



# 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*

## Pupils Enterprise Initiatives raise funds for DPJ

Ysgol Casblaidd KS2 pupils were busy last term working on their business enterprise projects. Five teams of pupils set up a business with a £5 budget and planned together how they could make the most profit possible from their endeavours. Each team produced spending plans, resources, advertising and goods or games for their customers to purchase. The big day was the school's Strawberry Tea afternoon. We are grateful to all the members of the local committee who attended to support the children. All profits made were donated to the DPJ Foundation charity as chosen by the pupils themselves. We were delighted to welcome Emma Picton Jones from the charity into school on the last day of the term to talk about the work of the charity. Our School Council Chairperson Sion Nicholson presented Emma with a cheque for £300.



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## Bloom efforts much appreciated

As co-ordinator of the Wolfscastle in Bloom Committee, **writes Geoff Eynon**, I would like to extend my appreciation to the whole community for the excellent effort put into this year's competition.

A team of volunteers have ensured that the troughs were planted, watered and nurtured, hedges trimmed, and verges strimmed and swept, and the litter picking teams have ensured that the village was clear of litter.

We also had the support of the members of Fishguard YFC who once again ensured that the Bus Shelters were washed and cleaned. The pupils of Ysgol Casblaidd also played an important part in ensuring that the area in and around the school was well maintained. In fact, the whole community had made the extra effort to ensure that a true village welcome awaited the Chairman and judge for Wales in Bloom, Mr Peter Barton Price on the morning of Friday, 5 July.

The team of volunteers met the judge for a coffee and an informal chat before he commenced on an hour and half tour of the village. To end the tour, a scrumptious feast was prepared at Llys-yr-Onnen, for the judge and volunteers, where a very positive feedback and praise for the community effort was given by Mr Peter Barton-Price.

The Wales in Bloom Award Ceremony this year was held in Ystradgynlais in the Swansea Valley, representatives from the village attended the ceremony, in the hope that a gold award will be given once again.

We were delighted to be awarded a gold medal and to be joint category winners in the Village category. The judge was most complimentary about the village and the year round efforts made which contributed to an outstanding entry. The judge's report will be made available for all villagers to read in due course.

## Seagoing chess wizard to be remembered

On Saturday, 19 October at 1:30, on the Village Green adjacent to the School, a blue plaque will be unveiled to commemorate the fact that William Davies Evans was born in this community.

Captain William Davies Evans (Evans Gambit) was born at Musland Farm in 1790. Not only is he famous for the 'Evans Gambit', which is used regularly by chess players all over the world but also for his invention of a system of tri-coloured lights that are used by shipping companies across the world.

Descendants of Captain have been found, one living in Falmouth, Cornwall and another in Ashford, Kent, and are hoping to join us for this Ceremony. Also, during the ceremony, an item will be given by the pupils of the School.

Following the unveiling, which will be carried out by the descendants, a talk will be given on the Captain's life and inventions, in Penybont Chapel Vestry by the Revd Richard Davies, Little Newcastle and Mr Howard Williams, Dyfed Chess association. This will be followed by some light refreshments.

A warm welcome is extended to all to join us for this prestigious event.

## Changes to senior citizens' Christmas welfare treats

At a recent meeting of the Welfare Committee it was decided that this year for the first time in over 40 years, there will be no trip for the Senior Citizens, neither will there be any Christmas gifts distributed.

However, it was agreed that the Committee will pay for the Annual Christmas Dinner which will be held in the Allt yr afon early in the New Year.

A Councillor will call on you before Christmas to collect names for the lunch.

No doubt, these decisions will cause disappointment for some of the eligible

residents. But it was felt that a change was needed, and that these decisions will be looked at again in the coming year.

If any of the 160 Senior Citizens living within the Wolfscastle Community Council area have any suggestions how we can continue to support you in the future, please let your Councillor know, when they pay you a visit during the Christmas period.

Just in case you don't know who your Councillor is, below is a list of their names for you to contact:

Cllr Barrie Griffiths and Cllr Gerallt Miles (Treffgarne Ward)

Cllr Michelle Bateman, Cllr Tom Griffiths, Cllr Brynmor Harries, Cllr Peter James and Cllr Gerwyn Williams (Wolfscastle Ward).

## Loads a fun at the sun-blessed Festival

September is here, the children are back in school, and already Festival week seems like it was a long time ago. It was such a great week though. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join in with the week's activities, **writes Steve Maycock.**

We were lucky with the weather this year, with the thunderstorms we initially feared could have meant Tuesday's village games would be cancelled, never materialising and the rest of the week being dry.

As a recap of the week we started on Monday with the five a side football tournament eventually being won by Bro Inqli A team following two tense semi-finals and brilliant final.

Tuesday's village games saw nine teams, with a total of 54 competitors battling to become village champions, but we had almost as many younger non team members enjoying the slip and slide we set up after the hungry hippos game. In the end it was Team Susan who won the shield and they kindly donated their funds to Paul Sartori in memory of their friend Wendy Rees.

Wednesday's treasure hunt was won by Mrs Lisa Thomas and her team, with this year's format being slightly different, in that there were no mileage references to follow. This was slightly disconcerting when trying to work out what you had missed and where it might

have been, with at least two cars going the wrong way around the course trying to find the clues they later realised they had missed.

