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## GOOD NEWS:

We welcome Lynne Stanley from Hill Mountain who has agreed to be Secretary/Treasurer of your community magazine 'In Touch'. Bill Marchant from Rosemarket will keep a watching eye over the finances in his capacity as Auditor. Many thanks to both of you and to all those of you that help in anyway.

Lynne can be contacted at 118 Hill Mountain or by telephone 01646 601491.

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Thanks to Burton Community Council, Rosemarket Community Council, Mr Mervyn Williams of Burton and Portfield Print who have agreed to help sponsor the next four issues.

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### **Rosemarket Village Hall**

Refurbishments to the village hall are progressing well and it is hoped that works internally and externally will be completed by the end of the summer. The committee appreciate the assistance given by the Community Council amounting to £1500. It has also been agreed, subject to no substantial objections, that the money held by Mrs Pam Baynham, collected many years ago towards a new hall, be used to help in the refurbishment. It was agreed that there is no likelihood of a new hall in the foreseeable future. When finished the hall will be accessible for wheelchairs and it is hoped that the toilets will eventually be modified for disabled use also.

## Pembrokeshire Federation of Women's Institutes

### LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

At  
*Sir Thomas Picton School*  
*Haverfordwest*  
On  
*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2001*  
*At 7.30pm*

*Come and enjoy a  
Feast of Musical Talent*

*Entry by Programme*  
*Adults £4.00 Children (under 16 ) £2.00*

*Available from W.I. House*  
*90 Prendergast, Haverfordwest*  
*or at the door*

### **Some Thoughts about Knowledge** *Peggie Warren*

The following list of quotations was compiled by a very dear friend, Cyrus P. Mehta from Essex, and sent to me 'out of interest' to be tucked away in my memory bank for future reference; I thought it worthy of sharing with our readers.

1. I do not think much of a person who does not know more today than he did yesterday.....*Abraham Lincoln*
2. No man is wise enough by himself.....*Plautus*.
3. The fool wonders, the wise man asks.....*Benjamin Disraeli*.
4. There is only one good - **Knowledge** - and one evil - **Ignorance**.....*Socrates*.
5. **All** men by nature desire knowledge.....*Aristotle*
6. Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.....*Henry Ford*
7. Knowledge is the antidote to fear.....*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
8. Not to know is bad; not to wish to know is worse.....*African Proverb*.
9. Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself.....*Erasmus*.
10. Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.....*Aldus Huxley*.
11. The important thing is not to stop questioning.....*Albert Einstein*.
12. He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever....*Old Chinese Saying*.

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA SUMMONS AWARDED AN MBE IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

Residents throughout the community were thrilled at the publication of the Queen's Birthday Honours List in mid June when an MBE was awarded to our very own Barbara Summons of West Street, Rosemarket. This most prestigious honour was given for her community service to the village of Rosemarket and its people over very many years.

By its very nature the honours system is unique and there are very few awards of this nature made. The recipients have to be very special indeed and the selection process is a very lengthy one. On this particular occasion there were only about thirty awards made across Wales as a whole, and only two of these awards came into the county of Pembrokeshire. This is a measure of the rarity and special nature of the honour now bestowed upon Barbara.

Of course all who know her will immediately say it is a thoroughly deserved award, so unselfishly and tirelessly does she work for the community, as indeed she has done for almost fifty years since moving into the village shortly after her marriage to local lad Jim Summons.

Her list of individual activities throughout these many years is far too numerous to be included here, but it is fair to say that she has made a significant contribution to life in the village of Rosemarket and beyond. She has supported every organisation in the community and through the years she has also organised a wide variety of activities and events for the benefit of the villagers.

It is difficult to single out any specific area of activity in which she has been involved because her efforts have encompassed so much, and for so many people. However in looking overall at Barbara's personal involvement this can be categorised into four main sections, these being the church, the voluntary organisations in the village, her formal participation with the Community Council and the Village Hall Committee, and finally her efforts and support to those ill and indisposed within the village.

In respect of church activities she has been both a Vicar's and People's Churchwarden on numerous occasions through the years. She has organised fetes, concerts and other fund raising activities on behalf of the church. She is the Sunday School teacher. She is a long time member of the PCC and an active member of the Church Restoration Committee. She supported activities within the Methodist Chapel prior to its closure.

Barbara has been a member of the Rosemarket Community Council for more than twenty years. Until recently she was also a long time member of the Village Hall Committee. Prior to the untimely closure of Rosemarket VC School she was a member of the school's governing body and helped to campaign vigorously to retain our village school.

She has an involvement with voluntary organisations in the village and further afield. She works voluntarily for the WRVS and assists as hospital receptionist at Withybush General Hospital on a regular basis. She has assisted with the 'meals on wheels' programme that delivers meals to the elderly and infirm. She participates and assists in the senior citizens activities in the village and in the regular luncheons that are held for the group. She is also one of the organisers of the fund raising 'bingo club' held in the village hall and designed to bring the villagers together on a regular weekly basis for fun and enjoyment.



Of course one of Barbara's greatest strengths is her caring nature and her willingness to help those less fortunate than herself in the community. She always has given time for the elderly and infirm. There are countless occasions of her kindness in this latter respect through the years, and particularly the time she has spent with persons who have been terminally ill, or else have suffered bereavement in their families.

This then summarises, in one brief article, the personal community service and commitment that Barbara Summons has given over very many years. This is a very special award that has been given to a very special lady. There is little doubt that the Honours Awarding Body have on this occasion found a most remarkable candidate for receipt of this prestigious MBE for 'service to the community'.

Congratulations then to our very own Barbara Summons, from all within the communities of Burton and Rosemarket, and we all join in wishing you and your family a wonderful day when you make the journey to Buckingham Palace to receive the Award.

**CHARITY PERFORMANCE  
IN AID OF  
CROSSROADS  
QUEEN'S FUNCTION CENTRE HAVERFORDWEST  
FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2001**

**From the Somerset/Wiltshire Borders 'The Woodlanders' with Thelma  
I'm Not Well Moore accompanied by Kim and Grayson.  
(Never seen as a trio in Pembrokeshire before)**

