



# Christmas 2019



Cyngor Cymunedol Llangyfelach  
Llangyfelach Community Council

# Newsletter





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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 Friday 6th December 2019 (please note, this is a week earlier than usual).

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 Neighbours,

A Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year from Llangyfelach Community Council.

Yet again we have had a busy year on the community council, the purchase of the green at Y Llwyni is still ongoing with Swansea City Parks department agreeing to carry out a detailed inspection of all the trees before we agree to take over the upkeep of the land, hopefully the end is in sight and the purchase of the land can be completed in the very near future ensuring that no building can take place on the only piece of land the children of the village can play on.

We are also in talks with the Parks Department to renew the play equipment in the Penpant Estate. The existing equipment is old and tired; the children of the school have advised us of the best equipment to buy so hopefully we can start the renovation early next year.

Recently we were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend and neighbour Brenda Richards. Brenda was one of the founder members of the Community Council way back in the early 1980's, she worked tirelessly for many organisations in the village and was the "go to" person when anything needed to be done, she is greatly missed by all who knew her.

There have been strong talks of a new £20m railway station being built at Felindre. Alun Cairns (Welsh Secretary) is keen to build a new Parkway station on the Swansea and District railway line. This line is used mainly for freight at the moment but they see an opportunity to run a 10 carriage train into Port Talbot station, split the train into two with the first 5 carriages going into Swansea High 'Street station, the remaining carriages will travel via the district line to the new Felindre station and then on to Llanelli and further West. This will reduce the time taken to travel from Carmarthen to Cardiff by approx 20 minutes. The intention is to encourage more people to commute by train, trying to reduce the traffic on the already congested M4. The station at Felindre will serve the major employers at Morrision Hospital, the DVLA and the Parc Felindre site.





This year we decided to have a memorial bench installed on the village green overlooking the church. The bench was dedicated and blessed by the Rev Anthony Porter on the 10TH November to remember all those that have lost their lives in past and present conflicts.

The Council meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm, all meetings are open to the public and we would be delighted to see you. There is a vacancy on the Council if anyone is interested in joining us. If you need to contact us for any reason our contact details can be found on our Website and are also listed in this Newsletter.

Finally, Father Christmas is coming early to the village this year, he will be helping us switch on the Christmas Tree illuminations on the 6th December at 6:15 pm, this is a week earlier than normal so please make a note of the date in your diary, Father Christmas would like to see as many children as possible. This is a free event and an opportunity for you to take a photo of your child meeting Santa.

***Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda I Chi Gyd***  
***Peter Gibson***  
***Chairperson***





Most people know Penllergare as the green oasis in north Swansea. However at this time of the year we have every colour under the rainbow! The wildlife is busy gathering food for the winter and the great harvest is made that much easier with an abundance of berries and nuts which have benefitted from the great deal of mixed sunshine and rain this year. Bright red holly berries and, purple-black sloes and the wonderful browns of acorns and chestnuts add a rich tapestry of colour to this beautiful site.



This year the Penllergare Trust has started its long awaited restoration of the walled garden which has lain like a grown-over Aztec ruin in the middle of a jungle for too long! We are currently drawing up detailed plans and volunteers have begun clearing ivy and bramble away from the ruins, the most important of which is the Orchid House which saw orchids brought to Penllergare, a first in the whole of Europe! It was probably the first purpose built orchid house in the world! The resulting project, which will be a couple of years in the making, will provide a wonderful attraction for visitors and an educational focus for the many groups and schools we work with.



Photo Jane Emery





To take on the walled garden, the Penllergare Trust now pays £35,000 a year rent to maintain the site open to the public. If this was not done we strongly believe this beautiful place would succumb to housing. If you would like to support us by making a donation or becoming a friend please think of gifting a donation, perhaps in a loved one's name, joining our Friends organisation or perhaps funding a memorial bench or other feature in the woods. We really cannot do it without you!

Did you know the Trust has over 100 volunteers carrying out work in the woods and serving in our wonderful Coffee Shop! If you would like to come and join us we would love to see you. The 100 existing volunteers can't be wrong! We have the best Coffee, the best Cakes and definitely the best service. Come and make friends and make a difference! Instead of that expensive Gym membership and putting all that energy and effort into a machine, come and help us protect this wonderful place.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and please keep a look out for news on our Facebook site and [www.penllergare.org](http://www.penllergare.org)

## ***Nadolig Llawn***



Photo Brian Meredith





Hello Everybody,

Gill Rees Secretary of Morryston and Llangyfelach F.O.T. here.

I am going to start with a short but sincere tribute to Brenda Richards, who sadly passed earlier this year.

Although Brenda was not currently a member of our committee, she was one of our stalwart "helpers on the day", always there to help, man the cakes and savoury stall and indeed provided many of the cakes and pastries. Notably Brenda always made the Welsh cakes for our Welsh cake and cuppa coffee morning; 100 plus welsh cakes!

We will miss her greatly and always remember her faithful support to our group for many years to come.

I am delighted to report on behalf on the committee, that we had had another successful year of fundraising thanks to our loyal and generous supporters in the Llangyfelach and Morryston areas.

We will go back to our Christmas coffee morning 2018.....

This is always a popular event, as everyone feels it starts off preparations for Christmas.

Everyone enjoyed their cuppa and mince pie on arrival. And once the stalls were declared open, sales were brisk.

The Christmas Hamper raffle proved popular once again, as did the main raffle. Overall it was a successful morning enjoyed by all who attended.

We held our A.G.M. on Tuesday January 19th 2019 all officers remain the same;

Carole Morgan; Chair person

June Jones; Treasurer

Gill Rees; Secretary





Our events of 2019;

1) Easter coffee morning, held in Morryston Golf club.

Ticket sales were good as usual and the morning was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the attendees.

2) Summer Coffee morning, held in Llangyfelach parish hall.

It was a Cup cake coffee morning. The weather was dreadful, but most of our ever faithful regulars, turned out despite the pouring rain.

Anette Young had grown plants from seed; They proved Very popular and the plants that were left over were claimed by the Vicar for the Sunday School garden. A big thank you to Annette!

The Cake stall was soon sold out. Although attendance was slightly down due to the weather, thanks to donations our overall takings were Very good indeed.

3) Our evening event was next. A musical evening featuring "Corrine and Friend"

From the time the posters went up, people started buying tickets, because of how much they had enjoyed this group of youngsters the year before. Then tickets were priced at £5 each and sold very quickly.





The entire event was a Wonderful success and exceeded all of our expectations. We were delighted to present a cheque to Tenovus for £1000.

We are extremely grateful to these young performers who give up their free time to perform for us, free of charge because they believe so much in the cause.

This was their third concert and we were so happy that they were able to be part of this presentation.

At this point I will thank Llangyfelach church for allowing us to use the Parish hall, Meryl and Avril for helping to set up and serve the Tea's and Coffee's.

Morrison golf club for allowing us to use their main hall. Andrew and the staff at the golf club.

Also, thanks to the ladies section who donate the monies raised from their Annual golf tournament.

Thanks to my fellow committee members who work tirelessly to put on our events and a warm welcome to Annette Young who joined us in May of this year.

Last but by no means least thank you to our loyal supporters who enable us to raise much needed funds for Tenovus cancer care, to fund research projects at Cardiff University and Heath Hospital along with the Tenovus buses, now a numbering 4, which go out into the outlying communities in West wales and the Valleys, making it easier for patients to receive Chemotherapy and other support services.

