

The Third issue of
This
'Our Community'
Newsletter
Has been well
received and the
response from
many of you, with
information for
inclusion in this our
fourth edition, has
been very
encouraging.
THANK YOU

Your ideas are still
needed..

Help with putting it
together is still
needed...

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BURTON COMMUNITY
COUNCIL &
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for helping to sponsor this copy of the
BURTON & ROSEMARKET 'IN TOUCH'.

Tasker Milward & Sir Thomas Picton look to Burton & Rosemarket for leadership.

Another new and exciting railway adventure

Roy Noble ' BBC WALES' pleads for a 'Duck Pyschologist'

More news from 'Parrot Country'

Want a Job:- Rosemarket Community Council need a clerk

Dates for your diary – See inside back page

Wayfarer on patrol

Packed Pages with something For Everyone
And MORE

Contact David Wildman if you can help on :- Tel 01437 891705

1ST JOHNSTON SCOUT GROUP

Scouts – ‘helping young people get the most out of life’

We are one of eighteen Groups in the Pembrokeshire Area. A Group can consist of these four Sections, a Beaver Colony which takes ages 6 – 8, a Cub Pack ages 8 – 10 ½, a Scout Troop ages 10 ½ - 15 ½ and a Venture Unit ages 15 ½ - 20. At the moment our Group consists of a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Venture Unit. The Group is supported by an Executive Committee, made up of parents or any persons interested in helping!

Our Group was started some years ago with a Cub Pack only. Then in 1977 with new Leadership, it was reformed, having a Cub and Scout Section. Over the years Leaders have ‘done their bit’ and moved on but Akela, (Cub Leader) Ron Weatherall and Skip, (Scout Leader) Harry Dixon, with 35 years between them, are still with us. How do they do it? Some say they must be mad; as Skip’s wife I think this a shrewd observation!

You may have noticed Scouts out and about in their uniform, which has changed somewhat since Baddon Powell’s time. We hear recently on the news that it is about to change again, quite drastically it would seem, to give Scouting ‘street credibility’. All Groups nation-wide wear the same uniform, to tell the different Groups apart the neckerchiefs are different colours. 1st Johnston’s original neckerchief was scarlet but as another Group in the area had the same colour it was decided that Johnston change. But what colour should we choose? Our District Commissioner at the time was Mr Chris Odling from Wiston, who when younger had worked for some time in Borneo. He suggested we take on the colours of his old Troop in Borneo, that of blue and yellow, which we did!

Many of the Cubs, Scouts and Ventures in our Group come from the area surrounding Johnston. Some of these like Beth and Patrick Alderman live in Port Lion, Evan and Howel Jones live in Sardis, as does Rhodri Jones and Darren Andrews, while Daniel Pearn lives in Hill Mountain.

Cubs and Scouts work by the Badge and Award System. Recently one of the Cub Pack, Howel Jones, hit the local headlines, by attaining all of the Badges in the Badge Book. What an arm full! The ultimate Award, which can be achieved in the Venture Scout Section, is the Queen Scout Award, this was awarded to one of 1st Johnston Ventures, Anne Dixon, in April this year. A first for Johnston!

As Scouts work their way up through the different Sections, learning Scouting Skills, they become more reliant upon themselves and each other, which of course is the aim, although the adult Leadership is always there to support and encourage. Scouts enjoy a very wide range of activities from chess competitions to abseiling, from First Aid to Camping – you name it and the Scouting Movement will help you do it!

Johnston Cubs, Scouts and Ventures meet on a weekly basis at St Peter’s Church Hall, Johnston and welcome new members. We are always on the look out for new Leaders/helpers between the ages of 18 – 65! How about you, could you help? Have you got what it takes?

If so give me a ring, Pat Dixon, on 01437 890011.

SALAD DRESSING (wonderful hot or cold!)

Ingredients:

1	egg
½ oz	butter or margarine
2 tbl sp	vinegar
2 tbl sp	milk
1 dessert sp	sugar
½ tea sp	dried mustard
	pepper & salt

Method:

Put fat, vinegar, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper into a basin or jug and stand in a pan of boiling water, (or use double boiler).

Whisk egg and milk and add slowly to other ingredients, stirring all the time until mixture thickens.

If too thick, thin with more milk or vinegar.

BURTON & ROSEMARKET TEENAGERS **SET EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW**

Last quarter I reported that the last two 'Head Girls' at Taskers came from Burton. Therefore it seemed only fair to see what Rosemarket, half the size of Burton (population wise), can do! It came up trumps also:

John Fulker of Big House Front Street Rosemarket is Head Boy of Sir Thomas Picton School. John at 17 1/2 years is a keen rugby player and all round sportsman. He works part-time as a life guard at 'The Meads' and also helps on a voluntary basis with the Banardo's Play Scheme.

WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK

Kim Rawsthorne - Philippa Bowen
John Fulker.

PEMBROKESHIRE HOSPICE AT HOME

There is a charity in Pembrokeshire which has been growing from strength to strength for almost twenty years. It is the **Paul Sartori Foundation** and it was set up by a committed group of volunteers to provide a Hospice in Pembrokeshire.

The service is staffed by professional nurses and carers who provide hands on help to carers and patients in their own homes during a period when they are living with an illness which has been diagnosed as terminal. The charity can also offer physiotherapy, offering help to patients with lymphoedema and loan specialised equipment such as beds, commodes and shower/bath aids and much more.

The aim of the Foundation is to Provide care for patients with a terminal illness whether they have a religion or not, and to make the last days of life as dignified as humanly possible.

We are a community based hospice and to date have chosen to focus our operation not on a physical building but rather on providing a service to people in their own homes. We serve all the scattered towns and villages within Pembrokeshire and we have been built up through dedicated voluntary efforts of many people in the community. We have touched many people's lives in Pembrokeshire. There are active fundraisers who work hard to find the finance which the Hospice needs for its work.

We will be having a **concert on Saturday, 14 October in St. Mary's Church, Fishguard** which is part of the national Voices for Hospices network. Two choirs will be joining each other, the **Griffin Choir** and the **West Barnes Singers**, to put on a performance of **Handel's "Messiah"**. We hope for much support from all over the county.

Please help us to help you or your loved ones by supporting your local Hospice.

**Phone Lorna Johns, at Paul Sartori Foundation, 31 Haven Road, Haverfordwest.
01437 763223**

BURTON YOUTH CLUB

September 8th was the opening night for a new season of events for the Youth Club. After doubtful weather in the day, the evening was fine enough for a barbecue and games evening which was a great success. 28 young people came and the club is on course for a great new season. A programme of events is being formed using the members ideas. We hope to print a programme soon.

It has been decided to charge a yearly membership fee of £3 per member to meet the major costs of insurance and to pay for specialised help during the year. The £1 subscription for each weekly attendance still applies, and this covers our leader and hall expenses. The tuck shop is proving popular and our thanks go to Skelfayre for their help with this.

The parents plan to meet at the Stable inn at 8 p.m. on 16th October to discuss the club's issues and events. All parents are welcome to attend. Help on a rota basis Friday evenings is urgently needed.

The club meets at the Mission Hall, off New Wells Road, adjacent to Bowlings Corner on Friday evenings during term time, between 7 and 9 p.m.

