



The Wolfwhistle

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*Serving the communities of Treffgarne, Wolfscastle, St Dogwells, Sealyham and Welsh Hook
Papur Bro i Casblaidd, Trefgarn a Llantydewi*

Chance to celebrate 50 years of festivals!

The date is fast approaching for this year's festival week.

This year we plan to celebrate the **50th anniversary** of the first carnival with an evening of food, song and dance supported by the 'Big Lottery Fund's Celebrate' programme on **Saturday 1 July**.

After an action-packed week, the party will continue this year into Saturday evening. There will be a Twmpath with local folk band 'Five Folk', with more live music from 'Razorbill' to relax and enjoy into the late evening.

The celebrations will be held in a large marquee on the river field where a hog roast will keep you fed, whilst we're inviting you to bring along your own drinks.

Don't worry about your high heel shoes sinking into the grass, the marquee will have a professionally installed wooden floor, so there will be no excuses for not getting up and joining in with a dance.

Tickets for your evening's entertainment will be just £4 which will get your hog roast roll and entry into a champagne and chocolates raffle. Children's tickets will be £1.50 with sausages and burgers available.

It would be fantastic to see you all there to join us in celebrating the amazing community we share.

Writing competition

Get your thinking caps on for this year's writing competition. We would like you to pen an acrostic poem using the word

'Celebration' for an English entry or 'Dathliad' for a Welsh entry. All entries to be sent to

steve.maycock1@gmail.com or handed in to Mr Eynon.

Scarecrow competition

With some great entries last year we have decided to continue the scarecrow competition for 2017. The theme for this year is film characters. So whether you're recreating Cary Grant or Buzz Lightyear, we'd love to see them. If the weather is kind to us please leave your scarecrow outside your house in the week for people to see but bring them down to the river field for judging on Saturday 1 July.

Do you have any old crockery?

One of the stalls at this year's fun day will be a crockery smash, so we're looking for any old crockery you may have spare. Please contact Eifeira Harries or Steve Maycock steve.maycock1@gmail.com if you can help.

Please see the enclosed programme for a full listing of this year's week of events.

Wolfscastle Community Forum

An extraordinary meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Forum was held at Penybont Chapel Vestry recently, with the purpose being to appoint a new Treasurer to replace Mr Ted Rogers who is leaving the area in the near future.

Mr Rogers gave his final Treasurer's report, with £1079:38 in the Bank Account, of which £532:08 is the Heritage Fund, and the remainder being monies received for the printing of the Wolfwhistle.

Revd Geoffrey Eynon thanked Mr Rogers for the support that he had given to the Forum since his appointment as Treasurer, and wished him and Mrs Rogers well in their new abode in Cambridge.

Although not present in the meeting Mr David Williams, The Manse, had agreed to take on the role of Treasurer, and this was agreed and accepted by the meeting. The Vice Chairman, Mr David Morgan, agreed to take over the position of Chairman of the Forum.

In order to make further arrangements as to the future of the Forum, it was agreed to hold a public meeting in the Chapel Vestry on Tuesday, 12 September at 7:30p.m., when it is hoped that a good representation from the community will come along to show your support.

Wolfscastle in Bloom

Over the past 15 years, Wolfscastle Village has been successful in the Wales in Bloom Competition, gaining national recognition in its achievements, and has represented Wales on 2 occasions gaining Gold Awards both times. The villagers know what is expected for competing in this prestigious competition.

Mr John Woods, the Wales in Bloom Judge will be in the village on Friday, 7 July, and will meet members of the working group. He will then be taken around the village, where he will assess this year's efforts in the competition.

The judge will be looking for the best and will be seeing the best from the other entries that are in the same category as Wolfscastle. The entire village will be judged; he will expect that our campaign has considered our entire community and not just around the open spaces, car park, school etc. and that, where there are "problem" areas (e.g. vacant premises/plots, eyesores etc.), that we have plans in place to address these.

Once again can we appeal to all the residents to ensure that the Village is looking at its best, with hedges trimmed, weeds removed, all litter is picked and unsightly waste is removed.

Penybont's annual pilgrimage

Early on Sunday morning 21 May a coach load of members of the 3 churches in the Pastorate of Penybont, Horeb and Trefgarn Owen Churches, and a number of friends started their journey on their Pilgrimage to Soar y Mynydd Chapel near Tregaron.

The first port of call was Llandovery where a well-deserved cup of tea or coffee, and something to eat was had by all. The next step of the journey took us along the winding, narrow roads through the beautiful scenery of North Carmarthenshire towards Soar y Mynydd.