Should you wish to contact Tenovus, you can do so 365 days a year on; 0808 808 1010

***All that now remains is for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2020!!***

***Nadolig Llawn a Blywddyn Newydd Dda!!!***

***Gill Rees***

***(Secretary Morryston and Llangyfelach friends of Tenovus cancer care)***





We come to the end of another fantastic term at Llangyfelach Primary School and we intend to close the term in great style. The LPS Christmas Performances this year are going to be absolutely outstanding, yet again. The staff at LPS have been planning great things for this year's festive performances. We are all really excited to perform these concerts for our fantastic community!



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 regularly receive external critical acclaim for the work we do and the impact this has on our pupil's education. I would also like to thank our parents, carers and wider community for your unrivalled support, which I believe demonstrates our ability as a community to sustain excellence for all. Making LPS the best place it can be for our pupils.

Our community is growing, and therefore, so are our opportunities for our children. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in recent months. I believe you have made a great decision in choosing Llangyfelach Primary, because our pupils are so friendly, our staff are passionate, and our community spirit is strong. All the right ingredients for an excellent school!

Please read the following pages from each class to see what they have been doing this term.

## Play, Learn & Grow Together





## Nursery

Our Topic this term is 'When I fall asleep'. In this topic, the children have learned about their bedtime routine, sources of light and nocturnal animals.

They have had fun wearing their PJ's to school and reading their favourite bedtime story with their friends. The children enjoyed talking about their bedtime routine through pictures and created a zigzag book.

The children had a special letter from Tedi Twt asking if we could help him remember how to brush his teeth. The children have been learning instruction texts and used picture cards to sequence the instructions in order using wow words.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas from LPS Nursery Class!





## Reception

Last term our topic was 'Will you read me a story?'. We enjoyed reading different fairy-tales and learning about who was a goodie and who was a baddie! We had a PJ day where we brought in our favourite fairy-tale and teddy bear. A fairy door appeared in our classroom and a fairy called Pixie left us a letter and a new story to read each week. We even got to meet Pixie! She came to visit us in school, and we got to ask her lots of questions. We loved making our iMovie 'Goldilocks and her 27 Bears'.





## Year 1

We have had a great start to the new year in Year 1, learning about our school and Victorian schools. We looked at how different schools were back in the Victorian times and discussed how much better schools are now. We went on an amazing trip to St Fagans, where we got to go inside a Victorian School. Miss Nicholas even dressed up as a Victorian teacher and pretended to teach a lesson - she was very strict! We couldn't use pens and paper because they didn't have those in Victorian times, so we had to use chalk boards and chalk. We had lots of fun! We learnt about how children were not allowed to speak Welsh and got punished if they were caught, we're so glad we can speak it now though.



# Play, Learn & Grow Together





## Year 2

In Year 2 we have had a great time finding out what school life was like for Victorian children. We used many sources of evidence to help us! We asked our Grandparents and Great-Grandparents to share their memories and had lots of fun discussing them in class. Next we looked at artefacts and visited an old school room in St Fagans. The cane and dunce's cap amazed us! We shared our learning by creating our own news reports. We made news jingles and wrote news scripts to share news with our classmates. We had great fun and loved the topic!





## Year 3

What a fantastic term we have had in Year 3 so far! We loved our topic Blood, Bones and Gory Bits! We have learnt so much about our human bodies! We learnt about all the different organs in our bodies, did you know your teeth are an organ? We investigated our pulse rates after different exercises and we wrote information texts informing about ways to keep our bodies healthy! We are really looking forward to learning about Victorian Children and the jobs they did! We can't wait to visit Big Pit and go deep underground into the coal mines!



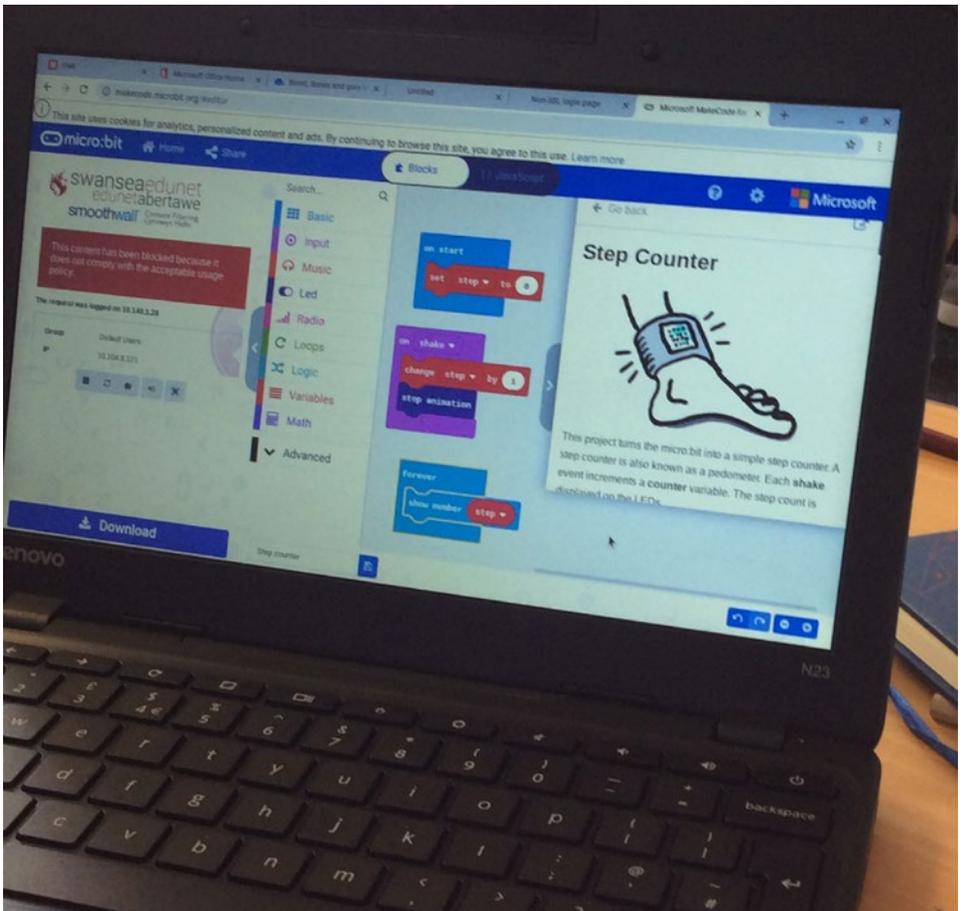
**Play, Learn & Grow Together**





## Year 4

Year 4 have had a great start to the new year and have been working extremely hard on our topic 'Blood, Bones and Gory Bits'. We have completed many exciting activities relating to the human body and have learnt so much about how our bodies work. In particular, we have been learning about dental hygiene and we conducted a science experiment that focused on how toothpaste protects and strengthens teeth. We were also very excited to use and develop our coding skills to create a working heart rate monitor using Microbit.





## Year 5

Our first topic of the year was 'The Blitz'. We enjoyed participating in numerous cross-curricular activities based around WWII, including: reading and producing our own information texts; planning a scientific experiment about what materials should be used during a blackout; solving numeracy based rationing problems and creating Blitz artwork and propaganda posters - all of which can be viewed on our class website: <https://www.llangyfelachprimaryschool.co.uk/the-blitz-4/> .

We thoroughly enjoyed learning about World War II and now look forward to learning about even more recent history - looking at the 1960s - in our new topic 'Stargazers'.



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## Year 6

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, we have created our own Propaganda posters and looked at rationing, bearings and grid references.