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ALL WEATHER AUTUMN FAYRE

Bric a brac Book Bottle
Cake Raffle Silk Flowers Veg
50/50 Friendship & Conversation

ALL UNDERCOVER

Venue:- Afon Fach Silverstream Freystrop 21st October @ 2.0pm
Tickets :- £1.00 free refreshments and lucky draw

Proceeds in Aid of Burton Conservative Association

Burton VC School

Sport.

The Annual Swimming Gala, held at the Meads Swimming Pool on 12/6/00, was well attended by parents. Mrs. Elaine Scale presented the winning shield to Benton.

Sports Day was eventually held on 6/7/00. Mr. and Mrs. D. Wildman were Guests of Honour and presented the trophies. The winning house was Benton.

The District Sports was held at Sir Thomas Picton School on 13/7/00. Although the school sent only a small team it was the most successful season ever. Four children won their event :- Holly Mitchell (lower junior high jump), Finola Scale (rounders ball), William Bowen (upper juniors long jump), Alex Rowell (long distance), while Robert Jones came third in throwing the cricket ball. Well done to these children and the rest of the team.

Summer Fayre. (8/7/00)

This was held at Beggars Reach Hotel this year. Our warm thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Smallman for their hospitality, to Mead Lodge Farm for providing a field for parking, to everyone who provided items and helped with transport and to those who attended making this a huge success.

Educational Visits.

Classes 2 and 4 visited St. David's Cathedral , Class 3 visited Carew Castle, Classes 1 and 2 visited Folly Farm and Year 6 visited Pembrokeshire Watersports.

Competition Winner.

Congratulations to Ceri Hayden, a pupil of our school, for winning a nation-wide competition about children not eating vegetables, " Veggie Refusniks". Ceri travelled on an all expenses paid weekend trip to London to meet the organisers, visit the sights and receive a goody bag full of numerous prizes.

Millennium Plaque.

The whole school attended the commemorative service on Houghton Green on 20/7/00. The children sang a number of hymns and joined prayers with community representatives.

Year 6 Leavers.

On the last day of term, Cllr. D. Wildman, Chair of Governors, presented Year 6 leavers with dictionaries provided by FOBS.

School Refurbishment.

During the summer holidays work began on damp-proofing the School House. It is hoped the work will be completed early in October.

Some Events for Autumn Term 2000.

9/10/00 -- Annual Governors and Parents Meeting at school at 7.00 PM.

16/10/00 -- Governors termly meeting at school at 4.00 PM.

Contact : Mr. R. Rowell. Head teacher .
Tel. 01646-600364

From Parrot country in Lower Bastleford Rosemarket our Diana Taylor says!

HOW NICE TO SEE YOU (again)!!!!

How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful county, that's what our seemingly endless stream of visitors say. Needless to say we agree, but we had rather hoped to keep it a secret. However, word has spread throughout our friends and family who now visit us in their droves. And of course once they are here they are loathe to go home. Some couples can be seen gazing longingly in estate agents windows, gathering armfuls of literature to drool over.

It does not matter what time of year it is we never seem to be free of visitors for more than 4 weeks at a time, despite some mishaps they still come back!

Take the time when Terry, poor chap, was putting his wellies on, only to find something inside. When he upended the boot a dead mouse fell out. He was aghast with horror, but all I could do was fall about laughing (I'm sure they get mice in Milton Keynes!)

I have to keep a watchful eye on the dishes of fruit and vegetables prepared fresh each morning for my parrots. Several times visitors have eyed them up thinking they were for their breakfast. Not to mention the jug of liquid vitamins, which looks just like lemonade. Sooner or later someone will pour themselves a drink from it and I will just keep quiet and await the consequences. If they begin saying "Who's A Pretty Boy" I will know who drank it!

Occasionally Alan and I sleep on the sofa bed in the dining room, which is fast becoming the 'bird room'. We cannot subject the visitors to sleeping in with the parrots. But Gussie the Senegal was delighted to see that Alan was sleeping fairly close to her cage and kept peering at him saying "Hallo Gussie Taylor", accompanied by the Moustache Parakeets, Squeaky, Pip and their chicks Bristle and Whisker, saying "Hallo bird". It is hard not to get a fit of the giggles when they begin their repertoire. Most of our friends and family think we are quite mad keeping so many birds, and the time it takes to care for them properly. But how do you explain to them they are really part of the family, each with their own personalities. Our parrot keeping friends understand, but are too busy with their own birds to visit, so we keep in touch by parrot post.

Many of our visitors are awoken in the early hours by Dennis the cockerel crowing, and those wise to this now sleep with the windows closed. Some are taken aback by Pat the chicken who just loves to come indoors, and the fact that our 'girls' are allowed to roam freely around the garden, which means being careful where you tread! We recently lost Blackie the Black Rock to the Fox, and Mrs B died of an injured wing (we think Fox again was to blame). The girls do get shut in at night, but these mishaps happened during daytime. We now have some new additions to our family of hens - Ginger, Babs and Rocky. Guess where their names came from!

Cannot write anymore for nowvisitors arriving soon!

SNIPPETS

The 50-50 rule.
Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.
A tax is a fine for doing well.

Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.

Laughing stock - cattle with a sense of humour

IT'S TRUE

The Wildman's of Puddleduck Bridge Silverstream had a problem, Their 'ducks' wouldn't swim on their pond, they would only swim in a plastic tub.

SO, Peggie Warren (Burton ferry) wrote to Roy Noble to see if any of his listeners were 'duck psychologists' and could help. They got a mention but no help.

Mel Griffiths of Houghton got to hear about it also and he popped along to help. *HENCE:*

CELEBRITY DUCKS

I called one day at ' Afon Fach'
And talked to Margaret , we had a laugh
She told me things were looking grim
Her ducks were lovely , but they couldn't swim .

They just keep puddling all day long
Just on the edge of the water
But will not swim upon the water
Just like good ducks ought-ta .

She asked me what could she do
To make the darlings swim
I said " why don't you throw them in "
She said " she had , but they came back out again " .

Maybe your ducks are not so dull
But acting very clever
Living up to the old name
No matter what the weather .

I think you'll have to change the name
And call it " Swimming Duck "
It seems the ducks just follow names
That's why they're " Puddle Ducks " .

A few more days when the ducks found the way
They swam on the pond we are delighted to say
Then Margaret and David as firm as a rock
Decided t'was time to add to the flock .

They hunted around at Begelly they found
And bought more ducks to complete the round
One overhead they were still very keen
Which brought the total to the odd thirteen .

The story continues as I know so far
Was told by David at the Stable Bar
It started so good but ended so bad
I'm sorry to say it ends rather sad .

After days in the pen Sunday morning was planned
To turn them all out for a tour of the land
They all waited patiently the Ducks and the Drakes
While David was eating his bowl of corn flakes .

But alas there was trouble about to take place
When Raynard came in to show his face
He entered the pen and killed all but two
Before David frightened him off with a shout -Tally Ho .

But to end the story , more ducks were bought
The house and the run strengthened up like a fort
A big disappointment , but determined to win
I'm sure Mr Raynard will pay for his sin .

P.S. Who said hunting was cruel ?

MEL GRIFFITHS.

