



## **LLANCARFAN SOCIETY**

### **Newsletter 3 August 1987**

Since the circulation of the first two newsletters there has been an overwhelming response to the proposal for a Llancarfan Society. The dinner to be held on 14 September was heavily overbooked and a second dinner is to be held on 9th November to cope with the overspill. Tickets for this are also nearly sold-out! A few are still available from Derek Higgs.

This newsletter is being sent to all those who have booked dinner tickets or specifically indicated interest in the society. We cannot afford the printing and postage expenses incurred by continuing a universal circulation. Please make your name known if you feel you have been left-out. Several local people have not received the earlier newsletters which were distributed by hand (a few received two copies!). This was in no way intentional and we apologise, particularly to anyone who missed booking for the first dinner. Please show this newsletter to anyone you think may have been omitted. If in doubt please 'phone one of us to ensure that your name is on the mailing-list. A few decisions have to be taken at the two dinners and we feel that this could be done more efficiently and without making proceedings too formal if the necessary proposals are listed in this newsletter. The acting committee suggests the following points:

1. Those who attend the two dinners and those who have written to express interest but cannot attend the dinners shall be considered as the Founder Members of the Society.
2. Further members may join at any time, the only qualification being a specific interest in the village of Llancarfan
3. Members shall pay an annual subscription of £4.00 per mailing address to cover post and printing. Pensioners £1.00 per head.
4. A Committee must be elected. The present members of the acting-Committee are willing to continue if the members so wish. It would be useful to nominate two or three additional Committee members to reduce the administrative load.

The dinners will be very informal but a short introductory address will be given by Phil Watts as our founder. After dinner we shall need a few moments formal discussion of the above matters and we also extend an invitation to anyone who would like to address the assembly about past-days in the village to do so. There will be time for only one or two such short speeches so please write to Phil well beforehand if you would like to speak. First come, first served.

We are now at the stage of needing volunteers to write short articles to form parts of future newsletters. Please send any offerings or proposals to John Etherington who has agreed for the time being, to act as archivist and newsletter compiler. There is so much information hidden away in the deeds of houses, personal records of families and so-on, that it will only see the light of day if individuals will volunteer to produce edited synopses of interesting material. Dates of building, occupation and ownership of houses by families are obviously important. Why was a house built and has it had subsequent changes of use? Memories of life in the parish at different times in the past, particularly those handed-on anecdotally for several generations are valuable as they may soon be lost unless written down.

An easy way for any family to contribute information of their own would be to start a family 'scrap-book' with records and photographs of the family during its time in the parish. These could then be looked at by others who would often be able to contribute additional or corrected information.