## 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, had the opportunity to build our own shelters and we even got to see the bats hunting for food.

## Stargazers

Our new topic for this half-term is going to be 'Stargazers'. We will learn about the solar system, space exploration and other key events of the 1960's. We will research significant figures and we will also study the work of artist Andy Warhol, and musicians such as The Beatles and Elvis Presley.





Our PTFA have had another very successful and busy year!

We have, once again, made more of an effort to concentrate our events directly after school or during school time to ensure attendance remains at their optimum.

Our events have included: a Valentine's Disco, Mothers and Father's Day Gift Stalls, Book Sales, Friday cake/ice-cream stalls, Easter Raffle, Easter Bunny Hop, Movie Nights and our usual Christmas Activities including our very Special Santa's Grotto (with the amazing Mr Jones!), Name the Elf, Christmas Cake-Off and refreshment support at the Choir and Christmas concerts.



Mothers' Day Stall



Name the Elf

This year we are holding our Christmas Fayre on Monday 9th December and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of our community to join us at this festive event which will include Tir a Mor Bakes and their delicious chocolate brownies, Billy Upton's hog roast, Gower Creation textiles, Sugarlicious sweets, Candles, Cup Cakes, Bows, games, lucky dip and more!

The Summer Fayre this year was blessed with wonderful weather



Seasonal Movie Night

and we raised over £1,000. Our School Choir started the event off, and events included football, bouncy castle and slide, art handprints, slush drinks, sunflower planting and many more. We all had a wonderful time!

We would like to invite our community to join us in our latest fundraising project – our very own school lottery!!!

Tickets cost £1 a week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school. There's a guaranteed cash prize winner every week and a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw every week. It only takes a few minutes to buy a ticket and you can make a BIG DIFFERENCE to our school. The website address to support us is: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/llangyfelach-primary-school>

Thanks must once again go to our many committee members who have helped run all of our events, in particular to our Secretary Laura James for manning the very popular slush machine on many of our events and also for running the very popular Friday cake stall!





Some of the items purchased and donated to the school this year have included:-

- Subscriptions to all VLE platforms (£6,000)
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- Playground furniture, structures, seating and equipment
- Classroom stationary and furniture
- Attendance Awards to Year 5 - trip to Odeon Cinema
- Suntan lotion for whole school
- Bright Ideas painting of the children's Art in the boys and girls toilets
- Gazebos
- Awards prizes for End of Year Assembly

In conclusion, I would like to thank every member of the committee for their support in the year and the considerable time and effort they put into organising events for the children to enjoy. If you know any friends who would be interested in joining us we would love to have new members on board! Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school for their continued support of the work of the PTFA.



***We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.***

***Lynda Phillips Chair PTFA***

The Grotto all ready waiting for Santa's arrival





**GRIFFITHS**  
Waste Management & Recycling

*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.





Throughout 2019, we have, as a small group managed to support various charities once again. At the moment, we are only seven members but we all keep busy knitting and crocheting. Our “outside” knitters are very supportive, they regularly bring parcels of knitting tonus. The two daughters of the late Mrs. Mary Harris, Velindre – namely, Mrs Helen Evans. Velindre and her sister Mrs. Lynwen Williams, Llangennech have continued to knit for us since their mother passed away. Diolch yr fawr iawn Helen a Lynwen. Thank you very much indeed.

It has been a pleasure these past few months to welcome back Mrs. Maureen O’Neil. She comes along when the weather is favourable accompanied by her close neighbour Mrs Eileen Patterson.

During the early weeks of 2019 we received gifts of wool, patterns and needles from Mr. Don Marsh, Waunarlwydd, husband of the late Mrs. Pat Marsh. Wool was also received form Mrs. Helen Mills Sketty. Thank you Helen and Mr. Marsh.

Mrs. Pat Jones and Mrs Helen Clarke became involved with the “Teddies for Sick Children”. These were given to children in hospital, and between both ladies quite a number of teddies were made.

In the Spring a parcel of hats and scarves were donated to the Yorkshire Building Society for the young homeless. They were gratefully received by the staff but have sufficient for now.

Mrs. Jean Havard brought along 30 hats, knitted by a lady called Carol, a resident of Birchgrove, where Jean and Bill are now living. The hats were much appreciated.

On March 1st a visit was paid to Mrs. Betty Hill as it was her birthday. It was lovely to see her looking so well. A gift of chocolates, biscuits and card were given to Betty.

In May, Mr. Paul Hare wrote in his newsletter about the Christmas Shoe Boxes his organisation takes out to Dorohoi for Christmas. As a Group we decided to take part in his scheme and sent six boxes. Basic items sent were soap, flannels toothbrushes and paste, hats gloves and scarves. Then suggested items for girl’s boxes were small dolls, biros, notebooks, pencils, bracelets and sweets etc. Boys also catered for toy cars, planes, marbles, notebooks etc. The boxes





were decorated with Christmas Paper and labelled Boy/Girl and age group. Mr. Hare came to collect them in Jul, and also tool a load of our knitwear, clothes, hats etc. We were able to give Mr Harris £25 towards expenses.

The coffee morning girls of the village also gave a donation of £50 to Mr. Hare and also £50 to Mrs. Val Newton.

We are still supporters of Mrs Val Newton with gifts of money at Christmas and the Summer Holidays. In her recent newsletter, she mentions that this was the 25th Summer Holiday for the poorest children. There were some lovely photographs in her letter. The children were obviously enjoying themselves. She is still working hard to provide decent homes for those in need and giving appliances for the home, food and fuel. She keeps in touch with us regularly through her newsletters.

We understand that Val will be celebrating her eightieth birthday in a few weeks' time. We would like to wish her a very happy birthday and an enjoyable day. She has devoted so much time and energy for her charity.

In September, we were invited to visit the Knitting Group at JIREH Evangelical Church in Loughor. The ladies of this group knit baby parcels for poor young mothers and unmarried mothers who live at a hostel 30 miles from Dorohoi. The parcels consist of a shawl, nappy, pins, cardigan or matinee coat, mittens, bootees, hat and a top-vest or jumper. The garments are wrapped up in the shawl and given to the mother. Pat, Helen & Eileen had an enjoyable visit to Loughor where they were made very welcome. As our next project we hope to make up some "Baby Parcels" ourselves.

Before closing, I would like to thank the Deacons of Bethel for the use of all the facilities at Bethel Chapel each week. Gifts of hats, chocolates and biscuits taken to the homeless by Mrs. Pat Jones in time for Christmas.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year – the beginning of another decade.

***Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda***

***Margaret McRobbie***

**01792 772914**

New Members very welcome. We meet on Wednesday at 2 pm.





This September we will have seen dancing at Bethel for 22 years, the class having been started by Molly in 1997, who stayed with us for 10 years. Many of our present members are still dancing through all that time!

Molly then retired and Deb took over in 2008 and stayed for many years, eleven in all, before she too decided to leave in January of this year. The class now has Andrea as our teacher, who was warmly welcomed and hope that she might beat Molly and Deb's record and that would be for 12 years. She's young enough to do that! Should it happen, Haydn who is our oldest member and not shy to say so, he will be 102!!!

In March this year we held a presentation and good-bye lunch for Deb at Morryston Golf Club, and the photograph below shows Haydn making the presentation of gifts with both the former teachers, Molly and Deb.

We have continued our classes with Andrea and have welcomed new members. We meet every Thursday 2.15 pm - 3.45 pm at Bethel Vestry and thank once again the Deacons for allowing us to dance here.

