



THE LLANCARFAN SOCIETY

<p>LLANCARFAN SOCIETY 2000 Newsletter 100 November 2000</p>

Editorial The first of these Newsletters appeared in 1987 as a one-page announcement of Phil Watt's virtually single-handed launch of the Llancarfan Society. Within a few more Numbers, it had become a six to eight page publication which has appeared seven or eight times a year ever since.

We are deeply indebted to many people who have written for us. It is sad that some are no longer here, but they have left a fund of information, which is now preserved forever. We must be equally grateful to the team of folk who ensure copying and distribution of each Newsletter. There has hardly been a hitch in this process during the past 13 years with hand deliveries to houses in the village and postal dispatch elsewhere in Britain and overseas.

John Etherington has acted as Editor for the whole of this period, despite the problems raised by his voluntary exile in West Wales during the past nine years and extends personal gratitude goes to all those people who have helped by writing, and more recently corresponding by e-mail. Our knowledge of the parish is much increased by all your contributions.

Much has happened during the 13 years of the Society's existence. We start with the acquisition of the former Church Room and its refurbishment, in 1990, as the present Community Hall. More recently the restoration of the St Cadoc's included the major undertaking of re-casting and re-hanging the bells in time for the celebrations of this year 2000. We leave the first year of this new millennium with the community ownership of the *Fox and Hounds* on the way to fruition.

Our headline this time is a reminder of some of the work: on the Church: - the magnificent stag weather vane crafted for the village by Robin Veysey. Gleaming against the springtime sky on the day of the 2000 May Walk he reminds us that one legendary source of the name, Llancarfan is the part played by a pair of stags which were yoked by St Cadoc's monks to haul timber during the reconstruction of the monastery. The Welsh word *carw*, meaning "stag", was linked to *nant* to make the name *Nant Carwan* - Brook of the Stags - subsequently and misleadingly to evolve onto the modern name, Llancarfan. Needless to say, there are many other explanations! Some of these can be found on our Web-site. Look for *Llancarfan – what's in a Name?*

Some reminders of past Newsletters

During the year 2000, our series of six articles on the history of the Fox and Hounds was completed, and community ownership of this ancient inn is well on the way to reality

The Cowbridge and Aberthaw Railway featured in one of our early Newsletters. Many members, for the first time during this year's May walk, caught a glimpse of the bridge which carried the road from Llanbethery to Llanbethery Halt. It is still in good condition after more than 100 years (left). The stations were built of yellow brick with red brick quoins and slate roofs. This drawing of Aberthaw T.V.R. Station has been made from an original plan in Colin Chapman's 1984 book on the railway. The left-hand drawing is the elevation seen from the track. On the right is the eastern end elevation.

The two churches, St Illtud's, Llantrithyd and St Cadoc's, Llancarfan, photographed in the early 1990s

All photos and drawing by John Etherington.

Newsletters: the first century by the Editor

When the Committee first considered the idea of making 100: 2000 a slightly special edition of the Newsletter, I foolishly suggested that we could include bits and pieces from outstanding articles from the first 13 years' worth of Newsletters. Foolishly, because it was an impossible task. The Newsletters now total some 800 to 900 pages, so even 1-2% would exceed the total length of Number 100! As we have articles queuing, and contributors waiting to see their names in print, this did not seem fair.

Just as a taste, however, here is an account of the highlights of the first 13 years. They have been chosen, either because they are an original contribution to the history of Llancarfan or because their subject matter is so scattered amongst specialist publications that it is not easily accessible. Some of the most special are the recollections of members who are now no longer with us. To them, it is a particular tribute and for me, a chance to say thank you for the opportunity.

One of the first of the "memory articles" was the late Les Griffiths' account of **Thatched houses in Llancarfan** in the years just before WW1 (Nl. 4). Les and his brother, Llewellyn, went on to write or narrate many more pieces about the village in those far-off days.

The **Cowbridge and Aberthaw Railway** which ran just inside the parish between St Mary Church Road and St Athan Road (John Etherington Nl. 8) aroused a lot of interest, with articles and letters from people who had used it in the years between 1892 and 1932. This culminated with a first-hand description of the journey on the train by Alfred Mills (Nl. 84).

