



The Wolfwhistle

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

Call the police if you witness acts of vandalism

It has been noted that there have been a number of acts of vandalism in Wolfscastle recently, when private property has been vandalised.

These incidents have been reported to the Police.

But if there are any witnesses to further acts of vandalism, no matter how trivial, please don't hesitate to call Dyfed Powys Police on 101, to report these incidents.

Wolfscastle in bloom: Time to get tidying and trimming!

Organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), Britain in Bloom is one of Europe's largest horticultural campaigns, involving over a thousand communities each year and creating lasting improvements to local environments for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors.

The RHS became the organising body for Britain in Bloom in 2001. The charity, along with the 16 "in Bloom" Regions and Nations, has introduced a number of developments.

The ongoing popularity of Britain in Bloom can be understood through the real and lasting benefits that the campaign provides. Research shows that participants

see not only cleaner and greener environments, but also reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour, renewed economic activity and increased pride of place.

Over recent months, a group of Wolfscastle Village Residents have been meeting in the Chapel Vestry in order to make arrangements for this year's Wales and Britain in Bloom Competitions. Many ideas have been put forward, in the hope that we can see these come to fruition over the next few months.

Two of the ideas were to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I, which will be seen at the School and the creation of flower displays to commemorate the centenary of the Suffragette Movement when Women in Britain over the age of 30, meeting certain property qualifications, were given the right to vote in 1918.

In the initial meeting the Rev Geoffrey Eynon, explained that Wolfscastle have been nominated by Wales in Bloom to represent Wales in light of the achievements of recent years. Being one of ten finalists identifies the village as one of the best cared for communities in the Village Category in the UK. It also gives us an opportunity to promote our village and our work.

Mr John Woods, the Vice Chairman and Wales in Bloom judge will visit the village on **Tuesday morning, 3 July**, when he will be accompanied around the village by representatives of the Wolfscastle in Bloom group.

The appointed judges for Britain in Bloom, Ian Beany and Denise James will be in the village on **Wednesday morning, 8 Aug.**

There is a strict timetable that we've got to adhere to – they'll walk part of the village, they'll be driven to other parts, and on the way round they'll stop to meet some of the volunteers who have spent hours painting, cleaning, planting and preparing for the special day.

At the end of the tour an opportunity will be had to meet the residents at a reception at the School when it hoped that the whole community will turn out to meet the judges.

The RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals brings together the highest achievers from all of the 16 regions and nations participating in the campaign and, as a result, the expectations are high and the judging is rigorous.

The campaign concentrates on three core areas:

- Horticultural Achievement
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community Participation.

Put simply, the judges will be looking for the best and they will be seeing the best from the other regions/nations that are in the same category as Wolfscastle.

- the entire tour route is subject to judging; that means what the judges see on the way from one feature stop to another, as well as what they see at all the stops.
 - the judges 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.), you have plans in place to address these.
 - the judges will also be looking for our campaign activities to benefit our community not just for today but for the long term.

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?

If you are able to offer any help during the weeks leading up to and beyond judging days to ensure that the troughs and planters are well watered and weed free, then please get in touch with Geoff (01437 741335), so that we can include you in the rota.

Further details will be distributed throughout the village during the next few weeks.



Youth group's excellent litter pick

On Sunday 3 June, the Wolfscastle in Bloom Youth group did a litter pick around the village with Councillor Michelle Bateman, and other volunteers.

They collected many bags of rubbish from the hedges and verges.

Thanks to Pembrokeshire County Council and Hayscastle Environmental Society for lending them litter picking equipment.

Opening of Penybont Chapel Vestry

On a glorious Saturday afternoon at the end of April, a large crowd turned out to witness the reopening of Penybont Chapel Vestry after a complete refurbishment of the building.

In 1936 it was the decision of the Church Members at Penybont, Wolfscastle to

build a much needed Vestry. Two cottages were converted into flats, with the addition of a smaller dwelling, the Vestry was built above these converted flats.

Through the great effort of the Minister and Members, Ford Chapel had one of the finest Vestries in the county, which was the centre of activity in the community, where many events have been held, not only by the Church, but also by organisations from within the community.

Eighty years since the original Vestry was built, the Minister and Members once again have been meeting in order to discuss ways forward to develop the Vestry into a meeting place that will meet the requirements of the various Acts that are in being. We are pleased to say that the work is now finished.

The Vestry once again has become the centre of activity not only for the Church, but for the whole community.

The work of building the original Vestry, was carried out by Mr John Humphreys, Letterston. His team of workers' names were recorded on two pieces of timber which were found in the ceiling of the property below, and on display for all to see.

