



The Wolfwhistle

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

It's Welsh Gold for winning Wolfscastle!

Once again, Wolfscastle Village is the proud Gold Award winner in this year's Wales in Bloom Competition.

The Ceremony this year was hosted by Colwyn Bay Town Council and held at the Parc Eirias Indoor Events Arena.

For the first time since we have been competing in this competition we have received a Gold Award, which is huge achievement, now that the boundaries in the village classes have been changed.

On behalf of the Wolfscastle in Bloom Committee the Coordinator, Revd Geoffrey Eynon, would like to thank the community for all the support given in during the time leading up to this year's competition. Praise must also be given to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout a rather challenging summer, but have managed to keep the flowers blooming and well-watered throughout the season.

We now look forward to our visit to Belfast in October, for the results of the Britain in Bloom results, in the hope that we are equally as successful and proud of the fact that we have represented Wales in this competition.

The Wolfscastle in Bloom Committee are very grateful to JE Lawrence and Son for their generous sponsorship to pay

for the flights of two committee members from Cardiff to Belfast, and now looking for other funding to meet other costs while representing the community in this prestigious ceremony.

These are the comments received from Mr John Woods who judged the village in July:-

"It was a great pleasure to return to Wolfscastle this summer in a year that saw a change to the categories in the village classes of the competition.

Notwithstanding the change you stepped up to the mark with an entry that saw an increase in marks in both sections B and C of the marking sheet. It was good to see that the voice of the young people in the



Geoff Eynon receiving the plaque and certificate from the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Clwyd, Mr Henry George Fetherstonehaugh OBE DL, at the awards ceremony held at Colwyn Bay.

village is now being heard through the formation of the Wolfcastle in Bloom Youth Group as well as the Young Peoples Forum.

It was also good to see the continuing support from the businesses located in the village.

From the start it was obvious that the village class would be very competitive this year and that certainly proved to be the case. Whilst there was room to improve a little on your marks in section A of the marking sheet, your marks in both sections B and C were consistently good' It therefore gives me great pleasure to award the 2018 Wales in Bloom Village Trophy to Wolfcastle. And having achieved 173 marks it's a GOLD."

Areas of Achievement

- The floral displays and sustainable plantings outside the Wolfe Inn.
- The seasonal floral displays in both the troughs and boat on the riverside village green.
- The courtyard garden at Llys yr Onnen with Clematis armandii.
- The hanging baskets on The Annexe and Tair Bont.
- The standard of the residential front gardens throughout the village including Tŷ Ni, Haul y Bryn, and Glan Cleddau.
- The Women's Institute bed of Begonias alongside the main road.
- The hanging baskets and gardens at Allt yr Afon.
- The range of environmental projects undertaken by the children of Ysgol Casblaidd, including those that are tackling modern day problems such as plastic. It was good to hear that following pressure from the pupils themselves, their school milk is once again delivered in glass bottles and not plastic ones! Their work in raising funds for the Toilet Twinning Project is also commendable.
- The flora and fauna survey undertaken in Cwm Aderyn including the use of the renowned reference book *The*

Concise British Flora in Colour by W. Keble Martin.

- The competitions to make bird boxes and bat boxes as part of the Wolfcastle Festival.
- The ferns and other sustainable plantings around the well commemorating the Sealyham family and their terriers.
- The Wisteria mural on the garage at Ryburn. Very creative!
- The ongoing restoration work at Nant y Coy and the plans to reopen to the public in the near future.
- The absence of litter, graffiti, and dog dirt.
- The help given by the young farmers in washing the bus shelters and road signage.
- The quality of the 15 minute presentation given as part of the judging tour. Lively, factual, interesting...
- The quality of the portfolio and the inclusion of several new items therein namely the School Council Report, Wolfcastle in Bloom Balance Sheet, and the Wolfcastle in Bloom Youth Group Report.
- Media coverage both local and national in both Welsh and English.
- The Wolfwhistle community newsletter.
- The notices in the village noticeboards informing residents of the WIB judging date.

Wolfcastle Senior

Citizens Committee

At a meeting of the Welfare Committee held recently, it was agreed by the representatives that instead of the Annual Mystery Trip, to hold an afternoon tea and entertainment in the Penybont Chapel Vestry, at 3:30p.m. on Friday, 12 October.

The Community Councillors are now in the process of collecting the names of eligible people from within the Wolfcastle Community Council area. However, if for

some unknown reason you have not been approached by your Councillor, and feel that you would like to attend, please don't hesitate to get in touch by no later than Monday, 8 October.

Wolfscastle Community Councillors

The Councillors: Michelle Bateman, Barrie Griffiths, Tom Griffiths, Brynmor Harries, Peter James, Gerallt Miles, John Price, Clerk: Revd. Geoffrey Eynon

Penybont Chapel

Sisterhood

Meetings resume in October with the Annual General Meeting on October 18 at which the committee will be elected. All members are asked to attend.