**ENTRY TICKET ONLY**

**SUPPER PROMPT 7.30PM**

**Bookings:** Hilda Jones 01646 601193 Margaret Wildman 01437 89170  
or  
Tickets £7.50 Crossroads 01437 764639

**Multiple Sclerosis - A Personal View**

*by George C. Terry*

I would like to unravel a few mysteries about multiple sclerosis and will outline my own experiences from when I was first diagnosed with M.S. back in 1974. I went to see my doctor because I realised that people were doing things I couldn't do; things I should have been able to do without much effort; things like running up stairs or standing on one foot. I even found walking *down* a slope very taxing because I didn't have the ability to control my limbs. Another thing I noticed was how difficult I found it stepping up onto the loading bay at work whereas everybody else seemed to do it with ease. I was a postman/driver at the time so the loading bay was a normal place to find me. I have since found out that these kinds of difficulties are normal for anyone in the first stages of M.S. because their sense of balance is impaired. It is difficult for a sufferer to say precisely when M.S. started because it is insidious and creeps up on one without a 'fanfare'. One day while driving a van back to the sorting office through a factory centre on the outskirts of Birmingham I saw two male immigrants obviously looking for a job. Suddenly they stopped walking and one of them raised his foot and re-tied his shoe-lace while standing on one leg. I noticed this but thought no more of it until I got back to the office. At that moment all the drivers were engaged in sorting a small mountain of parcels that had been surprisingly delivered from head office and the inspector in charge asked me to lend a hand. During this job, one of the men raised his foot to re-tie his shoe-lace - quite 'out of the blue' - just as if it had been done specially for my attention. It did catch my attention, *dramatically*. Looking back on it, it seems as if it were pre-arranged and, from that time on, I took notice of how my abilities differed from other people's. For quite a long time, I observed other people, without showing that I was watching. Eventually I went to see a doctor, who after talking to me for some time, called in a colleague and they began to talk about golf - yes, golf! I realise now that they found it very difficult to tell me that I had an incurable disease. They talked quietly about golf but I am sure that M.S. also came into the conversation. Looking back, it was a clever way of releasing themselves from a nasty situation. Every now and then, we get news of miracle cures from different parts of the world but they are very short lived. Maybe it's a way of making a quick fortune. I mentioned the word 'mysteries' and now I feel it is my duty to enlarge on what I meant by it. It is hard to appreciate the varieties of disability caused by M.S. I have met one man with M.S. who showed no signs of the disease whatsoever and was fully employed as a builder's labourer. I also know of another sufferer who cannot move any part of his body except his tongue. I went on holiday some years ago and there were two young men with us who were victims of M.S. One was walking about talking to the other passengers but the other was in a wheelchair and needed attention every twenty minutes. We got talking and I found out that he used to be employed by the Air Company that were transporting us. Whenever I go on holiday abroad, I go with a group from Bedfordshire, roughly 32 of us. There's a large variety of medical conditions among the group and there are always about six able-bodied, strong men helpers. I was a little dubious at first but, believe me there was nothing to worry about. I've done this four times now and I have been so comfortable with them that I am doubtful if I would consider doing it any other way.

**WILLIAMSTON NURSING HOME ANNUAL GARDEN FETE  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2001 at 2.00pm  
EVERYBODY WELCOME**

## THE NEW HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME (HEES)

The new HEES came into effect in Wales as of 1 February 2001. The grant eligible works relate to energy efficiency measures and include the following:

- Loft insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Draftproofing
- Provision of hot water tank jackets and up to two compact fluorescent light bulbs
- The provision of energy efficient space heaters

The principle changes to the HEES system are:

- i) The maximum grant payable in connection with certain categories of grants has been increased to £2000,
- ii) Space heating is now eligible for grant assistance whereas previously the eligible works related purely to insulation measures,

HEES grants are administered by EAGA Partnership Ltd, a private sector company who were appointed by the National Assembly for Wales as managing agents for the new scheme as of 1 October 2000.

HEES grants now fall into two main categories:

- i) HEES - standard award - maximum assistance available £1000, available to householders with a child under 16 and in receipt of specified basic benefits or working families tax credit.
- ii) HEES PLUS - maximum assistance available £2000, available to:
  - Lone parents with a child under 16 and in receipt of basic benefit
  - Householders over 60 and in receipt of basic benefits
  - Householder or child under 16 in receipt of combinations of basic benefit and specified disability related benefits

**25% grants are also available towards the cost of insulation measures only for those over 60 who are not in receipt of benefits**

Booklets explaining the new scheme will be distributed to elected members. Application forms are available from EAGA - Freephone 0800 3162815

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### *'Nicked from the Pew Slip'*

Pat was in the queue for a train ticket in Glasgow. In front of him was a young lady who said to the ticket clerk: 'Maryhill', single.' Pat was next, and he said, 'Pat O'Leary, married.'

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## On My Way To Cardiff



William Bowen, a year 6 pupil at Burton School was recently selected to play rugby for the West Wales U11's A team against East Wales at Dunvant near Swansea.

He was one of only two players from

Pembs to get that far this season. He has Played on the wing for Llangwm U12's,

Pembrokeshire U11's

and Dyfed U11's this year and was delighted to get a cap for playing in the Welsh final despite strong opposition. His two sisters have also represented West Wales at netball. Philippa played for the U18's team this year and Harriet for the U14's A team last season.

**Well Done and Keep IT UP**

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## Burton Wednesday Club

Continues to meet every other Wednesday for lunch and afterwards it normally meets in the Jubilee Hall Houghton.

It is a busy club with a very varied calendar of events. Sometimes we have a speaker, recently Mel Griffiths, from Houghton, gave a very humorous talk on things that he had seen or done during his lifetime which was enthusiastically received by all present. The other week we had a quiz, which was good fun, and everybody joined in.

The club also goes on outings; the more recent ones were a half-day trip to Llanelli. I'm not sure what Llanelli thought of us but we enjoyed ourselves. A more recent trip was to the Folk Museum at St. Fagans. The castle, was until recently, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff. The new 'Home for the Future' is the latest attraction. The weather was beautiful and an enjoyable time was had by all. To round off the day we descended on Cross Hands for a fish and chip supper. We will be going on another trip in July. For further information contact Hilda on 01646 601193.

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## Did You Know ?

Rosemarket Church has, for many months, been accessible to wheelchair users. No advance warning necessary.

## St. Jerome's Church, Llangwm

St. Jerome's in Llangwm - an unusual saint for a Pembrokeshire church - stands below the village green. From the churchyard you look down into the wooded valley, the Sunday morning services being accompanied by congregations of rooks squabbling in the tops of the surrounding trees. Going through the lantern arch of the churchyard gate, I was met by a lean, black cat who followed me down the path to the porch. The church hasn't a tower but on the western gable there is a stone belfry whose brass bell, down through the years, has gathered a patina of verdigris. The massive wooden doors within the porch need a hefty push to open and, as with every church entered for the first time, there is always a sense of the dramatic as the entire church is revealed. So here, at St. Jerome's, it's as if the curtains have been drawn back to reveal the set for some great drama. Standing by the west wall, look down the long nave with its whitened walls to the chancel altar at the east end. No memorial tablet or brass plaque interrupts the austere simplicity of these white walls. Look up and you see the long line of the arch-braced timber roof.

Whatever else in churches may have been removed or destroyed by vandals or 'restorers' - often one and the same - the ancient fonts, hollowed out from single massive blocks of stone, escape their depredations, sometimes turning up in local gardens or perhaps serving as drinking troughs in neighbouring farmyards. Thus, in this church, the Norman font stands plain and massive just inside the church door. At the end of the north side of the nave, in contrast to the surrounding plainness, two elaborately moulded arches spring from a central pillar. The first arch accommodates the organ but, pushing through the curtains of the second arch, you find yourself in a chapel, now used as a 'spare room', where all kinds of church furniture is stored away from the eyes of the congregation. But amongst all the clutter you can discover the unusual and the interesting. The stone figures of mediaeval knights and their ladies surmount their tombs in often quaint or even surprising juxtapositions. In the Lort Chapel at Stackpole Cheriton husband and wife face one another whilst kneeling at their prayer desks; in another Pembrokeshire church, husband and wife lie either side of the chancel, which may say a great deal about their marital life. Here at St. Jerome's the knight in armour and his lady lay top to toe, the lady's feet pointing to her husband's head. High up on the wall of the chapel a wooden board with faded gilt lettering, by proclaiming the gifts to the poor of Mrs Anne Barlow, who died on 7 July, 1844, has ensured her a kind of gloomy immortality. Suspended from the ceiling by a metal chain, enclosed in a filigree bracket, is a glass-funnelled lantern dedicated to the memory of John Lloyd, members of whose family are still connected with the church. What really strikes the eye though in the nave is the Victorian pulpit. A majestic stone pulpit that would not be out of place in the nave of a great cathedral, its chief splendours are the pillars of veined and mottled coloured marble that carry the series of arches on which rests, between the pillars, the imposing figure of the angel Gabriel in contrasting white marble. It is unlikely that David John, the first recorded rector in the fifteenth century, enjoyed such a magnificent stage from which to deliver his sermons. I leave the church and shut the heavy door behind me; the black cat has vanished but the rooks are still squabbling. Leaving a church, especially a quiet country church, is not like leaving an ordinary building or even stepping out from an ancient hall or castle. You leave such a church knowing that you have experienced an indefinable sense of calm and of quietude. But I have come out into the bustle and noise of many an urban street and realised that I have been in the presence of a stillness and a calm that is like no other.

