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

Dathlu ym Mhenybont

Ar Sul medi 10ed roedd ein Gweinidog Y Parch Geoffrey Eynon yn dathlu 40 mlynedd yn y Weinidogaeth. Cawson oedfa fendithiol o dan arweiniad y Pach Dr Geraint Tudur a cynilleidfa liosog yn bresennol.

Cafwyd cinio ardderchog yn Neuadd Treletert. Ar ol y cinion cynhalwyd oedfa o fyfarchion ac atcofiain gan ysgrifennyddion y dair eglwys-sef Brian Jones, Cathrine Davies a Jane Richards, Elfeira Harries ar ran yr Ysgol Sul, Betty John ar ran y Chwaroliaeth, Gareth Evans ar ran y Cyfundeb, Peter James cadeirydd Cyngor Bro, Janice Williams ar ran Ysbyty Llwynhelyg, Wendi Raymond Prif Athrawes Ysgol Casblaidd, Parch Ken Thomas, Angharad (ei ferch), Y Tad Leam Bradley, Grace Davies, a chyfarchion cynnes wrth Parch Dr Cerwyn Davies o Toronto, a phennillion gan y Prifardd Eirwyn George.

Braf hefydd oedd gweld arddangosfa o luniau diddorol a ddarparwyd gan Simon Moffatt.

Atyniad arall oedd cacen y dathlu gan Elinor Twose, Aelod a chynaelod or Ysgol Sul wedi’l haddurno’n gelfydd I ddangos lluniau y Gweinidog a’r Capeli arni. Y cyfan o dan lwyddiaeth medrus Brian

Jones ac ef hefyd lywyddodd y Cyngerdd Llwyddiannus yn yr hwyr.

Food, photos, songs and tributes in celebration of Geoff’s ministry

Members and friends of the Chapels of the Pastorate came together in celebration of the Rev Geoffrey Eynon’s 40 years as Minister.

After a wonderful morning service at Penybont conducted by the Rev. Geraint Tudur, an excellent lunch was enjoyed by 140 members and friends at Letterston Memorial Hall.

After lunch, greetings and memorabilia were given by Chapel members and many friends.

An excellent exhibition of photographs were on display, organised by Simon Moffatt. Another attraction was the beautifully celebratory cake presented by Elinor Twose, a member and past member of the Sunday School, with photographs of the Minister and his Chapels imprinted on the icing.

In the evening, a concert was held at the Chapel given by members and past members of the pastorate.

A large congregation enjoyed an evening of music given by the Sunday School pupils and various choirs of members of the different chapels.

Angharad Williams, one of the Sunday School teachers, paid tribute to the Minister and presented him with a sundial. Pauline Field, a member of the Sisterhood, read a poem by John Keats and members of Treffgarne Owen gave an amusing sketch and duet, Seiniau'r Garn Trio, Quartet (two sisters and two brothers).

Catrun Raymond sang two beautiful solos and finally, members of the Pastorate combined to sing two hymns.

Before the closing hymn, the Minister was presented with a cheque for £2,675 from members, Chapels of the Association and friends in recognition of his outstanding service over the years.

“It has been a great pleasure, she said, “to have served the Chapels of the Pastorate and to feel such a close knit company of members.”

Comper for the evening was Brian Jones.

After the final hymn, the benediction was announced by the Rev Gerald Jones.

Cardiff half marathon for beautiful Belle Curran

Haverfordwest Ladies Circle and a few local ladies are training to run the Cardiff half marathon on the 1st of October to raise money for Stella and John's beautiful 8-year-old daughter Belle.

Belle was diagnosed with a rare incurable lung disease (Interstitial lung disease) at just two years old. Since then she has had numerous hospital visits. She now relies on 24/7 oxygen and a wheelchair to get around.

Belle has now been listed for a double lung transplant by Great Ormond Street Hospital. As and when Belle receives the transplant, she will be an inpatient at

GOSH for 4-6 months. This transplant is vital to give Belle a happy and healthy future. We are raising money so that we can buy Belle a laptop so she can keep in contact with friends and family and do her school work whilst she is recovering in hospital.

Also she will need lots of help following her operation and the consultants have recommended a hydrotherapy tub to help stimulate her muscles.

