



# Christmas 2017



Cyngor Cymunedol Llangyfelach  
Llangyfelach Community Council

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## *Santa's Grotto Reindeer Land*

Dear Children and Friends

The Llangyfelach Community Council is pleased to invite the community of Llangyfelach once again to their Christmas Celebrations, which reflects the religious meaning of Christmas on 8th December 2017.

I shall, under God's guidance be travelling despite weather conditions to the Christmas Tree on the village green by 6.15pm where we can exchange greetings and switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

Finally under the sound of my bell we will visit my grotto in the village Church Hall to share the joys of Christmas with the mums and dads.

See you all there soon.

*Santa*





**Dear Residents,**

Firstly on behalf of all the Community Councillors I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas with Best Wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year.

This year in particular has been extremely busy for the Community Council. There are numerous plans for expansion with the possibility of an extra 2000 homes to be incorporated into our Village. It will be a gradual increase in the size of our Village which I'm sure we shall all get accustomed to.

Most pleasing for us all, I am sure you will agree is the acquisition of the Village Green at Y Llwyni SA6 6BL. It has been a long time coming but we can now safely say that it is owned by the Community Council. With ownership comes responsibilities and these have been discussed at length at Community Council meetings, and will be strictly adhered to. On the recreational side of things we have been discussing providing a range of suitable play equipment etc. to be placed along the left hand side of the Green alongside the cement path, thus leaving the centre of the Green for various sporting activity as may be in vogue at any given time.

Back in 2010, long before I became a Councillor, when I first started a petition to Save The Village Green I dared to ever hope that we would have achieved this result, now we can say with Pride "This is our Village Green and will always belong to Our Community" Take Very Good Care Of It.!

Earlier this year, unfortunately we had to say Farewell to two of our Founder Members of the Council namely Mr Robert Harwood and Mr. Gwilym Owen. Back in 1984 they were part of the original Council who formed the Community Council as we know it to this present day.

Thanks also to their Families who have supported them, it certainly makes it easier when you have support from the Family. We wish both them and their Families All The Very Best for a Happy Healthy Future with Appreciation for all your hard work which spans over thirty years. Thankyou seems such an inadequate word in context of what you have both achieved.

Evolution being what it is, we now have two new members, namely Miss Kirsty Roderick and Mr. Michael Glover. We as Community Councillors will endeavour to make them feel very welcome, and look forward to working

alongside them for many years to come.

On a daily basis we are getting ever closer to our annual visit from Santa. This year He will be with us on Friday 8th December down by Plough and Harrow when the illuminations will be lit and a pleasant evening will be had by all.

If you wish to attend a Community Council meeting you will be most welcome. They are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Church Hall, Llangyfelach starting at 7p.m. Contact details for all Councillors can be found at the back of this Newsletter. Please feel free to contact any of the Councillors if you have a problem.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year****Margaret Boyter****Chair****Llangyfelach Community Council**

Robert Harwood and Gwilym Owen being presented by Margret Boyter



Hello Everyone,

My name is Gill Rees and I am the secretary of the Morriston and Llangyfelach Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care. I can hardly believe that a whole year has gone by since I wrote our last newsletter.

As a committee we are delighted to be able to say that for the financial year 2016/2017 we were able to donate a total of £4,000, to Tenovus Head Office in Cardiff, on behalf of all of YOU who support us at our events and by giving donations through the year.

Our Christmas Coffee Morning held on Thursday December 8th at Morriston Golf Club was, as usual, well attended and each year often starts the Christmas preparations for many of those who attend as everyone gets mince pies with their coffee. The Christmas Hamper raffle is also very popular and proves to be a good fund raiser. An enjoyable morning is had by all as we raise much needed funds for Tenovus Cancer Care.

Our AGM was held on January 31st 2017. All officers stood down and Marg proposed that if agreeable all should be re-elected. Therefore our officers for 2017 continue to be:-

Chairman:- Carole Morgan

Treasurer:- June Jones

Secretary:- Gill Rees

Our first even for 2017 was our Spring/ Easter Coffee Morning held at Morriston Golf Club on Thursday March 16th. The event was well attended and the Welsh cakes, made by Brenda Richards were enjoyed by everyone who attended. A BIG THANK YOU BRENDA. There were a variety of stalls, sales were brisk and a good time was had by all with even more funds raised. This is a good point at which to thank the committee of Morriston Golf Club for allowing us to use their main hall for two of our fundraising events this year. It is very much appreciated.

During the Month of May I was asked by head office to look back through committee records to see how many years each member had served on the committee. To my surprise the majority of members have served for forty years or more!! A big CONGRATULATIONS to them all.

Our next event was to be a Summer gathering including a plant sale to be held on Thursday June 8th in Llangyfelach Church Hall, tickets and posters were printed and distributed only for Mrs May to call her fateful General Election!! Luckily our supporters are very understanding and the change of date to June 15th didn't cause too much disruption. Luckily the weather was kind to us on the day and we were able to sell the plants from the boot of our cars and even managed to get some passing trade, always a good thing! All agreed the morning was a success.

I must thank Annette Young as she grew many of the plants we had on sale from seed and also helped to run the stall on the morning Diolch yn fawr lawn Annette. Also thanks to Dorothy who made faggots and peas and sold them on her stall. They were delicious!!

Our ever faithful Church members Meryl and Angela who every year help us set up the hall the evening before and are in the kitchen on the morning manning the kettles and teapots milk sugar and biscuits on offer to all who attend.. THANK YOU BOTH once again.

Our next event was a new venture for us in the shape of a Musical Evening to be held at Bethel Vestry on Wednesday September 20th at 7pm. Committee members hoped that Corrine Cassini and her young singers, who had given us a superb Musical Matinee in 2016 would come back again for an Evening event this time. Luckily Corrine could make the date and the posters proclaimed Corrine Cassini and Friends Back by Popular Demand. The ten youngster gave a tremendous performance, some of them came to the Vestry, straight from school to rehearse and do sound checks etc others came straight from work. They gave us a wonderful show, full of youthful energy comprised of songs from the musicals. The 50plus audience gave them a standing ovation and all agreed they were more than worthy of the



West End Stage. Corrine teaches the youngster either in their homes or in her kitchen and is

supported by Lisa on the sound desk. Between the two of them they transport and set up the sound and lighting equipment and, of course dismantle it all at the end. The parents and families of the youngsters attended the event and gladly bought raffle tickets and paid the £2.50 entrance fee. I must thank all who attended, the weather was dreadful on the night pouring rain and wind. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

Thanks also to the Deacons of Bethel Chapel for helping to set up and for allowing us to use the Vestri Fawr als thanks to Mrs Mainwarring, the caretaker for being there at 4 pm and for popping back and forth during rehearsals to check that all was well.

We have now come full circle, our next event is our Christmas Coffee Morning 2017.

Thank you once again go another year of sterling support by attending our events, giving donations and also requesting donations to our Friend of Tenovus Cancer Care in lieu of flowers at what must be one of the most difficult times in life. Thanks to all of you we could not raise such amazing amounts without your continued support.