Another subject, which seemed abstruse at the time, was the **Hydraulic-ram** and pipeline which provided water for the high, outlying parts of the village during some 25 years before

mains-water came to Llancafarn (Nl. 5). Abstruse or not, the article prompted a lot of correspondence, and further publication in the Newsletter.

The late Ernie Badcock, Great House, a long-serving Clerk to the Parish Council left a series of diaries from which we published many extracts (Nls 6, 18, 22, 39 & 40). One of these was a set of entries for the **World War Two** years. Another record, from this time, was of **Bombs and land-mines** in Llancafarn during WW2 (the late John Rowlands, formerly of *Ty To Maen*. Nl. 21). Again this prompted various other memories from members.

Recollections are direct and indirect. Representing the latter group are the articles by Phil Watts recounting the lives of his father and mother, **Bill and Doris Watts** (Nls 10 & 11) and his grandfather, **William Liscombe** (Nl 99). Indirect memories have the disadvantages of the "Chinese whispers" game but repay this in the enormous increase of the time period which they cover.

Some of our history has been handed down as documentary records, which have not previously seen the light of day. Gwyne Liscombe showed us extracts from the account books of his father-in-law's **Blacksmith Shop** (Nl. 32) and also from the accounts of the adjacent **Bethlehem Chapel**, now Capel-yr-Efail (Nl. 33). In this same category are the late Enoch Lewis' records of the **Inscriptions of St Cadoc's bells** (Nl. 38), and the **Bell-ringers graffiti** on wooden partitions in the bell-tower, transcribed by Phil Watts (Nl. 38).

Some families have compiled family-histories. Probably the best documented is the Lougher family of **Garnllwyd**, and Newsletter 24 consisted largely of the recollections of members of the family with a background of information drawn from the family tree compiled by the late Major Edwin Lougher.

We have already mentioned the "memory articles" from Les and Llewellyn Griffiths but many more have been published, notably several from the late Dick Evans (Nls 9, 30, 35-36, 41). Dick's niece, Barbara Millhuisen recalled **Llancafarn School** (Nl. 17) and previously so had Dilys Liscombe (Nl. 7). Also amongst these personal recollections are David Evans' more recent contributions on his mother's life at **Garnllwyd** (Nl 93-95) and those of Jeff Thomas from *Gowlog*, now in N.Z., who has written frequently (Nl 50, 55, 68). Most recent of all, David Harris (formerly *Fox and Hounds*) was prompted to write by our *Fox and Hounds* historical series and has more to tell us in the future (Nl. 88).

The school has recently been subject to intensive documentary research, mainly through its logbooks, by Mary Gammon and Jean Hunt. A first article on **Headmaster, Rees Davies**, appeared in Newsletter 85. Much more previously unpublished history of the school will be in future Newsletters and our forthcoming book *Llancafarn, a Vale Village*.

Llancafarn has already been well documented, but in widely scattered publications. The editor's accounts of **Castle Ditches** (Nl. 29), **Iolo Morganwg** (Nl. 44), **Llancafarn Rag-Wells** (Nl. 41) and the legendary relationship of **Walter Mapes** with Walterston and Llancafarn Church (Nl. 37) were all compiled from such sources. Similarly, **Henry Williams, Clockmaker**, has been the subject of accounts by Ian Baldwin (Nl. 12), Gwynne Liscombe (Nl. 68) and others.

St Cadoc, the founder of the monastery in Llancafarn, and a Celtic saint linked with **Brittany**, features in many Newsletters (42-44, 37, 55, 72, 55, 62 amongst others!) but surprisingly has never received a consolidated treatment - an omission which will be remedied in our forthcoming book.

More recently two major enterprises have linked many Newsletters as multi-Part series. The documentation of the **World War One** victims who appear on the War Memorial is

approaching completion (NIs 88-92, 95-98 and 100). It has been a great pleasure to the editor that some families have discovered hitherto unknown information concerning relatives killed in WW1 Another series, the 5-Part history of the **Fox and Hounds**, largely written by Phil Watts, was recently completed (NIs 82-6, 95).

The pair of articles by John Cann on **Jenkin Craddock** (NI. 99 & this Newsletter) represents a real addition to village history. It was researched largely from primary sources and revealed a previously undocumented story. As time goes on it is likely that more articles of this sort will be featured as we have already covered much of the history of our village which is available from secondary sources.