If you would like to support us and Belle there will be sponsor forms at The Wolfe Inn and Wolfscastle Country Hotel. Many thanks for taking time to read this and many thanks for supporting us.

Wolfscastle in Bloom 2017 . . . winners again!

Once again we are delighted to announce that Wolfscastle are winners in the Prestigious Wales in Bloom Competition 2017. Wales in Bloom is the regional element of the National Britain in Bloom Competition supported by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The title suggests a horticultural achievement, but this is only one element of the campaign and organisation, it also includes environmental responsibility and community participation. All three elements were evident in Wolfscastle's entry in the competition and were obvious in the written report submitted by the judge, Mr John Woods.

The plaque and certificate were presented to the Revd Geoffrey Eynon and Cllr Michelle Bateman at the Award Ceremony held at Burry Port Memorial Hall on Friday 15th September.

In his report Mr John Woods outlined the areas of achievement and area for improvement, which are set out below:-

It was a real pleasure to be able to Wolfscastle once again this summer. Since my last visit you have responded well to the financial cuts imposed by the County

Council, and the floral displays on the green by the river and outside the school were better than ever!

The contribution made by residents throughout the village is indeed exemplary, and I was pleased to see the young farmers in action washing the bus shelters. Likewise the schoolchildren could not wait to tell me about their local history project, and the help that they had gained from speaking to the older residents in the village.

Areas of Achievement

- The seasonal floral displays throughout the village including the troughs and boat on the riverside green, the troughs outside Ysgol Casblaidd, and the former milk stand at Ford Farm.
- The educational garden at Ysgol Casblaidd.
- The gardens and top of the railway embankment at 'Railway Avenue'.
- Residents gardens at Haul y Bryn.
- The new garden at Tŷ Ni.
- The colourful roadside WI flower bed.
- The sustainable plantings and floral displays at the Wolfe Inn.
- The colourful front garden at number 10 Glan Cleddau.
- The hotel garden at Allt yr Afon
- The decision not to use peat in young plant production.
- The working group policy to ensure the absence of litter, dog dirt, fly posting and graffiti throughout the village. Not easy on a major trunk road.
- The contribution made by the young farmers in washing the bus shelters and other street furniture.
- The Eat Local produce initiative.
- The garden at Ysgol Casblaidd and all of the resources in it including the artwork.
- The schoolchildren's project work looking at aspects of village history.
- The schoolchildren's toilet twinning project to help others less fortunate in Pakistan, Cambodia, and the Central African Republic.
- The enthusiastic use of the recycling facilities in the village.
- The excellent community involvement.
- The Wolfscastle Festival and the year round programme of activities in the village.
- The portfolio.
- Darganfod dom Daisy. Syniad gwyd!
- The way in which you have dealt with financial cuts made by Pembrokeshire County Council
- The excellent media coverage – yn y ddwy iaith... Does neb crystal yn y gystadleuaeth ar hyn o bryd. (*In both languages, there is no one as good in the competition at present.*)
- Support from the Wolfe Inn on their website.

Areas for Improvement

- Consolidate and improve what you have achieved to date. Be careful not to stretch the demand on volunteers just that little bit too far.
- Help and extend the knowledge of volunteers by engaging novices in the propagation and raising of seasonal plant materials in the spring. Is there an opportunity for a workshop?
- More of the same but be careful not to stretch the demand on volunteers and patrons just that little bit too far.
- Use your portfolio to help you secure financial help, support, or goods in kind from local businesses or the media.

I am delighted to award the Wales in Bloom 2017 Small Village Class 1st Prize to Wolfscastle in Bloom. Many congratulations / Llongyfarchiadau iu. A daliwch ati!

Ysgol Casblaidd

We have all settled back to a new school year! A special welcome to our new pupils Olivia, Isobel and Emily Heaton, Lara Morgan, Anwen Holdsworth and Lois Morgan.

School captains

Congratulations to Owen Nicholson who is this year's school captain and to Ifan Evans his vice.

School Council

The new School Council have been elected by the pupils.