May I also take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for giving their time so willingly year on year. All that remains now is for me, on the behalf of our committee:-

***A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

***Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dad***

***Gill Rees (Secretary Morriston and Llangyfelach Friends of Cancer Care)***



Please read the following information to ensure you keep up to date with the exciting events happening throughout December:

### **Autumn Term:**

We come to the end of another fantastic term at Llangyfelach Primary School and we ended the term in great style. The LPS Christmas Performances this year are going to be absolutely outstanding, yet again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils and staff for their hard work, commitment and passion towards everything that they do. We have recently received our categorisation for this year: achieving A:1 (Green) second year running. This demonstrates our ability as a community to sustain excellence. Making LPS the best place it can be for our pupils. Well done all!

### **LPS Christmas Choir Performance (Plus PTFA Stalls)**

Our school choir will be performing Christmas Carols to get us all in the festive mood on Thursday 7th December from 5pm in the school hall. The PTFA will be providing refreshments and will be running a few Christmas stalls. Tickets will cost £4 each and will be on sale shortly. Please come along to this wonderful festive event.

## LPS Choir @ the Community Concert (@ Llangyfelach Church)

Our school choir will once again be performing at the Llangyfelach Community Christmas Concert. We are delighted to be asked to return once again. The concert will take place at Llangyfelach Church on Sunday 10th December at 6pm. Please come along to join in the community festive spirit.

## LPS Choir & School Council Christingle Performance (@ Llangyfelach Church)

Children from the school choir and the school council will be singing and performing at the Llangyfelach Church Christingle Concert. This is taking place on Tuesday 12th December starting at 4:30pm. Communication and consent forms will be sent out shortly.

## Christmas Productions

Our Christmas Productions are taking place from Friday 15th to Thursday 21st December. Please see the table below for specific show times.

Reception to Year 2 Concerts	Tuesday 19th December 9:00am	Wednesday 20th December 9:00am
Year 3 to Year 6 Concerts	Tuesday 19th December 6:00pm	Thursday 21st December 9:00am
Nursery Concert	Friday 15th December 9:00am	

## Nursery Class

This term the children are enjoying learning about our topic 'When I fall asleep'.

We have also been learning about our bed time routine and talking about dreams. The children were excited to wear their pyjamas to school and read stories to their favourite teddy.

As part of our topic we have had fun learning about nocturnal animals. On Friday 22nd we were very lucky to have the Welsh Bird of Prey Centre into school. The children had the opportunity to meet the owls and learn some very interesting facts about them.



## Reception Class:

Last term our topic was 'When I fall asleep'. We enjoyed learning all about our different bedtime routines, nocturnal animals and day and night. We loved coming to school in our PJs and also our visit from the owls. We have enjoyed Welly Wednesday each week and have explored challenges in the outdoors.

This term our new topic is 'Pitter Patter Puddle Play'. We will be exploring water in many different forms and learning about the wildlife that live in ponds and streams. We are looking forward to visiting Penllergare Woods to see the waterfalls, rivers and lakes. We might even get to jump in the puddles with our wellies on!



## Year 1 Class

This term in Year One we have been busy learning about the Great Fire of London. We found out how the fire started and how the fire spread so quickly across London. We learned about how the fire was stopped and how they made London safer after the fire. We followed a recipe to make our own sour dough bread, just like Thomas Farriner the baker on Pudding Lane. We visited Moriston Fire Station to learn about firefighters and the equipment they use. We read the story Katie in London and used the pictures from the story to sequence and rewrite our own narratives. We solved number problems toasting marshmallows on a fire and took orders in the Pudding Lane Bakery. This term we have been working hard to create our classroom museum to display our information texts. We have been planning, discussing and writing biographies on a friend that will be stored on our museum wall. Next term we can't wait to start our topic, Big Wide World!







## Year 2 Class

Our topic in Year 2 has been 'Remember Remember'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London and how life was very different back then.

The children investigated how the fire was able to spread so quickly by replicating events using model houses made in school. With a little help from Morriston Fire Station, we were able to see first-hand how the fire was able to spread from house to house so quickly!

We are looking forward to our next topic, 'Big Wide World', where we will be learning about contrasting localities. We are eager to find out about Antarctica, its weather and animals which live there. We may even learn a little about the North Pole and are hoping to get a message from the big man himself...Father Christmas!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas from all at Year 2 and a happy new year!



## Year 3 Class

In Year 3 this term, we have been learning about the body. We've held a real heart, learnt about and made our own blood, and had an amazing trip to Technquest.

We looked at our skeleton and the different systems in our bodies; it was so interesting and a little bit gory.

Next term we have so much to look forward to, besides Christmas, and all the fun that comes with that. We are going to be learning about the Industrial Revolution and how the children of that time lived and worked. We also have a very exciting trip planned, so watch this space.



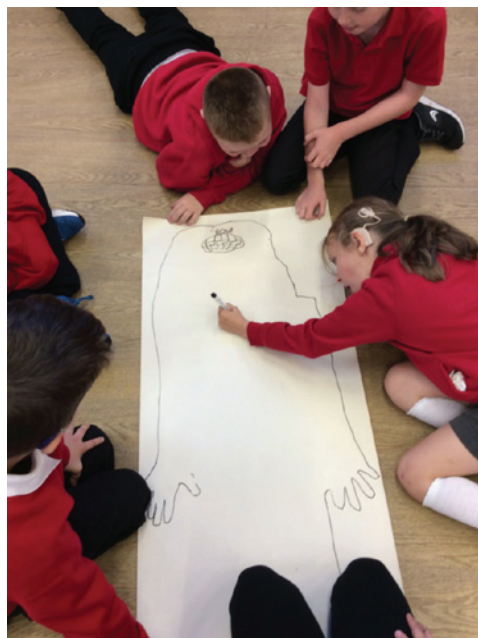


## Year 4 Class

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term, learning all about the human body! We learnt about our blood, our skeleton and our organs. We also learnt how important it is to keep our bodies healthy and we learnt about lots of different ways we can keep our bodies healthy. We had an awesome time in Technquest! We thought it was hilarious when they showed us a model of the digestive system and they showed us what happens to food once we've digested it! We're sure you can imagine!!

We are very much looking forward to our next topic, Children of the Revolution. We will be learning about what life was like for Victorian Children and we cannot wait to go to Big Pit and experience what it was like down the mines!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Year 5 Class

The Blitz: Our first topic this term was 'The Blitz'. Year 5 have worked extremely hard and have had great fun looking at all the different aspects of WWII, from writing information guides about evacuees, plotting bearings for air raids and managing budgets for a WWII families' rations. We also looked at many artefacts from the war, brought in by the children, and created propaganda posters and researched some of the historical leaders of the time.

More than Mods & Rockers: Our second topic this term has a very 1960s vibe about it - 'More than Mods and Rockers'. We will research significant events of the 'Decade of Swing' from the moon landings to the infamous speeches of Martin Luther King Jr. Additionally, we will be looking at producing our very own Warhol-style art work, comparing 60s fashion to the modern day and listening to the music that attempted to bring peace on Earth. Groovy!





## Year 6 Class

**Blitz:** Our topic this half-term has been based around World War II. We have researched many different areas and looked at how Swansea was affected during the war. We have written detailed information texts, Welsh 'Dyma Evacuee' texts, rationing and bearings.