As you can see from, this limited review, it would have more than filled a Newsletter had we just quoted a few paragraphs from each keynote article! This collation of titles gives no more than a flavour of the past Newsletters. There is much more, and it is preserved for posterity in copies lodged with the Glamorgan Record Office and local libraries. Recent Newsletters appear on our Web-site together with some chosen articles from earlier numbers, and various other items not yet published in the Newsletter.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show 2000 by Mick Mace

A suggestion that the Llancarfan Society, together with St.Cadoc's Parochial Church Council, should have a presence at the 1999 Show failed to come to fruition. The Society and the P.C.C. then resolved that a much earlier start with arrangements was essential for the next year's show, scheduled for the 23rd of August, 2000. It was agreed that the P.C.C. would provide its marquee and that the Society would finance the booking of a site on the showground and necessary insurance.

In order to provide interesting and informative displays for visitors to the show, it was decided to offer some of the limited space in the marquee to other local organisations, should they wish to participate. I was asked to initiate, at least, the first approaches and, therefore, convened an exploratory meeting in the Community Hall early in the New Year.

Unfortunately, the chosen date in February found me laid low and "plastered" with an ankle fracture. I was grateful to my wife, Sheila and Mr. Alan Taylor, who took over that first meeting, which revealed that several organisations wished to take advantage of the opportunity to advertise and inform of their activities. Another meeting of what had become a "working group" was convened in July, by which time an application for a "Trade Stand", at the show had been successful. We are indebted to the show General Secretary, Mrs. Nicola Gibson, for looking after us so well, with a superb site, which even allowed us to have limited seating and tables outside, subject to the weather, which on the day was fantastic!

The Llancarfan & District Community Association agreed to transport chairs and tables from the hall, together with the marquee helped by "Dragon Rescue" (Courtesy of Mr. Steve Powell) and the Parent Teacher Association arranged activities for visiting children. The ladies of the "Tuesday Club" provided FREE refreshments for all, tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits and were, surely, responsible for the total "Sell out" to more than three hundred visitors to our stand. I hope that their raffle and other competition helped to defray costs

The Society's displayed photographs, material from the proposed book to be published shortly, provided by the editor, Dr. John Etherington, membership details, head-scarves and ties. In addition, excellent stands were erected by the P.C.C. and the "Reynard Group", which showed the "Log Book and Terrier" of the Church, photographs of the new bells, Christmas Cards and notelets and the proposals for the development of the "*Fox & Hounds Site*" in

Llancarfan. The L.D.C.A. took the opportunity to advertise the availability of the Community Hall for hiring, and Mr. & Mrs Tony Lewis displayed the impressions of youngsters visiting Llancarfan from Cardiff.

As there was no electricity supply by mains,- a suitable generator was supplied by Mr. Richard Powell, together with fuel, and this kept the ladies' water heater operating during a long day and also powered the computer display operated by Mr. Graham Brain.

Enthusiastic help was given by far too many for mention here of all by name, but I should like to commend a young lady, Miss Lucy Brain, who organised a "Guess the name of the goldfish" competition, which resulted in a good donation to St.Cadoc's funds. The considerable efforts of the "workers" who met to transport and erect the marquee on the eve of the show and stayed late to take it down and away after a very happy and most successful, but also long and tiring, day are much appreciated.

Thank you everyone. I feel sure that the Society will wish to repeat this first venture next year, so remember the lessons learned and note the date now, the 22nd of August, 2001.

Annual Dinner by Phil Watts

The Annual Dinner, held in the *Six Bells*, Penmark, on 30th September can be described as another successful Society event, attended by over 60 people. The cuisine was very good but we could have done with a little more elbowroom on a warm evening. The last members left at 11.45 after an evening of considerable chat.

At the beginning of the evening, Chairman Philip Gammon told the gathering that it would not be an evening of speech making but more an evening of renewing old friendships. He brought attention to a gift which we have received from Derek Porter of a piece of a woodworking lathe which has spent 25 years in Derek's shed but had lived for the previous century in the Carpenter's Shop of David Price Griffiths and latterly Harry Hughes (inset photo). It is doubtful whether Harry, as a stonemason, would have used it, but David Griffiths, Leslie Griffiths, Dilwyn Griffiths (Talbots) and Duncan Hopkins (the last Carpenter's Shop apprentice) would have worked with it.