Our School Councillors are: - Lowri, Gethin, Carys, Emmie, Ellie, Lloyd, Sion Evans, Sion Nicholson. The Chair and Secretary are Harri and Olivia.

This term again in our annual Harvest service we would like to donate dried foods and tins to the PATCH charity. If you are planning to attend the service please bring one or two items to the service on Friday 27th October at St St Dogwells Church near Sealyham to put in the collection boxes. The service commences at 2 p.m. there is no monetary collection

Thank you,
The School Council.

New Security Gates

We have new security gates. When visiting the school you will see there is a camera and intercom system on the gate. Please press the buzzer, wait for a reply, ensure you can be seen by the camera and wait for

the release mechanism to be triggered by a member of staff.

Parents & Friends

The Parents & Friends Committee met at the end of last term for their AGM. During the AGM Miss Mari Davies and Mrs Carol Williams agreed to continue in their respective posts as secretary and chair. We said a sad farewell to Mrs Bethan Maycock our treasurer. Mrs Rhiannon Barnett was nominated to take over the role of treasurer.

Bag2School

Following our previous successful fundraisers for the past few years the 'Bag2school' recycling company are collecting from us on **Thursday November 16th at 9am.**

Collection bags will be available from the school or from any pupil before half term. Please fill these bags with unwanted, good quality items such as adult and children's clothes, hats, shoes, bags, belts, soft toys etc. Please encourage friends and neighbours to join in too. All bags need to be brought to the school on the morning of the 16th.

Empties Please

If you have any empty ink cartridges at home or at work you could help to raise further money for the school. Bags are available from Mrs Raymond at school.

Looking back on a fantastic Festival anniversary

It's hard to believe it's already September and almost three months since this year's festival week, *writes Steve Maycock.*

It was fantastic to see so many people from the community joining in to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first festival fun day held back in 1967.

Festival week has evolved over the years from just two or three activities to the full week it is now. With whole generations of families having been involved over those fifty years.

This year we saw eight teams competing in the primary school's five a side foot ball tournament, playing 28 games in total with Casblaidd A team victorious after winning all of their matches.

On Tuesday, six teams battled it out in the hope of being crowned village games champions, with Fishguard YFC taking the prize and putting their winnings towards their new YFC hall.

On Wednesday, 22 cars set off for the treasure hunt which ended with a great reception at the Wolfe Inn. In a break with tradition the winners did not wish to set next year's event, so despite having come in the normally coveted second place, our runners up this year have kindly agreed to set next year's route.

On Thursday, 24 teams competed at the quiz night which was kindly hosted by the Allt-yr Afon with extra chairs and tables being needed to accommodate everyone who had come along.

On Friday, Mr and Mrs Batty once again opened up their gardens at Treffgarne Hall to us, and with the weather being as poor earlier in the day as it had been, they were kind enough to invite us into their house as well which was much appreciated.

Saturday almost stayed dry, but with this year's marquee in place we were able to dodge the rain and carry on anyway. With the fun days big hits this year being the children's entertainer and the crockery smash.

And finally on Sunday the community once again came together for a wonderful evening of song at Pen-y-bont Chapel. Because the community celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Festival Fun Day this year we were able to successfully apply for National Lottery Let's Celebrate funding to mark the occasion.

The festival committee wanted to have a party the whole community could be

involved in, and with the funding awarded it was possible to hire the children's entertainer, the marquee and the folk bands for Saturday's entertainment.

It wasn't clear how Saturday night's party would go, and even as the first band began to play, committee members weren't sure if they had been over optimistic about the way it would turn out.

But by 8pm it was obvious the party was going to be a huge success, with an underestimation of how many people wanted to come and celebrate this community mile stone. With extra tables and chairs brought in to the marquee the atmosphere was incredible.

So many people enjoying the company of others, so many children and adults up and dancing to the amazing music from Five Folk and Razor Bill, so much laughter.

For 50 years, individuals from this community have come together for the benefit of all, and the atmosphere throughout the week reflected that community spirit perfectly.

As a result of the hard work, effort and generosity of the community it's great to be able to announce the festival week successfully raised £3371.64 which will be ploughed back into local community causes.

The next festival committee meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4 Oct in the school. Anyone wishing to get involved is very welcome to join us.