**Y6 Residential Visit:** We had a great time staying at Stouthall Manor in the Gower. We enjoyed all the activities: Ship's Ladder, Crate Stack, Orienteering, team-building and even a visit from the Coastguard.

**Mods and Rockers:** Our new topic for this half-term is going to be 'Mods and Rockers'. We will learn about key events of the 1960's and research significant figures and events such as Martin Luther King and the moon landing. We will also study the work of artist Andy Warhol, and musicians such as The Beatles and Elvis Presley.



Llangyfelach Primary School PTFA have once again had a successful year in terms of money raised, contributed and well attended events.

We held lots of exciting events again during the year including:-

A Silver Smarties event in which our Year 2 class were treated to a movie afternoon with hot dogs and popcorn for collecting the most money (we raised £650.40 in total!)



Our usual Christmas activities took place such as the annual Christmas shopping trip to Bristol, Santa's grotto and the Christmas fete as well as supporting the numerous concerts which took place with teas, coffees, raffles etc.



We held a Halloween disco, a Used Book sale, a very well attended Valentines disco raising £519.47, our usual Mother's and Father's day gifts stalls and a brand new Easter Raffle which raised £247. The children also thoroughly enjoyed a Bounce and Slush day in the Summer which raised £444. Many thanks to JM Entertainment for hiring out their equipment to us!

The sun shone for our Summer Fete which was held on school premises due to the uncertainty of the weather and we still managed to raise a whopping £952.66.

Special thanks must go to committee members Hayley Smith and Mark Tribe for their weekly Friday cake and Ice cream stall which has raised just under £700.

We were able to donate an amazing total of £13,938.00 to the school this year, this has enabled the complete refurbishment of the boys and girls toilets, on-line subscriptions for reading eggs and my maths, new I-pads and the purchase of Comcen interactive whiteboards for the classrooms. We also arranged for our Year 6 children to be presented with their Leaver Hoodies earlier in the last term this year...they were very excited to be wearing them in place of their school jumpers!





Sadly during this year Judith Miller-Jones resigned as Treasurer, whilst remaining as a committee member, and Michelle Kidwell resigned as Secretary, since her son had moved on to Comprehensive school over a year

ago. Both have left a huge hole due to their massive contribution to the PTFA over the years, they embodied the spirit of the cause and will be sorely missed and leave with our heartfelt thanks.

We wish our new members success and we welcome Heather Akerman as Treasurer and Laura James as Secretary to our team.

We have been pleased with the parent support for our events and fundraising activities during the year in terms of attendance at the events, and we have welcomed some new members on board, and continue to encourage parents and grandparents to get involved. While local authority budgets continue to be squeezed the PTFA raise funds that enable each child to benefit from, such as new technology and social activities that they may not otherwise be able to access outside school life and that the LA budget wouldn't cover. If you can help in any way, however small, please get in touch. We have had excellent support from HSBC match funding a number of our events, many thanks to parents and HSBC employees Joanne Lane, Ian Williams and Nicola Lewis.

In conclusion, I would like to thank EVERY member of the committee (in particular Michelle and Judith) for their support during the year.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents and the school for their tremendous and continued support of the work of the PTA and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Lynda Phillips**  
**Chair PTFA**

Hello, I am Police Community Support Officer James Rees. The local PCSO for the Llangyfelach area.

Over the last year Llangyfelach continues to be a low crime area with very few incidents occurring in the community. The incidents that have occurred have been addressed and dealt with by the Police.

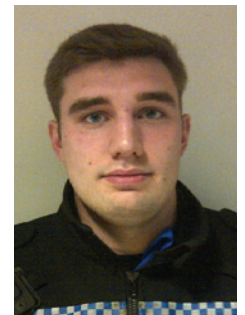
For the forthcoming year as the PCSO for Llangyfelach I aim to monitor a few ongoing issues such as speeding and parking problems on Pengors Road. I will be conducting speed scoping exercises at key locations along Pengors Road and hope to gather as much information as possible on the speeds travelled along this road and feed the information back to the relevant departments to ascertain a solution. The parking issues mentioned above on Pengors Road are being actively looked into by myself and local councillors to try and get a resolution to the issue.

PACT meetings will continue next year however, the turn out for these meeting have dropped over the year and I encourage anyone who has issues in the area or would like to find out what is going on to attend these meetings. Posters with the time and date of the next meetings are placed in the local shops around the area. I have also started up Cuppa with a Copper in The Parlour, Pengors Road, this is a drop in surgery where members of the public can come and speak to me regarding any issues in-between the Pact meetings. These times and dates are also placed in local shops and establishments.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team also use twitter to show the work we do on a daily basis, so I encourage you to follow @SWPSwansea to see what your local officers are up to.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Morriston Neighbourhood Policing team.

**PCSO James Rees 55849**  
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It is with pleasure once again to write an account of our activities as a Knitting Group throughout this year – 2017. We are a very small group now, but we are continuing to support our various charities, with help from the Velindre Group and others who knit and crochet at home for us. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

At the beginning of the year Mrs Mary Harris, Velindre, a staunch supporter of our group passed away at the great age of 100. She would always attend our Christmas and Summer lunches. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. She always had a ready smile for everyone. Both of Mary's daughters – Helen and Lynwen are carrying on with supplying us with knitted hats, blankets and jumpers from the ladies of Velindre. Diolch yn fawr I chi gyd.

In February, we sent a large collection of jumpers, cardigans, jackets and hats, some clothes and shoes to Mr Paul Hare of Penllergaer, organiser of Romanian Aid Foundation, South Wales. A lorry left for North Romania at the end of March containing items given by local churches. The small town that received the goods was in the area where many of the old orphanages were and the children – now grown up still live there, so many of them however not really able to live a full life because of their experiences. Mr Hare mentions that the organisation sponsors children 10 – 14 to go to a Christian camp for five days. They are also hoping to help a family with a baby who needs heart surgery.

On March 1st we had a lovely birthday celebration for Mrs Betty Hill, who was 95 on that day. We all had a pleasant afternoon tea in the vestry which was enjoyed by all of us.

Unfortunately, Betty had a nasty fall in May and broke her femur. It has meant a long spell in Morriston and Gorseinon Hospitals. It is good to know that Betty is now home and making a good recovery. We are all pleased that she is home again, we hope that she will be able to join us at the class when she is fully recovered.

We have sent caps and scarves to the Samaritans' Purse Organisation through Miss Mary Rees' group in Sketty Support Samaritans' Purse and they send the caps etc to a depot to be sent abroad.

We continue to support Mrs Val Newton with some financial aid for holidays and other projects. One of her projects this year was to finance and purchase a flat for five orphaned girls. They had suffered neglect and brutality from the father. The grandparents tried to help but they passed away within a week of each other. The lives of the children deteriorated badly, they were ill-treated and not fed properly. The father got involved in a fight and was killed.

After more suffering at the hands of foster parents, they moved to an orphanage where they lived happily under a caring House Mother. However, the orphanage is closing down and Val and Marius stepped in to offer help to purchase a flat. Val launched an appeal and was able to gather enough money for the flat which is near an aunt and uncle. The girls were due to move sometime in the Autumn. Val was very grateful for all the donations she received.