New role for Tabernacle Chapel Rosemarket

In July the United Reformed church completed the sale of the Tabernacle Chapel in Rosemarket. The sale excludes most of the graveyard, but does include the graveyard extension. There is planning permission for the conversion of the Chapel to a dwelling place, conditional on a number of provisos. These include: The maintenance of obscured glass overlooking the graveyard, the creation of a new entrance away from the graveyard and the creation of off road parking in the graveyard extension.

The property has been bought by Dr Steve Jones and his family from Bath. Dr Jones, who is a consultant paediatrician, and a native of Wales, intends, planning permission permitting, to develop it as a Christian retreat where Christian families or groups can come for quiet reflection, or just a holiday. He also hopes that the building may be of use to the local community, either as an alternative venue or to augment the village hall.

The Tabernacle, from which the chapel gets its name, literally means 'The House of Meeting'. It was a kind of tent structure designed by God, where the Ark of the covenant was kept, and where people came to meet with Him. Obviously over the years the chapel has fulfilled this role. It is also humbling to think of the commitment of local people who paid for the chapel to be built between 1832 and 1882. I suspect that by today's prices it must have cost the equivalent of £250-500,000 to build.

WILLIAMSTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last Wednesday the Rev. Michael Williams held a very light and hearty service in the large lounge at the nursing home. The service was thoroughly enjoyed by both visitors, from the parishes of Burton and Rosemarket, and the residents. The nurses also joined in and thanks go to the Matron and her staff for their hospitality and to Margaret Reynolds for playing the organ once again.

Thanks to all for coming

LATEST DATE FOR ENTRY IN NEXT EDITION
10th DECEMBER

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Some Events of 1950

Information disclosed at the annual NFU meeting ; In 1949 Pembrokeshire sold through the Milk Marketing Board 21,100,000 gallons of milk at a value of £2,570,000. **How much is that today?**

June 6th was hottest day of the year with 84 degrees being recorded in Haverforwest.

In September 90 mile per hour gales swept the County.

There was a man from 'Langum' called "Gorgeous gussie" who participated in the annual carnival. Do you know him?

Many people claimed they saw a 'Flying saucer' on Nov 6th 1950.

November 9th 1950 across the water arson was suspected at Pembroke Dock after £1000,000 blaze at engineering factory.

Grain was cut in Pembrokeshire up to the last week in November. The latest date within living memory.

How did you do that year? In 1950 summer rain ruined crops. 40% of the Hay crop & 12,000 tons of grain were ruined and to top it all snow fell on 3rd December .

VARIETY CONCERT

A FUN EVENING for ALL
Mystery Artiste from Wiltshire
(never seen here before)
and some old favourites

Venue; Mission Hall Bowlings Corner
3rd November at 7.30pm

Proceeds to Rosemarket, Sardis
& Hill Mountain Churches

**Ticket
£5.00**

Raffle

URGENTLY REQUIRED CLERK TO ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This is a part-time position and remuneration will be paid on a pro-rata basis.

For further details or to apply contact:

The Chairman Mrs June Crook 'Innisfree' West Street Rosemarket 01646 601048

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**OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS OF
THE COMMUNITY WERE
THERE REPRESENTING US
(PEMBROKESHIRE)**

**THEIR LOGO
'GET YOUR BROLLY OUT'**

**Back Row L-R; Victoria Jones, Rhian Hayden, Rebecca Jones, Sian Hayden, Ceri Hayden, Stephi Campbell
Front Row L-R; Mathew Fulton, Richard Jones, Lauren Thomas**

YOU NEEDED TO KNOW THIS

In 1947 a FREE DEAF AID Service was on offer at 'THE EMPIRE' Milford Haven and the cheapest seat was 10d.

Rosemarket News.

A very successful garden fete in aid of Rosemarket Church Renovation Fund was held in the beautiful setting of Afon Fach, Freystrop by kind permission of David and Margaret Wildman. A total of £2,500 was raised.

The raffle prize winners were:-

£100.	Stella (Crossroads)
£50. Safeway Voucher	R. Fuller.

£25. Safeway Voucher	Glyn Thomas.
Family Ticket to Oakwood	Mrs. G. Jones.
Meal at Beggars Reach	Mr. Luke.
Petrol Voucher (Gareth Hughes)	Mr. Luke.
Fresh Chicken (Freddie Hughes)	Lisa Morgan.
Golf for Two (Dawn to Dusk)	Phillips.
Golf for Two (Mayfield)	Gareth Howes.
£5. Voucher(C J'S Hair Salon)	Richards.
Meal for Two	
(Ferry Inn Llanstadwell)	George.

Thanks to everyone who helped to man stalls and to all who attended and especially to the Wildman's who helped to make this a very special occasion.

From:- Marilyn Young
Upper Bastleford Rosemarket

Before commencing my second story for our 'In Touch' newsletter, I would like to thank all those readers who have expressed their appreciation upon reading my first story of personal railway recollections and experiences. Some of you have made favorable comments to me personally, while further similar remarks have been relayed to me via County Councillor David Wildman and his wife Margaret. I have been particularly moved to discover that, not only was my writing of interest to those living in the area and who could recall the era I was writing about but also to some of you who have come to live in the community in recent years and found what I wrote, to be appealing, and of interest. I have found your support inspiring and encouraging. Therefore, it is with added enthusiasm that I continue to write and share my recollections with you.

My story this time is also from the steam era. Again, Billy Harrison was the engine driver, but on this occasion my footplate ride was aboard a locomotive hauling a goods train serving Milford Haven and the Esso oil refinery at Herbrandston. Just fifteen days previously I had had my first footplate experience, the memory of which was still fresh in my mind. However, what I was about to encounter would turn out to be no less exciting and equally memorable.

As before, I had a meeting with Billy in the Forester's Arms pub in Neyland so that we could make plans for this outing. The main attraction for me was the opportunity to ride on the engine into the Esso refinery. Aunty Violet had once again kindly allowed us the privacy of her living room for our meeting and Billy began to reveal what he had in mind for me.

Billy explained that on this occasion, he would be able to stop the train near my Grandpa's home at North Hayston. All I would have to do was be near the trackside when he came along. The day's roster for Billy began at Neyland at 7.30.am. when he would depart with a light engine (usually a Class 42xx 2-8-0 tank) for Milford Haven. There, the locomotive would be attached to a goods train and depart at 8.30.am. for Carmarthen and beyond. Meanwhile, another goods train (including Esso tank wagons) would be leaving Carmarthen, bound for Milford. If both these trains were able to run in their allotted paths, they would meet at some point between Carmarthen and Milford - perhaps at Whitland or Haverfordwest. Upon meeting, the engine crews and guards would exchange trains and proceed back along the route they had just traversed. On a good day, the man working the 8.30.am. goods from Milford might only get as far as Haverfordwest before meeting their opposite working. On other days, they might have to go all the way to Carmarthen before returning homeward. This would then mean arriving at Milford by early to mid afternoon instead of late morning. This is exactly what happened on the day I was to join Billy for my trip to the Esso refinery.