In the words of Philip Larkin in his poem, 'Churchgoing':

"A serious house on serious earth it is"

*Wayfarer*

*By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Smallman*

**BURTON SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE**

**BEGGARS REACH HOTEL**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2001**

**11am**

**Cake - fresh Produce - Bottle - Craft Stalls**

**Bar -B-Que**

**Raffle**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME - COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**

## The Night Sky in Summer

The summer months provide less entertainment for amateur astronomers than the darker seasons. There is little proper darkness and this makes the observation of faint objects quite difficult. Jupiter and Saturn are only just emerging from behind the Sun and are, therefore, not visible until the early hours of the morning. It is, however, worth staying up late to observe some of the available sights and further our knowledge of the constellations. The summer sky, when viewed facing south, is dominated by three stars, known as the **Summer Triangle**. These are the principal stars in three separate constellations. High overhead by the end of July we can easily pick out Vega, the fifth brightest star in the sky at magnitude 0.0 and 26 light years away. It is a brilliant blue-white star and dominates the constellation of **Lyra**, the Lyre, a small collection of stars in a rectangular shape with Vega at the top, right-hand corner. Before moving on to the other two constellations, now would be an appropriate time to define the term 'magnitude' when used in astronomy. The term, more correctly called the 'apparent magnitude', is an indication of the brightness of a star in visible light. Those stars just visible to the naked eye are at magnitude 6 and those brighter range from 5 upwards to 0, like Vega. Four stars are even brighter and have negative magnitudes. One of them is the red giant, Arcturus, mag. -0.04, which has been high in the southern sky during May and is now beginning to drift over to the west. Some planets, particularly Venus and Jupiter can also have negative magnitudes but these, of course, vary with their distance away. Mars approached -2 during the middle of June when it was nearest to us. Binoculars will enable us to observe stars down to a magnitude of 8 or 9 and amateur telescopes can go down to 11 or even 12, with luck and good viewing conditions. Back now to Vega. At the end of July, move your eyes down towards the southern horizon and you will see Altair, the principal star in **Aquila**, the Eagle. Altair is a white star of mag. 0.8 and is only 16 light years away. Aquila itself is a smallish, not particularly well defined, triangular constellation; the other notable star is Tarazed just to the NE of Altair. Do any of you science fiction enthusiasts recognise the name Altair? The cult film of 1956, *Forbidden Planet*, was set on Altair 4, presumably the fourth planet circling Altair. Whether Altair really has planets, we do not yet know. Back again to Vega. This time look towards the east and you will find Deneb, a bright star, mag. 1.3, which is at the tail of the Swan, the constellation **Cygnus**. This is easily identified by its shape, which actually does look like a swan in flight with a long neck. Viewed up the other way, the constellation looks like a cross. The swan's long neck stretches as far as an imaginary line joining Vega and Altair. At this point will be found the second brightest star in Cygnus, Albireo. Good binoculars will reveal this as a beautiful coloured, double star, consisting of a yellow giant of mag. 3 and a 5<sup>th</sup> mag. blue green companion. On a dark, clear night, Cygnus will appear to be partly covered by a filmy light cloud. In fact this is one of the more prominent sections of the **Milky Way**. The **Milky Way** is a name often applied to our own Galaxy because of its pale, milky appearance when viewed from the Earth by the naked eye. Our own Sun, about which we rotate once a year, is one of no less than 100 billion stars which make up the Galaxy, a disc-shaped collection of stars with a bulge in the middle and a number of spiral arms. It is about 100,000 light years across and we are about one third out from the centre. The nearest stars are distributed randomly across the sky but when we view the Milky Way we are looking sideways into the centre of the disc and we can see the huge numbers of distant stars as a faint band of light. Binoculars and telescopes reveal ever more distant stars as the magnification is increased. Most of these are not even mapped or named, they are so numerous and distant; just try and imagine how many of these could have a planetary family around them and, in turn, how many of these may have active, technological civilisations. Even if the chance is only one in a million there will still be 100,000 alien worlds out there. But how will we ever make contact? **Mars** reached its closest point to us in the middle of June and is now being left behind as we travel faster on our inner orbit around the Sun. When we get back here at the same time next year, Mars will have moved on and it will not be until late August 2003 that we catch up again. Then it will be even closer, only 34 million miles away, and the planet will appear larger by a factor of 25%. It will also be higher in the southern sky and therefore viewing will be that much easier.

Stargazer

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## Gardeners' Club

Having talked to several gardeners in our area, I have found that there is a good deal of interest in starting a gardeners' club. This could provide a valuable forum for the exchange of information and ideas and the picking up of new skills. Perhaps in future we may even inaugurate a regular flower and vegetable show.

We would be glad to hear from anyone interested in setting up or joining a local gardening club. Letters please via the Editor.

**HOOK C.P. SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2001**  
**11am School Grounds**  
**Stalls: Cake, Toy, Book, Etc.**  
**Raffle & Games to Play**

Wayfarer

## **Haverfordwest Gym Club News**

The 21<sup>st</sup> March 2001 saw Bernice and Steve Hayden of the Stable bar Burton, put on a social evening. A wonderful 4 course meal was prepared by Steve, and after the meal Mr. Roy Folland gave a very entertaining speech. The event raised £439. A big thank you goes to Bernice and Steve for their continued support of the Gym Club. The club has grown and now has over 250 young members. The Pre-lims were held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2001. The club had great success with the boys getting a Gold against all Wales Competition, our own Mathew Fulton of Burton was in this team. The girls in Phase One had to work hard, but again a Burton girl got a third place, so well done to Melanie Rawsthorne. Steffie Campbell also competed in Phase 1. In Phase 2 the girls in team A came first, and the club had individual 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places from team members. Burton girls competing in Phase 2 were :- Sian Hayden, Ceri Hayden, Victoria Jones, and Sophie Mitchell. Team members then went to the West Wales Novice competition in Swansea on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2001. Again medals were brought back to Haverfordwest. Competitors from Burton were:- Rhian, Sian, Ceri Hayden, Melanie Rawsthorne, and Sophie Mitchell. Special congratulations to Rhian and Sian who gained 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the vault. During June all young people in the club are working hard for the Gym Jamboree in Cardiff at Sophia Gardens on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2001. A dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001 at 10.30 a.m in the Sports Hall at Sir Thomas Picton. Anyone is welcome to attend, a small admission price of £1 is charged but you will have the opportunity to see Cruella (as never seen before) and her 101 Dalmatians, some will freak out, and Special Needs will warm up and reach. It will be your opportunity to see some tumble routines. It will be well worth £1 entrance fee, with many Burton youngsters taking part. Anyone wanting to help or raise funds please contact Rachel Hughes 01437 890239. Members will be selling Raffle tickets for their summer raffle, so if you are asked to buy please try to support, you never know on 22<sup>nd</sup> July you may be a winner. Gareth Hughes has given a fuel voucher as a prize, again a local villager supporting these young people.

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## **Hill Mountain Road Speed Limit Increase**

Some readers may already be aware of the suggestion at a recent Burton Community Council meeting that the road speed limit through Hill Mountain should be increased from 30mph to 40mph.

Many of us feel that this would increase the danger already present to residents of the village, their children, and pets.

In response to this, we have put together a petition collecting signatures from residents in the area, opposing such an increase. The response has been excellent, and a letter enclosing the petition has been delivered to the Chairperson of the Council, Claire Zawadzki, Mr David Wildman (county councillor investigating), Inspector Steve Matchet (road safety), and Jackie Lawrence (MP Preseli Pembrokeshire).

