Peter Rose

The Rowing Club has had another successful year with seven new members joining from Llangwm, Hook and the surrounding area.

It's a great way to get out on the river, get some healthy exercise and meet people. New members are always welcome although the opportunities for rowing are more restricted now that the nights are drawing in but we shall try to keep going at weekends as long as the weather is suitable. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page to see when trips are planned.

Through the summer our mixed veterans crew have won a number of open events run by the Welsh Sea Rowing Association. Our own WSRA event was held in July at Black Tar over a course laid between Picton Point and Port Lion. The sun shone (as it always does in Llangwm) and we played host to 25 visiting crews, so it was quite a spectacle. Thanks go to Geoff Hanbury, Tina Gorringer, Richard and Mandy Bennett and Helen Heaton for co-ordinating the event, Konal Golding for running the barbecue and Fiona Cutting for the cake stall, the residents of Black Tar who provided power and water, Steve and Julian who provided safety boats and Tony who kept the finishing line clear of feckless mariners.



*Members of Llangwm's Rowing Club take time out for a 'selfie' at a charity barbecue in Cresswell Quay this summer.*



## Llangwm Rugby Club Autumn Report



The 2019/2020 season is well under way and the Wasps have gotten off to a mixed start. The Club welcomes back the same coaching line up as last season and the squad remains largely unchanged. Pre-season training went well and the team faced Fishguard first up in the Pembrokeshire cup. A slightly scratch side competed well at times but were ultimately outplayed by a much stronger Fishguard unit.

A week later the League season got under way and Llangwm welcomed Cardigan to Pill Parks. Tries to Josh Hicks and Louis Murphy helped Llangwm secure a close 10-7 victory, the first time in a good number of years the season has started with a win. It was also the first win over Cardigan since the 80's and a great night in the club followed!

The Wasps had a short trip up the road to Haverfordwest to resume the battle against the old rivals. After a tight first half in which Llangwm held Haverfordwest's 10-3 lead the Blues came out with a much stronger performance in the second half securing the win of 38-3, Luke Hayman securing the penalty kick.

Cefneithen was next up in round 1 of the WRU Bowl where Llangwm struggled for numbers with the score ending up 50-14 in favour of Cefneithen. Llangwm's points came first from Adam Williams when he crossed after a lineout close to the Cefneithen line. The second try came from a brilliant solo effort from Josh Hicks, picking up from a scrum in Llangwm's half and running 60 metres to score. Both tries were successfully converted by Louis Murphy.

The Quins were next to visit Pill Parks in the League. After Llangwm's last season performance against the Quins, the Wasps were confident of a win. It wasn't to be as a greatly improved Quins side ran out winners 57-10. In the first half both teams had periods where they threatened the opposition and Llangwm restricted the Quins to a 17-10 score line at half time. Llangwm's points came from a try from Matthew Lewis which was converted by Luke Hayman who also kicked a penalty to add points to the board with a penalty kick.

The Wasps, who again were struggling for numbers, made the long trip up to Tregaron. Llangwm showed a true battling performance where Josh Hicks claimed a hat-trick of tries, two of which were from 40 metres out, and Luke Hayman managed to convert two of them. Tregaron came out on top with a score of 48-19.

It was an emotional day when the Wasp's visited Neyland All Blacks following news of the death of the Llangwm's former hooker Johnny James. Before kick-off both sets of players and crowd paid their respects with a minute's silence. It was a family affair when Luke Hayman, who was playing opposite brother Toby at No.10, landed the first points of the game with a penalty for Llangwm. The first

half consisted of a cat and mouse style game when Neyland went ahead with an unconverted try. Despite that, Hayman put the Wasps out in front 5-6 with another successful penalty kick. Before the end of the first half Neyland had managed to gain the advantage from a turn over and a yellow card against to the Wasps to bring the score 15-6. The second half start off strong for the Wasps when Joseph Kiff produced a brilliant kick and chase to score. Louis Murphy followed in quick succession from 40 metres out to bring the score 15-16. The Wasps couldn't rest on their laurels as Neyland fought back with a converted try edging them in front. However, Hayman brought the Wasps ahead by one point for a try he goaled himself. The score stayed this way for the next five nail-biting minutes until Neyland finally scored. The Wasps battled hard until the final closing minutes of the game but unfortunately couldn't get through the Neyland defence. The final score was 29-23.