I awoke full of excitement on that Friday morning, hardly able to eat the cooked breakfast which Grandpa had prepared for me. Outside, the weather was dry but cloudy, with only very occasional sunlight. At 7.30.am. Grandpa was packing provisions for me to take on my adventure, while I stood outside watching and listening for the approach of the light engine which would take the 8.30.am. goods from Milford. It was almost 7.40.am. when I caught sight of the billowing clouds of exhaust from the engine as she approached Johnston from Neyland. A few minutes later she would be passing the farm. I ran down to the lineside fence to wait. Soon, I heard the familiar noise of squealing wheel flanges as the engine rounded the curve onto the Milford branch line near Johnston Hall. Her regulator was opened slightly as she progressed towards the bridge which carried the Johnston to Rosemarket road over the railway. The whistle was sounded as she neared the bridge, one long blast followed by a short one. This was Billy's way of letting me know that he was the driver, and that I could prepare myself for an eventful day. Billy repeated this whistle code again and again as the engine steamed on with increasing momentum. As expected, it was a Class 42xx 2-8-0 tank locomotive, travelling backwards, or, bunker first, as engine man would say. As the engine came nearer, I could see Billy leaning from the fireman's side of the cab, waving. I waved back and watched the engine disappear under the Hayston road bridge.

Returning to the house, I found Grandpa had packed my flask and sandwiches, etc. anxious to see that I was well prepared for the day ahead. Just after 8.30.am. we both went outside and waited for Billy to return with the goods train. At 8.35.am. we could hear the train coming through the trees at Harmeston. Soon, that familiar whistle was sounding again. With about thirty wagons behind her, the engine was slogging hard up the gradient. Billy motioned to me to get ready because in less than an hour, I could be on the footplate with him. With the noise of the train now receding, I returned indoors, collected my provisions, said 'Cheerio' to Grandpa and headed for the trackside.

As I settled by the trackside, I had no idea of how long I would have to wait for Billy Harrison to return. In the event, my vigil lasted well over four hours. Even so, there was no risk of my becoming bored. The line was busy with traffic, giving me plenty to observe as I whiled away the time. Trains travelling towards Milford included the overnight sleeper from Paddington, hauled by a Class 6lxx 2-6-2 Large Prairie tank which passed at 9.15.am. Later on at 12.45.pm. came the empty fish vans. This, a rather lengthy train, was being hauled tender first, by a well groomed 4-6-0 Manor Class engine, No. 7825 Lechlade Manor. Buffered up to the guard's van at the rear was 0-6-0 Pannier tank No. 3654. In the 'Up' direction, the 11.10.am. and 12.05.pm. Paddington bound expresses passed. Both of these trains left Milford with a fish van coupled between the engine and first coach. These fish vans would be detached at Carmarthen. Other trains came and went as I patiently waited. At 1.45.pm. my waiting came to an end.

My ears picked up the sound of a train approaching from Johnston. Then, I heard a long and a short blast from the whistle. Here, coming into view, was the train I'd been waiting for. Upon hearing the train my excitement rose and I wondered, 'What type of locomotive would it be?' Would it be an ex GWR Castle, Hall, or Mogul? Or 'Would it be one of the BR Standard Class 73xxs, or perhaps an ex LMS Stanier 8F?' When the engine came to a halt beside me, I could see that it was none of these. The engine turned out to be an example of one of the most successful Mixed Traffic locomotive designs built by the Great Western, a 4-6-0 Grange Class, No. 6837 FORTHAMPTON GRANGE. The Grange Class consisted of 80 locomotives and were very highly regarded by engine men. The first of the Class, No. 6800

Arlington Grange entered service in 1936. Forthampton Grange began service in 1937 and was finally withdrawn in 1965. The Granges had a reputation for good steaming, and were considered more as workhorses rather than thoroughbreds. They performed well on freight trains but were also capable giving a good account of themselves on express passenger duties when the need arose, despite the fact that they had driving wheels of only 5ft.8ins. diameter.

Anyway, here I was, about to experience the thrill of riding on one of these fine engines. The Granges were by no means strangers in Pembrokeshire but did not appear with the same degree of frequency as their larger sisters, the Castles, Halls, and Counties. This made the event that much more significant to me. As I climbed into the cab I was greeted by the smiling faces of Billy and his fireman, Roland Arran. After introducing me, Billy explained that Roland 16, was actually a cleaner at Neyland engine shed but had been given a firing turn for the day.

Before settling into Billy's driver's seat I pulled on the whistle chain, waved to Grandpa who was watching from the house and we were on our way. Roland tended the fire as we rolled through Hayston cutting and on to the mile of straight past Harmeston. Billy said that they had had to take the 8.30.am. goods from Milford all the way to Carmarthen that morning before meeting their return working, hence the reason for not appearing sooner. I told Billy that I wasn't the least bit disappointed. What I was experiencing right then, had been well worth the wait.

We steamed under Redstock Bridge and the junction for Herbrandston could be seen a few hundred yards ahead on our right. We were now in Studdolph Cutting and on a falling gradient. Billy was applying the brake to check the speed of the train. We carried straight on towards Milford. I asked why we hadn't taken the line to Herbrandston. Billy explained that a number of the wagons behind us had to be deposited in Milford first. We would be visiting the Esso refinery at Herbrandston on our way back. The brake was applied harder as we passed the distant signal for Milford just before Thornton bridge. The gradient was steepening and we drifted cautiously around the sharp curves at Priory and Goose Pill, as we approached Milford.

Stopping the engine alongside the signal box, Billy surrendered the single line staff to the signalman. During our stay here, there was time for Roland and Billy to get a fresh brew of tea from the signal box. While our engine stood stationary, there was plenty of activity all around us. A Pannier tank engine set about removing an assortment of wagons from our train. There were coal wagons for the local coal merchants and box vans loaded with other commodities. Fronting the station were the sidings for Milford Docks. Busily engaged on shunting duties here, was the diesel shunter, Margaret Bristowe. This loco belonged to the Milford Docks Co. and was marshalling fish vans for the 3.50.pm. fish train, which incidentally, on that day, was also hauled by a Grange. Close by simmered No. 7825 Lechlade Manor. She would soon be coupling up to a short train of about six fish vans and would depart at 3.10.pm. for Carmarthen. Meanwhile, the Pannier tank had reformed our train. We would be leaving Milford with our train made up as follows:- brake van (next to engine), empty coal wagons, empty tank wagons (for Esso), empty box vans and open wagons and brake van (at rear).

It is worth pointing out at this stage that, in the days of steam, freight trains which consisted in whole, or in part, of oil tank wagons, always travelled with at least two ordinary goods wagons coupled between the locomotive and first tank wagon, and similarly, two or more such vehicles between the last tank wagon and brake van. This was standard safety procedure intended to minimise fire risk.

We obtained the single line staff, and departed Milford in hazy sunshine, tender first. Typical of her Class, 6837 Forthampton Grange tackled the gradient in a surefooted manner. Crossing the junction for Herbrandston, Billy leaned out of the cab to watch for the guard's signal which would tell him that the whole train was clear of the junction points. The guard duly signalled and Billy brought the train to a stand. The levers for operating the points were situated in what is called a ground frame. They would have to be unlocked by the guard using the single line staff. With this task completed, our guard then beckoned, indicating that the points were correctly set for the train to set back onto the refinery branch. Once we had accessed the branch, I expected the engine to be uncoupled and positioned at the other end of the train using the adjoining loop lines for this purpose. However, it was explained to me, that once the guard had reset the junction points for the main line, he would return to his van at the further end of the train and the wagons would then be propelled ahead of the engine all the way to the refinery. The guard climbed into his van, gave the rightaway and the train was moving again.