Wolfscastle W.I.

Before our Summer break there was the Festival week when we had our usual stall on the Festival field on the Saturday. This was well supported as usual with lots of plants etc to sell.

In July we visited the Dolls House Museum in Newport. They have a wonderful collection of dolls houses, fully furnished with contemporary stuff, including whatever form of transport is

appropriate. The most recent being the 1960's. Some of that furniture looked familiar.

We begin again by changing our venue for the September meeting by having it in Letterston Memorial Hall and it will begin at 8 p.m. Our Speaker will be David Jennings of Pantmawr Cheese.

We hope the Vestry will be completed in time for our meeting on 5 October when we revert to meeting in the evenings at 7.15 p.m. This will be a Bake Off and Recipe Swap with a special Guest Speaker. November will be busy as we have our meeting on the 2nd and that will be our Annual Meeting followed a Pot Luck late Afternoon Tea.

There will also be a special CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 11th from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. There will be plenty of small items suitable as gifts.

This will also be an opportunity to support PATCH who are appealing for small gifts suitable for children aged from 0 to 17 years! Any suitable 'as new' items will be gratefully received. All will be welcome to join us for this and any other meeting.

We round off the Autumn Season with Crafts for Christmas on December 7th at 7.15 p.m.

We wish all our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Penybont Sisterhood

Sisterhood meetings recommence after the summer break with the Annual General Meeting which all members are asked to attend.

The date and venue for the first meeting will be announced during Penybont Chapel services.

Sisterhood meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month.

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

Wolfscastle Over 60s Club

On 23 August many members and guests enjoyed a cream tea at Haverfordwest Golf Club.

We were delighted to welcome our local AM Paul Davies to the September meeting, especially as he came bearing gifts in the form of a Lottery Fund cheque which he presented to Chairman Paul Hart.

He then joined members for tea and spent time answering questions from those present.

Members are going to the Torch Theatre in Milford Haven on 18 October for a performance of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

The 1 November meeting is the group's annual Harvest Festival, followed by a visit to Aberdulais Tinplate Works near Neath on Friday 17 November.

The Annual Carol Service will be in Penybont Chapel on 13 December followed by Christmas Lunch at Haverfordwest Golf Club. Times will be advised at Club meetings.

Because of the ongoing building work at Penybont Chapel Vestry venues for the meetings will vary and will be notified to members by the Chairman.

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.

Breathtaking success for Callum and his Nan!

What an achievement in June by Treffgarne's Callum Woods and his grandmother Judy Colston who completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge!

Judy and Callum scaled Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan within a 24-hour period to raise money for MS Society

research funding. Kate, Judy's daughter and Callum's mother has MS.

Starting the first climb of Pen y Fan at 8 a.m. on Sunday 4 June and crossing the finishing line at the bottom of Snowdon just before 9.30 p.m., the pair completed the challenge in 13.5 hours, including travel time and an actual climbing time of 8.5 hours.

With Sunday night's storm fast approaching, the final climb was quite gruelling and the lights of the youth hostel were a welcome sight.

To date, over £2,100 has been raised, not including gift aid, from fund-raising locally and through the JustGiving page C&JKlimbing4Kate set up in Judith's name which has already been forwarded to the MS Society.

"So many thanks to everyone in Treffgarne and Spittal for such wonderful support and generosity," says Judy.

Wolfscastle Country Hotel

Our treatment rooms are now open in our Beauty and wellness Spa. Ask about treatments and special offers.

We are now taking bookings for our popular Christmas Parties, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Tel. reception 01437 741225 for information.

VILLAGE PEOPLE BY ELFEIRA HARRIES

Congratulations

To David Williams, The Manse, on his 50th birthday recently.

To Diane Williams of Glas-y-Dorlan, who celebrates her 60th birthday on 5 November.

To Mr and Mrs Colin Thorpe who celebrated their wedding recently.

Llongyfarchiadau I Menir ac Angharad Williams y ddwy wedi graddio yng ngholeg Caerfyrddyn eleni.

To Rebecca John, The Hills, on attaining 1st Year Student of the Year award at Gelli Aur Agricultural College.