Llangwm Club is open at every home game where old and new members receive a very warm welcome. Llangwm RFC would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support which is vital for ensuring the success of the club.

James Griffiths

### It's all happening - down at the Social Club!

There have been some 'cracking' nights in the Rugby Club since the 'Friday Music Nights' scheme began in 2012.

The Club has rocked to bands like *The Flat Cappers*, 'Sorted' (who return for another Christmas gig on Dec 13th), *Justice Done*, *Rick Berry and the Retrospect*, and our own *Symphony Syd and the Swing Kings*.

There has been great jazz and swing from *SaxPax*, world-class country music from *White Doves*, rollicking sea shanties from *The Vagrants Crew* and Irish singalongs from *Henry Martens Ghost*.

We've had a Jug Band - *The Rumblestrutters*, gypsy jazz from *Fiddlebox*, Welsh (and English) songs from *Lowri Evans and Lee Mason* (next there on 29 Nov), aboriginal sounds from *Mike Chant* with his digeridoo - and wild Mexican flamenco guitar playing from the *Llewellyn Duo*.

Add to this the occasional charity gig from local choirs (watch for *Wrong Direction* on 8 Nov) *Poems and Pints Nights* with great variety and loads of laughter - and you see what we've been enjoying - or you've been missing - all this time!!

Come along to the next few gigs, take pot luck with the music - always of a high standard - and support your local Rugby, Cricket and Social Club. Go on, let your hair down!

Graham Brace



## Junior and Mini Rugby News

by Graham Elliott

The rugby season is well under way for Llangwm RFC Junior and Mini teams and they continue to go from strength to strength every season. This season we are fielding teams from Under 7's up to under 15's. Not bad for a small village team. We may not be the biggest club in the county, but we are attracting players from all over Pembrokeshire. Last season was a great season with some brilliant results. But what stood out for me the most last season was the high regard our junior section is held in by the other clubs in the county and beyond - not just the way we are on the field but also off the field.

All of this would not be possible without the great dedication of the coaches who week in and week out give up their time to coach and nurture the children in all age groups, not only in learning the skills needed for the game but also the manner in which the game should be played. Without the coaches and the committee none of this would be possible. This season we will have a number of parents and family booked onto coaching and refs courses. So by Christmas we will have more qualified coaches and refs than we have every had.

But as with every club like Llangwm Junior and Minis we are always on the lookout for more helpers. Without more coaches we would struggle to continue to grow and be as successful as we have been so far. We are always looking for more refs and believe me it is not as frightening as it might seem. I love refereeing on a Sunday morning. Then there are those who make things happen behind the scenes and this is the committee and those who help out on match day with the cooking of the food. If you do not fancy coaching or refereeing but would still like to help out there is always room on our committee (If you want to know more contact details are below).

Running junior and mini teams is not cheap and we are continually looking for sponsor or donations. If you feel you might be interested in sponsoring big or small or making a donation then we would be very grateful. Again if you want more information there are contact details below.

Llangwm Junior and Minis train at Pill Parks (the rugby field) on a Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm and play or train on a Sunday morning (times may vary). Children can come and play for us from the age of 6 up. If your child would like to give it a go just bring them along on a Wednesday evening or you can contact me and I will give you all the info you need. (contact details below).

I have been involved in Llangwm Junior and Minis for over 10 years and I have had a great time at the club seeing the junior and mini section grow and grow and two seasons ago I was asked to be Chairman. I think that this is an amazing little club with a brilliant family feel, punching well above its weight in the county.