I asked why the guard had chosen to use the van furthest away instead of the one coupled next to the engine. The reason was, Billy explained, that before we reached the refinery, we would come to St. Botolph's level crossing. The gates here were closed and padlocked across the railway, and the guard would have to unlock and open them to allow passage of the train. The section of line we were travelling on was then less than two years old and I was savouring every inch of the journey over it. Billy was taking pleasure in pointing out Studdolph, Woodson and Neaston farms through which this new line had been built, as the train moved steadily on.

Rounding a left hand curve, St. Botolph's crossing came into view. The guard stood ready to give the signal to stop. Upon being given the appropriate hand signal from the guard, Billy brought us to a halt. The guard clambered down from his van, and proceeded to unlock the gates. He then beckoned us forward closing the gates behind us once the engine was clear of the crossing, then climbed into the brake van immediately ahead of the engine to ride the remainder of the journey to the refinery.

When we arrived at the refinery, we found the loaded tank wagons positioned ready for our collection. The few shunting moves required would be done with our engine. The operation went something like this:- Propel our train into a siding; uncouple rear brake van and goods wagons; reverse with brake van and coal wagons, plus empty tank wagons; change points; propel same into another siding; uncouple empty tank wagons; reverse with brake van and coal wagons; change points; propel same into siding with loaded tank wagons; couple tank wagons; reverse; change points; propel back to first siding; recouple to goods wagons and brake van. The train was now ready for departure.

Roland was busy shovelling coal onto the fire so that a good head of steam would be available once we were on the

move. Our guard meanwhile, was walking along the train carrying his shunter's pole, making a final check to see that everything was in order before giving the word to depart. He came up to the engine to inform Billy how many vehicles we now had in the train, looked at his watch and suggested that we might make it back to Johnston before the 3.10 pm. fish train left Milford. Billy doubted that this could be achieved in the time available and said so. Without any further comment, the guard climbed into the brake van next to the engine and gave the rightaway. Billy gave a blast on the whistle, opened the regulator and 6837 got her train underway.

At St. Botolph's crossing, the ritual of opening and closing the gates was accomplished and we continued to the junction. The train came to a stand and the guard, carrying the single line staff, went forward to the ground frame to operate the points, allowing our train onto the main line. First, he would have to telephone the signalman at Johnston for authority to unlock the point levers. On this occasion he was informed by the Johnston signalman that our train would have to wait because the 3.10 pm. fish train had already left Milford. Therefore, we would be unable to move until the fish train had reached Johnston. Within a few minutes, 7825 Lechlade Manor steamed by with her fish vans for Carmarthen. About five minutes later, our guard was given permission to unlock the ground frame point levers. We could now move out onto the main line. We trundled slowly through the junction while Roland looked back from the engine to watch for the guard's signal that the whole train was clear of the points. Upon receiving the signal, Roland relayed it to Billy who brought the train to a stop.

Having reset the points in the main line position once more, the guard climbed back into his van and gave us the signal to proceed. I gave a blast on the whistle in acknowledgement while Billy opened the regulator and got us on the move. We were starting off on a gradient and care had to be taken to ensure that when the engine took the weight of the train, it had to be done gently because a sudden jerk might cause a coupling to snap. The risk being if this happened, was that part of the train which had become detached might easily have run back down the gradient all the way to Milford. In fact, such a catastrophe did occur during the winter of 1964/65 when a train of oil tank wagons became divided in Studdolph Cutting. The rear part of the train careered down the line to Milford, smashing into stationary wagons in the Docks sidings and narrowly missing some wagons loaded with ammunitions. Milford station was closed for a week while the wreckage was cleared.

Sorry Barrie I will have to cut you off now due to shortage of space. I will continue the story in the next issue.

Readers can find Barrie at Upper Crossing Cottage Rosemarket.

Burton Community Council



On 20th July, 2000 the Rev. Michael Williams dedicated the plaque presented to the Community of Burton by the Community Council to commemorate the Third Millennium. The Headmaster, staff, pupils, of Burton V. C School together with representatives from the community and county council were present, and the children sang " Millennium Heroes" and " Count your Blessings".

Beautiful weather blessed a very happy occasion
Due to pressure of outstanding planning applications, your hard-working councillors had an additional meeting in August (usually a holiday month).

Recent matters of concern raised at our meetings included the speed of traffic throughout the parish which has resulted in several accidents; plans for a car parking area beside the school; plans to improve facilities at the Jubilee Hall; and the perennial problem of educating dog owners not to allow their pets to foul the roadsides and pavements which is now illegal. Planning developments in Ashdale Lane are continuing to receive our close attention.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Councillor Beryl Griffiths. Beryl had served on the Community Council for sixteen years, and had made an outstanding contribution to the community in many ways. We thank Beryl very much, and wish her a happy retirement with Winston in their new home in Haverfordwest. The Council made a donation to support "In Touch", which all Councillors felt was of great value to the communities of Burton and Rosemarket. Everyone felt we must make great efforts to make this self-supporting in financial terms. So far Councillor Wildman, apart from some sponsorship, has picked up the bills personally. This is not an acceptable situation; and we urge all Community Action Groups, local businesses, and members of the community actively to seek advertisements and sponsorships to support this most useful quarterly publication. Offers of help can be made to me on 01646 - 600450 or to Councillor Wildman on 01437 - 891705. Oakwood have very kindly set the ball rolling.

CHURCHES of SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE

The Church of Llanstadwell lies deep below the road. Built on top of the river cliff its south windows look out across the waters of the Haven .

Both east and west entrances to the churchyard have stone stiles alongside them , and just to the side of the western stile a small memorial stone set into the wall , has been engraved with the enigmatic letters: J +E., E+E

Amongst the lichen splashed tombstones of the sloping churchyard two are guarded by sturdy iron railings , though whether the railings are intended to enclose the immortal souls within , or to protect them from the mortals without is a mystery .

The oak inner porch doors are new and inscribed with memorials whose names sound like a roll- call of ancient English families: Lacy Llewellen Ninian Churchill ; Athelstone Aubrey Cecil ; Vere de Mentque Ormond, the last of whom was for fifty- five years a lesson reader in the church .

The church font is often found near the door, symbolising the infant's entry into the Christian faith, but the font at Llanstadwell is at the west end of the nave - a massive , square stone font set on an equally massive round pillar. The oaken cover , with its elaborately moulded top , creates a graceful contrast to the austere simplicity of the font itself.

The box pews , each with their own little door and metal catch , by the look of them , have still retained their original pale varnish .

Turning into the south transept you notice similar pews , except that what immediately strikes you, is that several of them have bench ends of heavy black oak , in sharp contrast to the varnished deal . These bench ends are ancient , the black oak carved into the shapes of intertwining branches , rounded off by three- dimensional images- one of two birds pecking at bunches of fruit , a second by a hunting- horn, and a third by trumpets and a stringed instrument .

Hidden in a dark corner is a chair and kneeling -desk made of the same black oak . The desk displaying similar carvings of twining branches and musical instruments as the pews .

The altar cloth in the little side chapel is beautifully embroidered with bright red flowers and swirling foliage .