Although this chapel is situated in a beautiful quiet valley away from everywhere, large crowds of people find their way to a service every Sunday afternoon throughout the summer months.

The guest preacher on this Sunday was the Revd Geoffrey Eynon, and the purpose of the journey was to support him. It was wonderful to see the Chapel full, with people travelling considerable distances just to be in Soar y Mynydd. Readings from Scripture were given by Mr Brian Jones and the Revd. Carys Butler.

On the journey home an opportunity was had to savour the fresh air and scenery around Brianne Reservoir, before enjoying an evening meal in the Cottage Inn, near Llandeilo. The Minister thanked everyone for coming to support him. Miss Grace Davies, from Solva, thanked on behalf of everyone for a wonderful day, and for the privilege of being invited to be a part of the Pilgrimage



Community church

In a recent meeting of the Wolfscastle Community Council, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Cllr. Brynmor Harries for his services to the Community for 50 years. In presenting the Certificate, the Chairman, Cllr. Barrie Griffiths thanked Brynmor, for his support to the community, and hoped that he would continue to serve the Ward he represents for many more years to come.



Ysgol Casblaidd

We are enjoying another busy term here at Ysgol Casblaidd with our pupils taking part in many activities and initiatives. We are very grateful to the Wolfscastle community for all their support and generosity to the school.

Community Awards for the School

High Sheriff Award

Every year the High Sheriff of Dyfed announces a number of awards in recognition of achievement voluntary and charitable in the community. The High Sheriff's award is seen as a formal recognition of the significant contribution made by an organisation.

We were delighted to be informed that this year the high Sheriff has selected our school as a worthy organisation within the Shrievalty. The Sheriff has been very much aware of the outstanding work achieved by the pupils and staff in fundraising for local and national charities as well as for visiting Withybush hospital during the Christmas period to sing carols to the patients and staff.

The award was presented at the High Sheriff's award ceremony in Carmarthen, our school captains Ffion and Iolo, the head teacher Mrs Wendy Raymond and to our Chair of Governors Rev Eynon.



Valero Music Festival

Congratulations to Iolo Evans on gaining a 1st place in the percussion competition and to Dewi Roberts who just missed out on a 1st place with his bassoon competition at this year's Primary Valero music competition recently. They were joined by Gwenna and Ifan for the Bro Jemeima orchestra's part in the afternoon concerts.

Urdd Eisteddfod Art & Craft successes

We achieved excellent results in the Art and Craft competition this year again with ten, 1st places, five, 2nd places and ten, 3rd places. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part. Llongyfarchiadau.

Urdd National Football Finals

Congratulations to the school football team (Sam, Morgan, Gwenna, Iolo, Ffion, Owen and Harri) who represented the County in the Urdd National 5 a side football competition in Aberystwyth recently. The team played very well and were unfortunate to miss out on a place in the semi-finals by just one goal

Bro Gwaun family of schools project

This term the Juniors have enjoyed a number of workshops as part of a family of schools project on the Last Invasion and Jemeima Nicolas story. The pupils will be writing scripts, designing and filming an animation movie of part of the story and making clay models. Our year 6 pupils will present the work at the year 6 transition day at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

Junior Pupils History projects

Our junior class pupils have been busy working on projects about our local history, which are being judged by Rev Richard Davies. The pupils have completed their projects on local farms, Allt yr Afon, the school, Sealyham mansion and woods, the legends of Wolfscastle, Treffgarne Rocks, the Motte and Bailey and much more. Recently local historian Mr Martin Roberts visited school to discuss the individual projects with each pupil. It was wonderful to see and hear how they had used the research skills passed on to them in



Hywel Dda Health Board Chair's award

At the end of the Summer half term Mrs. Bernadine Rees OBE, chair of the Hywel Dda University Health Board presented the school with the Chair's award for "hard work in helping the Health Board" In her short address Mrs. Rees referred to the carol singing during the Christmas period and the joy the pupils brought to patients their families and the staff during that time. The award was accepted by Ffion Nicholson our school captain.

our history sessions. The records office has been inundated with visits from Ysgol Casblaidd pupils! Look out for the projects on Festival day where they will be on display in the marquee.

Pet Show

The pupils were busy at the beginning of the term making rosettes and programmes for our pet show held during the annual Strawberry Tea. We had a variety of pets from rabbits to scorpions. Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Raymond, the presidents of Fishguard Show were our judges for the afternoon Best in show was Seren Lewis's Bearded Dragon. The pet the judges would most like to take home was Emily Locke's dog.

