

LLANDEILO & DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2011

County Archivist to be our next Guest Speaker on 21 September

We are delighted to welcome at this month's meeting, the Carmarthenshire County Archivist Dr John Davies with a subject of considerable area interest, **Golden Grove and the Cawdors**. We expect that this illustrated lecture will attract a wide audience not just from our growing membership, but also non members too. Do encourage others to come along. Refreshments will be served after the talk with an opportunity to talk informally with Dr Davies, and meet up again with other members.

Meeting up with another Society

On 27 August Llandeilo enjoyed a visit from thirty members of the Haverfordwest Civic Society. It was a very informal event but they much enjoyed the town in the company of a few of our members. Their new Chairman Robin Sheldrake spent time with our Chair (Gordon Kilby) and Vice Chair (Gwilym Hughes) and the question was raised as to whether our own society might be interested in a reciprocal visit to Haverfordwest. We will be exploring the possibilities of this at our next meeting.

The Sainsbury's debate

Members can not fail to notice that the issue is far from over nor that there are two very vocal camps for and against. Our own survey of members you will recall returned a response from 50% of our membership of which 64% were then in favour. We have also said that should there be real matters of concern when the plans were finally submitted we would draw these to the attention of members, and if felt necessary, bring this to members' attention with another response. We are of the view that members, whatever their current thoughts, deserve the best information available. We will encourage you to attend any formally organized and balanced meeting such as is likely to be arranged shortly by the Town Council, and anticipate being able to confirm such an event at our meeting on Wednesday 21 September.

Air quality in part of Rhosmaen Street

Air quality in part of Rhosmaen Street is officially recognized as being well below standard, and by some (a few) of the measurements, the worst in Wales. It is not difficult to understand why: the impact of traffic fumes from heavy commercial traffic, which may also to be significantly increased by the proposed site of the new school, and the possible arrival of Sainsbury's. The need for traffic relief will become even more urgent. These serious health and safety issues are now being taken up by our Chair with the local MP and AM and will be reported in our November Newsletter.

NEW MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that the well known author/photographer and Civic Trust member Ken Day has agreed to join the Executive Committee. He will join the other committee members for 2011/2012 who are Gordon Kilby (Chair), Gwilym Hughes (Vice Chair), Ken Murphy (Secretary), Angela Adams Rice (Membership Secretary), Kate Arblaster, Robert Evans, Julia Jones, Ann Keen, Mary Pollinger and Edward Thomas (Treasurer).

ADVANCE NOTICE: Wednesday 23 November meeting at 7.30p Speaker: Jacqui Kedward, Property Manager Of Carmarthenshire at the National Trust, who will speak on A Vision for Dinefwr