The Annual Lunch was held on 17 May at the Harp, Letterston when guests enjoyed a pleasant meal. Thanks go to Betty for making the arrangements.

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 first meeting after the summer break took place on 5 September and was well attended. We were treated to an illustrated talk by the "Two Thomases" on their visit to Patagonia in 2016, after which they delighted us with their singing.

The meeting on October 3 will be Harvest Festival. At the November meeting it is hoped that the Lottery Fund cheque will be presented, and in addition the talk on "Tax and Toy Boys" postponed from earlier.

The Christmas lunch will be on December 5 at Newport Golf Club. Further details will be given at the November meeting,

Information on the club's activities, including coach trips, appears regularly in the "Western Telegraph".

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.

WI

First a brief look back at our Summer outing, which was to St. Ishmael's Garden Centre where we had ordered tea and cakes.

This Centre is now under new management and looks to be very well organised. The plant area looked very tempting, so did some of the lunches being served!

We began our Autumn meetings with a very interesting talk by a Community Fire Officer called Jeremy. This covered how not to overload plugs by using the wrong ones for the item being charged, i.e. a 13 amp plug for a 1.5 amp item.

There was advice on not to leave various items on charge overnight, as well as not using large items like a washing machine or dishwasher on overnight. The use of alarms was also recommended such as fire alarms and carbon monoxide.

Members were invited to request a home visit to assess the safety of various items of household ware. These visits are cost – free.

In October there will be a demonstration of floral skills both traditional and contemporary.

We will also be hosting a Coffee Morning on 6 October in aid of Women's refuge. This will also celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage.

This will be held in Penybont Vestry from 10-12 noon. Cost £3 to include tea or coffee and cake. Posters will be displayed in the village. All are welcome.

WOLFSCASTLE W.I.

COFFEE MORNING

PENYBONT VESTRY, WOLFSCASTLE

**SAT 6th OCTOBER 2018 10.00 –
12.00**

**Tickets £3.00 (to include
refreshments)**

November will be our Annual Meeting when we have elections for officers, as

well as a resume of the past year. There will also be a quiz.

We have booked a table at the Christmas Fair in Letterston on Saturday 17 Nov from 2 – 5 p.m.

December starts the festive feeling with a demonstration of how to make beaded decorations to take home. There will also be a visit from a Secret Santa.

After the visits by the Judges for Wales in Bloom and Britain in Bloom we are keen to hear how they assessed all our efforts to make the village look beautiful.

We are happy to have gained several new members this year and hope to add to this number next year.

Music at the hotel

The Wolfscastle Hotel and Country Club are holding a musical afternoon on Sunday 7 October at 3pm.

Sixteen members of The Cardiff Philharmonic will be performing show songs and there will be an afternoon tea provided.

Tickets on sale at reception £20.

On Friday 2 November, Jemmy Darren and her band, as seen on Britain's Got Talent will be performing.

There will be a Pork baps and fork buffet and tickets are on sale at reception at £20.

Ysgol Casblaidd

New School Year

We are all settling back to a new school year! A special welcome to lots of new pupils Chloe and Rhys Bateman, Amabel and Luca Talbot English, Freddy Backen and William Shackleton. We hope they will be very happy with us.

Congratulations to our new school captain Megan Miles. Our School Council officers for this year are the two Sions- Nicholson and Evans. Our Eco Council is in the capable hands of Ruby Vincent and Lexy Lewis. Throughout the year they will play

a major role in running meetings and deciding on projects to complete and support within school, the community and nationally.

Gwobrau Shwmae

We are very proud to be finalists in the Gwobrau Shwmae for primary school this year. Our efforts in the bronze Award in the Siarter Iaith initiative started last September. Ur pupils have worked tirelessly to promote the use of Welsh in all aspects of school life. During the last part of the summer term they made and produced a video to show their work and presented a power point to their peers from other schools in Pembrokeshire. The award winners will be announced at the award ceremony in October.

This term....

The pupils have been bust working with the staff to plan our learning and activities for this term under the theme “ Night Time” We are excitedly planning a star gazing evening and a trip to the war museum at Carew when we study The Blits.

This month the pupils in years 5 and 6 are off to Llangrannog for a short residential stay.

Harvest Service

At the end of this half term on Friday October 26th our Harvest Service will be held in Pen y Bont Chapel. Time 11.00 a.m. There will be as usual a collection of dried foods and tins for the local PATCH collection. All welcome.

Parents & Friends

The Parents & Friends Committee met last week for their Annual General Meeting. During the meeting Miss Mari Davies our secretary for the past four years stepped down from her post. The school and committee thanked her for all her hard work in administrating the work of the committee and her wonderful organisation.

Our new secretaries are Carly Skyrme and Lisa Thomas. Mrs Sally Berry and Mrs Rhiannon Barnett agreed to continue in their respective posts as chair and treasurer.