Over the space of a couple of days, we have tried to speak to as many residents as possible, but inevitably some were out at the time of calling. If you were out when we called and would like to sign the petition, please call us on 01646 602692. We felt it important to send the letter and current petition (with over 100 signatories) as soon as possible, as the next Community Council meeting is to be held on 20th June. In the letter, we have asked the Council to reject any suggestion that the speed limit be increased, indeed to work with us, the local police, and local authority to explore ways in which we can reduce the present dangers to residents and commuters.

By the time this newsletter has been published, we hope to have positive news. However, we will keep all Hill Mountain residents informed of progress.

Many thanks for your support.

Dr Chris Allman and Mrs Lorraine Allman  
Ashdale Cottage, Hill Mountain  
tel. 01646 602692

### **STOP PRESS**

Following receipt of your petition Burton Community Council, at their meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, agreed not to progress this item



### Watersports visit with Llangwm School

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2001 my class and I with our teachers Mrs McLoughlin and Mr Davies went to Pembrokeshire Watersports, in Pembroke Dock. Once we got there one of the instructors gave us a guided tour round the centre, and then we were given our rooms in which we were to sleep in for the week. The other boys and I shared a room with the boys from Templeton School; the girls were separated into different blocks, with the girls from Templeton, Tavernspite and Burton. Later we were all split up into different colour groups, and I was in Yellow group, for doing the activities. We then went to the canteen for the people and instructors to speak to us about the centre.

The two activities we did later that day were raft building and sailing, which was great fun especially building and sailing on the rafts. On Tuesday morning we did team building and problem solving in which we learnt to work together as a team. After lunch all the Llangwm children joined together and we went in canoes up the



*Pupils from Llangwm School*

river and then got to the shore and joined three canoes together and put a sail on them and had a race with the other team back to shore. Once we got changed and had dinner we did orienteering around the grounds of the centre and had to make a word which was "The Waterway". In our spare time the boys from all the schools would play a game of football or table tennis while the girls would usually sit in the common room talking or watching television. On Wednesday morning we had a go at kayaking and went up the river with the current, and I enjoyed the kayaking the most! After lunch we went

sailing for the second time, this time we went up the river to just past Lawrenny and back. After dinner we went on a bus to Bosherton and had a walk around the footpath. On the Thursday morning we did Powerboating to Thorn Island to see if we could see any seals there, while we went on the powerboats a Photographer took pictures of us on the powerboats. After lunch we went on a bus to The Pembrokeshire Riding Centre and went for riding lessons. Then after dinner we had a life saving lesson on which we were shown a video on accidents that could happen, and how to save somebody with a bag of rope. After the life saving lesson the instructors gave us time to get ready for the disco, which the instructors would put on from 9pm till 11pm, then after that we all went straight to sleep.

On the Friday, when we got up we all packed our belongings from the week and got ready for breakfast. Following our breakfast we were told to stay in the canteen for the presentation of the certificates. Then at 1.30 pm we left the centre to return home.

Rory Blake Rosemarket

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### SARDIS BAPTIST CHAPEL

***Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August***

Coffee Morning with Cake Stall etc.  
10.30am – 12.30pm

***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August***

‘Songs of Praise’ at 8.0pm

Chairman : Rev. Linda Woollacott

Guest Artists

Conductor : Mrs Dorothy Beckett

Programmes : £2.00

## Rules of English

Here are several important but often neglected rules of Grammar:

1. Avoid alliteration, always
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
4. Employ the vernacular.
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
7. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
8. Contractions aren't necessary.
9. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
10. One should never generalise.
11. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
12. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
13. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. Be more or less specific.
15. Understatement is always best.
16. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
17. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
18. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
19. The passive voice is to be avoided.
20. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
21. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
22. Who needs rhetorical questions?

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### SUMMER TERM NEWS FROM LLANGWM SCHOOL

The early part of the Summer term at Llangwm School has proved to be very busy indeed. Pupils from years 5 and 6 attended a week long residential course at Pembrokeshire Watersports. An account of their experience, written by Rory Blake from Rosemarket, is included in this copy of 'In Touch'.

The remainder of the term is packed full of school trips and activities including:-

Llangrannog visit 16/17 June

Barbeque 29 June

School Sports 3 July

Parents' Evening 11/12 July

The Friends of Llangwm School are publishing a Joke Book written by our children. It is sure to be a huge success.

Term ends on 20 July and resumes on 4 September.

Over the Summer holidays, several major building operations are planned, including the removal of the two temporary classrooms which will be replaced by three new buildings allowing the younger children easy access to their purpose built playground. Each new room has its own toilets and cloakroom area. Plans to refurbish the main building will be phased over the Autumn term, the overall intention being to restore the hall to facilitate indoor games and P.E.

Mrs. M. Brown Acting Headteacher.

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## Margaret's Bara Brith

2 ozs Butter/Margarine

7 ozs Sugar (white)

4 ozs Sultanas

2 ozs Walnuts

2 ozs Cherries

1 Cup of Water

Place all these ingredients in a large pan and boil together for 3 mins .

Allow to cool before adding the ingredients below.

### Now add:

1 Level teaspoon bicarb

1 Egg

10 ozs Self-Raising flour

Mix well and place in a 2 lb greased loaf tin. Bake for approx 1½ hours at 180°C ( 350°F ), or 160° for Fan assisted ovens.

BURTON BRANCH WOMENS INSTITUTE June 2001.

The Burton Branch of the Womens Institute has had another busy, productive and entertaining year.

We now have 38 members and are proud to be one of the fastest growing Branches in the Pembrokeshire Federation.

At our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday (excepting August) at 7-30p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Houghton, we have had many guest speakers, who have contributed to our full and varied programme.

In January, Our own "Mystic Meg" predicted our fortunes for the forthcoming year, and in February our ~ "Sailor Shirley" took us round the world with memories of her sailing adventures. The March meeting was cancelled because of the Foot and Mouth restrictions and the anticipated visit of the Bellringers had to be postponed to a later date in the year. Many of our members showed their hidden dramatic talents in April, at a play reading of "Six Maids a-mopping" and as a result of this thoroughly enjoyment "exercise" we are hoping to form a dramatic group for all our 'would be Thespians

We have a stimulating and varied programme planned for our future meetings, including a talk from a "Pigeon Fancier" in July, a demonstration from our own talented members on Silk Painting and, Braid Making in September and Swags and Wreaths for Christmas in October. The Annual General Meeting followed by a Social Evening take place in November and the Christmas Dinner (this year at "The Beggars Reach " Hotel Burton) will be in December.

During the past few months we have any enjoyed many "Extra Curricular" Activities amongst which was a Decoupage Day School, a visit to Williamston Ceramics" conducted Historical Walk round Haverfordwest, and a visit to Colby Gardens. We also tried to visit Skomer Island but sadly were unable to go onto the Island because the maximum number of 250 people allowed to land at any one time, had been reached. However, the intrepid sailors did enjoy a boat trip around the islands in spite of the rather choppy seas. Our planned "Extra Curricular" activities will include a visit to the



*Members of WI waiting for boat trip to Skomer*

Botanical Gardens of Wales in Carmarthen, a visit to the Houghton Nurseries followed by a meal at "The Jolly Sailor", Burton, a Craft Trail, which will be open to friends in August, and a Car Treasure hunt in September. We are also hoping to go 10 pin Bowling at the Crystal Maze Oakwood, to a Cookery Day School in Pembroke Dock and a Christmas Craft Day School in November. Many of our members have also undertaken to clean the Baptismal Well in Burton Churchyard on a regular monthly rota. Our major fund raising effort of the year is, of course, the Summer Lunch that will be held this year in the Mission Hall, Hill Mountain in

July. Our greatest achievement this year has been

the wining of the coveted First Place in the County Round W.I. Competition. The theme was 'Nursery Rhymes" and we are justly proud of all our members who contributed their skills to produce the prize winning entry. Many members and local personalities have also contributed to produce a W.I. "Pathways Project" visual and spoken word historical Scrapbook commemorating the C21st A copy of this has been donated to Burton School and the Record Office and is available on loan from Burton W. I. The Craft Club meets once a month in members homes and in the near future we are planning to form a Drama group for our would be Thespians.