As usual, Val was able to take 70 children and adults on a summer holiday to the Carpathian Mountains where everyone enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine, good food and a number of excursions.

In September, it was a pleasure to welcome a new member to our midst – Mrs Eileen Patterson from "Y Llwyni". She is a neighbour of our member Maureen O'Neill. Unfortunately, due to a fall, Maureen has been confined to her home for a number of weeks. She has been waiting quite some time to see a consultant. Sadly, Maureen had another fall on October 19th and has had to be hospitalised with a broken femur. We, as a class, send her our best wishes for a good recovery.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Deacons of Bethel Chapel for the use of the Vestry and its facilities. Diolch yn fawr.

It remains for me to thank everyone who supports us on our charitable work. We meet every Wednesday 2 – 3.30 at Bethel Vestry and would welcome anyone who cares to join us.

With best wishes to all for the Festive Season. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

**Margaret McRobbie Phone 01792 772914**



It is just over 20 years since this class was started by Molly and then taken over by Deb in 2008. We are delighted to have been joined by new members over the years but still have many who have been coming for over 10 years.

Sadly, one of our long standing members Elsie Bond passed away this year and we all miss her.

We still meet on Thursdays at 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. We have summer and Christmas breaks.

The photo shows members enjoying our strawberry tea to mark the beginning of the summer break.

Our thanks go to the Deacons of Bethel Chapel and Mrs Mainwaring, the Caretaker for keeping the hall warm and welcoming.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Deb & the Bethel Linedancers**



# Llangyfelach Stores

Simon Julie & Staff wishing customers  
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Once again, may I thank the Community Council for the invitation to contribute to their Christmas Magazine.

This year has seen more Political activity than for a number of years, with both Parliamentary and Local Authority elections held within a short period of one another.

There are a number of major issues of concern, that Residents should be aware of :

1. The proposed development off Mynyddbach Common of 1500 + houses with the entrance situated on the boundary of Swansea and Llangyfelach Roads, nearly opposite the entrance to Heol Pentre Felen. I am concerned that if the recently submitted Planning Application is granted, it will result in increased traffic flows through the Village and long lines of tailbacks. Although the Application Site is not In our Ward, it does extend into our Ward boundary along Swansea Road. I have made representation in respect of this proposal, when it was included in the Council's Local Development Plan. I have also asked that before any consideration of this Application takes place, a full traffic assessment for the area be undertaken.

2. Recently, Residents from all parts of Llangyfelach were rightly concerned when the Parliamentary representative for Aberavon, was quoted, suggesting that consideration be given to siting the proposed Prison earmarked for Baglan Moors to the former Felindre Works site. At a well attended meeting organised by Gower M.P. Tonia Antoniazzi, held in the Church Hall, it was obvious that local public opinion was vehemently opposed to such a notion. To date there is no further information to report.

Parking by D.V.L.A. Personnel and other car sharing motorists, is still proving to be a problem for Residents. The proposed parking regulations have been introduced on Pen Pant and seem to be working (if only the mobile parking recording vehicle passed at more opportune times!). Recently further regulations for Pengors Road and The Close have been advertised and awaiting re painting. I am aware that if you try and alleviate a problem in one area, it presents a problem elsewhere. To try and avoid this, the Head

Master and I have been in consultation with Traffic and Education Officers, and Morriston Housing Office, suggesting that part of the unoccupied garage area at the bottom of Fairview Road be used for parking by Teaching and School Staff, with an additional School access constructed at that point.

It is pleasing to report that Simon and Julie (Llangyfelach Stores), have been successful in bringing back the Post Office service, which should be in situ early in the New Year. I am sure we all wish them every success in the provision of this important community Service.

In closing, may I, on behalf of my Family and myself wish you a peaceful and blessed Advent Season and a very Happy New Year.

**Gareth Sullivan**  
**34, Pengors Road,**  
**Llangyfelach**



## A Passion for Penllergare!



It has been a very busy year at one of the most beautiful landscapes in Wales - a hidden oasis which is just up the road! We have been desilting our beautiful lake, and installing new benches, handrails, paths, steps, and gates. Recreating the 19th Century estate is a work of love on a site famous even then for its trees, shrubs, water features, and rock outcrops.

For those who are yet to discover Penllergare (the historic name of the estate so it was distinguishable from Penllergaer village), the estate is being restored by The Penllergare Trust, a local charity who have over 100 volunteers. Some volunteers run the much loved "Woodland Coffee Shop" where barista coffee and home-made cakes are the order of the day! The coffee shop is open between 10am and 4pm seven days a week. Many other volunteers carry out a wide range of woodland management and maintenance tasks all year round, in all weathers and still absolutely love it!

The home of Welsh photography (some of the earliest photographs ever taken were of our stunning waterfall), the first electrically powered boat in the world, the first Orchids brought to Europe, Penllergare is a place full of firsts! New interpretation panels placed around the woods provide an insight to our history and a walk is often made magical by a glimpse of some of our beautiful wildlife, whether it be kingfishers, butterflies, or if you are lucky maybe even an otter!

*We hope to see you very soon!*

[www.penllergare.org](http://www.penllergare.org)

Music classes for babies and toddlers now available in Llangyfelach Church Hall every Monday.

Come and join Teeny and his Tiny Maestros some music making fun.

Children will enjoy playing, listening and moving to lots of different music whilst learning in a fun and exciting environment.

### Classes:

**ElephaMOVERS (age 15 months-3 years) 9:30am-10:15am**

**ElephaBUBS (3-15 months) 10:15am-10:45am**

Your first class will be FREE so why not come and give it a try. To book a FREE trial please visit [www.teenystinymaestros.co.uk](http://www.teenystinymaestros.co.uk) Or you can contact via Facebook or give Emily a call on 07856551061. Teeny can't wait to turn you into a Tiny Maestro!





### Parish of Llangyfelach with St Teilo on the Clase.



On behalf of the worshipping community at the Parish Church of St David and St Cyfelach may we wish you a very Happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

As many of you will know, Vicar Robert celebrated his last service of worship at the Parish Church in February of this year before moving to his new Parish in Sketty. I am sure that the community offer Vicar Rob and his family well wishes for his new ministry as he was such a

friend to many in this village. In the interim, Rev Lionel Hopkins, Rev Peter Phillips and Rev Judith Phillips led services for the worshipping community. I know that the church family were so grateful for the love and leadership shown by these priests. I was appointed as Curate of the Parish in July and am hoping that my family and I will be moving into the Vicarage following completion of some renovation works which we are all looking forward to and sharing our lives with you all.

Over Advent and Christmas, the usual variety of services and activities will take place at the Parish Church. The church family extend a warm invitation and welcome to you all to join us as we prepare and celebrate for the birth of the Lord Jesus.

