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

Join Penybont's fund-raisers for the people of Madagascar

Last June, a memorable service was held at Aberaeron to celebrate the 200th anniversary of local Welsh missionaries going to Madagascar. During the event, a special appeal was launched to raise funds for various projects to help the people of Madagascar to build a better life.

All Welsh Congregational Churches have been asked to take part in the appeal and raise funds.

It was agreed to hold a Fish and Chip Supper at Something's Cooking Letterston, on Tuesday, 26 March from 6:00p.m.

Then, on 11 May, a twelve-hour Organ Playing and Hymn Singing Marathon will be held in Penybont Chapel.

Refreshments will be served in the Chapel Vestry throughout the day.

A warm welcome will be extended to all to join us and raise funds for this very worthy appeal.

Wolfscastle in Bloom

At a recent meeting of the Wolfscastle In Bloom Committee, chaired by the Revd. Geoffrey Eynon, and after a constructive discussion, it was agreed to enter the village once again in the Wales in Bloom Competition.



It was also agreed to hold a **Sunflower Growing Competition** during the growing season. All residents who are interested in participating will be given seeds and instructions

on the various categories on which the Sunflower will be judged.

To take part or for further information contact the Revd Geoffrey Eynon or Mr Eric Williams by 13 April.

The next meeting of the In Bloom Committee will be held in the Chapel Vestry on Wednesday, 3 April at 6:30, when it is hoped that new ideas can be put forward on how we can improve on the successes of recent years.

Looking ahead to Festival Week in June

This year's festival week will be taking place between the 24th and 30th of June.

With another fun-packed week of activities planned, we are looking forward to welcoming you all to join us.

Many of you will have been involved in this busy week of activities before, but there's a warm welcome for those who are new to the area and we invite you to come along and have some fun.

Here's the programme:

Monday-Primary school five-a-side football

Tuesday-Village games (secondary school age and over)

Wednesday-Car treasure hunt

Thursday-Quiz night

Friday-Cheese and wine at Treffgarne Hall

Saturday-Festival fun day

Sunday-Singing festival/ Cymanfa Ganu

Final activities for Saturday's fun day are being confirmed in the coming weeks but we hope to

have some great activities for you all to enjoy, with last year's children's entertainer being just one of the many things we'll have to keep the children busy through the afternoon.

It was our hope to once again invite you all to the river field on Saturday night to enjoy an evening of music, dancing and merriment in a large marquee with live music and a hog roast.

To this end many of you were able to join us at a number of fundraising events held since last summer raising funds for this to happen.

Unfortunately, despite raising several hundred pounds we have not been able to secure enough funding to go ahead with Saturday evening's original plans.

However, we would like to invite you to join us immediately after Saturday evening's duck race for a barbecue on the river field. Whilst this won't be as grand an affair as we had planned, it will still be a great way to relax and unwind after a busy festival week before enjoying the Cymanfa Ganu on Sunday evening.

Bring a chair and a drink and we'll ensure the hotdogs and beef burgers are ready to enjoy.

Look out for more details of times and activities on the Wolfscastle Festival Week Facebook page.

Can you lend a hand?

Saturday's fun day is always busy, especially for the team providing refreshments during the afternoon.

Could you lend a hand and support this dedicated group in keeping everyone fed and watered.

If so, please let Mrs Elfeira Harries know. All help will be gratefully received.

Fly a flag for festival week.

We've had competitions in previous years to build a scarecrow but we know scarecrows can be quite time consuming to create.

Why not join us this year and fly a flag for festival week?

It would be great to see an army of Welsh dragons fluttering over the village for all to see.

Young Person's Award

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

Applications are invited 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 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 closing date for applications is the 21 June 2019 and the successful applicant(s) will be announced at this year's festival fun day to be held on Saturday 29 June.

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!

Ysgol Casblaidd

School categorisation

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

Educational trips and visitors

We are always delighted when parents help with our thematic work and help us to show the world of work to our pupils.

Mr Garrett English, parent, visited the Junior class recently and gave a presentation on his work as a chartered surveyor. Mr English discussed his job with the pupils and the amazing structures from all over the world he has team managed.

With the help of parent Mr Eifion Bateman we visited the Travis and Perkins depot at Sceddau to find out which building materials they sold and

their prices so that the pupils can complete cross curricular activities using their maths skills.

We had an exciting day with some science experiments using dry ice when parent Mr Steve Lewis brought ice and his branding tools. Our pupils learned about and experienced the properties of dry ice and how it reacts to different temperatures.

As part of our History studies and entry into this year's national heritage competition, KS2 pupils visited St Dogwells Church to study a medieval building. The pupils were met by Rev David Rees and Rev Richard Davies who showed the children interesting aspects in the building and historical facts.

We have also visited Scolton Manor to study a Victorian building.

Urdd 5 a side football

Two teams represented the school in the Urdd tournament last month. Team A came out as overall winners with gold medals. The B team won the bronze awards.