A fierce , dark mahogany eagle , on the look out for prey , mounted on a barley sugar column , carries the lectern on its spread wings . And to provide light for the reader , before the advent of gas or electricity , on either side of the lectern , delicate brass candle sticks: foils to the eagle's savagery .

As in so many of Pembrokeshire country churches there is a deep calm and quiet here that is a living presence ; and standing under the dark roof timbers and gazing out through the trees and to the river beyond , you can sense yourself becoming part of this quietness ; becoming part of this calm.

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RECENT FUEL CRISIS

In the recent fuel crisis, we have seen something of the best and worst in one another.

We saw anger, usually well controlled, about the cost of fuel; but we also saw anxiety of expectant mothers wondering if they could get to hospital on time, and the uncharacteristic arrogance of picket leaders who believed they had the knowledge and the right to determine who and what was essential.

We saw the care of those who went to great lengths to see that the most vulnerable received help, and read of a criminal element who cut other people's fuel lines to steal petrol for themselves. We saw some farmers with plenty of fuel and saw fellow farmers who lost hundreds of pounds for lack of diesel. We saw people proclaiming that they wanted cheaper petrol like the French but not saying they wanted motorway tolls like the French..

We saw those in the oil companies, much better paid from the highest to the lowest than most of us, fail to deliver. Their reward ? Plenty of overtime!

Whatever our feelings about this or previous governments, we get on a very slippery slope when we take the law into our own hands. The weak and the vulnerable are the first to suffer. It is time to reflect, rather than cry ' Victory '.

Michael Williams.

Boat crossings, Blackberries, Blisters and Burgers.....

An expectant crowd met at the Burton Picnic site in the late afternoon sun, eager for exercise and information! Dennis Venables had facts and fables to share with us as we happily hiked along the footpaths from Barnlake, via Milton and Thurston to the Hanging Stone Cromlech. When the going got tough, several had to catch up but the children were still almost as full of energy when we got to Houghton School! Thankfully Mervyn Williams and his team had a barbecue ready and waiting..... the walkers were so appreciative, that not even a bread roll was left half an hour later!! The children were all given Keep Wales Tidy Coastcare T shirts and there were several lucky number ticket prizes. If you'd like a photo, please phone Stevie Lewis on 01646 602424. Thanks again to Dennis, Mervyn and his helpers, Mr Rowell for enabling us to use the school facilities and all of those who came along.

Burtons Latest Ferry!!!

Thanks to readers of In-Touch, our Coastcare and Environment group now have not one but **TWO** boats! The call went out in the last issue for a boat to become the centrepiece of the planned Jolly Sailor Picnic Site improvement. In response, Alistair Pollard not only located but also collected a suitable dinghy from Bury Port, which Mark Griffiths helped move to the boat club, pending painting. Meanwhile Glyn Miles has given our group a proper, fully seaworthy vessel, complete with dinghy and trailer. As this is far too good for the original purpose, he has agreed that we can raise funds for the group from its sale. Anyone who is interested can contact Mervyn Williams on 01646 600928 as he is kindly storing the boat. Sincere thanks to Alistair and Glyn and to IN-TOUCH for enabling both to get 'in touch' with us. The information panel is ready and we hope that work will soon start on siting Burtons Ferry.

Burton Bench Patrol

The Coastcare and Environmental Group are shortly going to give a coat of preservative to the new seats at Houghton Park and Barnlake point. We thought it would be a good idea to give the other seats throughout the Parish a similar beauty treatment BUT we don't know where they're all located. We need your help to locate them and ideally to help give them a lick of Fencilife. The youngsters could be involved, after all it's only 'splash it on' stuff. Perhaps we could plant a few spring bulbs at each end of the seats...please phone with locations and ideas, 01646 602424 Stevie Lewis.

BURTON IN BLOOM

I've been asked about getting interested villagers together to discuss if and how we could beautify Burton and possibly enter Wales in Bloom for next year. It can involve individual houses and public areas as well as businesses. I have gained some information on categories, timing etc but would only be able to do any paperwork and co-ordination. After last weekend's railway sleeper shifting I've retired hurt from practical project participation! Call Charlie Dimmock for that sort of thing, she makes it look easy!! If you'd like to know more before deciding if we should get involved, please phone Stevie Lewis on 01646 602424



Walkers preparing to set off from Burton Picnic site

Williamston Ceramic Studio and Workshop..

After a days course in Ceramics at a little village outside Aberystwyth , Wendy Marsh was hooked. She immediately signed up for a further two weeks , which was then followed up by a course devoted to the teaching of ceramics.

Wendy's life had begun to take a new direction. Whilst still keeping on her career as a Primary School teacher , she decided to start a ceramics class in her own home. She started with two students using her dining-room as a workshop. The popularity of the classes quickly grew and the dining-room-workshop now overflowed into the hallway.

With increasing class numbers Wendy looked round for more suitable and spacious premises. She didn't have to look far. There was a tumbledown gardener's cottage on their own land and Wendy's husband , with help from the family and a small council grant , set about restoring it and converting it into a workshop and studio. The original bricks were used in the restoration and the cottage roofed with the traditional reclaimed slates.

They now needed to equip the new premises. An advertisement seen by chance in 'The Exchange and Mart' saw Wendy and her husband off to Yorkshire where they bought the entire contents of a ceramics studio and workshop , which included hundreds of moulds , two thousand pots of paint, brushes , books on art and this time , for once , even literally , the kitchen sink.

On opening the first of the boxes when Wendy got back home that the colours were all avocado ! She opened the next box : avocado !For one dreadful moment Wendy thought that she'd just acquired two thousand pots of avocado paint. It was with some relief when she found that the remaining boxes all contained pots of paint in many different shades!

The next urgent purchase was the kiln which was needed to fire the green ware. This took them all the way down to a studio in Sussex.

All was now ready and the new workshop and studio opened for classes a year ago last Easter.

Wendy has now resigned from her teaching post and holds ceramic classes on Monday , Tuesday , Wednesday afternoons and evenings , and all day Thursday. Work done in the classes includes handpainting , brushstroke , and clay carving.

The ages of those taking the classes range from 6 to 84. The eighty - four year old lady comes twice a week and as well as enjoying using her skills , she also very much enjoys the company and relaxed atmosphere , features that are common to all the classes.

Seminars are held on Fridays for those wishing to improve and extend their skills.

Understandably some beginners are a little lacking in confidence , often declaring that 'They were no good at art in school' However you do not have to be especially artistic to learn and develop the skills needed in decorating the greenware , and it's enough just to look round the studio and view the colourful and imaginative designs painted by class members to realize what high standards have been achieved.

Others coming to the workshop for the first time are surprised not to find a potter's wheel.

However , Hobby Ceramics is the art of decorating the greenware or bisque , which are the technical terms for the final product after the liquid clay , or slip , is poured into the moulds and then dried and ready for decoration. Having been decorated the piece is then glazed and fired in the kiln.

There are well over a thousand different kinds of moulds to choose from : cups and saucers ; kitchen and bathroom ware ; figurines ; garden ornaments and pots ; Christmas trees and decorations.

Wendy Marsh exhibits her own work at the Dockside Gallery , Milford Haven. Besides holding seminars and workshops throughout the year she also goes out into the locality giving demonstrations to W.I. S and similar institutions. She can also arrange for groups to visit the workshop.