Sunday 10th December 6pm Community Carol Service by Candle light at The Parish Church

Tuesday 12th December 4.30pm Christingle at The Parish Church

Sunday 24th December 5pm Family Service & Blessing of the Crib at The Parish Church  
10pm Midnight Mass at The Parish Church

Monday 25th December 10am Christmas Eucharist at St Teilo on the Clase

Our usual pattern of worship throughout the year continues to be:

Sunday 9.15 Holy Eucharist at St Teilo on the Clase

Sunday 10.30 Holy Eucharist at St David and St Cyfelach Parish Church, Llangyfelach

Thursday 10.00 Mid-week Eucharist followed by Community Café

We have recently set up a new website which you will find at: [www.parishofllangyfelachwithclase.org.uk](http://www.parishofllangyfelachwithclase.org.uk) or you can follow us on Facebook: @llangyfelachwithclase. Here you will find news, activity and services as we reach out to you all as part of our mission.

As many of you will know, the Parish Hall is available for hire: for parties, conferences or meetings. If you would like to utilise our spacious and well equipped hall please make enquiries through Mr. Gordon Stacey on [gstacey1949@gmail.com](mailto:gstacey1949@gmail.com) or use the website above to make contact.

During this past few months, we have had some work undertaken to the Tower lights which now means that the Tower, a centerpiece of the village, is now shining a light like a beacon throughout and beyond our community.

After some encouragement and advertising, the bells in the Tower are beginning to be heard. With thanks to our Bell Tower Captain, Mr. Christopher





Evans, the 8 learners are developing skills and knowledge to safely begin tolling and ringing. The motivated individuals meet for about an hour on a Monday at 7pm. If you would like to know any more information of this please send a message through the website of Facebook.

The Parish is keen to hear how we can help you through the mission of God. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or ideas to work together and grow the relationships, friendships and support networks throughout the communities served.

***Nadolig Llawen ich I gyd a Blwydden Newydd Dda  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all  
We look forward to welcoming you all to our  
Christmas celebrations  
Rev Anthony Porter***



Our Sunday School continues each Sunday at 10:30 in the Parish Hall during School Term time. We have lots of fun together; learning and growing as friends. We partake in many activities during our Sunday School which involves craft, music and exploring the words of Jesus. We enjoy playing the hand-bells and are currently learning some tunes for the Community Carol Service.

All children are invited to share in our fun time together. Children under 3 years will need an adult to accompany them but over 3 years they can be left unaccompanied. We meet with the Church family at the communion rail at the end of our session to receive a blessing or if baptised, the bread of life.

Acknowledging the busy schedule of children today, we know that many are not able to attend each week; and that is absolutely fine. Come along when you can and enjoy our time together as we listen to and explore stories, make crafty fun to display on our boards and make new friends. We would also like to hear from you if you would like the Church to provide a Junior Church on a different day of the week to help with the busy schedule of parents and carers; please let us know if this is something you would like to see offered by the Church.

For older children, Rev Anthony is very keen to help them develop into altar servers, assisting in leading family services and to become choir members. So, age is no limit; if you would like to find out anything about our Sunday School please get in touch. It would be so encouraging to hear from you.

***May God Bless you all this Christmas time  
Brenda Richards (Sunday School Leader)  
01792 775441***





Scouting has come on leaps and bounds since Lord Baden-Powell started the movement way back in 1908. Gone are the shorts and funny hats but one thing that hasn't changed since then is the core ethos of scouting and that's for the young people to have fun and with Bear Grylls as the movement's Chief Scout and role-model then that shouldn't be difficult.

Scouting at 6th Llangyfelach is divided into 3 sections. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Each section is run by a Leader and their assistants who volunteer their spare time to offer each child a fun and safe environment to enjoy learning new skills, having fun, getting them outdoors and making new friends. The Leaders and Assistants at 6th Llangyfelach all take their roles very seriously to ensure all scouts receive all of the above and more. All section Leaders and assistants are DBS checked and receive on-going training to ensure every child is involved in a quality programme each term. Each section has its own balanced programme of activities, badges and awards. Lets find out what each section at 6th Llangyfelach has been up to this year.

Beavers age range is from approx. 6-8 years and is run by Michelle Grimsley who is new to Scouting herself. Recent activities include visits to Swansea Community Farm and Tesco along with many art/craft projects and learning about global issues, recycling, fairtrade as well as singing, good turns, camps and cooking lots of food. Most activities are evolved around earning a badge. They are currently working on making some lovely Christmas cards and gifts. Beavers runs every Monday night at 6pm for 1 hour.



Cubs age range is from approx. 8-10 and a half and is run by Matthew Grimsley. Cubs take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging. Recent activities includes visits to Pets at Home and Tesco as well as taking part in Archery, U.K. Parliament week, St Johns Emergency First-Aid Response and a visit from the local community police but more recently a Harry Potter Cub Camp weekend. Always lots going on around earning badges. Our Cub Scouts are currently finishing their Personal and Home Safety by learning all about the dangers around the home and the internet. Cubs meet every Thursday night for 90 minutes at 6.15pm.







Scouts age range is from approx. 10 and a half to 14 years and is run by David Watson. David has been involved in Scouting for more years than I'm sure he cares to remember. Recent activities include hikes, cooking and many camps this year. Outdoor activities feature prominently,

with the highlight being camping. Throughout the year, Scouts learn various skills, such as map reading, camp cooking and first aid in preparation for camp. Rock climbing, potholing, gliding, photography and international experiences are just some of the things they can get up to.

Many children in each section enjoy the time away from "The Internet" and love going back to basics by learning new skills and just having fun time with their new friends.

If your child wants to come down and see if they like what we have to offer then the first night is free of charge but we usually charge £21 for a 7 week term. That's just £3 a night. All proceeds go back to scouting. If you wish to join us as a volunteer then we rarely say no. Our door is always open for volunteers to help with the sections. You will need to be DBS checked, you don't have to wear a uniform and your help can be as little or as much as you can spare. If you wish to lend a hand with building maintenance etc then please get in touch. We are always looking for parents who are good at painting or any kind of general maintenance work. Each section leader can be contacted by the relevant email address below. We look forward to seeing you.

**Beavers.** Michelle Grimsley. [llangyfelachbeavers6@gmail.com](mailto:llangyfelachbeavers6@gmail.com)

**Cubs.** Matthew Grimsley. [llangyfelachcubs6@gmail.com](mailto:llangyfelachcubs6@gmail.com)

**Scouts.** David Watson. [david@watson-email.co.uk](mailto:david@watson-email.co.uk)

We have been training for about a year and have a squad of 15. At first we trained at Clase community centre but due to the limited space we have moved up to Morriston leisure centre.

We have started playing 4 a side mini football up Play Football on a Sunday morning and after a slow start, the boys are improving each week and are all finding their feet!!!

Our current squad consists of Alex, Bailey, Carter, Jacob, Jegan, Harry Guyatt, Harry Grainger, Connor, Alfie, Fraser, Parker, Lucas, Mason, Oliver Batcup & Oliver Esmonde.

Our Presentation afternoon was hosted at Morriston rugby club, where each player had a medal and disco fun, a big thank you to 'the graingers' for the after party. Our Xmas party is already planned and a massive thank you to 'the batcups' for offering their house for drinks after, all are welcome!!!

The boys currently have a training kit, and a massive thank you to our main sponsors Go Explore Campers for providing the boys with a stunning playing kit. Also a big thank you to Alan & the Robbie James foundation for sponsoring players tracksuits.

We have many coaches that give up their time and all are currently working on their coaching badges.