In his remarks, the Minister, Revd Geoffrey Eynon said "It would have been impossible for a lot of the work to be done without the professionals, and I would like to thank them today, for the work that they have done.

"But of course a vast amount of voluntary work has also been carried out, from dismantling, demolishing, providing machinery, digging, mixing, cleaning, painting and the list can go on. I know that the voluntary work that has been done here has saved literally thousands of pounds. I would like to thank the volunteers, without naming anyone, for your commitment, and dedication to the work, and your generosity in time and kind."

The refurbishment hadn't all been straight forward, there were a few issues as the work progressed. We are living in the days of rules and regulations, health and

safety, so there were some things that couldn't be avoided, some things that we weren't happy with, but they had to be done. They were issues beyond our control.

"So here we are today, celebrating the achievement of Penybont once again. And the work has been done, because the people of Penybont love this place. We've had fun, and lots of laughs, that's what has made this project so enjoyable for the people."

During the afternoon, there are a few hundred photographs on display on the screen in the chapel, of some of the work that has been done in the Vestry.

The official reopening of the Vestry was carried out by Mrs Margaret Edwards, the daughter of the late Mr John Humphreys, the Main Contractor, was invited to officially cut the ribbon and open the door, before the large crowd entered the Vestry and enjoyed a scrumptious tea, served by the members of the Chapel

Two enjoyable items were sung by some of the children of the Sunday School, and flowers were presented to Mrs Edwards by Ruby and Griff, two of the scholars.

Festival Week beckons

Wolfscastle Festival Week this year is from 25 June to 1 July

The week is almost upon us and with so much planned, we're really looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The week's events are as follows:

Monday	Primary school's five a side football competition River field 6 pm
Tuesday	Village games River field 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Car treasure hunt Starting at the Vestry from 6 pm
Thursday	Quiz night Allt-yr Afon 8 pm
Friday	Open gardens Treffgarne Hall 6 pm

Saturday Festival fun day
River field 2 pm
Sunday Cymanfa Ganu
Pen-y-Bont 7 pm

It's always a pleasure to see so many people coming together and enjoying themselves, let's hope this good weather will continue for the whole week.

Look out for more details on the Wolfscastle Festival Week Facebook page.

Wildlife & Planter competitions

This year, instead of a scarecrow competition, we're asking you to get creative to help our local wildlife. To support the Wolfscastle's Britain in Bloom entry we're asking you to create a bug house or a bird box and a 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 17 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 or under, secondary school age and adult.

Please bring your entry to the Festival Fun day on Saturday 30 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

Wolfscastle's Got Talent – Have you got what it takes?

This September we're showcasing the very best of our community's talents as we host a fantastic evening of celebration in our very own Wolfscastle's Got Talent competition.

Hosted at the Memorial Hall in Letterston and open to anyone who thinks they've got what it takes to wow the audience or have them rolling in the aisles, we're inviting you to come along and join in the fun.

For those not quite brave enough to tread the boards themselves we hope that you'll come and support those on stage whilst enjoying a drink or two with friends.

Last year's festival day carried on well into the evening as we celebrated the festival's 50th anniversary with an evening of music, food and dance. We had hoped to recreate the event this year but unfortunately we were unable to raise the funds necessary to hire the marquee.

Wolfscastle's Got Talent will hopefully go some way towards raising the money needed for us to be able to hire a marquee for 2019's festival fun day, allowing us to continue our celebrations into the evening once again.

Wolfscastle's Got Talent will take place on the 28 September. Make it a date for your diary and keep a look out for further details during this year's festival week and on Wolfscastle Festival Facebook page.

Village defibrillator – almost here

During the last nine months villagers, organizations and businesses have been very generous in providing funding

towards the purchase of a Defibrillator for the community.

However, we are pleased to say that with the support of the 'British Heart Foundation', 'Cariad' and local funding we have almost reached our target to purchase two devices for the village.

One device will be placed in the recently purchased disused telephone kiosk and the second will be placed in a suitably purchased cabinet in the vicinity of the Village Green adjacent to the School.

Placing a defibrillator into a community will help save lives. However, for the defibrillator to help save a life it must be maintained, and kept in a state of readiness.

All Automated External Defibrillator's (AEDs) come with Electrode Pads & Batteries. These have a shelf life and can expire depending what AED unit between 2 - 5 years. AEDs must be checked and maintained at frequent intervals (daily when possible) to avoid any incidents that might require an AED to be used but it sadly fails as the batteries or pads have expired.

