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Papur Bro i Casblaidd, Trefgarn a Llantydewi*

Winter wonderland!

Wolfwhistle reader Jan Duddridge captured the positive side when the Beast from the East snowfall visited Wolfscastle recently.

Jan sent us photographs and these words: “I wondered if you might be interested in a couple of photographs I took on Friday 2 March.

“A couple of youngsters came out to play initially but then, as the day wore on, they were joined by families from the village and their dogs.

“We live on the hill and spent the whole day watching their antics. It was pure delight and took us back to our children’s happy childhood and even further back to our days in the 50s. We were city children and snow was pure magic.

“Simple exuberant fun, no traffic, no dangers, squeals of delight, lying in the snow in the middle of the road. I remember doing that to my mother’s horror with excited dogs chasing the children. Aaah that there was more of this fun in life today eh?

Anyway, a happy day in Wolfscastle and pictures that we shall treasure. Maybe others would like to see them.”

Jan Duddridge.

The snow was so late and so sudden this year that it caught us all by surprise but we thought it deserved to make the front page, just for the fun it brought the younger villagers.



Open Air Nativity as popular as ever

Once again, the popular Open Air Christmas Nativity was enjoyed by one of the biggest crowds ever to attend the event. During the evening as the story unfolded, Mary and Joseph was seen with Bramble the Donkey, being led to the Inn. En route shepherds and an angel were seen in the field below, before reaching Herod's Palace and meeting the Wise Men.

The story ended in the beautiful setting of the Stable kindly loaned by Mr & Mrs Alwyn George, where the tableau was complete with the baby Jesus, played by Carys Lowri James, sitting on Mary's lap sleeping quite contentedly.

Carols were sung as we moved from one setting to the next, with the musical accompaniment on the journey given by members of the successful Goodwick Brass Band.

Following the performance, a welcoming glass of Mulled Wine and mince pies were served in the Vestry by the ladies of the Chapel.

This popular event has gone from strength to strength and this year has even inspired the BBC Radio Wales' Harri Parri's Christmas Special. The Nativity was also filmed by S4C 'Heno' nightly programme, and has been viewed over 6100 times on S4C's 'Heno' page.

Senior Citizens Annual Lunch

The Annual Christmas Lunch for the Senior Citizens of the Wolfscastle and Treffgarne areas was held at the Allttrafon in January, with a total of 43 seniors and a few helpers sitting down for the meal served by the staff of the hotel.

A word of welcome was given by Cllr Brynmor Harries, who also acted as MC

for the afternoon. Mr David Bailey, Treffgarne, responded and thanked the Welfare Committee for organising the lunch, and for the wonderful Christmas gifts distributed to the 153 Senior Citizens living within the community.

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by the pupils of the School with a variety of songs, including Calon Lân, accompanied by Ifan Evans. The junior pupils shared the facts they had learned about New Year celebrations from around the world.

The Revd. Geoffrey Eynon thanked Mrs Raymond, Staff and Pupils for a very entertaining afternoon.

Wolfscastle in RHS Britain in Bloom 2018 Finals

Wolfscastle has been selected once again from more than 1,000 entrants to take part in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom UK Finals 2018, the pinnacle of the community gardening world.

A total of 70 communities across the UK have been selected for this special honour, including towns, villages, cities, urban communities and new in 2018, business improvement districts. UK Finalists represent the very best of community gardening in the UK.

Wales in Bloom nominated Wolfscastle to the national finals of the competition following the regional stage of judging in 2017. Wolfscastle was selected for engaging every element of the community, for demonstrating an exceptional commitment to helping the environment and for top horticultural achievement. Wolfscastle will be joining another 9 villages from across the UK, in the Village category.

It has been confirmed that the judging fortnight will run from 30 July - 10 August 2018. Although the campaign runs all year

round, the run-up to the judges' tour is a time when communities throughout the UK unite and redouble their efforts. Wolfscastle will be visited by two RHS judges Ian Beaney and Denise James, who will meet community representatives and go on a tour of local projects.

Judges will assess everything from local recycling initiatives to areas of natural habitat and conservation. They'll also be looking at the management of street furniture and open spaces, and will be assessing how well the village is responding to climate change and how they are engaging the community in their local Bloom activities.

Results will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland on October 19th and will be attended by representatives of all 70 finalists.