Congratulations also to former Wolfscastle pupils Jonathan and Daniel Roche. Jonathan has completed his A levels and gained a place at Reading University to study Politics and International Relations.

Daniel, who is studying Mechanical Engineering at Pembrokeshire College, gained Distinction at Grade 8 Trumpet in his ABRSM exam.

Grateful thanks for their kind donation to Mr and Mrs Randall Rees of Cirencester.

Sympathy is extended to the following: Mrs Pat Griffiths of Treffgarne on the loss of a sister; to Mr John Harris of 12 Glancleddau on the death of his mother; And to Mrs Beynon of Penlan, Welsh Hook on the death of her mother.

Welcome to new residents Roger and Heather at Rhos Eithin, Welsh Hook.

Best wishes to Kay and Jeff Thorne who have moved to the Bridgend area.

Pauline and Mike celebrate with Wolfwhistle in mind!

Finally, **special congratulations** to Wolfwhistle correspondent Pauline Field and husband Mike who celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on 25 October.

Pauline and Mike have kindly offered to donate £50 to the Wolfwhistle in celebration. Our grateful thanks and best wishes.

This is what Mike told us:

"We are more than happy to sponsor the next issue to the tune of £50 in celebration of our Golden Wedding Anniversary on 25 October. We are celebrating with a 12 night cruise with SAGA to Madeira and the Canaries.

"Originally, we came to Pembrokeshire at the end of 1971 when I was posted to RNAD Trecwn.

“We lived at 53 Cardigan Road in Haverfordwest and our son Edward (April 1972) and daughter Sarah (December 1974) were both born in St. Thomas’s Maternity Hospital.

“I returned to MOD HQ in Bath in August 1975; we lived in Bradford on Avon until April 2001 when we moved to Wolfscastle. I also spent a year at the mine depot at Milford Haven in 1980/81.

“I was born in Bath in 1940 and experienced the blitz on Bath in April 1942, including a very near miss on the house we lived in. Pauline was born and brought up in Bradford on Avon.

“We are both proud of our West Country heritage but very much doubt if we could find a better place than Wolfscastle to see out our “twilight years”.

“Since our arrival in 2001 we have been welcomed throughout the community and it is a privilege and pleasure to live here.”

TREFFGARNE NEWS **FROM - PAT GRIFFITHS**

Congratulations

To Amy and Matthew Snelle on the birth of baby Edie, a lovely sister for Grace and Charlie.

To Lisa Mayhew, daughter of Geoff and Jane Mayhew, and Michael Stott on their wedding in July.

To Carwyn Davies of Mount Pleasant who takes up a place in Pembroke College.

To Anwen Hannah who will be taking up a place at Manchester Metropolitan University. Well done all. Enjoy your courses.

Congratulations also to Mrs Judy Colston of Jenny’s Meadow and her grandson Callum Woods who completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge in June. See separate report.

The weather was not kind to them so to finish at all was a tremendous achievement. Ironman Wales 2018 next?

BBQ

A BBQ was held this year at Hidskalf courtesy of Mr and Mrs Ian Fudge. Live music was provided by Razorbill.

The proceeds of £600 helped to swell the coffers of the hall renovation. Many thanks to all who attended and provided food. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Bonus ball winners:

June: S.Bradbury; S. Miles; W.Hannah; R.Lewis.

July: C.Codd; P.Carey; A.Hanson (x2); L.Fudge.

August: B.Griffiths; R.Jones; M.Batty; A.Jones.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving at Penybont

This year’s Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Penybont will be held on the 8th and 9th of October.

On the Sunday night at 6:30p.m., the Children and Young People of the Sunday School will conduct their service.

The following night at 7:00 p.m. the Guest Preacher in the Bi-lingual Service will be Revd. Ken Thomas, New Moat.

A warm welcome is extended to all to join us in these services. Croeso i Bawb Harvest service at **St Dogwell’s Church** on Thursday, 26 October at 7.30 p.m. Guest preacher is the Rev Richard Davies. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Any items of news, please contact Editor John Roche on 01348 840234 or jaroche1@aol.com

Next issue planned for December. Each Wolfwhistle now costs about £40 to produce so any offers of sponsorship are always welcome.