The studio and workshop , which is signposted in Houghton Village , is situated off the Rhoose Ferry road , just up from the Williamston Nursing Home. Newcomers are always warmly welcomed.

WAYFARER..

**ROSEMARKET VILLAGE HALL ARE IN URGENT NEED OF A
TREASURER AND A SECRETARY: CAN YOU HELP?**

IF YOU CAN PLEASE CONTACT:

The Chairman Colin Rogers on 01646 601902

LOCAL SUPPORTERS



BACK: Morgan Scale. FRONT: Steffi Cambell, Sam Brown, Richard Jones, Luke Hayman, Gavin Campbell

Following a disappointing season for the first team in 1999, committee and players were looking forward to some improved performances from individuals and as a team.

With some new members to boost the playing side, hopes were high going into the first game of the season. Those hopes were soon dashed by a poor overall performance from the team as a whole and by a very strong Carew second team. However, from that game on things got better and better in the league with some very good individual and team performances. No further league matches were lost with the team finishing up having played 13, won 11, drawn 1, and lost 1. This resulted in them being crowned champions of the second division and the team will therefore return to the first division next year.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the season was the new introduction to the side, Mohammed Ali, a Cardiff based player- Ali has tremendous talent with bat and ball and must surely be in line to play at a much higher level of cricket. He produced some excellent performances with the ball in particular, winning the Ocky White Division Two Bowling Award in the process. His reputation for some very quick bowling soon spread with supporters of other teams at Oatfield Park just to see him bowling. Not only did he produce some excellent individual performances, he also seemed to have a very positive effect on the other members of the side with many players producing some very solid performances with bat and ball.

The first team reached the semi final of the Hardson Bowl only to lose to Hook. after a very disappointing all round performance from the team as a whole.

The second team had a very solid season being in the promotion race for most of the season and reaching the final of the Alec Colley Cup. However, form dipped towards the end of the season and the team finished third in Division 4 and runners up in the cup. Here again there were some very good performances from a number of players in the league and cup.

The team finished up with a season's record of : P 13, W 5, D 4, L 4.

Winners of 2nd Div. Cup

Back: Malcolm Mills (Umpire)
Stanley Richards (County Club)
Jim Phillips Jon Scale Ross
Edwards Phillip Bevan Phillip
Thomas (County Club) Phil
Marsden (Umpire).

Front: Gareth Virgo Paul John
James Scale Stephen Jones
Richard Hayman (Capt) Chris
Campbell Mohamed Ali



The third team repeated the success of the first team winning promotion from the sixth division as runners up with a mixture of some very young and not so young players making up the team.

By the end of the season, the third team had a record of : P 13, W 9, D 3, L 1.

But for a little dip in the form of the second team, the club could have seen all three teams promoted this year. It has still been an outstanding year for the club. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season was the return to form of the more established players and the continued development of the younger players, some of whom

produced some excellent performances. Chris Campbell returned to the club from Johnston and had a very good season as did William Scriven who came from Haverfordwest. William and Gareth Virgo are two very promising wicketkeepers. Other younger members of the team who had good seasons were Chris Murray, Gareth Bevan, Robbie Neill and Mark Griffiths.

Perhaps mention should be made of the excellent work carried out by the club captain, Richard Hayman, both on and off the field. He has really led from the front putting in a tremendous amount of work.

None of the above success would have been possible without the work of the club officers and committee and the great efforts of the ground staff, Jim Phillips, Brian Griffiths and Robert Griffiths with occasional help from other members.

THE DAY OF THE STRAWBERRY TEA

August the 5th, the day of the strawberry tea, had arrived and not only the strawberry tea but a local wedding in the village on the same day. Would it be a nice sunny day? A quick look through the curtains first thing in the morning seemed promising.

Those involved in the events were busying themselves in various ways, preparing food, flowers decorations etc. As far as the strawberry tea was concerned, members of the St. Mary's Church Council would be delivering chairs and tables, setting up stalls and putting up the bunting in the beautiful garden of David and Margaret Wildman who had generously opened up their home and garden for the occasion occasion of the strawberry tea.

Going about my daily tasks I meet a lot of energetic people who generously give of their time doing voluntary work within the community but, when I met David and Margaret, I must admit that I for one would appear to be at a standstill by the side of this energetic couple! They both have boundless energy and give of it freely with Margaret bubbling with an enthusiasm she so obviously enjoys sharing with others.

The teas were provided by David and Margaret and included fresh, locally-grown strawberries and cream with homemade scones. Welsh cakes, bara brith and beverages were also provided. Margaret had been up since the early hours baking all the goodies. The taste was in the eating and all agreed that they were 'exceedingly good'. St Mary's Church Council members worked extremely hard in supporting the Wildman's as did many folk from within our community by donating cakes for the cake stall and prizes for the raffle. The stalls were staffed by Church Council members, a cheery welcome was given to all visitors by Dennis

Richard Hayman
(Captain)
and
Stephen Jones
(Chairman Burton
CC)
after the match with
the
2nd Div. Cup



Venables and Tony Dixon on the gate and the tea itself was served by Margaret, assisted by members of the church council. The occasion was officially opened by Cara Williams, wife of Michael, the new Rector of St Mary's.

The day turned out to be exceptionally fine and the sun shone for most of the day. A good time was had by all, including a number of wedding guests who had noticed the bunting on the way from the marriage ceremony to the reception in Haverfordwest and, having heard 'locals' and even Roy Noble on BBC Wales speak of a strawberry tea, called in to see what we were up to. All of them expressed their pleasure at being made so welcome and being part of the 'Strawberry Tea'.

Looking back on the day we can only say a very big thank you to David and Margaret for all their efforts and, of course, to all those who contributed towards a lovely village day, raising the grand total of £705 for church funds. For those who were unable to look in on our day this time perhaps we can tempt you to join us for a future event. We always like to see new faces.

Peggie Warren

Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

What do you call a man who loves fishing?

Ans: Rod

How do spell hungry horse with four letters?

Ans: M.T.G.G.

T'AI CHI AT PORT LION

It may surprise some of our readers to learn that Port Lion is regarded in some Martial Art Circles of something of a Mecca, but that is the case.

Every July, Diana and Vincent Jones run a T'ai Chi summer camp at their home in Port Lion, at which Vincent's local students have an opportunity to train with and learn from students and teachers from northern Zhong Ding T'ai Chi which Vincent founded when living in West Yorkshire.

The couple first became interested in T'ai Chi after Diana travelled, with a group of Australian practitioners, on The Trans Siberian Railway in 1980. Thereafter Diana and Vincent who then lived in Hook, travelled each week to Cardiff for lessons with the only qualified T'ai Chi teacher in South Wales at that time.

In 1987 Diana and Vincent moved to West Yorkshire and lived there until 1996 when they moved back to Pembrokeshire. During that time in 1988 Vincent was entered in the first



L. Chris Jones R. Suzanne Davies both from Milford Haven learning techniques from Vincent Jones

National T'ai Chi Martial Arts Competition and to his surprise - by then aged 40 - won, becoming first National Champion. In 1990 he was selected for the British team for the World Championships in Taiwan, the first time a British team had competed. Vincent in Taiwan was ranked fourth in the World.