Revd Geoffrey Eynon, Co-ordinator of the Wolfscastle in Bloom said "it is a great honour once again for us to be nominated to be in the finals. This is the third time for the village to participate in this competition. In 2010 we won the Gold Award receiving excellent comments from the judges.

Five years later in 2015, and again won Gold Award and overall winners in the whole of Great Britain in our category. Now that we know what is expected, we can go the extra mile and hope to use the opportunity to improve local spaces and bring the whole community together."

It's such an achievement to get to the UK Finals of the Bloom campaign.

These communities are transforming their towns, cities and villages with gardening and environmental activities. Volunteers of all ages join in and they make a tremendous impact. It isn't about who beats who in the UK Finals – it's about what volunteers are doing for their community - at the end of the day, every participating community is already a winner. Well done Wolfscastle and good luck!"

"Congratulations once again on your fantastic achievement of reaching the RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals," said Meredith Arthur, Community Operations Manager, for the RHS. "We look forward to meeting you all and learning about the exciting things happening in your community over the coming year,"

The story of Britain in Bloom began in 1964 when the tourist board wanted a way to market the country through floral displays. Since the RHS took over as the organising body in 2001, the focus of the campaign has widened to include helping the environment, strengthening communities and inspiring more people to get involved.

Wolfscastle in Bloom 2018

Under the guidance of Cllr Michelle Bateman, a Wolfscastle in Bloom Youth Group has been set up, when a number of youngsters from the village came to a meeting in the Vestry at the beginning of February. Many ideas were put forward, and a discussion ensued as to how the village can be improved in order to meet the criteria set out in the Wales in Bloom guidelines. It is hoped that the group can apply for funding to purchase equipment etc. needed so that their ideas can be carried out.

A public meeting will be held in the Chapel Vestry on **Wednesday night, 28th March at 7:30p.m.**, to outline what is expected of us as a community in this year's competitions. It is hoped that as many residents as possible, as well as representatives of all the organisations and businesses in the village will make an effort to attend this meeting. In the meantime can we once again depend on your support as residents of Wolfscastle to ensure that the village is looking at its best to welcome the judges to our community.

Wolfscastle in Bloom Officials

Co-ordinator: Revd Geoffrey Eynon,
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Secretary: Mrs Wendy Raymond,
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Treasurer: Mr Eric Williams,
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Dates for the Diary

March 30th: Good Friday Singing Festival
at Tabernacle, Fishguard

Children at 10:30; adults at 6:30

April 1st: Easter Sunday: Children and
Young People's Service at 10:30

Pilgrimage

On Sunday, 10 June, it is hoped to arrange
a pilgrimage to visit Yr Ysgwrn,
Trawsfynydd, the home of Hedd Wyn, the
Farmer, Soldier and Welsh poet that was
killed in World War I.

The bus will be leaving the Village at
8:30a.m., and stopping for a comfort break
in Aberaeron, before travelling on to
Machynlleth for lunch, and arrive at Yr
Ysgwrn at approx. 13:45p.m.

Yr Ysgwrn is not the typical Welsh
farmhouse. The history and symbolism that
the place represents is one of the main
reasons the Snowdonia National Park
Authority bought it in March 2012.

The home reflects a period of social,
cultural and agricultural history at the turn
of the 20th century. Hedd Wyn's life and
death are representative of an entire
generation of young men from Wales,
Britain and Europe, who gave the ultimate
sacrifice during the First World War.

At Yr Ysgwrn, we will be able to read of
the life and poetic legacy of Hedd Wyn;
the First World War and its context; the
bardic tradition and the Welsh language
and culture; the social history of rural
Wales at the turn of the 20th Century and

the Agricultural heritage and sustainable
land use.

After spending approx. two and a half
hours at the Yr Ysgwrn, we will make our
homeward journey, finally stopping in
Aberaeron for a meal, before arriving
home at about 21:30p.m.

Price of the bus and admission to Yr
Ysgwrn will be approx. £25:00 (depends
how much interest people will have to join
us.) The cost of food will be extra.

If you are interested in joining us for the
Pilgrimage, please get in touch with the
Revd. Geoffrey Eynon, 01437 741335 or
Parchgeoff@gmail.com as soon as
possible.

Penybont Chapel

Sisterhood

The first meeting of 2018 in Penybont
Chapel Sisterhood was an open meeting
for both members and guests which was
well attended.