We look forward to Christmas and the New Year and extend our good wishes to all.

***Barbara Gilchrist***

**01792 773141**





# Llangyfelach Post Office, Store and Tea Room

Simon Julie & Staff wishing customers  
A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year  
Thank you for your support

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Hot & Cold Drinks

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Once again, may I thank the members of the Community Council for the opportunity to bring you up to date with County Council matters affecting our Community.

Firstly, I must pay tribute to “the one and only” Brenda Richards, who passed away earlier this year and was one of the first Community Councillors back in 1985. Brenda was always ready to roll up her sleeves to organise and get involved in anything that needed to be done. As families, we became very close over 50+ years of friendship and we, along with everyone in the Village, will miss her dulcet tones. (I can safely say that, knowing it would cause her no offence rather, it would make her laugh)

The year has been dominated by processing the City & County Council’s Local Development Plan. As you may know, sites surrounding the Village have been the subject of varying sized Development submissions. The largest and as yet, the only one to be determined, is a residential development on Mynyddbach Common.

The bulk of the Development will be in the Mynyddbach and Penderry Wards, but the development will extend behind properties on Swansea Road. I have many reservations, which I have expressed both to the Planning Inspectorate and Planning Committee.

Firstly, the land above Swansea Road is elevated and without careful screening, may result in an overbearing effect. I am also concerned at the road layout which will result in an access road being created for traffic entering and leaving the site off Swansea Road.

Another controversial planning decision has given permission for the development of housing on Mynydd Gelli Wastad Road near the entrance to Morriston Hospital. I congratulate the efforts by the small neighbourhood Community in challenging and opposing the development as an intrusion into the open countryside, I also supported their efforts and called for a site visit for Council Members of the Planning Committee to see the natural aspect of the Area. Nevertheless, ultimately, permission was granted.





Indiscriminate all day parking by some D.V.L.A. Personnel is an ongoing problem, even where traffic regulations exist. The County traffic enforcement team have promised to organise additional patrols. All day parking by car sharing motorists is also a problem for Residents of Heol Fach, I have requested more traffic regulations for the area.

The transfer of the green area on Y Llwyni from city and County Council ownership to the Community Council seems to be reaching a successful conclusion. After many years of waiting, the legal transfer of documentation, will hopefully, be completed in the near future.

You will have noticed that the bus services to and from Llangyfelach have changed. The former service between Morriston-Llangyfelach-Gorseinon is now No.46, operated by New Adventure Travel. The No.35 between Llangyfelach and Swansea is also operated by New Adventure Travel, with a more frequent service. Timetables for both are available on Google.

***Finally, on behalf of my family and myself, may I wish you all a Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy and successful New Year***  
**Gareth Sullivan**





On behalf of all our friends at Thursday coffee morning, we would like to wish all our community residents a very happy Christmas and well wishes for the New Year.

Each Thursday at 10:30, we meet at the Church hall following the Thursday morning service. We meet and share coffee, tea, cake and pastries they are all very delicious. Everyone is welcome to join us, why not call in before picking the children up from nursery or why not bring the children over with you. Everyone is most welcome.

During this year we lost one of our greatest friends-Brenda Richards. It was Brenda who started the coffee morning many many years ago and did all the wonderful baking for our mornings together. Her passing has deeply saddened all her friends on a Thursday but we will always maintain Brenda's rule - only three in the kitchen!!

As a friendship group we must say a special thank you to Dorothy John who has taken over the baking for us all to enjoy each Thursday.

Once again from us all a very happy Christmas to all. We look forward to welcoming you to our community mornings.

***Angela Williams***

***Meryl Hewitt***





# Coffee & Cake?



**A Warm Welcome  
Friendly Faces and a Cheerful Chat!**

**Every Thursday Morning 10.30 am  
Llangyfelach Church Hall**





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

This year again has been a year filled with great joy and celebration; seeing numerical growth and spiritual growth within our parish.

On December 8th, The Archbishop of Wales, The Most Reverend John Davies, will be licensing me as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish.

It would be wonderful to have members of our community come to this service to support the work

and mission of the parish as we seek to commit together to support the needs of our community. At our Easter Vestry Meeting this year, the church family elected Julie Rees and Sandra Williams to the role of Church warden. Both individuals are very hard workers and we are so grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment in these roles.

Our Christmas services last year were very well attended by our community. It was so amazing to see many join together at the Christingle service, carol services and Christmas Eve services. The Christmas Tree displays were fantastic and this year we will be improving this display and hopefully welcoming many more visitors.

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. Please see our notice boards for further information.





- Sunday 15th December – 5pm Community Carol Service
- Monday 16th December – 7pm Carols and Mulled Wine Night (booking essential)
- Sunday 22nd December – 4pm Christingle at The Parish Church
- Tuesday 24th December – 5pm Family Service & Blessing of the Crib at The Parish Church  
10pm Midnight Mass at The Parish Church
- Wednesday 25th December – 10am Christmas Eucharist at the Parish Church

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

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

Thursday 10.00 Mid-week Eucharist followed by Community Café

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.

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. We would love to hear from anyone who is able to offer their talents on a voluntary basis to help us preserve the beautiful church and its grounds.



***Nadolig Llawn 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***  
***With love and blessings***  
***Rev Anthony Porter***





Our club was started in October 2018 with a small group of friends and members of Llangyfelach Church who share a love of reading, chatting and tea and cakes.

We have enjoyed the experience of a new book and author each month, spanning a range of genres and decades. Some of the authors have been Natasha Pulley, Daphne du Maurier, Neville Shute, Frank Gardner, Nick Hornby and Ian Pears. The topics have included fantasy, romance, crime, and drama. The books have not always been those that we would have individually chosen but have stimulated conversation, challenged and enthused us.

We have often had different opinions and reactions to the books and not always good! However, whatever the topic, memories have been stimulated and experiences shared.

Fellowship and friendship through the bookclub has been positive and joyous and we have had great pleasure through reading and made new friends within the church and community of Llangyfelach.

Brenda Richards was a valued member of the club and shared amazing stories and experiences with us and is sadly but very fondly missed by us all.

Our group has increased to nine members and we now meet in the Parlour on a Monday at 7pm approximately every 4-6 weeks and thank Julie for hosting us. We are a friendly informal group and new members are most welcome to join us. Dates will be announced in the Church bulletin.

***Ailsa Rees***





## Ministry to Children at Families – Parish of Llangyfelach

Our Sunday School continues each Sunday at 10:30 in the Parish Hall during School Term. 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.

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. To support all families to discover the Christian faith, we have commenced a Saturday Kidz Kingdom group which will be continued for special events. Our recent Harvest Kidz Kingdom welcomed so many families to enjoy crafty fun and bible stories.





The children continue to lead family services in the church for special occasions. Keep up to date with us on Facebook via the Parish Facebook page.

Youth Club on a Friday meets at 6pm for an hour. The children play lots of games and make lots of crafty things to take home. A tuck shop runs for a short time during the session. During the fine weather the children like to play outside in the church grounds and even explore the grave inscriptions. During the year many of the children have had an introduction to bell ringing in the tower which went down really well.

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 Ministry to children and families please get in touch. It would be so encouraging to hear from you. There is nothing to be worried about: we all have fun in a relaxed environment.

***May God Bless you all this Christmas time.  
Vanessa Beynon (Sunday School Leader)***





Scouting at Llangyfelach is divided into three sections- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The group is thriving with activities led by very committed leaders and assistants who give their time voluntarily to offer the children and young people a safe and exciting environment in which to flourish, make friends, learn skills, knowledge and earn badges. Thank you to them all!

