



LLANCARFAN SOCIETY

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Following Phil Watts' recent letter to the local press, many folk have expressed interest in the formation of a Llancarfán Society with the intention of bringing together present inhabitants of the village, others who lived here in the past or have a local family-history, together with those very welcome visitors who have seen Llancarfán as a place to love and, even in the late twentieth century, a place of 'magic and mystery', one of the first strongholds of civilisation in Wales.

This is a follow-up to Phil's first approach and it carries the news that many people are interested in a Llancarfán Society (or give it some other name if you have a proposal). We now have a small working-committee which aims to organise a social gathering during the early autumn of 1987 at which we can meet each other and discuss very informally what we might do during the coming years - not just dinners or parties but also, perhaps, the compiling of a recent history of the village running from the late 1800's to the present day: a gap which exists in many small communities, and will not be filled here unless we do something now. The history could begin as an informal news-letter and then be put together as a publication. Many folk have photographs, press cuttings, paintings and drawings of the village which span most of this century. Others have memories of people and the stories which they told, information on houses and the history of the land which they own. All sorts of information on the general history, farming and wildlife of the area also exists but has never been put together in one place. These are the sorts of thing which we are looking for and around which a coherent story might be written.

Tentatively we have thought of holding an informal dinner during the evening of Monday, September 14th, in the restaurant of the 'Fox and Hounds', at which these ideas could be talked about and the present 'committee' replaced by a properly elected group of willing conscripts who would take the idea on to its fruition as a village enterprise.

If you would like to attend the dinner, which will cost £10.00 per head, or if you want to be involved in the compiling of a history, could you fill in and return the attached form please. If you know the addresses of any expatriate Llancarfán folk who might not have been contacted we should also be grateful to have their addresses. We intend to compile a register of present inhabitants (electoral register) and former inhabitants of all houses in the Parish together with any previous names of houses where they are known to have changed. Any information which you have will be received with gratitude. If you know when, by whom and how and why your house (or any other) was built please let us know. This register will be put together as an alphabetical index of house-names and people. Its compilation should serve as a useful memory-jogger.