So on behalf of the Under 6's have a great Christmas and Prosperous new year, **Birty, Steve, Gareth, Kyle, Paul, Matt, Ray, Dai, Richard & Mac.**





I would like to say what an awesome bunch of lads we have in our Llangyfelach under 7's football team. I couldn't have wished for a more entertaining and fun group of boys. Most of the boys have been playing together since the age of 4 and it's been a joy to see them progressing into the football team they have become. I would also like to add how all the parents are always there whatever the weather for training and matches week in week out. On behalf of myself and the boys we would like to wish everyone associated with Llangyfelach a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Coaches, Craig Hayne and Ryan penny**

## Team

Mason Hayne  
Brody Pearson  
Logan penny

Jake Coleman  
Alfie Summerville  
Oliver Elliot

Fraser Coombes  
Steffan daycock  
Thomas griffiths



This is the boys 1st season together as a squad, the boys are gelling really well and most importantly they are enjoying their football. The squad consists of Morgan Harris, Ethan Rees, Ryda Evans, Zac Scrine, Cai Jones, Arthur Martin, Dylan Owen, Gethin Huxtable and Oliver Coles.

The season got off to a good start, coming runners up in the Malsters tournament, losing to a very good Sandfields team in the final. The form has continued into our Sunday fixtures, winning a majority of the games, and scoring plenty of goals along the way. The boys continue to develop as a team, using some great skills and showing a competitive spirit beyond their years. Zac Scrine in particular has been sending the opposition for more "Hotdogs" than Hal Robson-Kanu did in the Euros!

We play at the Dingle every Sunday, the games are played as 5 aside, with goalkeepers introduced for the 1st time this season. We train at Morriston leisure every Wednesday evening, outside on the 3G pitches, the boys are there come rain or shine, always willing to learn.

Special thanks Steve at SJS Construction for sponsoring the team this year. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.. Pictured in their new strip are Back Row - Gethin, Cai, Ryder and Ethan. Front Row - Arthur, Zac, Dylan and Morgan (missing is Oliver).

**We would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

**Lee & Nigel**





The Under 9's are well in to their fourth season and the boys are going from strength to strength. We had to say goodbye to Ryda Evans, Morgan Harris and Ethan Rees this year as these boys dropped down to their own aged group within Llangyfelach. Good luck boys in the Under 8's.

The team is still coached by James Griffiths and Neil Davies, and with help from Jonathan Henry. They are continuing their footballing journey around Swansea, and have moved up to 6 a-side. We definitely have some budding stars in our team especially with the amount of effort put into their goal celebrations, which is a joy to watch (most of the time).

After having the luxury of playing all our games at the Dingle in Morriston last year, children, coaches & parents have the joy of travelling all over Swansea to find these pitches. SAT Navs have come in handy for some of the parents.

Towards the end of last season, the team was invited to a mini football tournament whereby they got to see the UEFA Champions League trophies, which was a great experience for them. Also, over the summer we entered the Mumbles Football Festival tournament, it was a great day out and the boys put in a great performance just losing out to a very good Mumbles Rangers Albion team in the final.

We held our end of season presentation event at the Dingle in Morriston and a great evening was had by all. Our individual winners on the night were as follows:

Dragon's Player of the Year: Ty Henry

Colt's Player of the Year: Owen Davies

Most Improved Player: Thomas Mills

We have added new members to the team and the boys are still working hard with their training, every Tuesday 6pm at Play Football. If you know someone who would like to join us, all new players welcome, please contact us via our twitter and Facebook pages for further details.

Twitter: @Llangy2014

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Llangy2014/>

Our team now consists of the following players: Aaron Anderson, Conner Griffiths, Ethan Bennett, Harri Tunney, Oliver Jones, Ostin John, Owen Davies, Thomas Mills, Toby Watson, Ty Henry, Henry Chukwuonye, Vinny Edwards, Rhys and Gabriel.

We are also grateful to Pisys and Felindre Fishing Reel Repairs who have continued to sponsor the match day and training kits. We would also like to thank players, parents and grandparents for all their support, it is much appreciated.

***Finally from the Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents of Llangyfelach under 9's, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.***





We are now in our fourth season of football, our squad is currently made up of the following players . Charlie Morgan, Charlie Lawson, Rhys Scannell, Rhys Williams, Lewis Williams, Tyler Jones, Noah Borthwick, Rhys John, Harry Williams, Liam Young, Tomas Phillips, Lewis Etheridge.

The boys now play on a Saturday in SJFL which has seen an end to most parents Friday nights out !, 7 a side with goal keepers. This is proving challenging with bigger pitches and the boys getting used to stricter positional play and covering a bigger area. We did do some fitness sessions at the beginning of the season and these will continue.

Training is outside at Morriston Leisure Centre, the new 4G pitch is fantastic and has really helped with player development. We have been lucky this year to have a guest coach, ex Swansea City player Kurtis March. Kurtis has brought some new idea's to our sessions that the boy's have really enjoyed.

We were invited to play Swansea Development under 9's in the summer, a great experience for the players. All coaches are going through re validation of coaching badges and are picking up fresher coaching idea's which we will bring into the sessions over the season.

The coaching staff is made up of Ashley Lawson, Paul Williams, Andrew Scannell, Mark Morgan, Jordan Gibbs and Kurtis March

Finally, from the Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents of Llangyfelach under 10's, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Andrew Scannell, Ashley Lawson, Paul Williams, Mark Morgan, Jordan Gibbs ( Gibbsy ) Kurtis**



For the last five years Llangyfelach have been missing what is the current Under 11 age group, however we formed as a new Under 10 team in September last year and have had a very enjoyable and successful first season with the club.

We presently have 11 boys in the squad and they are a great group of lads who really get on with each other and are a pleasure to coach. In addition to their good natures they are all talented footballers and subsequently we



are well represented in the Schoolboys along with both Swansea and Cardiff development centres.

Our team train and play in a supportive environment where no one is criticised for making a mistake. Our ethos is to keep the ball on the floor and play from the back as much as possible which in the previous season that has allowed teams to score some 'cheap' goals against us. However this does not concern us as coaches as we now have a group of players who are comfortable receiving the ball in their own half under pressure and are able to play their way out of trouble.

The passing game we play has meant that we have performed well in a competitive age group -winning 47, drawing 6 and losing 6 of the 59 games we played last season. We played well at both ends of the pitch scoring over 220 goals whilst only conceding 35 goals during the season.

We entered 11 festivals over the summer and performed well at all of them. The boys really enjoy these days – maybe even as much as the parents who I have to credit as being extremely supportive to the coaches and always make the effort to ensure the kids attend training and matches.

We are now playing our last season of Mini-Football and have moved to 8 a side this season from 7 a side last year. Unfortunately the rain has not really been conducive to a fast start as we have had more weekends without football as opposed to with. That said the team continue to train hard, we as coaches are seeing continual development within the squad and there are positive signs that we will have another successful season this year.

**Merry Christmas**

**Anthony Rowe Llangyfelach Under 11s**

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We have finally finished mini football and now moved on to pastures new 11 aside football in the Swansea junior league, where currently we are doing extremely well and sitting second in our league. We currently have 18 players registered in our 17/18 Colts squad, we continue to play Saturday morning 10.30am at many different venues throughout the season.