There is an Executive Committee also made up of volunteers, which oversees the safe running of the scout hall and the governance of the group. Here is a quick outline of some of the activities that have gone on over the past year:

## Beavers (approx. aged 6-8years old)

This year the children have earned lots of badges; their first aid badge, healthy eating, cooking, sports, experiments and photography badges . They also attended their first day camp. They've all thoroughly enjoyed each week and the pack continues to flourish as they make new friendships and enjoy have fun whilst learning new skills and knowledge.





## Cubs (approx. aged 8-10years old)

The cubs have enjoyed a great variety of experiences including outdoors - orienteering in Morryston park, a nature hunt in Penllergare Valley Woods and various activities at the Area camp. They have learned about road safety and fire safety and outdoor cooking. In addition they have had great fun with nerf gun games, making pitta pizzas, edible rafts, making spaghetti towers and 'egg drop challenge'!

## Scouts (approx. aged 10-14 years old)

The older children and young people of our group have also had some great experiences such as canoeing, measuring their lung capacity and other fitness tests and climbing. They have learnt safe fire lighting, practised their outdoor cooking skills and planted trees. Many of them also attended the Area camp at Park le Breos on Gower and they have worked toward earning badges including their scientist badge.

So all in all, you can see that the children and young people have enjoyed a varied programme of activities and visits. If you think your child might be interested in joining the group then please pop down to see us in the scout hall on a Monday or Thursday evening.

If you wish to volunteer with us then please get in touch as there are many ways you can help on a one-off or longer term basis (i.e. fundraising, maintenance jobs inside and out, helping out with activities etc.)

The hall is also available to hire for activities and meetings, so contact us if you would like to use the building—after all it is a community facility.

***We look forward to seeing you!***  
***Nadolig Llawen! Happy Christmas!***





This year saw the club celebrate its 25th anniversary as a junior club, this is an amazing achievement for the village and it is testament to all the coaches and managers over the years that the club is so well run and well thought of within the area.

The current committee would like to thank all past and previous, coaches, parents and players for making the club a success on and off the field.

Over the 25 years the village has produced some outstanding local talent that have gone on to be outstanding sportsmen and women, and even to this day we are proud to have started the journeys of local lads Joe Rodon & Dan Williams in representing the Swans and Wales with honour.

Our 25 year anniversary was marked by a celebratory football match with players of past and present coming together, the result ended in a narrow 3-2 victory for the original Llangy boys. A big thanks to everyone that was involved in arranging the game and Tina & Steve Woods for post match refreshments.

Once again thanks to everyone for making the club a success over the years, as a club costs increase year on year so we constantly fundraise with race nights, golf days and raffles so please get involved and help.

***Have a great xmas & new year,  
The Llangy committee***





Our current Under 6's have developed really well and we now have a lovely group of boys - some of whom have been playing with us since starting Under 5's, and some of whom have recently joined us. It's been lovely to see how well the boys get on and how they have welcomed new players into the team.

We are now playing at Play Football every Sunday. The boys are enjoying playing so many different teams and the parents particularly enjoy the 9am start!

We continue to train at Morrision leisure every Thursday evening, outside on the 4G pitches where we share the pitch with the Llangyfelach Under 7's.

The squad consists of Jacob McTaggart, Callum Penny, Teddi Watling, Morgan John-Watkins, Carter Davies, Owen Williams, Jac Harries, Rowan Elton, Ollie Wilson, Brodie Stephens, Max Jorgensen, Jac Dover-Wade and Ben Coleman.

We would like to thank our Sponsor - 'Griffiths' for sponsoring our new team kit. Finally, we'd also like to say thank you to all of the players, and their parents, for the ongoing support and commitment each week.

***Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year,  
Lewis, Andrew, Ryan and Mark***





The Under 7s had a great first season together, they started playing mini games at Llandarcy just before Christmas and took to it brilliantly, working hard together, defending well and scoring lots of goals and it's great to see the effort they put it, they all are a credit to the club.

We entered a few festivals in both scorching sunshine and then pouring rain and they played brilliantly against strong teams. They all enjoyed and love getting their medals at the end! We had our first presentation night in June which was brilliantly organised by the Mum's and the kids had a great time.

Over the summer some players left but we've gained a lot of new players, even from wider areas too and it's great to see them all bond together. We raised funds by doing a 6 mile sponsored walk around Swansea Bay, with a well deserved ice cream stop, even the kids had one too!

This is the first winter we will be training outdoors so they've all got shiny new rain jackets. It's great to see what we work on in training paying off in games (sometimes!) and more importantly watching them develop, bond and have fun. Even at this age we're encouraging them to play freely and positively. It's been great to see their development since we started and they make us all proud each week. We have a Christmas party planned for them all to go bouncing down Limitless which they will all love.

A big thank you to our sponsor Advanced Heating Wales for enabling us to kit the team out and to all the parents and families for their continued support and commitment, come rain or shine we've always had great turnouts in training and for games on Sunday.

Our squad consists of Charlie Jones, Daniel Brown, Dewi Jones, Dylan Lloyd, Evie Davies, Franco Bonomi, George Stabler, Grayson James, Harry Thomas, Ieuan Watson, Lucas Griffin, Morgan Hooper, Preston Boobier Kellaway, Roman Brice, Theo Howard-Ace, Theo Wilson and Tewdwr Dando-Thomas.





Our coaching team is made up of up of James Brice, Mathew James, Barry Griffin, James Stabler and Rob Jones, and Laura James who takes care of everything off the pitch!

*So on behalf of everyone involved with Llangyfelach U7s can we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*





Its been another great year for our under 8's, we completed our Final season playing mini football, 4 a side up Llandarcy on a Sunday morning, seeing the kids develop so much was superb. The summer saw us compete in a number of football festivals which the boys all enjoyed. We all had a well deserved break for the summer and were ready for the new season ahead, this year competing in the Swansea junior league.

Our presentation consisted of a summer afternoon of games & fun at Ynystawe, with Cyril the swan being our keeper and local swans superstar Joe Rodon giving out trophies, many thanks to Lucy for organising.

Over the summer we gained a few new players, we continue to train on a wed evening up morriston leisure centre, with emphasis on enjoyment, football development and most importantly fun!!!

We have started our under 8 season playing at a different venues each weekend and are up to 5 a side every sunday, where the boys are developing really well.





Our parents xmas party was once again held at Chateaux Grainger and was a massive success, from what we can remember!!!

A big thank you to our kit sponsors Howdens of Cwmdru & also our training kit sponsors, Intertwined gardens & landscapes, Dream builders wales, Sunnyside autos & Blyth and Evans carpentry, all your donations really do make a difference.

As always a massive thank you to the llangy committee and all our parents for their hard work and commitment.

Our current squad is Alex, Connor, Harry, Frazer, Oliver E, Oliver B, Mason, Carter, Bailey, Lottie, Parker, Jack, Aiden, Advik & Will.

***On behalf of all coaches have a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year: Steve, Kyle, Ray, Nick, Gareth, Ryan & Birty***





I would like to start by saying what a pleasure it's been coaching the Llangyfelach u9 team this season!!

As a squad of players and coaches we have again continued to progress as a team both on and off the pitch.

We currently have a squad of 17 players and 4 qualified coaches. This has enabled us to register 2 teams with the Swansea junior football league, Llangyfelach colts and Llangyfelach dragons.