Alan Taylot writes: "At the dinner it was initially suggested that we auction the lathe, but we decided to wait for a larger audience. At the next Committee meeting it was finally agreed that it would be sad for the village to lose it, so we as a committee decided to make personal contributions to retain it for mounting in a glass case in the village hall.."

Margaret Evans, Gordon Kemp, Betty Pullen and Ann Radcliffe won raffle prizes, which were donated by Society members. At the close of proceedings, Mary Gammon, the Chairman's wife was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

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Woodworking lathe from <i>Carpenter's Shop</i> . Presented by Derek Porter and restored by Jim Veysey. Photo: Alan Taylor.
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Obituaries

Kathleen Watts formerly of *Abernant*

Kathleen Joan Watts died on 15th August as a consequence of a fall whilst staying with her sister Mary, in Portsmouth. She had returned home and was recuperating from a hip operation in Cardiff Royal Infirmary where she died suddenly. This was a great shock to family and friends who had expected Kath to outlive us all! St Cadoc's was packed for the funeral service at which Gwynne Liscombe gave a moving eulogy. Donations in lieu of flowers were made to the Local Charities' Fund of Llancarfan Ladies' Tuesday Club and a large sum of money has accumulated. The family wishes to thank everyone who helped and gave support at this sad time.

John Williams, *Old Orchard*

With great sadness we report the death of John Williams on 5th September. John and Jean Williams were founder members of the Society and John's knowledge of the sea and shipping has been a great help over the years. He could certainly be described as our maritime consultant and I sometimes thought that if a career in banking had not occupied his life, he might well have wished to be a ship's captain. He certainly had the mariner's facility for spinning a yarn and many of us are better educated and more entertained than we would have been without him. It was a privilege to have this true gentleman as a friend. We extend our sympathy to Jean in her great loss.

Spurs by Gwynne Liscombe

We have written before about one thing triggering another. Reading of Phil's father (my mother's brother) and the Vesta cases (Newsletter 98), made me think of something, which he gave me.

In the 60s and early 70s I had an interest in collecting bits and pieces connected with horses - brasses, straps and so on and from then on I have continued that quest, but very selectively. During the 60s, Uncle Billy, as I called him, gave me a pair of nickel spurs and the story to go with them.

When serving somewhere in France, a cavalryman went on foot patrol and asked "Uncle Billy" to look after his spurs until he returned. The solder was F. E. Eglington (I think that must have been his name - it is etched on the rear of the spurs and dated 1914). He never

came back from his foot patrol and so (presumably) Bill Watts brought the spurs home with him.

I still have one of the spurs. The other, I gave to Bill's grand daughter: my cousin, Ann Thomas, daughter of Mary and Ron Thomas of Portsmouth (Phil's sister and brother in law). The spurs look well used and the rowel was well sharpened!

Interesting how things happen isn't it?

1914-1918 Llancarfan at War - Thomas Taylor, *Liege Castle Farm*.

Thomas Taylor was yet another of those young men who died in the dreadful closing weeks of the war. His age and relatively low army number suggests that he had already served, for some time. His parents came to *Liege Castle Farm* after Thomas enlisted, as they are entered on the War Graves memorial, as Edward and Margaret Ann Taylor, of Abercynon. Edward first appeared on the Electoral Roll for *Liege Castle Farm* just before the 1920s and the family has occupied the same home through the remainder of the 20th century.

According to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record Thomas was killed near Cambrai on October 16, 1918, shortly after the Pursuit to the Selle and his remains rest in the St Aubert British Cemetery.

Mrs Audrey Williams (née Taylor) of *Whitehall Farm*, Wenvoe, tells us that Thomas' companion at the time was Will Beavon of Abercynon. As they stood outside a dugout Thomas asked Will to hold his rifle, and was immediately killed. Will visited the family at *Liege Castle* frequently after the end of the War.