Also if you fancy coming along on a Sunday and supporting Llangwm teams we would love to see you. You can watch some really good rugby while having a cuppa.



*Llangwm Under 13s - in white shirts - playing against St Davids at Pill Parks.*

If you want to know more about the junior and mini section of Llangwm RFC you can email me [gelliott39.ge.ge@gmail.com](mailto:gelliott39.ge.ge@gmail.com) or give me a call or text on 07786248453.

### **Good Luck Llangwm Junior & Minis** **for the rest of the season**



*Team members proudly display the first aid kits kindly donated by Rosco Tree Services.*

## A BUTTERFLY SUMMER

### Nature Notes by Graham Brace

In May, the appearance of orange tips in the garden heralded the start of summer. These small, striking butterflies with their bright white and orange wings (the females are white with black wing tips) are always the first to appear. These were closely followed by speckled woods which are present in increasing numbers throughout the entire summer until late September and sometimes beyond.

Our recently established wildflower 'meadow' came into its own this summer with 7 varieties of grass and 28 species of wild flowers which served to attract a host of insects, and in particular bees. It was also frequented by speckled woods, ringlets, gatekeepers, meadow browns, green veined whites and occasional common blues, the female of this small species being a very drab brown in contrast to the delightful pastel-blue males.

The most significant event of the summer was the widespread invasion of painted ladies, migrating all the way from North Africa. They were everywhere, and much in evidence from late July to mid-September. At times they were the most abundant variety in our garden and around the buddleia tree in particular. During August and early September our buddleia was alive with butterflies including red admirals, peacocks (noticeably fewer than previous years), commas, large whites and small tortoiseshells (numbers of which seemed to have recovered after a couple of years of decline).

On 17<sup>th</sup> August the buddleia was visited by a humming bird hawk moth. I watched fascinated as, wings ablur, it hovered an inch from the blossom with its long proboscis probing and extracting the nectar.

On both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September I recorded a brimstone in the garden. This is the first time I have seen this lovely large pale butterfly in this location. In southern Britain they are generally one of the first species to emerge in spring.

To top it all on 15<sup>th</sup> September while embarking on a blackberry forage in the field behind our house I followed a beautiful clouded yellow (another migratory species from the Mediterranean region) as it flitted between dandelions.

On the bird front, since counting 96 black tailed godwits on the Hakin Mud on 12 April, birdlife in the Pill throughout the rest of April, May and June was virtually non-existent apart from gulls and the occasional curlew and mallard. Returning redshank were first reported on 27<sup>th</sup> June when three were present. By 12<sup>th</sup> July the figure had risen to 60+. These were joined by three greenshank in mid-August (these are still present as I write this mid-October). On 6<sup>th</sup> September I counted 90 redshank waiting for the tide to recede at Rectory Point. There are more of these birds present than in previous years, which suggests a successful breeding season.

A pair of kingfishers has been spotted regularly in the vicinity of Ferry Bay, Llangwm Ferry and the Pill. During the last few weeks from late September to mid-October there has been much goose activity with varying numbers (up to 170) of Canada geese overflying and roosting in the Pill sometimes with a couple of greylag geese among them. I know that larger flocks of greylags have been reported further upstream around Fowborough. The first teal arrived back on 23<sup>rd</sup> September when half a dozen females were present in the Pill. On 13<sup>th</sup> October there were 24 (female) teal present and these numbers will grow during next month when the males return.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October the first flocks of the winter thrush, the redwing, were overflying the house and visiting the garden, while on 24<sup>th</sup> October Jen Scoble reported a delightful flock of 33 lapwings flying around Edwards Pill and Guildford.

*Please inform me of any interesting sightings, by email at [grahambrace@btinternet.com](mailto:grahambrace@btinternet.com) or telephone 891580.*



*Feeding from the buddleia, a delicate brimstone butterfly.*

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