Training is still held at morriston leisure centre on their new 3G/4G playing surface 6-7pm every Wednesday.

We did enter a couple of festivals through the summer Garden Village and Carmarthen Stars which both teams reached the finals but unfortunately came home as the losers, also this year we have trained extremely hard through the summer having various friendly matches which has helped us to get where we are in the league today.

On a sad note we have lost a further three players this season Morgan jones, Rahul Taneja and Tom Gorvett who will be greatly missed by coaches and fellow players, we wish all three players the best in their sporting careers.

Once again we held our annual duckrace at blackpill in the summer which is





always a fun day out for all who attend and raises a fantastic amount for our much needed funds. All coaches would like to thank all players, parents and grand parents for their continued support in this fund raising event. We also had a great fun day out at limitless trampolene park for our Christmas party where all coaches and players thoroughly enjoyed.

We have recently purchased all training wear and playing kit from Bergoni sportswear, which looks very smart on all coaches and players as you can see in our team photo.

We would like to thank our sponsors for 2017/18 season, 3M's carpentry timber frame and FRF Toyota Swansea for their continued and generous support.

## This seasons awards 2016/17.

Colts manager player - Cian Jones.

Dragons manager player - Kai Butler.

Most improved players - Carsen Rees, Jensen Yeomans, Rhys Jenkins.

Clubman - Rio Davies.

Players Player - Lucas Fulford.

Parents player - Kai Butler.

## Current squad for 2017/18.

Morgan John, James Courtney, Rhys Jenkins, Carsen Rees, Rio Davies, Joseph Enticknap, Ben Davies, Ashton Kime, Max Thomas, Lewis Bennett, Jensen Yeomans, Kai Butler, Rhodri Richardson, Lucas Fulford, Dilna Wickramaractiti, Ryan Morcom, Cian Jones, Matthew Bidder.

## Managers/Coaches.

Paul Bennett.

Jonathan Thomas.

Rob Jenkins.

Scott Jones.

*On behalf of all the players and coaches from Llangyfelach under 12's we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.*

It was our first season in a fully competitive league last year, playing 11 aside and on a full size pitch. It was a successful year which saw us only losing one league game making us the winners of our section. We also got to two cup finals but unfortunately lost in both of them. It was a good experience and the team enjoyed representing Llangyfelach.

This year we have lost a few players. One has been signed for the swans academy and other players have decided to play for other teams or they have hung their boots up to concentrate on other sports/commitments. It's always sad when you lose players. Some, we have known and watch them develop from the age of 5, but we wish them well in whatever they decide to do.

A big thank you to all of the football committee of Llangyfelach who work tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring the club is run to a high standard

On behalf of us all we hope you have a happy Christmas and a blessed new year.

## Thanks calvin



Seasons greetings from all of us here at Llangyfelach AFC U14's where we are into our 3rd season of 11-a-side football. We play our league football in Division A, Section A where we have been for all three of our competitive seasons. This puts us up against the best teams around Swansea in addition to playing in three different cup competitions which allows us to compete further afield as we play in the SJFL Cup, West Wales FA Cup & the Boys Club of Wales Cup.

We had a mixed season last time out as we finished 6th in the league and made it to the quarter finals of the SJFL Cup. The team went to the ESF Festival of Football tour which was held at Butlins, Minehead and the boys played some unbelievable football during the competition which saw us finish 4th but more importantly, we won the Fair Play Award. This is a credit to how the boys play football, how they are coached and how well they have been brought up by their parents. A massive achievement by all involved. We also had two of our goals nominated for Golden Ball awards but were unlucky not to win the category.



We have began our season with mixed results in the league but are currently into round 2 of the WWFA Cup as well as the SJFL Cup. We have a healthy squad of 18 players all with a great attitude towards football. We have also secured a new sponsorship for the team with Smartlift UK LTD coming on board as our main shirt sponsor for the 2017-2018 season and beyond. As a coaching team, we are lucky to have 4 coaches training the boys and a fantastic support from our parents.

## Squad for 2017/2018:

Jake Stephens  
Kai Clark  
Thomas Morgan  
Cameran Bumster  
Bobby Davey  
Luke Hier  
Nathaniel Roberts  
Joshua Ruse  
Jacob Jones

Corey Brown  
Callum Williams  
Luca Gallo (C)  
Rhydian Grancourt  
Cameron Wallace  
Zack Jones  
Ben James  
Ethan Williams  
James Rix







The beginning of 2017 saw our then under 14's squad still competing in the Swansea | Junior League cup, The Boys Club of Wales cup and The West Wales cup as well as being in the top 4 of the league. Unfortunately we became victims of our own success having to play four games a week to cram in all our matches and we ended up losing a quarter final tie in The Boys Club of Wales cup to a very physical North Cornelly team and being pipped in the semi final of the Swansea League cup after extra time to eventual League and Cup double winners Port Tennant Colts within the same week and having to play League games on both Saturdays before and after.

We did go one better in the West Wales cup which saw us beat Bryncoch 3 - 1 in the Semi final and playing a very good Dunvant side in the final at Stebonheath Park. The final was an absolute belter of a game which ended 1 - 1 and went into extra time. After 30 minutes of extra time Dunvant ran out 3 - 2 winners but we couldn't have asked for anymore from our lads and were all so proud of the way that they had played and the effort put in.

Over the summer we had to lose two of our ever present players Tom Ayers and Adam Evans who had to make a decision to continue with their football or commit fully to their Ju-Jitsu futures and having both competed superbly in the British championships in Newquay in September it is pretty clear that they both have exciting futures in their preferred sport. We will follow their progress and support them all the way. Good Luck both.

So this season has seen us lose some players but also recruit some new players and the squad is continuing settle together and find our top form. Results have been pretty mixed but all of our coaches are confident that we can compete with any team in our league on our day, a point proven with us beating last years double winners 1 - 0 on the opening day of the season.

Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

***Be seeing you, Richard, Dean and Ashley***



So here we are, our final season as Juniors - where have 10 years gone. It's been an absolute pleasure coaching Llangyfelach AFC. To all you would-be coaches out there - if you ever think that it seems like too much hassle, then believe me it is all worth while, seeing the players for the first time as 5 and 6 year olds running around the football pitch with no real understanding and see them grow into talented young footballers, being part of a team is a great feeling.

Last season was another eventful one, finishing 4th in the league, with Dunvant worthy winners. We had a great run in the Boys Clubs of Wales Cup, getting to the quarter finals, losing to an older, experienced Llangynwyd. Our season finale was the League cup final against our arch enemy Gorseinon at Swansea City's academy centre in Landore.

It was a game that will be remembered for a number of reasons, but the result that will always be remembered was Llangyfelach coming out winners, in an exciting penalty shootout. It also ended Gorseinon's unbeaten run of over 50 games. MOM that day was Keiron Glover.

There have been several new additions this year that have joined our team recently which has seen our numbers increase to 19. Noah Daley and returning Tyler Ace & Kian Sheppard - good luck boys. Some of the boys have been together now for 10 years and have again developed as individuals.