We are always delighted to welcome new members so Please Ladies, come and share our Activities and the Fun.

*Sheila V Nutting Press Officer     Burton Branch of the Pembrokeshire Federation of Womens Institute*

## ROSEMARKET VILLAGE HALL SPONSORED GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2001  
Dawn to Dusk Golf Course  
Rosemarket

**Refreshments    Raffle**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pair Tee off 0900hrs**

**Details : Colin Rogers 01646 601902**

## **Burton VC School**



### **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party of an ex-Burton School Teacher.**

A number of children travelled to Pembroke on 14/2/01 to visit Mrs. Agnes James to congratulate her on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. James, nee George, used to teach at Burton School in the 1920's. The children presented a card which they had made and signed by all children and staff and sang 'Happy Birthday'. Mrs. James was delighted and showed the children her telegram and letter from the Queen.

### **Quiz Night.**

The Quiz Night, held on 2/4/01 at Beggars Reach Hotel was a great success. Many thanks to Rector Mike Williams who acted as MC for the evening and kept everyone in order.

### **Numeracy.**

The Mathematics Evening for parents held on 10/4/01 was a great success with many parents attending. The Numeracy Strategy was explained and examples of teaching techniques demonstrated.

### **Surprise 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.**

Our caretaker, Mrs. June Thomas, tried to keep secret her impending 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. But unknown to her all staff and children had been secretly making plans for weeks before the event. ( We also received an anonymous letter informing us that her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday was looming. ) So one sunny morning a few weeks ago we sprung the surprise party on her on the front lawn at school. This was sweet revenge for most of the teachers who suffered a similar fate, thanks to June, on their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Many happy returns June !!!!!

### **Sport.**

William Bowen of class 4, who regularly plays rugby for Pembrokeshire under 11's, has recently represented West Wales under 11's in a rugby match against East Wales (see separate article)

Christopher Bassett of class 3 was a member of the Haverfordwest gymnastic under 11 team who came first in the recent Welsh Championships held in Cardiff. His brother Sam, from class 2, was a member of the third place team.

Many children attend cricket practice after school on Fridays organised by Mrs. Elaine Scale.

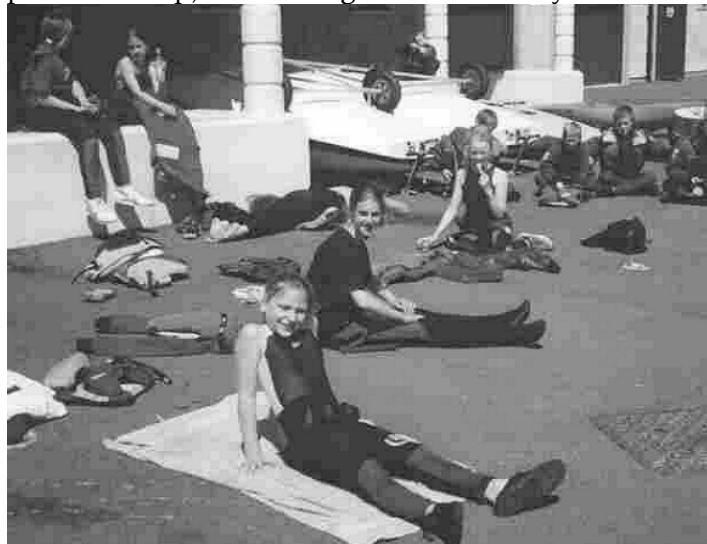
### **Environment.**

Members of Burton Coastcare Group and the National Trust visited school on 23/5/01 to plant willow saplings with the children around the recently erected perimeter fence and new car park. Many thanks to parents who allowed their children to bring watering cans and trowels for the event and to School Governors, local MP Jackie Lawrence, our pastoral adviser Mrs. Pat Carr and a number of parents for attending and giving their support.

Miss Hughes and Class 3, with the assistance of Mrs. June Thomas the school caretaker, sowed numerous seeds last term as part of the spring science topic. Following careful observation and maintenance of the seeds as they germinated and developed many flower borders and containers all around school have been filled with flowers.

### **Pembrokeshire Watersports.**

Year 6, accompanied by Mrs. Hemingway, spent the week before half term at Pembrokeshire Watersports Centre. The children had a wonderful time and took part in numerous activities such as sailing, kayaking, canoeing, horse riding, raft building, problem solving, powerboat trip, orienteering and water safety.



***Burton Watersports Visit***

Events arranged for this term :-

21/06/01 Sports Day starting at 1.30 PM on the school field.

07/07/01 Summer Fayre at Beggars Reach Hotel starting at 11.00 AM.

16/07/01 Parent Interviews.

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24/07/01 School closes for summer holidays.

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# ROSEMARKET CHURCH FETE

Will be Held in the  
**Dovecote Field    Front Street**

On  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2001**  
**at 2.0pm**

**Various Stalls      Games      Raffle      Etc.**

**Everybody Welcome**

## **BURTON CRICKET CLUB NEWS**

So far no games have been rained off so all three teams have been able to play each weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> team has struggled a bit having lost some of their best players through injury have managed to fight their way through the first two rounds of the Harrison-Allen Bowl. The next round is to be played at home on either July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams are having a good season so far with the 2nds winning every game bar one. Burton also hosts a ladies team who are also having a successful season. The club is lucky to have a good number of up and coming youngsters being coached by Elaine Scale and I'm sure the names of Hayman, Jones, Campbell and Scale will be associated with the club for many years to come.

Dates for your diary

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| 26 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Alec Colley Cup (1 <sup>st</sup> round ) at Haverfordwest   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> July | Harrison-Allen Bowl at Oatfield Park. Burton v St, Ishmaels   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                 | Chairman's Match at Oatfield Park   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> August                | Doctors Match at Oatfield Park, in aid of the Paul Sartori Fund and Burton Cricket Club   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August               | Golf Day at Haverfordwest Golf Club. Entry forms from Richard Hayman 01646 600343   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August               | Grand Summer Draw to take place at the Jolly Sailor after the last game of the season. Lots of prizes to be won including £100. 1 <sup>st</sup> prize, Video Recorder 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize. Tickets available from any club/committee member or from Millie Scale. |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.                 | Social night with Rosser and Davies together with a very local talented female duo – certainly not to be missed. Venue to be arranged   |

Anyone interested in joining Burton Cricket Club either as a player or a spectator can do so by contacting Millie Scale on 01646 600343.

**LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT  
'IN TOUCH' 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001**

Can you help with Deliveries ? Troopers Inn area 10 copies, Sardis/Rosemarket Road 10 copies, Rosemarket to Johnston Road 11 copies

**This comes from a Catholic elementary school. Kids were asked 20 questions about the Old and New Testaments. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in.) Enjoy!**

In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating theworld, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.=3DAO Afterwards, Moses wentup on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, "a man doth not live by sweat alone."

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone oft the entrance.The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

St. Paut cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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## **Contributions to 'In Touch'**

The Editor welcomes contributions, either in letter or article form on any subject, particularly if relevant to the local area.

Have you a particular hobby or local interest you would like to share with our readers? Have you a special reason for moving here and decided to stay? Have you stories about what it was like here in the "old days"? Then let us know.

Don't worry about typing out your article. Send your rough notes to Mike Warren at Murray's Mews, Burton Ferry, SA73 1NX who will prepare them for publication.