We currently train every Thursday at Morrision leisure centres 4G pitch from 6-7 and always have a great turn out regardless of the wet weather.

We play 3 matches every Sunday morning at various locations in and around the Swansea area. Format for games consists of 6 a side with 10 minutes each half.

I must say that some of the football we have been playing this season has been a joy to watch and the way the players work hard for each other has been so rewarding to us coaches and parents.

I would like to thank all the parents for their ever present support and consideration, without you guys then none of this would be made possible. I'm sure your as proud of all the players as us coaches are!!

Everyone involved with Llangyfelach u9 would like to give a special thanks to our sponsors,

JCP solicitors via Lynne Daycock

Premier Windows via Micheal Harris

A and L accountancy via Annikka Brindley

Jan and Becky childminders via Becky Coombes

***Everyone involved with Llangyfelach u9 would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!!!!***

***Craig Hayne***





## SQUAD

Coaches,

Craig Hayne

Matt cook

Ashleigh Gallivan

James stabler

Players,

Mason Hayne, Rhys cook, Elliot gallivan, lily stabler, Theo halfpenny, Oliver Elliot, Jake Coleman, Oaklen Maimmone, Thomas Griffiths, Steffan Daycock, Brody Pearson, Logan Penny, Fraser Coombes, Blake Hawking-Davies, Max Beynon, Logan Williams, Tomos Austin, Oliver Davies





The boys continue to develop and they have a real love for the game, they certainly bring their enthusiasm along each week for our training and games alike! The move up from under 9s to under 10s included some subtle changes to the match formats, with the numbers increasing to 7 aside and the pitch size increasing, the games are also on Saturday (much to the delight of the parents and coaches). We continue to train at Morrision leisure every Wednesday evening, outside on the 3G pitches.

We have added 2 new additions to the squad this year, Thomas Jones and Elliot Robbins, both have settled in really well and are enjoying their football. They join the existing squad of Morgan Harris, Ethan Rees, Ryda Evans, Zac Scrine, Cai Jones, Leon James, Dylan Owen, Gethin Huxtable, Cynan Owen and Cai Williams.

We visited Burnham for our 1st 'Tour' in the summer, plenty of fun was had by all, with some memorable moments over the weekend. We also enjoyed 2 visits to the Liberty, one with the boys as flag bearers before the Brentford FA Cup game, seeing the Swans to an emphatic 4-1 victory which included a Daniel James wonder goal, it was certainly one to inspire the boys. We were also there for the narrow defeat by Manchester City.

Many thanks to our Sponsors, Marc and Tim Swain at Pic-Up-Spares for providing the boys with winter coats and training tops, also to Terry Thomas (Treetops Country club) for sponsoring our kit.

Finally, we'd just like to say thank you to all of the players and their parents, for the ongoing support and commitment each week.

***Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.***

***Lee, Nigel, Josh & Anthony.***





We are well into our Sixth season and are now playing 8 a-side on slightly bigger pitches than last year. This will be the last year the team plays on mini-pitches. Big Boys pitches from next year.

The team is still coached by James Griffiths (aka Debt Collector), Neil Davies, and Jonathan Henry.

Since the start of the year in January the team has been hit with a few injuries, so performances have been up and down. Everything was back to normal at the start of the season and the team have been playing some good football, although they are sometimes slow out of the blocks come KO time at 10.30 am. Too much Xbox and late nights.

This summer we entered two football festivals, one was in Mumbles and the other was in Porthcawl. We did ok during the Mumbles festival but didn't proceed past the group stages. Things were different in Porthcawl. The boys went unbeaten against teams they hadn't played against before. They played 5, Won 4 and drew 1, with Zero goals conceded.

The team consists of the following players:

Oliver Jones, Connor Griffiths, Owen Davies, Ty Henry, Ostin Smith, Thomas Mills, Harri Tunney, Henry Jnr Chukwuonye, Gabriel Tunay, Benjamin Angeles, Ashton Dennis, James Moul

We held our end of season presentation event up Play Football and a great afternoon was had by all. The individual winners on the day were as follows:





Player of the Year - Connor Griffiths

Managers Player of the Year - Harvey Edwards

Most Improved - Ashton Dennis

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

We said goodbye to Harvey “Mario Balotelli” Edwards and Lucas “The Cat” Chegwin. We wish them all the best on their next adventures.

***Finally, from the Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents, Brothers, Sisters, Grand Parents, Aunties and Uncles of Llangyfelach under 11's, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.***





Llangyfelach U12 team are now starting their first season as an 11 a side team, after the loss of 6 players from the previous season we are very much a rebuilding team this season with Ashley MacDonald taking over as the new team manager assisted by Stephen Phillips, Ben Scannell and Luke Davies.

With a difficult start to the season things are now starting to take shape and look up with a fantastic togetherness within the team and a brilliant work ethic and also bringing in 9 new players (Zac moore, Zac Burns, Ryan MacDonald, William Lewis, Evan Hughes, Jaydon Jenkins, Harvey Flipping, James Davies and Finn Hartnoll) in such a short space of time who have fitted in well and together we have become a real footballing family on and off the pitch!

Adding the new additions with our other players Tyler Jones, Lewis Etheridge, Noah Borthwick, Kyle Smith, Tomas Phillips and Jack Maclean who have stuck with us through thick and thin takes our squad up to 15 players, we can now start to organise team building days out with one arranged for December which will also be the boys Christmas do! We have also managed to secure funding for a full Joma training kit as well as sponsorship for a brand new match day kit for next season.

Our U12's current squad is ....Zack Moore, Lewis Etheridge, Zac Burns, Tomas Phillips, James Davies, Harvey Flipping, Tyler Jones, Kyle Smith, Jack Maclean, Ryan MacDonald, Jayden Jenkins, Evan Hughes, Noah Borthwick, William Lewis and Finn Hartnoll.

***Finally, from the Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents of Llangyfelach U12's may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!***





Time is flying by as we move into our seventh season with the team, and our second season on full size pitches, within the Junior League.

Last year we had another good season with the boys developing as players on the pitch and as individuals off the pitch. Unfortunately we lost two players this year, one to rugby and another to athletics, however I am pleased that we have had two new entrants join since this time last year and consequently our squad remains at 14 players. We are hoping to add another player or two in the coming months and increase our squad to 15 or 16 players by the end of this season.

It is not just the players who have been developing either. Our coaches have been undertaking further training and one was awarded the FAW C Certificate earlier this year, in addition to the coaching revalidation courses and first aid courses which are required to be completed on a regular basis.

We finished as runners-up in our division and also reached the final of the plate competition last season, so another successful campaign but still plenty to aim for this year in a very competitive division. At the time of writing we are also through to the second round of the West Wales Cup.





Some of the team have also tried their 'hand' at Futsal this year, which is five a side indoor football with a Latin American twist. The game includes a heavier ball, slightly different rules and is much faster paced than conventional football. Everyone who participated enjoyed immensely and we are planning to play again this season whenever possible.

The team remains well represented in local development centres, Swansea Schoolboys and local FAW academies which is testament to the effort the players put in to drive their own development during their training sessions.

Again I would like to take the opportunity to thank the families of the players we have for their support last season and for ensuring the boys are present and prepared for each match and training session.

*Finally, the players and coaches of the Under 13s would like to wish you everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



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Llangyfelach under 14's are now in their third season playing 11 aside football with a healthy squad of 18 players. This season the boys have grown with confidence which has shown on the pitch winning 5 of our first 6 fixtures currently sitting joint top of the league.