With every defibrillator that Cariad provides, so does the defibrillator care package:

Regular service checks; replacement batteries following expiry; replacement pads following emergency use or expiry; replacement CPR rescue packs following use; 24 hour emergency call out to ensure the defibrillator is always ready for use.

AEDs are placed onto Welsh Ambulance Service Control so that rescuers can be guided to nearest AED.

Free Basic Life Support & Defibrillator training will be given in the near future, when it is hoped that a number of local residents will attend.

Ysgol Casblaidd

4Rs History project

The junior class have completed their Wolfscastle 4Rs history project (Rail,

Road Rocks and River). During April a representative from the Welsh Heritage Society, Mr Clive Thomas, visited the school to speak to the pupils about their work. Mr Thomas learned all about the 4Rs of the village from the enthusiastic pupils.

The projects involved lots of research, collecting of important documents and site visits. Year 4 had the opportunity to visit Treffgarne Rocks with our guide Mr Haydn Davies of Mount Pleasant, to whom we are very grateful.



In July we have been invited to the Welsh heritage award ceremony and are excitedly anticipating our award.

The projects will be on display for the community to read and enjoy in the Fun Day on June 30th.

Plastic Pollution

This term we have been researching plastic pollution and how we can help sea creatures by not wasting so much plastic. We decided to try and stop having plastic bottles for milk time and wrote letters to Pembrokeshire County Council and to Mr Mathias who runs Mathias Dairies. We were delighted to hear back that we can now have our milk delivered in glass bottles. This new initiative has already started. Can you help the environment by reducing your plastic waste? Please read our Eco Council Secretary Emily Locke's letter to the community



Ysgol Casblaidd

Dear Wolfscastle Community,

I am the secretary of our Eco Council at ysgol Casblaidd. At school we been learning about the effects of plastic pollution. To try to help the situation we have now arranged for our milk to be delivered in glass bottles. We would like you-the community- to think about reducing plastic waste in your homes. Please buy your milk and juices in glass bottles. We have heard some dreadful stories of sea creatures dying painful deaths due to plastic pollution. Please help us to save the enviroment.
Emily.



Junior Class radio Show workshop

Earlier in the month the pupils in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 prepared a radio programme with Marc Griffiths from Radio Cymru. We were able to listen live to the programme that evening on www.cymru.fm

The recording is available to listen again on the same site. Feedback from pupils and parents has been very positive. The pupils would like to have a go at their production before the end of term which can then be listened to through our website

St David's Music Festival

On Friday May 25th the Junior Class spent the day in St David's Cathedral as part of

their Water themed festival. During the day they took part in science and music based activities. They also sang with a massed choir for the evening concert. The wonderful setting made for a spectacular event.

Urdd Eisteddfod Successes

We have achieved excellent results in the Art and Craft competition this year again with 5, 1st places, 8, 2nd places and 3, 3rd places. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part especially to our first prize winners (Lowri, Gethin, Lois, Megan, Ellie and the Year 3 & 4 puppet group) whose exhibits went on to represent Pembrokeshire in the National Urdd Eisteddfod. At national level we were delighted to hear that Lois Morris had achieved 3 rd. place with her artefact and that the puppet group had a achieved a 2nd place. Both items were on display in the National Eisteddfod over the Whitsun half term holiday.

Art project

This term Splat Cymru arts came back to see us working on a project to enhance the willow maze area with African animal masks and statues and a willow giraffe. All pupils were involved in painting and designing the art work. We are delighted with our beautiful giraffe which stands majestically at the entrance of the maze.



Later in the term we will develop our African theme further by taking part in a drum workshops and learning an African dance.

Parents & Friends

Pudding and Bingo Evening

The Parents & Friends committee recently held a very successful Pudding and Bingo evening at Letterston Memorial Hall with parents, governors friends and members of the community in attendance. At the end of the evening a magnificent £800 was raised for their funds. Thank you to all the members of the community who supported the school with this event.

The next fundraiser is the annual Bags2school clothing, shoes, belts and bags and soft toy collection. Please start collecting your unwanted items ready for the November collection.

Penybont Chapel Sisterhood

The speaker for the March meeting, Mrs. Rhian Taylor, gave a fascinating talk about her angling exploits and the places she had visited with the West Wales Ladies' Angling Team.

She also displayed a range of the equipment used and gifts and trophies received from other teams.

In April, members enjoyed a talk by Mr. Brian Jones about the noted bard Hedd Wyn which was greatly appreciated especially as the annual chapel pilgrimage will be visiting his home on 10 June.

The Sisterhood Annual Lunch was held at the Harp Inn, Letterston on 17 May. All who attended enjoyed the food and good company. Many thanks to Betty for making the arrangements.