School Council Report June 2017

We have been busy with school council again this term. Our most important activity has been raising money for charity. After working on a geography project about no water and poor sanitation in developing countries such as Ethiopia we decided to raise money for the Toilet Twinning project. This organisation helps families in developing countries who do not have a toilet in their home or any clean drinking water. We couldn't believe that 2.5 billion people, that is 40% of the world's population, do not have a toilet in their home.

We decided to raise money for this cause. It cost £60 to buy a toilet for a family in a developing country. On the last day of the Spring term when we have our Easter afternoon we had a non-school uniform day. Everybody paid £1 towards this. We also held a fundraiser called "Where will Daisy do it?" "Darganfod dom Daisy?" this involved placing a grid of squares numbered 1-120 on the school yard. When all the squares were sold at a cost of £1 each, Sam Lewis put one of his hens on the grid. She decided to do her business on Morgan Bateman's square. His prize was a luxury Easter egg. We managed to raise £180 for the organisation

Last week we held a special assembly to welcome Mrs Michael who works for the Tear Fund charity, who support the Toilet Twinning project. She saw a display of work and activities surrounding our project and was delighted to accept £180 from the school which will ensure

that 3 families in developing countries will have access to a toilet and clean water.

Ysgol Casblaidd Parents & Friends news

School Notice Board

The notice board outside the school had seen better days and recently was given a 'make over'. Many thanks to Mr Ted Rogers for building our very smart new notice board. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Strawberry Cream Tea fundraiser

We were most fortunate this year again for fine weather for our Strawberry and Cream Tea fundraiser on Friday 26th May. Many thanks to all parents and friends of the school as well as many from our community who supported this popular event.

We were delighted to raise £750 for the school. Many thanks to the Parents & Friends Committee but especially to Mrs Carol Williams Chairperson, Ms Mari Ann Davies Secretary, and to Mrs Bethan Maycock treasurer for all their hard work in organising this and all other events during the school year.

Bag2School

Our annual Bag2school collection has been booked for Thursday 16th of November. Please continue to collect all your unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys.

Penybont Chapel Sisterhood

The speaker at the March meeting was Sandra Dade from Paul Sartori, who gave an interesting talk and slide show on the recent sponsored bike ride in Cambodia.

In April members participated in a musical quiz posed by Mrs. Ann Morris on the theme of "Anthems and Hymn Writers."

The annual Sisterhood lunch was held on 11th May at "Something's Cooking" and was enjoyed by all members who attended. Thanks to Betty for making the arrangements and to Trevor and his team for looking after the group.

Sisterhood meetings will resume in October, starting with the Annual General Meeting. Meetings are normally held on the second

Thursday of each month, usually in the Chapel vestry, commencing at 2 p.m. Details will be advised during chapel services along with information on speakers etc.

New members are always welcome; please contact **Barbara Jones on 01348 841088.**

Wolfscastle Over 60s

At the AGM, the committee were elected en bloc; the Vice-Chairman is Mr. Glyndwr Morse.

It is planned that the presentation of the Lottery Fund grant cheque will be made by Paul Davies AM at the September meeting.

Club members have recently participated in trips to the West Wales Museum of Childhood, The Royal Mint and Castell Coch, and the Restoration National Award winning Cardigan Castle. On 22nd June the club are visiting the Brecon Canal followed by an evening meal at Carmarthen Quins RFC.

Future planned visits include Stackpole Walled Garden, Gower Heritage Centre, Aberdulais Tinplate Works and Narberth Museum.

The August Afternoon Tea will be at Haverfordwest Golf Club; the date will be announced at the next meeting.

The Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Penybont Chapel Vestry, commencing at 2.00 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the Chairman (Paul Hart) on 01348 840607.

Wolfscastle W.I.

Our version of Desert Island discs was a very enjoyable evening, with all members providing memories and music to remind them. It was interesting to hear bits of their past which we did not know.

Roddy Milne, the Head Gardener, from Picton Castle brought with him a selection of flowers from the Rhododendrons and Azaleas in bloom. He also told us of the improvements to the gardens. Several members later went to see the gardens and confirmed how beautiful they were. The walled garden will come into its own in the Summer.

We held a very successful Open Day in May with a large display of crafts, History of our W.I. and a rolling online history on a laptop. The whole display looked very well in the newly decorated Vestry.

There were also three demonstrations of crafts which interested visitors could join in and take away completed items. There was also tea, coffee and cakes for sale. A number of visitors came from surrounding areas, having seen our posters.