St David's Day celebrations

Pupils, staff and parents supported the community at the cawl evening in Letterston Memorial on March 1st. During a lovely evening, our pupils contributed to the hall decorations and to the entertainment for the audience.

Congratulations to Ruby Vincent and Ianto Evans winners of the Junior class art competition and to Lily Rybicki and Emily Heaton winners of the Infant class competition.

At school pupils enjoyed celebrating St David's Day. During the day the pupils completed a variety of activities about St David and Wales with competitions between the two school houses Anghof and Cleddau.



Congratulations to all the literary winners from years 2 up to year 6. This year's winner of the Rev Rodger White harp for her adventure story Llong Ofof was Ruby Vincent.

The winning house after counting all the points for costumes, poems, handwriting and stories was Anghof



DPJ Fundraiser

During our St David's day afternoon on, the School Council raised £40 though selling tea and welsh cakes. This will form part of their term's fundraising for the DPJ Foundation.

Parents & Friends Ysgol Casblaidd

The Parents & Friends committee are organising an Easter Bingo fundraiser at Letterston Memorial hall on Friday April 5th at 6.00 p.m. All welcome.



Scrumptious Christmas for senior citizens

The Annual Christmas Lunch for the Senior Citizens of the Wolfscastle and Treffgarne areas was held at the Allt yr Afon on 9 January with a total of 48 seniors sitting down for a scrumptious meal served by the staff of the hotel.

An opening prayer was offered by the Revd. Pat Rogers, followed by a welcome by Cllr Barrie Griffiths, Chairman of the Community Council.

Following the meal, Mr Bernard Duddridge, thanked the Welfare Committee for organising the lunch, and for the wonderful Christmas gifts distributed to the 160 Senior Citizens living within the community.

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by the pupils of the School with a variety of songs, under the leadership of Mrs Wendy Raymond, Headteacher of the School. A musical item on the Cornet was also given by Ianto Evans.

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

Christmas 2018 festivities

Instead of the popular Open Air Christmas Nativity and a change of circumstances, an evening of Open Air Carols and Readings was held at Nany-y-Coy Mill, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Robin James and Family, on Thursday, 20 December.

A reasonably large crowd gathered for what turned out to be an enjoyable evening for all. Readings and Christmas experiences were shared by representatives of all the churches and organisations, within the community, including the School pupils.

These were interspersed by the singing of Carols accompanied by members of Goodwick Brass Band. To close an enjoyable evening, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Bara Brith were served to the appreciative crowd.

Dates for the Diary

April 3: Wolfscastle in Bloom Committee Meeting, Chapel Vestry at 6:30p.m.

April 19: Good Friday Singing Festival at Tabernacle, Fishguard

Children at 10:30; adults at 6:30

April 21: Easter Sunday: Children and Young People's Service at 2:00p.m.

May 7: Wolfscastle Festival Meeting at the Vestry at 7:30p.m.

May 11: Organ and Hymn Singing Marathon at Penybont Chapel

Penybont Sisterhood

The Sisterhood meetings in January and February were "open" meetings.

At the January meeting the Reverend Richard Davies of Little Newcastle gave a fascinating illustrated presentation about World War I commemorative china, including some rare pieces from his own collection.

The Reverend Geoffrey Eynon gave February's talk, which incorporated a wide selection of his collection of photographs featuring people and places from Wolfscastle's past.

Many of those who attended recognised themselves and friends, resulting in a lively discussion!

The Sisterhood Prayer Meeting will be on Sunday 28 April at 3.00 p.m.

Details of the annual Sisterhood lunch for members and guests will be announced later.

Sisterhood meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month in Penybont Chapel vestry commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Details of speakers etc. are announced during the chapel services.

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

Wolfscastle WI

A change of scribe this month due to our regular contributor Greta having a fall and spending time in hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be back with us soon.

Our January meeting and after Christmas dinner at The Pump on the Green in Spittal proved very enjoyable. Thanks to Heulwen for organising and to Pat for the Fun activity.

In February, our Speaker Barbara Thorne introduced us to the art of Fly Fishing and brought along a host of items including the layers of clothing she has to wear to keep warm and dry, a number of Flies made by her to lure the fish and some rods and line.

VILLAGE PEOPLE

from Elfeira Harries

A very enjoyable evening with plenty of questions asked. We were all invited to go along to the Lake at Hayscastle and have a go ourselves!

At our March meeting Carole from Begelly Beaded Jewellery entertained us with a demonstration of Beaded Jewellery. She made a beautiful Daffodil brooch from tiny beads threaded on wire which was greatly admired by everyone.

She donated the item as a Raffle prize and the writer was the lucky winner. She also displayed beaded necklaces and earrings and brought along some kits which members could make up at home.

On 4 April we welcome the Nolton WI Ukulele Band who are going to entertain us with a Sing Along session. Also on 29 April the Cemaes Group of WIs have organised a Fashion Show with Bon Marche at Puncheston School. Tickets are available at £5 each and proceeds from the evening will be donated to local charities.