The War Graves Commission' memorial reads as follows: -

**In Memory of THOMAS TAYLOR Bombardier
67383 135th Bty. 32nd Bde., Royal Field
Artillery who died on Wednesday, 16th
October 1918. Age 24.**

Son of Edward and Margaret Ann Taylor, of Abercynon, Glam.

Cemetery: ST. AUBERT BRITISH CEMETERY, Nord, France.

St. Aubert is a village in the Department of the Nord, approximately 13 kilometres east of Cambrai and a little beyond it is the Selle River, which meanders across country to meet the Canal De Sambre near Le Cateau.

The village of St. Aubert was captured in the Pursuit to the Selle (9th-12th October 1918) after the last German shelling of Dunkirk. The cemetery was begun by the 24th Division on October 12th. Other units enlarged it until the 23rd October, and the battle cemetery thus formed contained 33 graves of the 3rd Rifle Brigade and 24 others. Graves were added to it after the Armistice, brought from small British, German and Communal Cemeteries and from the battlefields of Cambrai (November-December, 1917) and Cambrai and the Selle (October 1918). Information from Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

History on the Western Front. September 8th 1918 marked the opening of the 2nd Battle of Cambrai. Eight days later, when Thomas Taylor died, a gas shell injured Lance Corporal

Hitler. The editor cannot help reflecting that the course of history could so easily have changed on this day.

Y Bwthyn Bach: perhaps for the last time by John Etherington

The last three Newsletters have seen the unfolding of the story of Princess Elizabeth's "little house", *Y Bwthyn Bach*, which was presented to her by the people of Wales for her sixth birthday in 1932. The saga was triggered by various members' memories that Tom the Thatcher had been employed as one of the Welsh craftsmen who worked upon the miniature house (Newsletters 97-99).

The story is completed this time, with a photograph of the house on exhibition at the Cardiff Drill Hall in 1932. Paul Raggett of Solva lent the photograph, which was taken during a visit by pupils of Westbourne House, Penarth, of which he was one. This was before the littlehouse was seriously damaged by fire during transport to Olympia (Newsletter 99).

Paul's father was, then, a representative of the Sea Insurance Company and issued a miniature certificate of insurance, which was hung inside the house. He little realised that this gesture would lead to a claim!

Paul has also lent us the following cuttings from unidentified publications.

Cutting dated 26/3/32 describing the loss of the house by fire on 21/3/32.

With commendable promptitude the *Sea* Insurance Company dispatched on the same day that the loss occurred a cheque for £750 payable to H.R.H. the Duke of York, to cover the damage to Princess Elizabeth's miniature house. It will be remembered that the *Sea* issued a miniature fire policy for £750 on the building and £500 on the contents, which was presented to the Duke and Duchess of York with the deeds of the house. The policy was described in the POST MAGAZINE & INSURANCE MONITOR for the 21st November 1931. Later it transpired that the loss was not a total one, so the cheque for £750 was returned by the Committee of Control of the Princess Elizabeth miniature house, and in its place the *Sea* dispatched a cheque for £300 as payment on account. If the cost of repairs exceeds this amount, a further cheque will be sent.

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It will be recalled that the "Daily Mail" announced that it had completed arrangements for the immediate restoration of the miniature house. At a meeting of the Committee of Control at the Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Cardiff, however, the following resolution was passed: "Whilst the Committee acknowledges the kind and generous offer by the "Daily Mail" to restore the Princess Elizabeth miniature house, it has been decided that the *Sea* Insurance Company, Ltd. being desirous of carrying out their obligations under the fire insurance policy, shall bear the cost of restoring the Princess Elizabeth miniature house, which restoration shall be carried out under the personal supervision of the architect, Mr. Morgan Willmott, assisted by Mr. Clifford Tavener and the original Welsh craftsmen."

A further resolution was passed as follows: "That we express ourselves as being grateful to the *Sea* Insurance Company for indemnifying the Committee against any cost of restoration." It was also resolved: "That our very grateful thanks are recorded to Mr. Willmott, Mr. Raggett and Mr. Tavener for proceeding so promptly to the scene of the fire."

Mr. Tavener is the builder of the house, and Mr. G. R. Raggett, the Cardiff Branch Manager of the *Sea*.

