



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*

Summer's here! And it's time for Wolfscastle in Bloom again!

It's time for Wolfscastle to prepare for Wales in Bloom again. This is the regional element of the National Britain in Bloom Competition supported by the Royal Horticultural Society. 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 villages that are in the same category as Wolfscastle.

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 Competition. Once again a number of suggestions have been forward, and hopefully we will see them come to fruition over the next few months.

The judging tour of the village will take place during the first two weeks of July. When we have been notified of the date, then further instructions will be distributed around the locality.

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.

SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

To coincide with this year's Wolfscastle in Bloom Competition, it was decided to hold a Sunflower Growing Competition. As announced in the March issue of the Wolfwhistle those wishing to participate were advised to contact the organisers. Seeds have been distributed to the participants, and now awaiting blooming results.

RULES

Sunflowers must be home-grown by the entrant. Entrants will be notified beforehand when the judging will take place.

The sunflower contest is divided into 3 age groups. Primary School Pupils and Under; Secondary School Pupils and Adult – ages 18 and over.

Categories are: Tallest Stem, Largest Head, Smallest Head, Prettiest, Ugliest and, Most Unusual.

The Tallest Stem will be measured from the soil line to the base of the head.

The Biggest Head will be measured as the diameter of the seed head.

The Smallest Bloom will be measured as the diameter from the outer tips of the petals.

Winners of the Prettiest, Ugliest, and Most Unusual categories will be determined at the judges' discretion.

The Judges' decisions are final.

Fund-raising for Madagascar Appeal

On Saturday, 11th May, a steady flow of people were seen visiting Penybont Chapel to witness a fund raising event with a difference. The morning started with a twelve hour Organ and Hymn Singing Marathon, when visitors to the Chapel were able to pick hymns to join in the singing and listen to the musicians at their instruments. Throughout the day, the Organ, Piano and two Keyboards were played simultaneously by the organists and friends from the three chapels in the pastorate.

Whilst the musicians were performing in the Chapel a cake and plant stall and light refreshments were served throughout the day in the Vestry.

Also to coincide with the event a Bake Off was held in the afternoon, with three eminent Ministers showing off their baking skills.

The Revd. Geoffrey Eynon baked vanilla flavoured queen cakes, the Revd Geraint Morse showed off his skill by baking a Victoria Sponge and the Revd Jill Hailey Harries, President of the Welsh Congregational Churches made vanilla flavoured chocolate flap jacks.

To judge and taste the cakes, Nia Roberts from Cardiff and a well-known S4C presenter finally came to a decision and awarded the prize to the Revd Jill Hailey Harries, much to the disappointment of the two other Ministers!!

Throughout the day S4C television cameras were present to film the various events of the day, which will be shown on Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol in the near future.

Annual pilgrimage

On a bright sunny Sunday morning a coach load of people from the local Chapels went on their

Annual Pilgrimage. The first place of call was at Pont Abraham Services to enjoy a much needed cup of coffee. Once everyone was back on the coach, we travelled on the Heads of the Valley road to visit Cyfarthfa Castle in Merthyr Tydfil, where an enjoyable two hours was spent looking around this historical place.

Our next stop was at 4 Chapel Row, Merthyr, to visit the birth place of the renowned Composer, Joseph Parry born in 1841. Before entering the house, an opportunity was had to sing a few hymns to music composed by Joseph Parry. Inside, the cottage is a fine example of a typical 19th Century ironworker's home built in 1825 for the workers of the Cyfarthfa Ironworks. The interior of the cottage is set in the 1840s, and shows the living conditions of the ironworkers at the time when Parry was a young boy.

The upstairs galleries house an exhibition about Joseph Parry's life and work. To end the visit to the cottage, a few more hymns were sung, and a group of men sang 'Myfanwy' no doubt one of the most well-known of JP compositions.

It was now time to travel West for an evening meal. But much to the delight of the travellers, a detour was taken to see the well-known Banksy's art work in Port Talbot, which is in the process of being moved to a permanent position in the town.

Our final destination after a very enjoyable day was to the Bridge Inn, Llangennech where a delicious 2 course carvery was served.

A vote of thanks was given to the Revd Geoffrey Eynon who had made all of the arrangements for a successful day, was given by Mr Brian Jones.

Ysgol Casblaidd

Urdd Eisteddfod

We have had a successful time with various Eisteddfod competitions during the last few months. All the pupils who took part are to be congratulated on doing their very best in representing the school.

In the area Eisteddfod, Evan Houldsworth was 3rd in the reciting for year 2 and under. Ianto Evans achieved 1st place in the solo for years 5 & 6 and in the brass and harp solo for years 6 and under. He also achieved 2nd place in the reciting and 3rd in the Alaw Werin in year 6 and under.

The Parti canu achieved a close 2nd place.

Ianto, then went on to represent the School and the Gwaun Cylch at the County round of the Eisteddfod at Ysgol Bro Gwaun. During the day Ianto achieved a first place in the solo, the cerddant solo and the brass solo. He also achieved a 2nd place in the harp solo.

Urdd Art & Craft successes

We have achieved excellent results in the Art and Craft competition this year again with 9, 1st places, 5, 2nd places and 9, 3rd places. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part especially to our first prize winners (Lois, Anwen, Amabel, Megan, Ellie, the Year 2 collage group and the Year 3 & 4 puppet group) whose exhibits went on to represent Pembrokeshire in the National Urdd Eisteddfod at Cardiff Bay. At national level we were delighted to hear that Anwen Houldsworth had achieved 3rd place with her artefact. Anwen's item was on display in the National Eisteddfod over the Whitsun half term holiday.