On 2 May we will be holding an Open Meeting with Emma Thomas of Sheep Shed Designs, this will have a spring floral theme with member participation. Bring your own foliage and secateurs and have a go.

This is a return visit from Emma who last year showed us some lovely Halloween designs, a very talented lady.

Why not come along to one of our Meetings? You would be made very welcome. We meet at 7.15pm at Wolfscastle Vestry on the first Thursday of the month.

Ann Newbery

Wolfscastle Over 60s

On 6 March, Wolfscastle Over 60s held a cheque presentation to Shelly from Ty Hafan. We raised £700 through our annual Harvest Raffle at our Christmas lunch at the Allt yr Afon and we also received many donations.

Our next three coach trips are on Thursday 28 March to Lovespoon (Broadmoor) and to Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre and Pembroke Dock Maritime Museum.

On Friday 26 April we go to Aberglasney and on Thursday 30 May to the Vale of Rheidol Railway.

For further information please call Paul Hart on 01348 840607.

Belated birthday greetings to Tom Griffiths of Bryn Siriol who was 80 on Christmas Day.

Congratulations to Mrs Julie George of 8 Bryn Gomer who was 90 on 6 March and to Mrs Linda Morello who was 70 on 1 April.

Also greetings to a trio of 75th birthdays . . . Mrs Daphne Lewis, Mrs Edna Harries and Mrs Alonwy Thomas.

***Welcome** to new residents at Glan yr Afon.

*** Congratulations** on the birth of a daughter Eleri Laura to Mr and Mrs Emyr Hughes who farm at Bronwydd and granddaughter for Mr and Mrs Trevor Hughes also of Bronwydd, Wolfscastle.

***Wolfscastle residents** were saddened to hear of the early death of Mr Jonathan Morris, Penrhiw, and our sincere sympathy goes out to his mother Mrs Kathleen Morris and Mrs Bethan Howells and family (sister, brother in law, niece and nephew).

*** Sympathy** is also extended to Mr Austin Vaughan of 11 Glancleddau on the death of his brother Glyn since our last issue.

*** Congratulations** to Ioan Evans of Broadmoor on passing his driving test recently.

***And finally, a note from the Editor.** Our diligent correspondent Mrs Elfeira Harries is too shy to include this item in her column but before the next issue of The Wolfwhistle she and husband Bryn celebrate their Diamond wedding on 6 June (clearly a D for Diamond Day). **Congratulations** to you both.

TREFFGARNE NEWS

from Pat Griffiths

Sympathy is extended to:

Mrs Megan Daniels whose mother passed away recently

Congratulations to:

Mr and Mrs Ian Fudge who became grandparents again after daughter Kirsty had a little boy – Isaac Noah.

And to Mr and Mrs Tom Hannah who also became grandparents following the birth of Morwenna, who is daughter to William and Heather Hannah.

Birthday greetings to:

Mr Tony Derrick whose 80th birthday was on Christmas Eve.

And to Mr Barrie Griffiths who celebrated his 70th birthday in January

Hall news

The official opening of the refurbished hall was held on 2 February with a Cheese and Wine Evening.

The hall was full, so much so that we had to turn people down who wanted tickets. Our apologies for that but we really couldn't fit any more in.

The official opening was carried out by Mr Dennis John whose family originally gave the land for the hall.

We were entertained by Eliza Bradbury, Molly Moores, Annis Henton and Jenifer Rees who provided musical interludes in various forms and instruments.

Well done girls, it was very much appreciated. The evening also served as a fund raiser and we were delighted to have made just over £500. Brilliant!

Our builders and refurbishers are still busy and have recently installed a ramp to the hall. This will make access much easier for all. We still have some tidying up to be done but our intrepid team are on the case. **Our thanks to all of you.**

The Hall is available for hire so don't forget to consider us for your functions.

Bonus Ball Winners

December: E.Cummins, R.Jones, W.Carne Hughes, J.Charles, J.Coneybeare.

January: C.Codd, M.Snelle, I.Lloyd Davies (x2).

February: J.Charles, D.Rees (x2), E.Cummins

Springtime treats

"It's not unusual" but Springtime looks like being busy for our friends at the Wolfscastle Country Hotel.

On Saturday 23 March, they stage a Tom Jones Tribute Act with a Welsh themed menu, raffle and auction in aid of Belle's Story supporting children's charities/

Admission for this lively evening is £30 per person.

Then there's Mothering Sunday lunch on 31 March at £25 per adult and £15 per child.

A Charity Easter Bingo in aid of Belle's Story is on Sunday 14 April. Doors open at 2.15 p.m. with eyes down at 3.15 p.m.

Entertainment is by Nicola of Soundawake. Finally, Easter Sunday lunch on 21 April is £26 per adult and £15 per child.

Please call 01437 741225 for further details and booking.

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*** Next issue planned for June**

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