

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Election 2004 The following persons put their names forward and were elected as your community councillors **Terry Griffiths, Roland Jeremy, John Jones, Glyn Williams, Haydn Williams & Marilyn John** of Green Acres (Pwntan Bach) who has returned into the fold. **Council Seats** - Due to the increase to the electoral register in Llangain the County Council has allocated 2 new seats to the Community Council, thus increasing the number of Councillors from 7 to 9. This was brought into effect at the June Election. These new councillors are **Wendy Beck**, Penycod, **Lloyd Jones**, Prenteg, Heol Smyrna and **Anne-Louise Morgans**, The Moorings, Llangain (Isaf).

Retirement : Margaret Jenkins retired this year after being a councillor for almost 30 years having joined the council in 1975. Her sterling & unstinting contribution particularly her involvement with the 'Best Kept/Wales in Bloom/Rotary Village of the Year' competitions is noted and much appreciated by both the community at large & the council in particular. **Peris Williams** having been Clerk between 1994-1999 became councillor for 5 years and his conscientious contribution is also appreciated. They have stepped aside for new & younger citizens of both gender. A healthy & happy retirement !

AGM At the Annual General Meeting held on 17th June 2004 John Jones was elected Chairman & Haydn Williams, Vice Chairman. **New County Councillor - Daff Davies, Maesgwynne Mansion, Llangain, Carmarthenshire. SA33 5AL. Tel: 241494**

CLERK Mrs Gill Thomas resigned from her position as clerk to the Council in March 2004 and the Council would like to thank her for all the hard work she undertook during her year of office. The **new clerk** is Megan Morgan, Belmont, Llangain (Isaf) Tel:241281 **However, this post has now become VACANT again. Further details can be obtained from Cllr. John Jones, Chairman on 241274.**

Meetings. The Council meets 10 times annually with only a Summer & Christmas recess at present. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Notices for each meeting are displayed on village notice boards and a monthly press release is published in the Carmarthen Journal.

Precept 2004-2005 The budget for this current financial year is **£3,600**. The Band D Council Tax for 2004/2005 is £14.65. This is an increase of £1.51 on last year.

The following donations were made in March : Church & Chapel £100 each. School, Memorial Hall, Llangain Players & Sports & Recreation Association £75 each.

Employees Mrs Val Bowen, Beeches cleans both bus shelters on a weekly basis. Members of the Youth Club recently painted the interiors. Mike 'Old Castle' continues to maintain the crossroads during the summer. Mr Ken Coles, 16 Maesyrawel has refurbished most of the village benches as well as the 'Best Kept Village' Awards plaques on Coedmor lawn opposite Tafarn Pantyrdderwen.

NEWSLETTER 2004

Bilingual Notices are encouraged from all organizations & committees to be posted on village notice boards or placed through household letter boxes.

Village News The press correspondent for the Carmarthen Journal is Lynn Davies, Windyridge, 22 Dol-y-Dderwen (241460) windyridge_22@fsmail.net News (English or Welsh) should reach him by Thursday for it to be included in the following Wednesday edition.

Post Office The closure of the PO & Stores in August 2003 is, unfortunately, a sign of the times. However, a year on, due to efforts by Lynn Davies and the co-operation of the Memorial Hall Committee, it is now housed in the hall and is a satellite office of the Bancyfelin branch under the direct responsibility of Sub-Postmistress Jeanette Curtis (Tel:211873). Present opening hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1pm-5pm.

Christmas Tree Last Christmas saw the first ever tree at Smyrna crossroads! The idea was pursued over years by Cllr. Haydn Williams who believed that the location had been crying out for such a festive feature for a long time to cheer both villagers & passing motorists. The necessary preparatory work was done by Cllr. John Jones. A permanent feeder pillar has now been installed and lights donated by **Carmarthen Lighting** of King St.

Footpath-Dol-y-Dderwen The well used & convenient pedestrian access at the end of the street is temporarily closed due to Health & Safety Regulations pertaining to a building site This is **NOT** an official footpath but an ongoing good-will arrangement offered by Gareth & Muriel Williams, the developers. The land is **PRIVATE!** The council hopes that a footpath will be constructed in the future depending on land donation & the idea not falling through due to inaccurate presumptions.

Wales in Bloom 2004 (Neighbourhood Section)

A Certificate of Merit was gained in 2003. The council relinquished this year's entry to Mr Lynn Davies, a former Judge of the competition. Results to be announced. A committee will be formed for 2005.

Calor/Rotary Carmarthenshire Village of the Year Competition 2004: Llangain won an award in both the Business & Information Technology sections in 2003 This year's results to be announced soon.

Village Website A new internet website linking up with the county will soon be launched with the Carmarthenshire Information System (CIS) acting as host. The domain name will be www.llangain.gov.uk and not www.llangain.com **Rugby Achievements** Congratulations to Viv Jenkins for being awarded the 'Young Player of the Year' & 'Players' Player of the Year' with Llanelli Under21s. Viv is the son of Peter & Delyth Jenkins, Plas Newydd, Llangain. Also Celt Thomas for the 'Clubman of the Year' with the same club and at the same level. His father, Dylan grew up in Rhydlydan (farm next to Fernhill).

**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER THE VILLAGE
OTHERWISE IT WILL COST YOU IN 2005 !**