

## **Saturday May 12th**

**Carannog was the grandson or perhaps the son of Ceredig, the 5th century Prince of Ceredigion. He was expected to follow his grandfather as ruler, but instead he came to the area that is now called Llangrannog, and established a religious community and settlement close to the site of the present church.**

**From Llangrannog, Carannog travelled the Celtic world, establishing religious communities in Somerset, Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland. His Latin name was Carantec, and this is reflected in some of these settlements, such as Crantock, Carantec, and Trecarat.**

**The project to create a memorial to St. Carannog started as a project to commemorate the passing of the millennium year. Working with renowned local sculpture Sebastien Boyesen, a small group of enthusiasts came up with the idea of combining this with a memorial to the Saint, the St. Carannog project was born.**

**The project would centre on a bronze statue of the Saint, standing on the headland above the beach from where he set off on his mission to the Celtic world. The sculpture would emphasize his role as a travelling missionary, roughly dressed, and carrying the tools of his trade. It was accepted at the outset, that the project would take many years to complete, not least because considerable amounts of money had to be raised, albeit that all involved worked for nothing.**

**The finished work will be unveiled by the Archbishop of Wales on Saturday May 12th, the nearest Saturday to St. Carannog's feast day, (May 16th). The ceremony will take place at approximately 10.00hrs, and Cor Meibion Blaenporth will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be available in the Beach Hut afterwards.**