## **Chicken Power ( Allegedly a true story )**

NASA developed a gun to fire dead chickens at the windscreens of aircraft to simulate accidental bird strikes.

A train engineering company in this country borrowed the gun to carry out similar tests on train windows and were more than surprised to see the chicken smash the window, the console behind it, the driver's seat (thankfully empty!) and embed itself in the cabin wall.

Mystified, they wrote to NASA for advice.

NASA replied in a one-line answer:  
"First thaw the chicken"

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## Llangwm Festival 7<sup>th</sup> JULY

## **STOP PRESS**

Bad news just arriving from Japan: The Japanese financial crisis is showing no sign of letting up.

Origami Bank has folded; Sumo Bank has gone belly-up and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches.

Karaoke Bank has put itself up for sale and is thought to be going for a song. Meanwhile, shares in Kamikaze Bank have nose-dived and 500 back office staff at Karate Bank have got the chop.

Analysts say that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank and staff there fear that they may get a raw deal!

And, as if this is not bad enough, all animal movements in Japan have been banned after the discovery of a nibbled sofa-bed in Tokyo. There are fears that it is an outbreak of the dreaded Futon-Mouse disease!

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## **Garden Escapes**

Leafing through a book of wildflowers you'll sometimes come across the description 'Garden Escape' after some well-known variety which suggests that certain flowers, penned in behind prim box-hedging and enclosed within neat and well-tended beds, have burst their bonds and escaped to the freedom of the countryside where they can range and settle at will, away from the gardener's restraining and cossetting fingers.

Some of these garden escapes, such as the columbine or gladiolus, add grace and colour to our own Pembrokeshire hedgerows; others, such as the purple buddleia, clothe unsightly waste ground and brighten workaday railway sidings. But not all garden escapes are welcome immigrants to our lanes and fields. The newly prosperous Victorians were enthusiastic collectors of exotic plants from overseas, often building impressive conservatories to house them. One of the imported species the Victorian gardeners took pride in was the Japanese knotweed, which, long since having leapt the bounds of walled gardens, has spread like a plague throughout the land and its red mottled hollow stems can be seen pushing up through the hedgebanks and gardens of Burton. And, when visiting the Snowden area, you will see whole hillsides smothered by another Victorian garden escape, the rhododendron, which comes into its spectacular purple splendour in spring. However, once the flowers have faded, you are left with a dull green canopy, under which nothing else will grow. As with the knotweed, this particular variety of rhododendron has pushed out native plants and, up until now, has proved impossible to eradicate. The deep blue columbine, also known as aquilegia or granny's bonnet, that is now blossoming in our hedgerows, although found in many cottage gardens, is a native variety but occasionally the white and pink varieties, true garden escapes, are found in the wild and you can see these two varieties growing alongside the western path by Bosherston lily ponds. I would be very interested to hear from readers (c/o The Editor) who have seen pink or white columbines growing in the wild in other parts of Pembrokeshire

*Wayfarer*

## **Rosemarket Community Council**

### **June Quarter 2001**

As usual the Rosemarket Community Council's regular monthly meetings have taken place at the Village Hall starting at 7.15 pm. We have also held our annual AGM and a public meeting over a planning application in the village. At the Annual General Meeting Mr David Barrah was appointed Chairman of the Council with Councillor Colin Rogers as Vice Chairman. At our June meeting Councillor Mrs June Crook agreed to become the official 'Audit Officer'.

In addition to the normal administration and planning matters the following items have been discussed during the last three meetings:

### **Community property**

The Community Council is responsible for the maintenance of the areas of land it holds in trust for the community. In the last three months it has paid for the Beacon hedges to be trimmed, accepted the quotation from Pembrokeshire County Council for cutting the southern end of the village green ( The Beacon ) and put out to tender for the vegetation at the northern end of the Beacon to be topped and for strimming around the play area etc.

These are annual contracts and any one interested now or in the future please apply for details from the Clerk. Tender dates will also be displayed on the Notice Board.

We continue to rent the "grass playing area" at Westaway Park from Pembrokeshire County Council at the modest rent of £ 15 a year.

### **Rosemarket Community Council Grants:**

£ 1500 to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of the refurbishment and upgrading of the premises. It was estimated that the total costs would be in the region on £4548 (for fire-proof stud work and electrics) plus the cost of paint and external work.

£ 30 a quarter to the community newsletter 'In Touch' towards the print costs

£ 30 to the charity CHILDLINE .

### **Community Projects**

The Council continue to be concerned about the general tidiness and look of the village.

The Council already pay for a village cleaner and we intend organising an anti -litter campaign later on in the year when the undergrowth no longer conceals litter.

In the meantime we would be grateful if residents refrained from putting rubbish bags outside until the day of collection. The restrictions on erecting the new dog fouling signs has now been withdrawn and the new anti dog fouling signs will be put up in the near future. The Council are investigating the cost of buying new dual-purpose bins to help with the disposal of dog mess.

Finally Keri Jones of Haven FM gave a 15 minute talk in May to the Council outlining the station's plans and would appreciate letters of support from individuals and groups. A radio correspondent from Rosemarket may be needed!



# Burton Coastcare and Environmental Group



## Spring Activities

Beach Clean

Fence Painting

Boat 'Launch'

School Planting Bus Shelter Painted

Seats mended



And lots more.....



*Happy Meal in MacDonalds*

clearance of the baptistery and painting the fencing, whilst Dennis Venables and Richard have complemented the work by repainting the village pump and Church gates. Another fun activity was the recent planting of willow saplings at the new car park that serves the school and Jubilee Hall. It involved the National Trust, Jackie Lawrence (MP), Coastcare members, pupils, parents, teachers, governors and even a dog called Trim! We are all eagerly awaiting the 'release' of the video kindly made by Kevin McCauley! The transformation of the picnic site between the Jolly Sailor and Trinity House is now complete and is absolutely blooming gorgeous! Thanks to Leslie Evans for the shrubs and essential technical advice at every stage. His vision has become reality for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike. At a recent informal 'launch', David Davies-Sage thanked Leslie, Angela Max (PCC), Miss Grace Childs, and other supporters of the project for their contributions. The now popular Spring Beach Clean had a couple of interesting new twists this year!

John Mathias and his JCB quickly picked up and piled the collected driftwood onto a huge bonfire, which boosted the results of our 40 strong team. Even so there was a huge amount of man made litter for collection after our efforts. There were prizes for some of the eager conservationists, including Oakwood tickets and an adventure day with TYF. However, to avoid disappointment, **ALL** the children were invited to McDonalds for a complimentary Happy Meal.

Tickets from the group towards drinks and chips at the Jolly Sailor ensured that everyone was a winner.

We have a new Coastcare manager, Susan Evans, Whilst PCC's Community Regeneration Unit (formerly Menter Preseli) has some familiar faces in Alex Allison and Tonia Forsyth (ex-Coastcare). Both organisations assure us of continued support for our activities.