Cutting from an undated publication

The South Wales Branch of the Sea Insurance Co. opened up in Cardiff seven years ago under the management of Mr. George H. [*sic*] Raggett. An interesting exhibit in the office is a photograph of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's miniature house - a birthday gift from the people of Wales, which in transit from Cardiff to Olympia on March 21st, 1932, was partly destroyed by fire. The Sea, having the insurance on this delightful little house, employed the original Welsh craftsmen, who rebuilt and restored the house at a cost of some £1,100. The premium by the way was £1 1s. 3d.

[We apologise to the copyright holders of these two articles for our inability to trace them]

Early newspaper cuttings. Part I.

The following transcript has been taken from an article published in the *Bridgend Chronicle* during the mid-1800s. I am most grateful to John Lyons of Narbarth, Pembrokeshire, for bringing it to my attention and providing photocopies. John was a former resident of the Vale. There are other articles for future Newsletters.

1867 March LLANCARVAN: ODDFELLOWS ANNIVERSARY - On Saturday last the monotony that reigns through this dingle was disturbed, and the inhabitants enjoyed a day of varieties in consequence of the Odd Fellows' Feast. At an early hour the members were seen wending their way from different directions to their lodge at the Fox and Hounds Inn; the young folk with their pretty clean faces and dresses, running about the streets as if bewildered with joy; and the old dames outside their houses so eagerly watching the proceedings as if they were persuaded the millennium was at hand. At eleven o'clock the members of the society, headed by the Dinas Powis Brass Band, proceeded to attend Divine Service at the Established Church, where the Rev. David Morgan delivered a very appropriate discourse with great pathos and earnestness. The procession proceeded thence to accomplish their selected walk - to Llancadle, Aberthaw and Fonmon Castle, the interior of which, R. O. Jones with his wonted kindness permitted them to see which was a treat highly appreciated. By returning they called as usual upon the Rev. C. F. B. Wood and the Rev. D. Morgan to accompany them to dinner, which was provided and served by the host and hostess, Mr and Mrs Pryce*, in a manner that elicited the greatest encomiums**. After the cloth was removed the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Elaborate addresses were given by brothers Davies, Griffiths, and Lougher. Poetical compositions were also read by the following gentlemen: - Mr Davies on "The benefit derived from Oddfellowship." Mr Lougher on "Union is strength," and Mr James on "Brotherly Love." The compositions were good and the composers highly applauded. At intervals songs were sung and the band played several selections with taste and skill that was very creditable. Now for the first time during the last ten years the village was once more resounding with the aeronaut's glee, "Higher again, higher again," &c, which was a source of great amusement to the young folks; but as night closes in th day so this day with all its pleasures came to an end by a vote of thanks being tendered to the host and hostess and to the Rev. D. Morgan, who, in his usual jovial manner, presided.

*Better known to us as David and Jane Price (Newsletter 82 *Fox and Hounds I*)

**I doubt whether many journalists would know the meaning of this word today. I didn't! O.E.D. defines it as "a formal or high-flown expression of praise."

Oddfellows – a footnote Many years later, in his memoirs, Charlie Deere of the *Red Lion*, Bonvilston, recalled that the Oddfellows Friendly Society held their meetings in an upstairs room of the *Red Lion*. This would have been in the first quarter of the 20th century. Charlie was Secretary until 1950 when the Bonvilston *Star of Glamorgan* Lodge was taken over by the *Caerdydd* Lodge, Cardiff. There were other Lodges in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge. There was also another Friendly Society, the Ivorites, which Charlie remembered as holding Lodges in Llancarfan and in Peterston or Pendoylan (*The Recollections of Charles Deere* of Bonvilston, c. 1985). The *Fox and Hounds* retained a Friendly Society tradition, well into the 20th C. Phil Watts, in conversation with Betty Martin (Newsletter 83), told us that: - “The room up the stairs from the public bar in the *Fox & Hounds*, now part of the restaurant, was known as the clubroom. Betty’s recollection is of a piece of furniture at the far end of the room which had one prominent seat in the middle, flanked on either side by two smaller seats, above which was written ROYAL ANCIENT ORDER OF BUFFS, and underneath “Be faithful to Death”. There was also a red and gold sash and a Gavel. It is not clear who used this piece of furniture - presumably it was members of the Order of Buffs - the suggestion is that it was the headquarters for a wider rural area.”