Our June meeting had two speakers from Welsh Heart. This is a relatively young charity which brings different defibrillators to show how a life can be saved whilst waiting for professional help to arrive. Members found this to be very interesting and discussed where in the village such equipment could be sited.

Our July meeting will be a class on silk painting when a small picture – suitable for a card – will be demonstrated. The tutor will be Julie Dean, our new Secretary.

Some outings were suggested for the Summer break. We return in September to a talk on Pantmawr Cheese by David Jennings.

There will be our usual stall on the Festival Field with all sorts of goodies for sale.

Can you help?

Offers of help with refreshments in the Vestry on Festival Day and contributions of cakes etc would be very welcome. Please contact Elfeira Harries on 01437 741131.

New councillor's thanks

Many congratulations from Wolfwhistle to Michelle Bateman who won a seat on Pembrokeshire County Council at her first attempt.

Mrs Bateman has been an enthusiastic and supportive parent at Wolfscastle School for many years and she has kindly offered to sponsor an issue of Wolfwhistle as a "Thank you" to all who supported her.

Mrs Bateman writes:

Dear Residents, I was delighted to be voted in as your new County Councillor at the May 2017 elections. Thank you for all your support I received in the lead-up to the election and since.

As you can imagine, it has been a busy few weeks completing induction and training.

I will be at the Festival Week events so please feel free to stop me for a chat. If anyone has any concerns or issues don't hesitate to get in touch. My contact details are as follows: Michelle Bateman 01437 741438 or 07878 857197.

E-mail:

cllr.michelle.bateman@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Ladies Day at the hotel

The Wolfscastle Country Hotel Ladies Day Garden Party will be held on Sunday 9 July.

Tickets are now on sale at the hotel. Call 01437 741225 for further details.

VILLAGE PEOPLE BY ELFEIRA HARRIES

Sympathy is extended to the following who have been bereaved since the last issue of Wolfwhistle: Mrs Mary Thorne and family on the loss of a sister.

Mr Brian Morgan of Ivy House on the death of his sister-in-law and Mr Anthony Morgan on the loss of his mother.

Mr Mansel Evans of Dolwerdd on the loss of a sister-in-law.

Belated 70th **birthday wishes** to Mrs Yvonne Preston.

Thanks to two anonymous donors - £50 and £40. Our thanks also to Mrs Enid George for her donation of £40 to sponsor this issue of Wolfwhistle. Many congratulations to Mrs George on her 80th birthday.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Roland George of Bryn Dewi on the birth of a grandson Albi George Jenkins who is great grandson to Mrs Enid George.

Congratulations also to Jean and Mansel Evans on the birth of a great grandson Gruff.

Welcome to new residents at the Annex, Llys-yr-Onnan.

Very best wishes to Mona and Ted Rogers who are leaving the village in the near future to reside in the Cambridge area.

TREFFGARNE NEWS FROM - PAT GRIFFITHS

Pastures new: Good wishes go to Gay and Paul Robinson who recently left Treffgarne to take up residence in their new home in Letterston. They have lived in Treffgarne for 35 years.

Best wishes are also extended in advance to them for their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

Good wishes are also sent to Tom and Rebecca and their children Josh and James who recently left Treffgarne to live in Trecwn.

We would also like to extend a warm **welcome** to the new residents in Kiln Park House.

Get well wishes are sent to Glynis Jenkins, The Bungalow, who is recovering after a short spell in hospital.

Also to Roy Lewis who is recovering following a recent spell in hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Keith Bryant who passed away recently.

Barbecue: A village barbecue will be held on 15 July hosted by Mr and Mrs Ian Fudge. It is hoped that there will be live music which always adds to the evening.

Tickets will be available from Robin Jones (741415) or Barrie Griffiths (741454). Committee members will also be calling round to sell tickets. All proceeds to Hall funds.

Bonus ball winners:

Feb 17 – B.Carne; J.Coneybeare; S.Spraggs; M.Snelle.

March 17: M.Carne; A James; L.Jones; J.Coneybeare.

April 17: P.Bailey; M.Carne; S.Bradbury; R.Lewis; P.Robinson.

May 17: J.Coneybeare; P.Clover; M.Carroll; J.Griffiths.

Bonus ball: Winners are as follows: December – J.Charles; J.Charles; I.Fudge; D.Rees; P.Carey. Januray : E.Jones; J.Griffiths; number unsold; J.Charles.

Any Treffgarne news, please send to Pat Griffiths at Cilborth, Treffgarne , 01437 741454.

Any items of news, please contact Editor John Roche on

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Next issue planned for September.

Each Wolfwhistle now costs about £40 to produce so any offers of sponsorship are always welcome.