Meetings resume in October with the Annual General Meeting. All members are asked to attend. The exact date will be announced during chapel services.

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

At the AGM held on 4 April, the majority of committee members were re-elected. However, with the departure of the Treasurer Mr. Ivor Jones a new appointment was necessary.

The new Treasurer is Mr. Jeff Hine; he will be assisted by Bert Force. Our thanks to Ivor and Joy for their support over the years.

In May, we were given an interesting talk by Carol Owen, a Ranger with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park accompanied with a slideshow of the coastal and inland areas covered by the Park.

In June the speaker will be from Ty Hafan.

Members and guests enjoyed a full day trip to Cardiff on 24 May. Future trips are being arranged and details will be advised.

The Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Penybont Chapel Vestry, commencing at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the Chairman (Paul Hart) on **01348 840607**.

Wolfscastle WI

We were pleased to have six guests join us for the demonstration by Nick from Fishguard Garden Centre. He was showing the tricks of the trade when planting a hanging basket. This was won by Gwenda in a raffle.

He will look after it for a couple of weeks till it is fully grown and ready to go outside. We look forward to seeing it.

For our June meeting, we will have Mrs Tiggywinkle and Friends. Our competition for the month will be a household item with a hedgehog theme. This will be a talk by Ginny who runs the Hogspital in Haverfordwest.

In July, Pat James a local Registrar will give a humorous talk about Matches and Despatches. A picture quiz will be the competition.

Plans are being made for a summer trip but have not yet been finalised. Members are already preparing their gardens for Wales in Bloom. Our flower bed has been a picture with all the daffodils. This has now been cleared ready for the summer bedding.

If you would like to know details of our meetings, etc you could look us up on our Facebook page. New members will always be welcome.

Contact your councillor

Cllr Bateman asks residents to contact her if they have any issues they would like to speak to her about. Her contact details are: cllr.michelle.bateman@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Phone: 07878 857197

You can also follow her on Twitter :

@27michb and Instagram :

[cllr_michelle_bateman_](#)

Webcasts of all council meetings can be found on the council website

: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk

I will also be at all the Wolfscastle Festival week events so stop me for a chat.

Councillor Michelle Bateman

News from Wolfscastle

Country Hotel

Mandy Stirling at Wolfscastle Country Hotel (Allt yr Afon) is kindly keeping us up to date with the magnificent community effort going into support for little Belle Curran who suffers with a rare lung disease.

Mandy writes: Haverfordwest Ladies Circle have centered their charities for this year around Paul Sartori, Catrin Vaughan foundation and Belle's Story. As most of us are aware, Belle suffers from Interstitial lung disease which causes her lungs to harden, so she finds breathing more difficult and takes antibiotics, anti inflammatory drugs and requires oxygen 24/7. Her resilience is amazing as she

waits for the day she can have a lung transplant.

The main aim is to raise awareness of organ donation, as well as raise funds for all the institutions and charities that have helped Belle- Puffin ward at Wityhush hospital, Noahs Ark, Ty Hafan, Make a Wish and GOSH (Heart and lungs), as they have all made such a difference to her and her family.

You can follow Belle's story on Facebook and anyone wishing to make a donation can do so via

www.gofundme.com/teambellesstory.

A number of events are being held this year to support these charities. Please see below for a list of the forthcoming events:

Team Belles Tri-Challenge - We will be taking part in three sporting events this year - the first being the Cardiff Velothon on Sunday 8 July - a 60km/120km closed road bike race in and around Cardiff.

Many of the ladies have not ridden a bike for many years, but are determined to complete this challenge for Belle. The second challenge is to abseil the Pembroke Castle on 23 September and the third to run the 13.1 miles at the Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday 7 October.

Haverfordwest Carnival - (Sunday 29th July) - Haverfordwest Ladies Circle are entering a float called "Let the Ocean Breath" with Belle being the central character.

The theme not only relates to Belle's condition but also highlights the need to protect the environment. Beach clean plastics collected by the ladies and their children will be used on the float. Please come and support us as we will also be selling pork rolls on the carnival field.

Wolfscastle Country Hotel (Allt yr Afon) are also hosting other charity events this year:

Friday 29 June: Ed Sheeran - 3 course meal and music from the number one Ed Sheeran Tribute. The evening will also include a charity raffle and a % of the ticket will go to support The Paul Sartori Foundation.

Sunday 15 July: Wolfscastle Country Hotel host their annual ladies garden party with Pimms on arrival, a delicious sweet and savoury buffet, music by Honey Fungis, fashion show by Twisted Thimble and the Welsh Collection Narbeth and a charity raffle to again support the Paul Sartori Foundation.