The speakers, Dr Sarah Davidson and
Sister Lisa Marshall from Ward 12 at
Withybush Hospital, had been invited by
the Rev Geoffrey Eynon to talk about their
work with patients suffering from
dementia.

They gave an interesting and wide-
ranging presentation on the work
undertaken by the ward, and displayed
examples of items used to stimulate the
memories of patients.

In February, Michael Field gave an
informal talk on the various visits made to
Wales by John Wesley during his long life,
particularly remarking on the difficulties
such journeys entailed in an era when there
were few good roads, no railways and
certainly no mobile phones!

The next meeting will be held on 22
March. The speaker for that meeting will
be announced during Penybont Chapel
Services.

The Sisterhood Prayer Meeting will be
held at Penybont Chapel on 22 April,
beginning at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

The date for the annual luncheon is to be decided. Once finalised it will be notified at a Sisterhood meeting.

Sisterhood meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month. New members are always welcome. Please contact Barbara Jones on 01348 841088.

Wolfscastle Over 60s Club

The club's Carol Service held in Penybont Chapel was followed by the Christmas Dinner held at Haverfordwest Golf Club. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all present.

At the first meeting of 2018, held on 7 February, the club was delighted to present a cheque for £710 to Belle Curran. This amount had been raised from the proceeds of the Harvest Festival auction of produce, the club Christmas raffle and a generous donation from Fishguard and Goodwick Lions.

Following the presentation, members were given an informative talk by the coxswain of the RNLi lifeboat at St David's on the history of the station.

In March, members were treated to a fascinating talk and presentation by Mrs Pat Swales Barker on Haverfordwest Then and Now which provoked many memories of the town in the past.

Members are reminded that the meeting on 4 April is the annual general meeting at which committee members will be elected. Subscriptions (held at £20) are also payable. All members are asked to make every effort to attend.

Ysgol Casblaidd

School categorisation

Pupils, staff, governors and parents were delighted that Ysgol Casblaidd continues to be categorised as a "green school" following the Welsh Government and Erw's assessment of our data, attendance and leadership developments.

Urdd 5 a side tournament



This year we took 2 teams to compete in the Urdd 5 a side competition at Fishguard Leisure Centre. Congratulations to all the football squad with Team A leaving as outright winners and Team B gaining third place. The teams played very well and were delighted to come away with medals.

Urdd Cardiff trip

Pupils in Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a residential trip to the Urdd Centre at Cardiff.

Activities included visits to the Royal Mint, the Principality Stadium, Techniquest and Cardiff Castle. We also enjoyed bowling, swimming and a boat trip around Cardiff Bay. It was again a pleasure to take a group from the school. Their behaviour, manners and enthusiasm was excellent at all times.





Dathliadau Dydd Gwyl Dewi

All pupils and staff enjoyed our St David's celebrations dressing up and competing in the traditional St David's day competitions between our school houses Anghof and Cleddau. Every child in the school dressed in traditional costume or in Wales rugby shirts we even had some more creative costumes such as leeks. Ellie Rowe and Lara Morgan were the best dressed girls and Rhys Richards and Ifan Evans were the best dressed boys.

Congratulations to Emily Locke and Ifan Evans joint winners of the Rev Roger White harp for their poems "Y Gem" and stories "Swn Rhyfedd".



Unfortunately due to the adverse weather forecast we were not able to hold our traditional concert and welsh cakes afternoon for parents & friends of the school.

Urdd Eisteddfod success

We had a very exciting and successful day at Letterston Memorial Hall in the Cylch Eisteddfod last Friday.

Congratulations to all who took part and did their very best in representing the school.

Ifan Evans hd 3rd prize in the reciting competition for years 5 & 6 and 3rd in the duet competition with his brother Ianto. Ianto also acheived a 2nd place for reciting in years 3 & 4 and a 2nd plcae in the Alaw Werin competition.

Megan Miles acheived 3rd place in the solo for years 5 & 6.

Lowri Morris acheived first place in the solo and 2nd place in the reciting for year 2 and under

Llongyfarchiadau mawr iawn i bawb!

Lowri will now go on to represent the School and the Gwaun Cylch at the

County round of the Eisteddfod at Ysgol Bro Gwaun on Saturday March 24th.

Many thanks to all the parents and friends who came to support the children last Friday.

Valero Music Festival

Congratulations to Ifan Evans and Lois Morris who represented the school in this year's Primary Valero music competition.