Once again, we have continued to work extremely hard through the summer period, training as normal on a Wednesday evening with extra goal keeper training on a Mondays. We have welcomed a new coach this summer, Lee Yeomans, and his presence has inspired many to push on and have a more of a successful season than our last.

We still train at Morryston Leisure Centre on the 3G pitches, 6 til 7 on Wednesday Evenings and games unchanged still Saturday morning 10.30 kick off.

Our christmas party was a great laugh, all coaches and players thoroughly enjoyed at Superbowl uk and ninja tag active. Presentation night was also a great night at Morryston rugby club.

We would like to thank all our current sponsors for 19/20 season 3m's Carpentry Timer Frame; Admiral Insurance Services Swansea, Your Agent and P.B Trade Car Sales Ltd for their continued support.

All players, including myself and Jon, would like to thank Marc Swain a former coach for all his help and support over the past 12 months and now welcome new coach Lee Yeomans to Llangyfelach Afc 14's.

## **Season Awards 2018/19**

Managers player of the year - Joseph Enticknap

Most Improved player of the year - Ryan Morcom

Clubman of the year - Jensen Yeomans





## Current Squad 2019/20

Lewis Bennett, Max Thomas, Jensen Yeomans, Joseph Enticknap, Ben Hardman Davies, Ryan Morcom, Rhodri Richardson, Ben Gough, Aaron Miles, Logan Black, Luis Burnard, Matthew Bidder, Matthew Turner, Ryan Gallagher, Conner Edwards, Harry Newton, Max Morgan, Ethan Giles.

## Managers/Coaches

Paul Bennett, Jonathan Thomas, Lee Yeomans

*On behalf of all the players and coaches from Llangyfelach AFC Under 14's, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*





Our Llangyfelach team had a successful season last year, reaching three cup finals. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost two finals, but won the main trophy “the West Wales final” 4-0. It was a fantastic experience for the team travelling all over West Wales, beating some very good opposition to finally reach the final in Steboneath.

We are looking forward to another season of football with the main aim is to see the team enjoying their football. Again a massive thank you to all you adults who really commit your time and effort running the boys around, whether it’s to training sessions or those cold rainy Saturday mornings, your support is much appreciated.

***On behalf of Llangyfelach under 15’s have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year.***







Llangyfelach Ladies are currently in their third season playing in the Welsh Women's League. For the 19-20 season our squad has been strengthened by the signing of some younger players who are making the big step up to senior football from the junior set up. They have all contributed to our good start to the season, and are looking forward some exciting & competitive games against some quality teams in our league. Our aim has always been to improve season after season , which we have done and are expecting the same this season. Andrew Francis Davies has also stepped up from the girls junior league to assist us with coaching. Andrew has supplied the ladies with new playing kits both home and away, we have also had funding / sponsorship from Monmouthshire Building Society which was used to supply training gear & match day jackets for the ladies. The ladies train every Wednesday at Morrision Leisure centre 3g and are working hard to ensure they can compete with the best teams in South Wales. Looking forward to the rest of a successful season.

## *Lee Cana (coach)*





It has been a fantastic 2019 for Llangyfelach AFC, as the senior team has re-emerged after almost 7 years folded. Hopefully this will give the junior section the opportunity to seamlessly transition into the Swansea senior football league without having to look elsewhere.

We'd like to start by saying a massive thank you to DW Harris Solicitors for sponsoring our kit this year, they have been very generous and we are hoping to keep up a fantastic relationship for years to come. Also a thank you to Ray Thomas for sponsoring our balls this year!

Secondly, we'd like to say thank you to the committee (Sam Jones, Robert Howells, Lee Richards, Lee Harris, Greg Evans, John Edwards, Andrew Bonomi, Spencer Jones and Jake Morris) especially to Robert Howells and Sam Jones, who got the ball rolling with the reformation of the club. It has been a lot of hard work and meetings that led to the decision that we would be re-entering of the Swansea league.

In the capable hands of Lee Richards, a well put together, young side has arisen on the 4G at Morryston Comp. This team that consists of youngsters and older heads (many that have re-signed after years of not playing) has gelled together and mixed well in order to create a competitive team.

Also a big thank you to Paul Kift and the fantastic staff at the Plough and Harrow for looking after us after every game this season.

The boys had a fantastic pre-season through which they showcased their skills and learnt to play as a team again.

We are currently in discussions as a committee with numerous councils and clubs as to the direction the club want to go in both the near future and long term future with facilities being a major priority for us at this current moment in time.

Whilst there are many tough teams in division 3 this year we are still harbouring plans to be promoted at the first time of asking, so with this being said, we would love to see your support on a Saturday afternoon.





On another fantastic note, Llangyfelach AFC celebrated 25 years since Steve Harris (Big Agg) started up the club. On the 22nd of June we had a huge celebration of this. Both players past and new participated in a friendly game to commemorate the startup. Massive thank you to Steve Wood at Sherwoods that stepped in last minute to host the after party. It was a fantastic day and evening, and we would like to thank everyone that was involved in the organising and partaking of the day.

On a final few notes, Llangyfelach are looking to set up a Reserve team for the 20/21 season and are going to be looking for new (and old) players that are wanting to be involved. Training is on a Wednesday evening at Morryston comp 4G at 7pm.

We are continuously looking for sponsorship, and have many opportunities to get involved (message twitter page for more info).

***Don't forget to give us a follow on:***

***Twitter - llangyfelach afc a***

***Instagram - Llangyfelach AFC***





The second decade of the Twentieth century is shortly to end in 2020 and we hope the next decade will see better weather than we have had in recent months. Bethel Chapel has coped with the inclement weather and we are sincerely grateful to Elliot's Home Improvement for their continuing work at keeping our chapel ship-shape. The workmen have worked continuously during the Summer months and great improvement has been made.

During the summer months Messrs Griffiths Bwtrimawr workmen renovated the Remembrance Garden, in front of the chapel. The workers were efficient laying a new foundation to the garden, prior to their completion, and it is a pleasure to enjoy the Remembrance Garden, once more.

Services continue to take place regularly at Bethel Chapel, every Sunday at 10.30 am and 3.00 pm, even though the membership continues to decline. During the week a number of local organisations use the vestry regularly.

Every two months the chapel welcomes members of the South Wales and London Presbyterian Church with guest speakers, usually on a Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm. The Presbyterian Church of Wales still continues to use Bethel Chapel as a cultural centre, inviting eminent speakers to give historical knowledge of the past in Wales.

It was with great sadness in early May, to hear the passing away of one of our chapel deacons who was a faithful member at Bethel for the past fifty years. Les had retired from farming at Penplas and had recently moved to Pontardulais with Lilwen to enjoy their retirement. The farming community of South Wales attended his funeral on the Saturday afternoon, 18th May.

This year's Community Carol Service is being held in Llangyfelach Parish Church on Sunday 15th December at 4.00 pm under the auspices of Vicar Anthony Porter. Our members look forward to this occasion.

The following activities occur in our Vestry during the week:

Tuesday	Presbyterian Church Service	6.30pm, monthly
Wednesday	Knitting Class	2.00pm, weekly
Thursday	Line Dancing	2.00pm, weekly
	Band Practice	6.30pm, weekly

We will have a Christmas morning Service in Bethel Chapel on Wednesday 25th December at 9.30 am. All are welcomed.

***Our members at Bethel Chapel wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2020.***





Here we go again at the end of an interesting and successful year for members of our Association.

Our membership is growing, thanks for this must be given to members who spread the word and encourage people to come and join us, and see for themselves what we get up to.