Once again our end of season presentation was held in June at Morriston Rugby Club, which was enjoyed by all. Some of the special awards for 2016/17 went to:

Player's player : Daniel Kivi, Manager's Player : Caleb Thomas, Fan's Choice : Jack Jenkins, MIP : Owen James, Goal of the Season : Nathan Beniamous, Top Goalscorer : Josh Carrington & Jack Jenkins - Well done to all the boys.

We now have a strong squad developing this season and this has come through with some of the results we have achieved to date, notably beating favourites Gorseinon and Dunvant.

Once again our thanks go out to all of the parents and the tremendous support that they give to the boys in training and on match days.

Merry Christmas and we both look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



# Coffee & Cake?



**A Warm Welcome  
Friendly Faces and a Cheerful Chat!  
Every Thursday Morning 10.30 am  
Llangyfelach Church Hall**

After a very successful 16-17 season Llangyfelach ladies went unbeaten in the league and were worthy champions, we were invited to play in the Welsh Women's league tier 2, which is one step away from the Welsh premier league. We thought by playing at this level against better teams with higher standard of grounds etc we would attract more players to help us compete at this level, however this wasn't the case in fact we lost quite a few players who didn't want to commit to regular travelling to places such as Newport, Cardiff Aberystwyth to name a few. We managed to scrape enough players together, (just about), our first game was away to Caerphilly castle, which we narrowly lost 5-4, we competed very well and were unlucky to lose. We then suffered heavy loses to two relegated teams from the Welsh prem, Briton ferry & Aberystwyth. This was followed by our first win of the season away at Tredegar in the Welsh cup, a convincing 4-0 victory.

This season was always going to be a tough learning curve for us but we are getting stronger with every game. We have had new signings to boost our squad and with the fantastic new training facility at Morriston together with Llangyfelach ladies never say die attitude I'm sure our season will be an amazing experience for us.

We must give a special mention to our club captain Michelle Mikey Dennis who worked tirelessly pre season to secure great sponsorship from True Hair & Fixing solutions which ensured that we not only look good in our new kit but also have updated training / playing gear.

Onwards and upwards for Llangy Ladies. *Lee Cana coach*)





In recent weeks Bethal Chapel has had to be repaired immediately prior to the forthcoming winter weather. During the summer months part of the ceiling in the chapel collapsed at the rear of the chapel. Unfortunately, the chapel's insurance does not cover any wear and tear that occurs in the chapel and any repairs must be funded by the chapel. The cost of exterior work where the water seeped into the building, and interior work, repairing the ceiling was beyond the means of chapel funding and the deaconate decided that the exterior work would be the priority and work was done to the exterior of the building has now been completed.

Services continue to take place regularly at Bethal Chapel, every Sunday at 10:30 am and 3.00 pm, even though the attendances continue to decline.

The South Wales and London Presbyterian church visit Bethal on a quarterly visit on a Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm.

The vestry is used on a weekly basis by the Llangyfelach Line Dancing Group on a Thursday at 2 pm and by the knitting class on a Wednesday at 2 pm, band practice occurs on a weekly or fortnightly basis in the vestary at 7 pm.

The Presbyterian church of Wales still continues to use Bethal Chapel as a cultural centre, inviting eminent speakers to give historical knowledge of the past.

This year's Village Carol Service is being held in the parish church under the auspices of our new vicar, rev. Antony Porter, on 10th December at 6 pm.

We will have a Christmas morning service in Bethal Chapel on Monday the 25th December at 9:30 am, all are welcomed.

Our members at Bethal Chapel wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2018

Thank You

**Morlais**

This year we have had a most enjoyable time.

Our lottery grant was used for coach trips and meals out. Carmarthen, the Sennedd, Grower Tout with meals in King Arthur, Tenby, Porthcawl, Aberglasney and Stradey Castle with afternoon tea. A big thank you to Mrs June Jones applying for the grant and Mrs Morwen Watkins for booking the trips.

Our Curate Anthony spoke about his childhood. Wimbledon tea and Karl entertained us with his guitar and a sing song.

Our anniversary lunch in October was at the Plough & Harrow and also our Christmas lunch is in December, we do like to have meals out.

Our December meeting is a carol service with Curate Anthony and mince pies.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 2-4pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

***Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year to you all.***

***Contacts:***

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*We wish everyone in the local community a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*

**From Gavin Griffiths and everyone at Griffiths Waste Management.**

Llangyfelach Community Council/ Cyngor Cymuned Llangyfelach, would like to thank Griffiths Waste Management for their support in supplying and erecting the fence around the Christmas tree.



Llangyfelach WI is part of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. It is quite amazing how small groups of women from all over the country can have such a collective voice to influence the government of the day.

We are currently involved in the 'Save the bees' campaign. This is something that will impact on everyone. A few of our members recently met with representatives of both Swansea and Cardiff universities, Swansea beekeepers, Morriston hospital trust and council members to set up bee friendly areas in Swansea. Llangyfelach WI are amongst a number of WI's who will be helping to inform the local primary schools on what they can do to protect our bees. Watch this space as did you know it was the WI who started the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign all those years ago.

This past year we have had such diverse speakers. We have learnt about the weather, tides and the moon, how it is not all fun being a newspaper editor but you do meet a lot of interesting people, a women's prison and what it entails being Swansea's Mr X. One speaker spoke about the history of nursery rhymes... did you know Humpty Dumpty was in fact the name of a very large gun on a barricade? Neither did we!

Just recently we had a speaker who told us 'how every contact leaves a trace'. Dr Charlene Watkins is a Crime Scene Manager. Almost all of us have watched how they work, either on the news or the many detective programmes on the screen but this was real life and was absolutely fascinating. We ended with our fingerprints being taken and preserved in a key ring fob

Our members try to attend as many of the meetings, courses or taster days that Glamorgan Federation lay on such as Artisan bread making, walks around Glamorgan, the autumn Malvern show, the list goes on. It is all about broadening our outlook beyond family, work or being at home with all the work that entails. It is about being a more informed woman in today's world.

We try to fit in as many outings as we can throughout the year; this year has been no exception. There was a fantastic exhibition in the Glyn Vivian Art Gal-



lery of Leonardo Da Vinci. His paintings and the detail in the drawings was exceptional. Our visit to the National Wool Museum was interesting and noisy. Hard to believe how young the children would have been working in those surroundings.

A number of members went to Liverpool for the Annual Meeting. When thousands of women all stand to sing our national song Jerusalem it is an amazing sound and feeling.

Our latest visit was to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant. If you haven't already visited there, I suggest you do. What an experience! We didn't appreciate that so many countries around the world have their coins minted there!

This is as close as we could, or ever will get to a million pounds worth of pound coins. Not sure if they were old or new variety though.

We still have so much more to do this year. There is always something new to see and try. We would love you to come and have a look; you never know you might like it and join. We hope to see you soon.

WI is the largest body of women in the UK and here we are a lively group of ladies who meet the last Monday of the month in Bethel Chapel Vestry.

Everyone at Llangyfelach WI would like to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018

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# Christmas Illuminations

**Friday 8th December 2017**

Once again Father Christmas will be with us to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights.

Come and meet him at 6.15pm at the Christmas Tree on the green by the Plough & Harrow. Then for those of you that are young enough, visit him in his grotto in the Church Hall.