Parents & Friends

Pudding Night Fundraiser

The Parents & friends committee are holding a Pudding Night school fundraiser on Friday may 18th at Letterston memorial Hall at 6 p.m. During the evening of delicious puddings there will also be a pudding themed bingo with line and house prizes. Tickets at a charge of £5 per adult

and £2.50 per child will be available to purchase immediately after the Easter holidays from school (01437741361) or from any parent.

Wolfscastle WI

We began our autumn series of meetings at Letterston memorial Hall when David Jennings of Pantmawr came to show and taste his cheeses, then in October we met in Cwm Aderyn because the access to the vestry was not complete.

By November access via new steps was restored, and we had our Annual Meeting. The Officers were re-elected and then we had tea and made a collection of items for charity.

December had us making snowmen out of socks which were very effective.

The New Year 2018, started with Julie Dean showing members how to make angels out of old Christmas cards.

We also made arrangements for a meal at TheHarp. This was very good and members enjoyed it very much.

By this time the ramp into the vestry had been completed so all members and/or guests could use it. Anne-Marie from Mathry came to talk about setting up her business with chilli jams and preserves. There was a variety of different preserves to taste and purchase.

The March meeting had to be cancelled due to bad weather and the speaker being unwilling to come in case of being trapped by snow. None of our members can remember a meeting being cancelled for this reason before.

In April there will be a speaker to talk about A.C.W.W. which is a W.I. charity which supports women overseas.

In May, Nick from Fishguard Garden Centre will be planting up containers. This will be followed in June about Mrs Tiggy Winkle and friends.

Our last meeting before the summer break will be Matches and Despatches by a local Registrar.

We are happy to have some new members join us. The door is always open for anyone interested in coming to see us. We wish Fern and John from Bill Farm well on their move into the village.



Wolfscastle Festival Week

June 25th to July 1st 2018

We're already busy planning this year's Festival Week and looking forward to getting you involved.

Activities through the week are to include the primary school's five a side football competition, the village games, car treasure hunt, quiz night, open gardens at Treffgarne Hall, festival fun day and the Cymnfa ganu. There is also lots planned for the fun day on the Saturday with the aim of keeping our younger visitors entertained.

Wildlife competition

This year instead of a scarecrow competition we're asking you to get

creative for our local wildlife. To help support the village's Britain in Bloom entry we're asking you to create a bug house, bird box or planter which will be judged during festival week. If you're planning an entry please contact Steve Maycock at steve.maycock1@gmail.com or drop a note into the school by Monday 17th June telling us your name and address so the judge will know which houses to visit when judging them.

Photography competition

As an alternative to last year's writing competition we're asking you to get snappy. We would like you to submit a photograph of Wolfscastle taken with wildlife, nature or a landmark being your inspiration. The competition will fall into three categories of primary school age 4-7 years old, primary school age 8-11 years old, secondary school age and adult.

Please bring your mounted entry to the Festival Fun day on Saturday 30th June for judging.

Volunteers needed....please lend a hand

The week's events are always great fun and with so many people attending they're a great success. However they all require time and effort for things to run smoothly. With this in mind we would especially welcome support from people to help run the refreshments stall in the vestry. Could anyone who is able to help please get in touch with Elfeira Harries on Tel. 741131



Tour of Pembrokeshire

On Saturday 19th May the Tour of Pembrokeshire takes place. This year three of the four courses will pass through Wolfscastle. Riders will be heading into the village from Hayscastle Cross, passing under the A40 and heading up into the Preseli hills.

As a village we have been asked if as many people as possible can come out and support the riders as they pass through the village. Refreshments will be available in the vestry to help raise money for the defibrillator fund so you can have a cuppa and a cake while you wait for the bikes to pass. Anyone wanting to help marshall the event please contact Rev Eynon

Raising funds for the Villages defibrillators

Fund raising for our village defibrillators is going incredibly well with £1516 already raised. To ensure their safe keeping we're hoping to raise a further £500 for the specific storage units they need. Once this has been achieved there will be training provided ready for their installation. Any further donations for this worthy cause will be gratefully received and can be passed to Mr David Williams, The Manse, Wolfscastle.

Young Person's Award 2018

What could you do with up to £250?

The Wolfscastle Festival Committee is once again delighted to welcome applications for an award of up to £250.