History projects

The junior class have completed a history project on St Dogwell's church. We are very grateful to Rev David Rees and Rev Richard Davies for their help and support with this project. Mr Clive Thomas and Mr David Maddox both representatives from the Welsh Heritage Society visited the school to speak to the pupils about their work and to judge the project. The pupils gave a full presentation on their work with photographs, census extracts, old newspaper cuttings, family trees and lots of stories and interesting facts. The pupils had also made a 3D model of the church for the judges to see.

Cows on Tour

We had a great morning in the Cows on Tour event on Monday May 13th. It was all about teaching pupils how farmers grow food. Part of the event was to decorate, name and plant up a cow shaped planter. Elis and Ester's dad Mr Thomas bought the cow for us. All the pupils

made designs and thought of names for the cow. Her name is Mrs Moo (named by Amabel in Year 5). We used lots of ideas from pupils' designs to paint her. The school logo is on the front.

On the design the pupils wanted to show how important it is to grow your own foods. They researched the best types of plants for a small planter and decided on herbs that we can use in our cooking activities.

The pupils also made a collage of their designing, painting and planting to share with the Cows on Tour team.



Business Enterprise Challenge

The Junior class pupils have had a busy time preparing for this year's Enterprise Challenge. 5 mixed age groups were given £5 to set up a business which they presented to pupils, parents, friends and staff at our Strawberry Tea. We had a variety of ideas including:- treasure map, guess the number of sweets, rice crispy cakes and mock tails, guess the name of the frog and the cup game. The next task will be to tot up their total takings and calculate their profit after costings. Each group decided to donate their profits to the School Council's chosen charity for this term, The DPJ Foundation. We look forward to welcoming representatives from the charity to school before the end of term to receive our donation.



Ysgol Casblaidd Parents & Friends

The committee would like to thank the villagers who supported our Strawberry Tea held in the school at the end of May. A fantastic £532 was raised for school funds.

Our 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. Bags will be available from the school or from any parent in early October; alternatively any bin bags or large plastic bags can be used.

Festival Fun

Here's looking forward to this year's festival week which takes place between the 24th and 30th of June.

Just in case you don't find the special Festival leaflet accompanying this issue of Wolfwhistle, here's a programme reminder:

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

You can also check out the Wolfscastle Festival Week Facebook page.

Penybont Sisterhood

The annual Penybont Sisterhood lunch held on 30 April at the Wolfe Inn was well attended and everyone enjoyed an excellent meal.

Many thanks to Betty for once again making the arrangements.

Sisterhood meetings will recommence in October with the Annual General Meeting, which all members are asked to attend.

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

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

Wolfscastle Over 60s

Our next Over 60s coach trip is to the Princess Katherine passenger boat at Cardiff Bay on Thursday 20 June.

That will be followed by a trip to Calon Lan Musicale at the Grand Theatre Swansea on Thursday 4 July.

The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 3 July when the speaker will be Kathy Lye from Age Concern.

Meetings, held in the Vestry, are open to all interested parties. For further information about the Over 60s Club, contact **Chairman Paul Hart on 01348 840607.**

VILLAGE PEOPLE from Elfeira Harries

Welcome to the following new residents who have moved into the village recently:

Mr and Mrs Dave Coy to Swn-y-Dail; Linzi and Annie Bowen to 6 Bryn Gomer; Claire, Mark and family to 3 Haul-y-Bryn and Mr Emyr Lloyd to Cartref. Welcome also to new residents who have moved into 4, Haul-y-Bryn recently.

Happy 75th birthday wishes to Mr Brian Morgan of Ivy House.

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

Angharad, Carys and Meinir Williams on the sudden death of father and husband, also to Mr Teifryn Williams on the loss of his brother.

Also to Mrs Elizabeth John, of the Hills, and family on the loss of a father and grandfather and brother-in-law to Mrs Jean Hughes, Bronwydd.

Also to Mr Peter James and family, Welsh Hook, and Mr Paul James and family, Ashleigh,

Wolfscastle, on the death of mother and grandmother.

And sympathy also to Mr Pat Morello on the death of his brother-in-law.

The whole community was saddened to hear of the death of Belle Curran and our sincere sympathy is extended to John and Stella on their great loss.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs Marian Edwards on the loss of her sister-in-law recently; and to Mrs Jill George of Brynhyfryd and her sons James and Charles on the death of a father and grandfather recently.

Belated birthday greetings to the following: Elizabeth John, The Hills, who was 50 recently and to Heulwen Morse who celebrated her 60th birthday recently.

TREFFGARNE NEWS

from Pat Griffiths

Condolences are extended to David Colston, Jennys Meadow, whose father has recently passed away. Also to Jacquie Batty, Treffgarne Hall, whose mother passed away in April.

Get well wishes are sent to Judy Colston, Jennys Meadow, who had an accident recently.

Birthday wishes go to Lesley Evans, Poll Cairn, who recently celebrated her 60th birthday.

Bonus Ball

March J.Yorke, S.Miles, E.Sherwood, B.Griffiths, R.Lewis
April M.Carne, J.Coneybeare, S.Spraggs, L.Tremain

And finally...

The table tennis tables are now in the hall and we are in the process of setting up a table tennis club/evening.

Keep your eyes open for information which will be posted around the village.

Help with GCSEs

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The Wolfwhistle

News and views are always welcome. Send us an e-mail including your address and phone number to Editor John Roche at jaroche1@aol.com If you have a query, call him on 01348 840234.

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