At the end of the evening we had an excellent and thought provoking presentation by Louise Harries on internet safety and guidelines for parents. The parents present felt that all parents should have an opportunity to have this presentation. Therefore, we will run the session again during a school event. The parents have their first meeting of the new school year later this month. Please keep an eye out for their fundraising events.

Eco Council - Bag2School

Following our previous successful fundraisers for the past few years the 'Bag2school' recycling company are collecting from us on **Thursday November 8th at 9am from outside the school.**

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 grass area outside school on the morning of the 8th.

VILLAGE PEOPLE **BY ELFEIRA HARRIES**

Belated August birthday greetings to Rebecca John of the The Hills who was 18 and Caroline Hall of Bryn Gomer who was 50.

Congratulations to Mr Mansel Evans of Dolwerdd on his 90th birthday in September.

Welcome: New resident: Welcome to Wolfscastle Mrs Linda Waters who recently moved to 11, Haul -y-Bryn.

Congratulations to John and Fern Price of Llys-y-Coed on the birth of a great

grandson and to Mrs Dilys Symmonds of Bryn Gomer on the birth of a great grand daughter.

Congratulations to all on their exam results and best wishes to all who are going from primary to secondary school or college.

Sympathy is extended to the following who have been bereaved since our last issue.

Mr. Gethin Mills of Haul-y-Bryn on the death of his father; Mrs Martine Watson of Haul-y-Bryn on the death of her sister.

More congratulations

Llongyfarchiadau I Elen Maycock a Iago Evans (cyn ddisgyblion o Ysgol Casblaidd are gael ei ethol yn brif ferch a phrif fachgen yn Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

This year's head girl and head boy at Ysgol Bro Gwaun are both ex pupils of Ysgol Casblaidd. Well done both of you.

TREFFGARNE NEWS from - Pat Griffiths

Congratulations to the following:

18th birthday wishes to Luke Thomas, Meadow Park and Morgan Lewis, Robins Rise. Congratulations also to Morgan who passed his driving test recently.

80th birthday wishes to David Bailey, Treffgarne Lodge

Well done and congratulations to Eliza Bradbury (below) who came 2nd in the Urdd Eisteddfod Harp competition under year 6 group held in Builth in May.

Lovely news!



Congratulations to Jill and Gerard John, The Jays who became proud grandparents in August, when daughter Jess and her husband Rickie had a little girl, Ada Betty. To Cath and Gordon, Kiln Park House who are proud new parents to Koa who was also born in August. Lovely little brother for Arwen.

Happy birthday to Carwyn Davies of Mount Pleasant who will be 18 in November and also to his dad Haydn on his 60th in December.

Speedy recovery to:

Martin Batty, Treffgarne Hall, following his accident (news received too late for previous Wolfswistle edition) and to Barrie Griffiths, Cilborth, following his recent short stay in hospital.

Good luck is sent to Vaughan Batty who is off to Monmouth School for Boys where he commences 6th form studies. Take care Vaughan.

Hall update

The water has now been connected and work is gathering pace trying to get all the final bits and pieces sorted. Two fundraising events have been organised,

Afternoon Tea at the Hall on 16 September 4pm to 6pm Tickets £5 adults and £3 children.

Cheese and Wine evening on 20 October 7.30 to 10.30pm. Tickets £6

Christmas Fair will be held in the Hall on 17 November 10.00am to 12.30pm. 7 Lessons and Carols will be held on 16 December at 6pm (Note: there will be **NO 9am service** on that day)

Bonus Ball Winners:

June: L.Williams, E. Cummins, I.Fudge, B.Sherwood, G.Stubbs

July: D.Oliver, A.Jones, B.Clover, L.Williams

August: B.Clover, E.Cummins, S.Lewis, S.Bradbury

And finally... Last year saw grandmother Judy Colston and her grandson Callum take part in the 3 Peaks challenge in aid of MS.

This year, in May saw Judy taking part in Preseli Bwyst Bach race which she completed in just under 3 hours. As if that wasn't enough for this intrepid grandmother, on 7 July, Judy, along with Callum took part in the Penyfan Fan Dance, a race organised by an ex-SAS soldier and based on part of the selection process for special forces. Judy and Callum completed the course in 4 hours and 55 minutes, being placed 228 and 229 out of 385 competitors. Judy has already signed up for next year's Fan Dance. Crazy or what?!!!!!! Well done Judy (and Callum), you put us to shame.

Church Services:

St Dogwells, Sealyham: Harvest festival Service on Wednesday 24 October at 7.30 p.m. refreshments to follow.

Treffgarne Church

Our Harvest service will be held on 2 October at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow.

News and views are always welcome. Send us an e-mail including your address and phone number to Editor John Roche on 01348 840234 or jaroche1@aol.com

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Each Wolfswistle issue costs about £50 to produce so any offers of sponsorship are always welcome.