Applications are welcomed from young people who live in the Wolfscastle Community Council area and/or are a past pupil of Wolfscastle Primary School. Applicants must be between year 7 and 21 years of age and still be in full time education.

To be in with a chance of receiving all or part of this award an application form will need to be submitted. This should include information about the applicant, their past or present involvement in Wolfscastle Festival Week, an explanation of why they have applied for the award and an estimate of what their plans will cost.

Wolfscastle Festival Committee's Award of up to £250.00 will be given to a young person or young people, who in the opinion of a panel of judges have given the best reasons as to how the award will assist them to pursue their interests. The panel will be made up of three independent judges.

The closing date for applications is the 31st May 2018 and the successful applicant(s) will be announced at this year's fun day to be held on Saturday 30th June 2018.

Application forms are available from Steve Maycock and can be requested via email at steve.maycock1@gmail.com or in person from Mrs Raymond at Wolfscastle Primary School. Completed forms should be returned to the same email address or handed in at the school.

All successful applicants will be asked to write a short report for inclusion in a future edition of the Wolfwhistle

Good luck to everyone who submits an application.

Face lift at the new spa

Fancy giving yourself a Springtime treat? Why not take advantage of the new spa in Wolfscastle Country Hotel?

The hotel is taking bookings from non-residents and the new spa treatments include massages, manicures, pedicures facials and make-up for special occasions.

Just call the hotel on 01437 741225 to book your appointment.

VILLAGE PEOPLE BY ELFEIRA HARRIES

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mrs Betty Lewis of Arfryn who celebrates her 95th birthday on 8 May.

To Mrs Eluned Davies of Cysgod y Garn who will be 85 in June.

To Mr Norman Cato who is 65 in April.

Belated congratulations to Mr Mike Briggs of Claremont who was 80 in January.

Best wishes for the March birthdays already mentioned in our last issue with one correction: Bryn is 80 (not 90) and callers are welcome at Rose Cottage after midday on 24 March. But please, no presents.

Grateful thanks for the anonymous donation of £50 received since our last issue.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Steve Lewis of Wernlwyd on the birth of a son, Iorrie.

And to Mr and Mrs Rowland George of Bryn Dewi on the birth of another grandson Evan; and to Mrs Enid George a great grandson.

Happy 50th birthday to Mark John of The Hills on 21 April.

Sympathy is extended to the following who have suffered bereavement since our last issue:

Mrs Daphne Lewis of 12 Glan Cleddau and all the family on the loss of husband, father and grandfather; to Alice Johnston of 5 Glan Cleddau, Emily Harries of Sycamore Cottage and Tomos Miles of Good Hope on the loss of their grandmother recently.

To Roy Morgan of Llwynon on the loss of his sister; to Mr Trevor Hughes of Bronwydd and family on the loss of his mother; to Miss Marian Evans of Haul-y-Bryn on the loss of her mother; to Mrs Kathleen Morris, Jonathan and Bethan on the loss of a husband, father and grandfather; to the family of the late Mr Garnet Wolseley of Lamma.

Welcome to the village to new residents in Ty-Newydd and to Anwen, Matthew and baby Will who have moved into The Annex; and to Mr and Mrs Mark Pugh and family; also **welcome** to Mrs Mandy Lacey and daughter Sarah who have moved into 7, Bryn Gomer.

Happy and healthy retirement to John and Fern Price who will be moving shortly from Bill Farm to Llys-y-Coed in the village.

TREFFGARNE NEWS FROM - PAT GRIFFITHS

Congratulations to Roy and Audrey Lewis who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December.

Sympathy is extended to Mr Roy Lewis, and family, whose brother passed away recently.

Bonus Ball winners

December: B.Clover, W.Carne-Hughes, P.Bailey, Owain Jones, J.John.

January: G.Stubbs, E.Bradbury, C.Hedley, M.Carroll

February: E.Sherwood, G.Robinson, L.Evans, P.Robinson

Treffgarne Seniors.

If there are any ladies who are over the age of 60 or any gentlemen who are over the age of 65 and who are not on the senior list, could you please pass your name to Pat Griffiths if you wish to be included. You could be losing out on the annual trip and seniors Christmas gift!

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

Easter services

Easter Day, 1 April

10.15 a.m. Treffgarne, Holy Communion

11.30 a.m. St Dogwells, Holy Communion



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Next issue planned for June.

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