I'm exhausted just reviewing the work we've done since the last newsletter and much of it is the result of real community involvement, with groups and individuals showing their willingness to help improve their neighbourhood! Several of the activities were supported as CSV Action Earth projects, attracting small grants toward material costs, while committing us to making a start by the end of May. This incentive, combined with better weather, has ensured a veritable hive of activity. Milestones and village signs have been cleaned, seats repaired and coated with preservative, the bus shelter at Bowlings Corner has been cleared of ivy and repainted, all by willing individuals but now need to be maintained. A joint

initiative with the WI at Burton resulted in the



*WI at Work*



*The Beach Cleaners*

The thanks this time, as always, are mainly for **YOU**, the members of the community who support in different ways. We always need more helpers of all ages, especially to keep the newly tidied areas neat at Bowlings

and Ferry Hill and to extend the good work, perhaps in the school holidays. There are safe fun jobs for all so even if you only have an hour to spare, please phone Stevie Lewis on 01646 602424. **WELL DONE , KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK STEVIE**

## DAY RETURN TO CARMARTHEN ( Part 2 )

Our journey in the last issue of 'In Touch' started on the 11.10am Milford Haven – Paddington train and we were just leaving Johnston for Haverfordwest where more passengers would join the train, and then we'd be steaming towards Clarbeston Road. Upon leaving this station, one became aware of the fact that we were now leaving that part of Pembrokeshire which is often referred to as 'Little England Beyond Wales', especially if anyone who'd joined the train there entered your compartment. From Clunderwen onwards, the awareness of Welshness became even more pronounced. Even so, if Welsh speaking people did happen to be sharing your compartment, they were usually of a friendly and homely nature, and they too, were more than likely heading for Carmarthen, being that it was market day. The train would soon gather speed after leaving Clunderwen, and it wouldn't be long before one could observe, on the left-hand side, the branch line from Cardigan emerging from the beautiful Taf Vale, about a mile and a half before Whitland. On the approach to Llanboidy level crossing, steam would be shut off and the brake applied ready for the stop at Whitland. An indication of how busy Whitland was then, could be gained from the sight of clouds of steam rising into the atmosphere from the creamery, and the numerous locomotives at the engine shed. Whitland's carriage sidings could be seen to the right once the train had passed under Black Bridge. Also on the right, a little further along, was the point where the branch line from Pembroke Dock joined the mainline, at the western end of the platforms. This junction came under the control of Whitland West signal box. As our train came alongside the Up platform, the train from Pembroke Dock, with a GWR Prairie tank engine at it's head, could be seen berthed at the Up Bay platform. Already coupled to the rear of these coaches was the station pilot loco- motive (another Prairie tank), which would then draw these four or five coaches back out onto the mainline, and then buffer them up to the rear of the Milford Haven portion. This exercise took almost ten minutes. Our locomotive now had a heavier load to take onward. A minute before departure time, the signalman in Whitland East signal box would operate the wheel controlling the level crossing gates at the east end of the station, closing them to road traffic. He'd then lower his signals for our train to depart. Satisfied that all was in order, the guard would blow his whistle and wave his green flag, while the fireman, looking back along the train, would give the right away to the driver. With a loud bark of exhaust from her chimney, the engine would get the train on the move. There'd be road traffic either side of the crossing gates waiting to cross the line, as our train rolled out of the station. The exhaust beat from the engine grew stronger, and echoed, as we passed the large United Dairies creamery to our left. There were two sidings here from where milk was despatched by rail. Milk tank wagons could be seen berthed in these sidings, at the entrance to which, a Pannier tank engine stood simmering in the sunshine, having been shunting tank wagons at the creamery, and now awaiting access to the mainline before taking up duty elsewhere in Whitland. We were now in Carmarthenshire, and were going at a fair pace by the time our train steamed through the 189 yard long Whitland tunnel. There was a view of beautiful countryside from the carriage window, where herds of dairy cows could be seen grazing. The train would now run non-stop to Carmarthen. The first intermediate station, St. Clears, went by in a flash, as did the little used, Sarnau station a few miles further on. Both these stations had a goods yard, and St. Clears station would have been quite busy with various commodities of goods traffic at that time. Meanwhile, our train was now covering the last few miles on the approach to Carmarthen. The gradient was downhill, but still a trail of exhaust billowed back over the coaches from the engine. The main road from Pembrokeshire to Carmarthen was to our left, and we had little difficulty out-pacing the traffic on that. The brake was gradually applied as we neared Llanstephan Crossing, and speed continued to decrease as we passed alongside the Johnstown creamery on our right. A different sound coming from beneath the train revealed that we were crossing the bascule bridge over the river Towy. At the end of this bridge there is the junction, where, the line to Carmarthen Station diverges to the left, and the avoiding line for Swansea curves gently to the right. For a young railway enthusiast, there was much to take in as the train gently approached the platforms at Carmarthen. The carriage sidings, coaling stage, and the large brick built engine shed, were all situated on the right. A number of engines ready for duty could always be seen around the engine shed. Mostly, these engines would be of GWR origin, but the odd example of a British Railways Standard design might also appear on occasions. As the train came to a stand at the platform, the train announcer's voice over the public address system could be heard. He would be informing travellers where our train had come from, and also inform them of where else it would be calling on it's way to London. He'd also tell of where connections could be made to other destinations. Once on the platform, I'd go to admire the engine which had brought our train to Carmarthen. Usually, I'd find she was being uncoupled, after which, she'd move ahead out of the way, so that the station pilot loco could come onto the train to remove the fish van which we'd conveyed from Milford. At the opposite end, the engine, which would take the train for the next leg of the journey, to Swansea, would be coupled on, and once station work had been completed she'd be away. It was time now to think about having a meal, but before leaving the station, I'd go and browse at the Wyman's bookstall near the exit. Along with the newspapers there was always an assortment of books, magazines, Corgi

toys, etc. and I'd usually have something from there to take home later in the day. Leaving the station, Grandpa and I would make our way across the bridge towards the town. We'd enter the narrow Bridge Street, walk on up the hill, and emerge in Nott Square. (Bridge Street was later demolished to make way for the main road, now known as Coracle Way.) Usually, we'd have a meal somewhere in King Street before starting our tour of the town. Suitably refreshed, we'd begin by viewing the numerous shops in King Street, one of which sold model railway equipment. I rarely went to Carmarthen without buying something from there. Retracing our steps back to Nott Square, we'd then head down the hill towards the big-name stores, such as Woolworth's, and Littlewoods. The place, which I found the most fascinating of all, was, the Market. Here was a place steeped in character, with a considerable variety of stalls, and one could pass away a pleasant time there just browsing, but invariably find something to buy before leaving. Across the road from the Market was the livestock mart, which was always busy on Wednesdays. Grandpa liked to visit there, where we'd usually find some local Pembrokeshire farmers to talk to. After a while we'd return to the town, look around a few more shops, and then head back to the station by about 4.30.pm. This allowed us time to have tea in the refreshment room, and where I could watch the constant activity of the trains outside. I'd make my visit to the bookstall after tea, and then turn my concentration to all the railway activity going on around me. There was a steady succession of passenger trains, milk tank wagons from the dairies at Newcastle Emlyn and Felinfach, plus shunting and marshalling of rolling stock. Because it was a Wednesday, it wasn't unusual at the end of the afternoon, to see young calves which had been bought in the mart, being loaded into passenger/parcels brake vans in the bay platform adjoining platform two. For the railway enthusiast there was much to observe, and no time to become bored. Grandpa and I would be travelling home on the 11.55.am. Paddington - Milford Haven express, which would depart from Carmarthen at 5.20.pm. As this train approached the platform, the train announcer would begin thus:

"CARMARTHEN"....."CARMARTHEN"....."CARMARTHEN"... "CARMARTHEN".

"The train now arriving at platform two, is the 5.20.pm. to Milford Haven, and Pembroke Dock. The five coaches nearer the footbridge are for Milford, and the first three coaches are for Pembroke Dock. The Pembroke Dock portion will call at St. Clears, Whitland, Narberth, Templeton, Kilgetty, Saundersfoot, Tenby, Penally, Manorbier, Lamphey, Pembroke, and Pembroke Dock. The Milford Haven portion will call at St. Clears, Whitland, Clunderwen, Clarbeston Road, Haverfordwest, Johnston, and Milford Haven. Change at Whitland for Cardigan. Change at Clarbeston Road for Fishguard Harbour. Change at Johnston for Neyland". This message would be repeated during the ten minute stop, while a Neyland engine was attached to take the train forward. More than likely the engine used for this part of the journey would be Neyland's 1027, "COUNTY of STAFFORD", featured in my story entitled, "FOOTPLATE EXPERIENCE of 1962 (No. 1)".