Jenkin Craddock of Llanarvan, gent. (1571-1656). Part 2

by John M Cann

Jenkin Craddock came to Llanarvan around 1609, and had "coppie hold" a large holding (about 49 acres originally, all the Xs on the Evans Mouse 1622 map, rising to 60 acres) which included what is now Coed-y-Crinallt, and a mansion house called "**Skringles**" (as was the complete holding) at the top of the South end of the wood.

Jenkin's Life & Wife.

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So Jenkin had a mansion house in an imposing position above the Village. That doesn't necessarily make him either a gent. or of significant status - but he was both. His pedigree may reach back through the Craddocks of Cheriton (*in Gower*) to Einon ap Collwyn (*he's the fellow that in 1090ish is supposed to have invited Robert Fitzhammon to invade Glamorgan because Iestyn ap Gwrgan, the last independent ruler of Glamorgan, reneged on letting him marry his daughter*). Einon was also an ancestor of David Bach of Llanarvan (*late 14th Cent*), and Sir Mathew Craddock of Swansea (*died. 1531*), and may have descended from Prince Meuric of Dyfed (*a legendary figure involved with Arthur, so early 6th Century*).

Jenkin Craddock, Gent., of Llanarvan was Under-Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1622, 1629 & 1636 when the High Sheriffs were William Basset of Beaupre, Sir Thomas Lewis of Penmark & Sir Lewis Mansel of Margam. Jenkin never himself became High Sheriff. His brother Morgan Craddock, Gent. was Under-Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1605 when Edward Kemeys, Esq., of Keven-mably was High Sheriff. Morgan held free "*for the tearme of his naturall liefe*" Blackton and Howden in the Manor of Penmark. From at least 1595 to 1613 Morgan was the Steward of all the local manors of Lord St John of Bletso, Beds. - Barrey, Penmarke, Funmon, & Lancadle.

Jenkin joined his brother Morgan in the area & in 1607 married "*Agneta Harrye*", a widow, who held property in Aberthaw, though did not live there. Possibly Agnes lived with Jenkin in Skringles, but the wife who certainly did and outlived him was Elizabeth. She may have dressed something like Jane Andrew, pictured here as on a wall painting in *Cole Farm*, Cold Knap, Barry. Jane with her husband and Jenkin Craddock held "Cold hole" prior to 1610.

Elizabeth died in April 1672, but her house was still referred to in 1673 - "*we do present the ditch of Elizabeth Lewellin to be out of repair which is the back side of Elizabeth Cradock's house in Lancarvan which is the Church way*". This is the same as "*Lancarvan Streete or Waye*" and her house was most likely the "*cottage*" Jenkin took over in 1651 when Jane Phillip died. (*It is shown on the Evans Mouse map exactly where Caradoc Cottage is - so was it once called 'Cradock Cottage'? See page 11, opposite*). "*Eliz: Cradock widd.*" had one hearth in the 1670 Hearth Tax, but "*discharged by legall certificatt*" from payment. She made a verbal will in March 1672 in the presence of witnesses Elizabeth Harrod and Joan Hopkin and "*not long after departed this life*". The inventory of her goods was not made until 1676, and included, amongst other household goods, three beds, three tables, two cupboards and one "*carpet of arras*", the total being valued at £10 (Jenkin's wealth probably went to his son on his or his wife's death).

His Descendants 1620 to 2000.

In her will Elizabeth left two calves to her grandsons Jenkin and Richard (sons of David), the "*bedd wheron she then lay with its appurtenances*" to her son Bartholemew and all the rest of her goods to her daughter Elizabeth.

From sometime between 1657 & 1662 until about 1670 Jenkin & Elizabeth's eldest son **David** held by lease "*a howse and crofte in Lancarvan, boundinge Lancarvan waye*" (with 2 hearths - V1 on the map) plus land at a yearly rent of £6. He held Skringles sometime after 1670 and had a "*barne out of repaire*" in "*October yee 8 1677*". By 1680 he held only half of "*Cring hill Tenements*" (ie. Skringles) & in 1680 only "*2 acres of ye wood*". His son young Jenkin Craddock appears on the 1678 Court Rolls of Lancadle so couldn't have been that young when his grandmother died. He is probably "*Jenkin Cradock late of the legion of General Harvey in Spain, bachelor*" who died in 1711. But he quite possibly had a daughter Elizabeth who died in 1754.