Unfortunately, three of our members passed away this year, Mrs Win Varney our Treasurer, Mr Glyn Thomas and Mrs Brenda Richards, known to everyone in the village as “Bren”

On a lighter note we have three members who have reached the grand old age of ‘90’ namely Mrs June Jones, Mrs Gwyneira Card and Mrs Val Evans, our congratulations to them.

The programme for the year has been wide and varied. We started off in February with a filmshow “Very Annie Mary”, an Easter Bonnet Parade, followed by trip to Brecon including a canoe boat ride. We had a trip to Porthcawl, calling at Pyle Garden Centre for morning coffee. Our next excursion was to Gower with lunch at the King Arthur Hotel in Reynoldston, we then ended the day in Verdi’s in Mumbles. We were so lucky that on all three trips the weather was really good to us.

In September we welcomed Mrs Nan Thomas, who spoke on Mangu to modern woman, Swansea City Council recycling team and in October Wiltshire Farm Foods.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to listening to our speaker Mrs Rhian Rees, on the life of Daniel James, the writer of ‘Calon Lan’, our Anniversary lunch at the Plough and Harrow, our Carol Service, led by the Reverend Anthony Porter and our Christmas Lunch in Morryston Golf Club.

As you can see, we have had a very busy year. If you would like to come along, we meet on the first and third Monday’s (except Bank Holidays) in the church hall at 2pm.

We take break in January and we restart in February 2020, which hopefully will be another successful year.

***Best Wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.  
Diana Thomas 773248, Morwen Watkins 774386***







Llangyfelach WI has had another busy and successful year, our 69th since its inception in 1950. As in previous years we have enjoyed a variety of meetings and outings. This is just a taste of some of the experiences we have had.



It was a pleasure as always to be part of the Community Carol Service and to enter an NHS themed tree for the Christmas Tree Festival held in the Parish Church.

We have discovered how to trace our Family Tree, and enjoyed a Film night in the Church Hall! (With popcorn and pop of course)

A first for us was responding to a request from St. Mellon's WI to host an afternoon tea for their party of 40 members travelling back from a trip to West Wales. Our members worked together to put on a memorable event that was enjoyed by all. The following month a virtual tour of Venice and its Carnival proved to be a colourful and informative evening.

Our May event was an insightful talk on Caving, together with a slide show of Cavers in some breathtaking underground caverns. Some not too many miles away from Llangyfelach.

The WI Annual Meeting this year took place in Bournemouth, with several of our members making the trip. One of the speakers was Maggie Philbin the former 'Blue Peter' presenter, who spoke of her early life in television and the work she now does with young people as part of Teen Tech, encouraging women to become more involved in science and technology.





A visit to St Fagan's provided us with a top up of Welsh history and culture, where we were able to view Charity Boards donated to the museum by Llangyfelach Church showing annual donations given by wealthy land-owners to provide relief to the poor of the parish. The visit ended with the obligatory stop for coffee and a cake.

Water, water everywhere was our most recent meeting. Tracy Price of Dwr Cymru gave an insight to the work of Welsh Water. Tracy provided us with booklets and leaflets containing helpful schemes available to everyone.

This current month we look forward to a hands on Flower Arranging evening before we round off the year with our Christmas Dinner at the Plough and Harrow in December.

We extend a warm welcome to new members to join us on the last Monday of every month at 7pm at the Church Hall.

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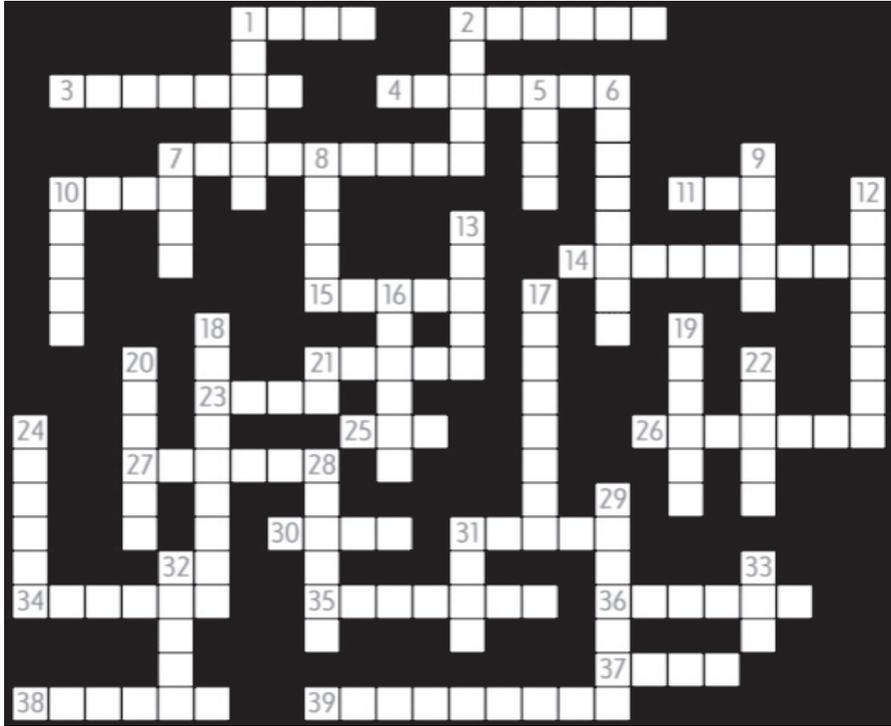


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**Puzzle solution**  
Across 1. magl 2. Joseph 3. pigeons 4. wisemen 7. shepherds 10. east 11. son 14. Bethlehem 15. David 21. myrrh 23. love 25. sin 26. Gabriel 27. stable 30. sign 31. Jesse 34. Simeon 35. Abraham 36. Saviour 37. Anna 38. Christ 39. Zechariah  
Down 1. manger 2. Jesus 5. Mary 6. Natareth 7. star 8. Herod 9. angel 10. Egypt 12. Immanuel 13. Judah 16. virgin 17. prophets 18. salvation 19. Israel 20. census 22. world 24. flocks 28. Elijah 29. Messiah 31. John 32. doves 33. God





### Across

1. wisemen
2. Jesus' earth father
3. used as sacrifice when Jesus was 8 days old
4. came bearing gifts
7. saw angels praising God
10. wisemen came from here
11. only begotten
14. birth place
15. part of the lineage of Christ
21. one of the spices brought to Jesus
23. Why God sent Jesus
25. reason we needed a Savior
26. messenger
27. born in this
30. the star was a \_\_\_\_\_
31. another father in the lineage of Christ

34. told by God he would not die until he had seen Christ
35. Christ's lineage goes back to him
36. deliverer
37. prophetic
38. another name or title for Jesus
39. he was visited by an angel about the birth of his son

### Down

1. Jesus was laid in this
2. reason for Christmas
5. mother
6. home town
7. appeared in the sky
8. tried to kill Jesus
9. Gabriel
10. Joseph was told to flee to this place

12. God with us
13. Joseph from this tribe
16. The mother of Jesus was to be this
17. foretold Jesus' birth
18. He came to provide this
19. God's chosen
20. reason for Joseph and Mary's trip to Bethlehem
22. God so loved the \_\_\_\_\_
24. shepherds were watching
28. John was thought to be him
29. anointed one
31. cousin
32. used in the sacrifice on the 8th day
33. Father



# Christmas Illuminations

**Friday 6th December 2019**

(Note: this is a week earlier than usual)

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.

