

LLANDEILO & DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

Jacqui Kedward to be our next Guest Speaker on 23 November

We are delighted to welcome Jacqui Kedward, Property Manager for the National Trust in Carmarthenshire, to speak on the topical subject of **A VISION FOR DINEFWR**.

We all very much look forward on this occasion to hear about Dinefwr's future, The meeting starts at 7.30pm. Wine and festive eats after the lecture.

THE BY-PASS!

The need for a Relief Road (another term for a By-Pass) is now a desperate one for the town. Even as things are, the poor air-quality in the constricted part of Rhosmaen Street exceeding the European safety limits, the worst levels in Wales, and the dangers posed by the heavy transport in this narrow shopping street continue to cause concern. With the possibility of Sainsbury's arriving in the near future, and later some two hundred new homes as well as increased traffic flow created by the projected new Secondary school, it would seem that the matter can no longer be ignored by the Welsh Assembly. Your Chairman Gordon Kilby has had a meeting with MP Jonathan Edwards who expressed his increasing concern. A further letter has been sent to the responsible Minister, Carl Sargent AM asking for a clear statement of intent.

One of our committee members has put forward a proposal to rail in the secondary school pupils from east and south of Llandeilo to Ffairfach Station so that the transport on local roads to the new school will be lessened and that it will supply extra facilities on the Heart of Wales Line. We will be investigating the possibility of this project with HoWLForum.

CIVIC AWARDS SCHEME

The Executive Committee has decided to make available two annual awards. One would be for the best new building design appropriate to Llandeilo and district and the other for exemplary maintenance or restoration of the built heritage in our local communities. The details of how projects should be nominated and marked will be announced in January 2012.

Sainsbury's Proposal

This remains something of a divisive issue, though the Executive Committee recognizes that opponents seem to be in the minority. However, the issue is much larger than the comparative price of milk or petrol, and the Committee will, as a matter of policy, concern itself only with matters of planning quality and environmental considerations. Among those considerations are the town's need for a resolution to the existing road and air-quality problems which are being pursued at this present time.

FORTHCOMING MEETING

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on 18 January... not too late for mince pies and a glass of something to say Hello to 2012! The Public Lecture will be given by Matt Davies and Tony Coombe on 'Uncovering local history: surveying St Teilo's Churchyard'

Membership

If you know someone who would like to join our Society, bring them along to any of our meetings, because our regular Speaker evenings are not just for existing members - they are Public Lectures at which we are always delighted to welcome new members.