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Bartholemew was baptised on the 22nd Aug. 1640. By 1668 he held a large "*howse and Orchyarde in Funmon*" and 52 acres for £9pa (*where Home Farm is now*). While he was a "*gent. of Llancarvan*" in 1675, he appears on a Court Roll for Fonmon & Penmark in 1673 confirming a death, and on another as "*Bartl Cradock for not repaying his outhouse*". His outhouse was still "*out of repair*" in 1678 ! In 1680 he rented for £1 some of "*Middledown Farm*" (*in Penmark Manor, now Middleton Wood, on the edge of Barry*).

Christopher Cradock of Lancarvan died in 1704. Bartholemew "*ye Brother*" administered his estates so it seems likely that this was an elder son of Jenkin by a wife prior to Elizabeth. Christopher doesn't appear in Lancarvan in the 1670 Hearth Tax, but in the inventory of his possessions his house appears to have had six rooms - so maybe he reclaimed Skringles.

Of the other eight people in the Llancarfan vault besides Jenkin, Elizabeth and their daughter, five are other blood descendants, and three spouses. This is down to **Elizabeth Petre** their daughter who was born in 1650 and yet to marry her Mr Petre when her mother died in 1672. She continued a blood line from Jenkin Craddock down through her great granddaughter Mary Petre to William Jenkins of Walterstone (1775-1851). This continued through William's brother Richard to Jennifer Beckingsale in Bristol, Peter Jenkins in New Zealand, Pam Oliver Peter's daughter, also in New Zealand, and Richard Vaughan Jenkins his son in Exeter, Devon. Richard has three sons, Daniel (17) Alexander (13) and Michael (7). Pam also has three sons Richard (27) David (25) and Andrew (17). There are doubtless many others descendants with Jenkin Craddock's blood, in the world, but the youngest is likely to be Luke, Pam's second grandchild from her son Richard, born a few months before the year 2000.

My thanks to Howard Thomas, for permission to include his beautiful drawing of the Jane Andrew wall painting, which he made around 1990.

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Another version of this, with a little less fancy and more facts (sources, references etc. mostly from the Glamorgan Record Office) is in preparation.

Notes and Reminders

World War Memorial Pew-runners made by Jean Veysey: consecration will take place during the Remembrance Service on November 12th (See Newsletter 98).

Reynard Group. Planning permission had been granted for two houses on the overspill car-parking area of the *Fox*. This news reached the *Western Mail*, which also stressed the Planners', concern that village car parking should be provided.

No prizes. The young man who featured in the puzzle photographs on the last page of Newsletter 99 was Membership Secretary, Phil Watts, at *Abernant*. The photos, which were given by Gwynne Liscombe were taken in about 1932.

Harry Hughes Memorial. During the discussion sparked-off by the *Carpenter's Shop* lathe (p. 6) it was decided to invite contributions from Society members for a memorial bench dedicated to Harry. Please send donations to Ann Ferris, *Fordings*, Llancarfan, Barry, Vale of Glam. CF62 3AD. More details in the next Newsletter.

LATE NEWSFLASH from our correspondent Mr. H. Thomas BARREY 1609

There are unsubstantiated rumours that the King's agents have uncovered and closed down an illegal Salt manufacturing and distribution operation. This appears to have been based on the Coldhoole, Barrey (which adjoins the Salt Marsh) and the Woodmill in Burton (which is also alongside a Marshe). Distribution seems to have been based on the Ostrey inn and Customs storehouse next door to the Coldhoole. Unavailable for comment are Reynold Portree who holds the Ostrey, his brother-in-law Jenkin Craddock who holds the Woodmill, and Alexander Grant & his wife Jane Andrew, who with Jenkin Craddock hold the Coldhoole. It is believed that they are all presently living outside the manor.

Corrigenda There were two small errors in **Jenkin Craddock. Part I**, by John Cann (Newsletter 99), both in the legend to the map. The County Record Office reference should have read GRO/D/DF and it should have been noted that only lands marked X on the map were the property of Jenkin Craddock.