We would be delighted to receive any help, by attending or donating to any of these charities. Please contact Mandy Stirling on 07971782716/ 01437741225 or by email mandystirling@me.com, should you require any further information.



Having fun with the Beach Clean!

We did the beach clean on Thursday 31 May at Broad Haven from 1pm until 3pm. with a few Ladies Circle members and children.

We were collecting up any debris from the beach, many of which are plastic bottle etc and using on our Haverfordwest carnival float named "Let the Ocean Breathe" which highlights sustainability and looking after the environment eg- no plastics etc.

The theme Let the Ocean Breathe relates to Belle's condition and the need for new lungs from organ donation. The carnival is

on 29th July and all monies received will go to Belles Charities.

Together we can make a difference!!!

Thank you.

Mandy Stirling

VILLAGE PEOPLE BY ELFEIRA HARRIES

Congratulations to those celebrating special birthdays this time:

To Alison Harries of Eithinman who was 50 in April.

Happy 80th birthday on 19 June to Mrs Margaret James of Welsh Hook.

Happy 65th birthdays to this fine trio, the Rev Geoff Eynon, Mr Eric Williams and Mr Robin Jones celebrating in July.

Also to Mrs Cynthia Raymond of Bryn Hedydd celebrating her 80th in August.

Congratulations also to Mrs Dilys Symmonds on the birth of her 13th great grandchild.

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Ollie Lewis, daughter Evie and son Otto who have moved to Cartref.

Congratulations to Dannie and Neil on the birth of their baby boy Alfie James.

Congratulations also to Daniel Roche of Sealyham on passing his driving test in April.

Sympathy is extended to the following who have been bereaved since our last issue: To Mrs Mabel George and daughter Diane Williams on the loss of husband and father Mr Alwayn George, a stalwart of the village who had lived here all his life.

Our sympathies also to Mrs Gwyneth Haydn of Bryn Teg on the death of her father and to Mr Nicholas Morgan and family of 3, Glan Cleddau, on the loss of his grandmother and great grandmother. Congratulations to Dr Thomas Spain who recently attained his doctorate in History Specialising in Railway Studies at York

University and is now working at the National Railway Museum in York.

Congratulations to Johnny and Hannah, proprietors of the Wolfe Inn and their recent marriage.

FOUND, A LOVELY YOUNG MALE TABBY CAT 4 WHITE PAWS. VERY AFFECTIONATE. SPITTAL, AMBLESTON, WOLFSCASTLE AREA. PLEASE CALL ALEX ON 07502414590. THANK YOU

TREFFGARNE NEWS FROM - PAT GRIFFITHS

Congratulations :

To Carwyn Davies, Mount Pleasant, on passing his driving test and to his parents, Gillian and Haydn who recently celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversary.

To Alun Evans, Poll Cairn, who celebrated his 60th birthday in April.

To Heledd Jones from Airton House who married Gawain Sherwood on 24 March, closely followed by sister Nia Jones who married David Vaughan on 12 May. An expensive and busy time for proud parents Lynne and Robin!

To Liz and Liam who celebrated the safe arrival of a daughter recently. A lovely sister for Archie.

A very warm welcome to the following who have recently moved (or are about to move) into Treffgarne:

To Cath and Gordon and daughter Arwen who will shortly move into Kiln Park; Mr and Mrs Billy Cardwell who have moved into Barnstable; Mo and Max who moved into 20 Meadow Park and Julie and Jeff who moved into 6 Meadow Park

Bonus Ball winners are:

March: L.Fudge, G.Stubbs, S.Jowett, G.Wilkins, S.Jowett

April: G.Robinson, E. Sherwood, E.Sherwood, J.Charles

Our bonus ball numbers are currently full, but if you wish to put your name on a 'waiting list' please let either Robin Jones or Pat Griffiths know if you are interested. We have applied for a grant from the Calor Rural Community Fund to replace the chairs in Treffgarne Village Hall.

The fund works by people voting for the various projects (everyone has 10 votes) and then those projects with the most votes get the money.

As we are a small community, the likelihood is that we won't be able to muster enough votes compared to some of the other projects which appear to be located in much larger towns than the little village of Treffgarne.

If you could take the time to vote and share this page with your contacts therefore it would be much appreciated as we need funds desperately.

Please click on the link below. I'm afraid you do have to register so it's a bit of a pain but it could make a big difference to us. It would also be great if you could share this post with your Facebook Friends and ask them if they would consider voting for us as

well.<https://www.calor.co.uk/comm.../treffgarne-village-hall-chairs>

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

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