At 5.20.pm. we'd be away. This train was a popular one for people returning home after a day's shopping in either Swansea, or Carmarthen. Sometimes it would be impossible to find a seat until after leaving Whitland. Not that I cared too much because, I'd be reflecting on the very satisfying day I had just had in Carmarthen, and savouring the sound of the exhaust from our "County", as she stormed up the bank past Johnstown for home. Sweeping through Sarnau, and rounding the curve through Banc-y-felin cutting, we soon arrived at our first stop, St. Clears. Another headlong dash then followed, to Whitland. Here there'd be a ten minute stop for the train to be divided. Our "COUNTY of STAFFORD" would be uncoupled and then draw forward, to allow a Prairie tank engine to couple onto the first three coaches, departing with them for Pembroke Dock at 5.45.pm.

At the bay platform was the single coach train for Cardigan with a small Pannier tank engine at the head. This train would begin its leisurely 27.5 mile journey at 6.00.pm. taking no less than 105 minutes. Meanwhile, following departure of the Pembroke Dock portion, our "County" would be re-coupled to the remaining five coaches, and continue the journey to Milford at 5.50.pm. From here on there'd be more people leaving the train at each station, than joining. After the Clunderwen stop, we were soon hurtling down Gelli bank and on to Clarbeston Road. The branch train for Fishguard stood at the bay platform waiting to convey any passengers from our train who might be wanting to reach North Pembrokeshire. On the move once more, we headed for Haverfordwest. We were soon thundering down past Newbridge, and Crundale Crossing. As we neared Shoal's Hook cutting the brake went on, and soon we were entering Haverfordwest. A good number of passengers left the train here, but still there were some who'd be staying aboard until journey's end at Milford. Gently, we pulled out of Haverfordwest, across the bridge over the Western Cleddau, and then the regulator was opened for the climb past Merlin's Bridge. We were up to speed by the time we went under Bethany Bridge, and continued in this manner until past Bolton Hill. Suddenly, despite the sunshine, there appeared to be rain falling on the carriage window. It turned out to be the fireman, who was watering down the coal in the tender, so that there would be no gritty particles or dust coming into the cab, when the engine would be travelling tender-first out of Milford an hour or so later. As we steamed under Coalpit Park Bridge, Johnston station came into view, and steam was then shut off. Momentum would bring us the remaining distance into the station. A few more

passengers, including Grandpa and I, disembarked here. Some would wait for the branch connection to Neyland which would depart at 7.05.pm. Using the footbridge, Grandpa and I crossed to the Up platform. At the exit was one of the station porters collecting tickets from passengers whose journey had ended at Johnston. I couldn't leave though, before seeing 1027 setting off for Milford at 6.50.pm. followed by the branch passenger train crossing over to the Down platform in readiness for the run to Neyland. Finally, there was the arrival of the 6.50.pm. Neyland - Paddington Royal Mail, by this time already on it's way. This train would have been starting from Neyland at the same time as 1027 would have been leaving Johnston for Milford. Only after witnessing all this activity would we set out on the half-mile walk back to North Hayston Farm. Once back in the house, Grandpa would set about lighting the fire and preparing supper. Whereas, as soon as I'd changed my clothes, I went out into the field to see 1027 "COUNTY of STAFFORD" returning, tender-first, from Milford, bound for Clarbeston Road. It seemed a fitting end to a wonderful day to watch this fine locomotive pass by, with her shining brass and copper work gleaming in the evening sun. I hope readers will have enjoyed this story, and some perhaps might have felt while reading, that they were actually on the journey with me. In conclusion, I have to say that I was fortunate to have had a grandfather who took such a delight in sharing my love of railways with me, during my young life and I can now share these with you. .

From the Author's series of personal Railway Recollections. Upper Crossing Cottage, Rosemarket.

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**CHARITY CRICKET MATCH**  
**Pembrokeshire Doctors Versus Burton**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2001 2pm - 6pm**  
**In Aid Of**  
**Paul Satori Foundation**  
**& Local Youth Cricket Coaching**  
**A FUN EVENT - FREE ENTRY - FREE CAR PARK**

**Venue: Oatfield Park**

**Kiddies Pony**

**Rides**

**Hill Mountain**

**Raffle**

**Please Come and Give Your Support**

**Rosemarket Church Gift Day**

Gift day on June 17<sup>th</sup> proved to be very successful. A total of £419.51p was raised. The evening concert was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The Fishguard Choir, Côr Abergwaun, delighted everyone with their varied programme of music and verse. The Churchwardens Marilyn Young and David Barrah wish to thank everyone who donated food and helped in any way to make the day such a success.



Pictured above are members of Sardis Baptist Chapel Sunday School dressed for their Easter Bonnet Parade. Recently, they have taken part in a 'Sponsored Wheels' event in which they raised the magnificent sum of £140.70p. WELL DONE.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Llangwm School Sports
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Harrison-Allen Bowl at Oatfield Park
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Burton School Summer Fayre at Beggars Reach 11am
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Hook School Summer Fete 11am
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Induction day for year 6 at Tasker Milward School
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	WI 'Last night of the Proms' Sir Thomas Picton 7.30pm
<b>16/17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parent Interviews at Burton School
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Llangwm School closes for summer holidays
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Variety Concert with Thelma I'm not well Moore In aid of 'Crossroads' Queens Function Centre
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Williamston Nursing Home Garden Fete 2.0 pm
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Chairman's match at Oatfield Park
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Burton School closes for summer holidays
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Family Service Rosemarket Church 10.30am. ( Wheelchair Access )
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Rosemarket Church Summer Fete 2.0pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Sponsored Golf Dawn to Dusk Rosemarket Start 9.0am

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Sardis Chapel Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.30
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Songs of Praise Sardis Chapel 8pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Charity Cricket Match Oatfield Park 2.0 – 6.0pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Cricket Club Golf Day at Haverfordwest Golf Club
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Cricket Club Grand Summer Draw at Jolly Sailor
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Festival Sardis Church 6pm
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Last date , entries for 'In Touch'
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Festival Rosemarket Church
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest festival Burton Church
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Festival Williamston Nursing Home
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Social Night with Rosser and Davies

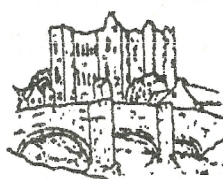
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**Burton**

**9am Holy Eucharist**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month**  
**8am)**

**2pm Sunday School**

**Mission Hall**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month**  
**11am**  
**Holy Eucharist**

# BINGO

**Rosemarket Village Hall**

**Every Thursday**

**Eyes down**  
**7.30pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

All book money given in prizes  
Entrance fees Village Hall Fund

**Singsong,**  
**Conversation**  
**Friendship etc.**

**In**  
**Sardis Chapel**  
**Last Thursday**  
**of the**  
**Month**  
**2.00pm**

***ALL WELCOME***

**St. Ismael's Church**  
**Rosemarket**

**10.30am Holy Eucharist**  
  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Month**  
**9.30am)**

**4.30pm**  
**Tuesday School**

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**BURTON** :- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall

**ROSEMARKET** :- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7.15pm in Village Hall

All members of the community are welcome to attend

**Jubilee Hall Houghton**

Every Monday 7.30pm Scottish  
Dancing

Every Tuesday 7.30pm Whist  
Burton Wednesday Club

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm

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**Chapel**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**Every month 3pm**

**Hill Mountain**  
**Methodist Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**Every Month 3pm**

**Rosemarket**

Wednesday Club are looking for  
new members. Phone Barbara on  
01646 601194

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