T'ai Chi Chuan - which means Supreme Ultimate Boxing is a Taoist Martial Art based on relaxation with reliance upon sensitivity and technique than force.

"Many people learn T'ai Chi for health and relaxation rather than a Martial Art" Vincent explains". Since training does not put a strain on the cardio-vascular system, it is something that you can begin at any age. One of my teachers is 65 years old and is getting better and better."

Vincent has been adopted by two Chinese Masters, Master Lou Kim Hong from Batu Pahat in Malaysia and Ma Master Tan Ching Ngee from Singapore. The significance of such adoptions originally was that techniques shown by the master would not be used by the student against him, the student owing the love and respect shown by a Chinese son to his father.

Vincent has similarly adopted several students in the U.K. so the Port Lion summer camp is very much a family affair, when Pembrokeshire students meet their 'elder' brothers and sisters from Yorkshire.

Zhong Ding Traditional Chinese Martial Arts Association is an international T'ai Chi organisation with branches world-wide. There are 2,000 members in the U.K. and Vincent is Chairman of the U.K. branch.

Local students come from every walk of life teachers, builders, stewards, decorators, barristers, etc. all members of the T'ai Chi family.

Vincent teaches every Tuesday in the St. Thomas's Hall, St. Thomas Green, Haverfordwest from 7.00 pm. To 9.00 pm. There are no terms the classes are continuous through out the year and beginners are always welcome.

For further information from Diana and Vincent call 01646 - 601078.



With Spear is Catherine White - Clerk to the Magistrates Haverfordwest. With Sword is John Ewart - IT. Teacher Milford haven Secondary School

THANK YOU - Many thanks to those who have kindly offered help to deliver 'In Touch'.

If you have the time and you live in **Barnlake Point - Houghton - The Beacon** your assistance to deliver a few copies would be greatly appreciated.

The Clouded Yellow.

I don't know the collective term for a mass of butterflies- 'swarm' doesn't at all sound the right word, suggesting the image of overwhelming numbers of destructive insects. I think 'a glory' of butterflies perfectly describes the brilliancy of colour and intricacy of pattern displayed on their wings.

In late August and the first weeks of September Clouded Yellows have been abundant along the Nato jetty at Burton, feeding on the nectar of the red valerian. They have also been regularly seen in local gardens.

In contrast to the brimstone butterfly whose wings are a bright sulphur yellow, the yellow of the male- the female is white with dark wing tips- is much deeper, more like the yellow of saffron. The fore wings are tipped with dark brown like the female.

The rich colourings of the wings can only be seen in flight as, unlike butterflies such as the peacock, tortoiseshell and red admiral, the wings of the clouded yellow are closed whilst they are feeding.

Clouded Yellows arrive every summer in Pembrokeshire, however numbers are variable and this year's numbers appear to be above average.

WAYFARER.

FREE HELP

***I'm Retired
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Try me for an hour
or so***

***LOCAL TO HILL MOUNTAIN/SARDIS
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**EILEEN JONES
01646 602731**

When is Tuesday a Sunday

It is in Rosemarket - You may not know it but there is a flourishing Sunday (Tuesday) School. There is still room for more to join. Youngsters come from as far afield as Hook. Come along and join the throng.

Almost there!

After a great deal of effort over the last few months the refurbishment of Hill Mountain Methodist Church is close to completion. There will be a Thanksgiving Service and tea on Saturday 14 October at 3.00 p.m. to which all readers are welcome to attend.

If you would like to use the church rooms at Hill Mountain for group meetings or one off events we would be delighted to hear from you. The meeting room is carpeted, has disabled access and a small kitchen attached. Contact either Mrs. Margaret Reynolds (01646 601383) or Rev. Linda Woollacott (01437 767647)

It is always exciting to begin a new venture. The ladies of Sardis and Hill Mountain wish to meet together and are beginning a monthly meeting of Praise and Prayer on the last Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m. in Sardis Baptist Church Schoolroom. The first meeting will be on Thursday 28 September. Come along and join the happy group, there is bound to be tea/coffee and a chat included in the time together.

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat ! Yes the cards are beginning to be seen in the shops once again. Not to be outdone Hill Mountain Methodist Church are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning, with stalls, on Saturday 9 December at 10.30 a.m.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th October 7.00pm	Burton Church Harvest Festival	17th December 3.00pm	Carol Service with Sunday School Children Sardis Chapel
8th October 2.30pm	Freystrop Chapel Harvest Service	NEW:- Last Thursday of Every Month 2.00pm Sardis Chapel : Singsong Friendship Etc. <u>ALL WELCOME</u>	
9th October 7.00pm	Annual Governors and Parents Evening at Burton School		
9th October	Burton Church Harvest Sale Mission Hall		
11th October 2.30pm	Wednesday Club Harvest		
13th October 7.00pm	Burton Harvest Supper		
14th October 3.00pm	Thanksgiving Service & Tea - Hill Mountain Methodist Church		
16th October 8.00pm	Parents Evening at the Stable Bar Re: Youth Club		
21st October 2.00pm	All Weather Garden Fayre Silverstream Freystrop		
3rd November 7.30pm	Variety Concert Mission Hall Mystery Artiste from England		
26th November 3.00pm	Rosemarket Church Dedication		
2nd December	Rosemarket Village Party		
9th December 10.30am	Hill Mountain Methodist Church Coffee Morning		
9th December	Xmas Disco Freystrop		
11th December 6.00pm	Christmas Carols at Williamston Nursing Home		
13th December 7.00pm	Christmas Carols around the Tree in Rosemarket		

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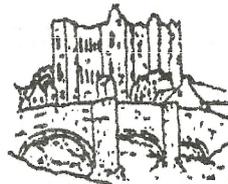
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- 3. You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.**
- 4. Great groups from little icons grow**
- 5. Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish.**
- 6. Don't put all your hypes in one home page.**
- 7. The modem is the message.**

Dates for your Calendar

St. Mary's Church
Burton

9am Holy Eucharist
(1st Sunday in Month
8am)

2pm Sunday School

Mission Hall

1st 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

To Place an Entry
Call :-

Barbara Summons:
01646 601194

Hilda Jones:
01646 601193

David Wildman:
01437 891705

St. Ismael's Church
Rosemarket

10.30am Holy Eucharist
(1st Sunday in Month
9.30am)
4.30pm
Tuesday School

(Due to Church
Renovation - services will
be held in Village Hall
until further notice)

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BURTON :- 3rd Wednesday at 7.00pm in Jubilee Hall

ROSEMARKET :- 1st Monday at 7.15pm in Village Hall

All members of the community are welcome to attend

Sardis Baptist
Chapel

1st & 3rd Sunday
Every month 3pm

Jubilee Hall Houghton

Every Monday 1.00pm Line
Dancing
Every Monday 7.30pm Scottish
Dancing
Every Tuesday 7.30pm Whist
Burton Wednesday Club
Fortnightly 2.30pm Sept – July
Womens Institute
2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

Mission Hall –
New Wells Rd

Every Thursday
7.30pm
Line Dancing

Used regularly for
Drama practices and
other Social functions

For Bookings Call
Mrs Campbell
01646 600643

Every Friday - Youth
Club - subject to
bookings

Hill Mountain
Methodist Church

2nd & 4th Sunday
Every Month 3pm

Rosemarket

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

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