Thursday's quiz night saw 20 teams attempting to prove they were the cleverest people in the village, and I am pleased to say that one of our new school governors, Miss Danny Moszoro, captained the winning team.

Friday's cheese and wine at Treffgarne Hall was the busiest for a few years and as always it was wonderful to have the opportunity see the gardens that Mr and Mrs Batty work so hard to maintain.

For those of you who were able to get to the festival fun day on the Saturday I am sure you will agree it was a resounding success. The river field was busy, with lots going on throughout the afternoon, some fantastic fancy dress costumes, an excellent demonstration from Cast and Crew and the attendance of some of our local police officers and police dogs to name but a few.

Whilst we didn't have the funds to hire the folk bands and marquee as we had originally hoped, the good weather allowed us to carry on our celebrations with the post duck race BBQ, which we were pleased so many of you were able to stay on to attend.

And finally the wonderful singing festival on Sunday evening with guest conductor Helen Gibbon ensuring we hit all the right notes.

Planning for Festival week usually starts in February and there are a small core group of festival committee members to whom I am very grateful for helping to make sure the whole week was once again a success.

If you have a few spare hours available and are willing to get involved with this fantastic community then you would be very welcome to join us. Dates for future meetings and events will appear here in the Wolfwhistle and on the Festival Facebook page.

## Heather and John share celebrations with village

With their Diamond wedding arriving in September, Heather and John Mintoft wondered how they could mark the milestone and include the village in their celebrations.

By jove, they thought, what about The Wolfwhistle? So, this issue benefits from their most generous £60 donation.

We asked John to let us have a few words to express their feelings and here they are:

"We are both Yorkshire-born who met whilst working in London.

"We married in Enfield and lived all our working life in Hertfordshire.

"In later years, we spent our holidays in Scotland, the Lake District, Snowdonia and Pembrokeshire and that decided us on where we wished to spend our retirement years.

"Numerous visits over a six-year period were spent exploring this wonderful county and helped us decide on Wolfscastle where our bungalow was built in early 1994."

The happy couple celebrated the Diamond Wedding anniversary on 5 September and Heather's 80th birthday was in June.

John turned 86 before this Wolfwhistle was published.

Before retirement, John was Bank Manager with NatWest in North London.

**\* Many congratulations from us all on Wolfwhistle and many thanks for the valuable contribution.**

## Ysgol Casblaidd

Pupils and staff are back refreshed and ready for a new school year. We welcome lots of new children and their families into our school family.

Congratulations to Lloyd Richards, our newly elected school captain and to the following on their new roles within the school:-

School Council- Ellie, Sam and Carys  
Ciw Cymreictod- Lois, Lowri, Gethin and Elis

Eco Council: - Lloyd and Ianto

Each Council and committee is busy collecting ideas from the pupils to create action plans for the year.

## Celebrations

This is a special year for the school as we celebrate another milestone of 185 years. Our celebrations include writing a school anthem, a commemorative school photograph, a project on the history of the school and a party.



## School Successes

We were delighted at the end of the summer term to learn that our St Dogwell's Church history project had won two prestigious awards in the National Heritage Projects for schools awards 2019. St Dogwell's church, is very close to the pupils' hearts. As a school, we visit it throughout the year and have enjoyed completing a project about it. This project, was very different to last year's as we had no records, photographs or memoirs from the medieval period. Our source therefore was the building itself. The pupils enjoyed being historical detectives, finding clues about the building and the people who worshipped there.

Before the end of the summer term, we were assessed for the silver award within the Welsh Siarter iaith initiative. The pupils and staff were delighted that we were successful. Thank you to our Criw Cymreictod Lois and Lowri Morris, Ianto and Gethin for all their hard work with this initiative and to all pupils, staff and parents who make a conscious effort to promote the Welsh language in our school.



## Welsh Whisperer's visit

As part of our Siarter Iaith activities for this year, when we hope to achieve the gold award, the Welsh Whisperer spent a day with us recently. During his music sessions with the pupils he helped them to write a school anthem to help celebrate our school. We hope to perform our premiere of the song in our Harvest Service at Pen y Bont Chapel on Friday October 25th.

## Over 60s donation

### Rhodd 'r ysgol

We are very grateful to the village "Over 60s" group for their most generous

donation of £500 to the school recently. This extra boost to our school budget has meant we have purchased new reading books, maths resources and outside toys and equipment for the pupils. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



## Aldi's Kit For Schools

If you shop at the Aldi supermarket, look out for the Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion. Every school that enters, by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will receive a school sports kit! Please collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and send them in to school to fill up our school's poster. As a small school we would be grateful for your help. Diolch

## Ysgol Casblaidd Parents & Friends

The aim of this hard working and committed group is to raise funds for the benefit of the school to supplement the budget allocated by the education authority. They are also instrumental in welcoming new families and through their Facebook page in providing information on a variety of school activities and messages. On an annual basis they fund the school's photocopier and also provide funds for Christmas gifts and gifts for the pupils who are leaving the school. Funds were raised in a number of ways last year – Bag to School, raffles, Bingo Night, Body Shop Advent Calendar, Strawberry Tea as well as the weekly "bonusball" draw. We are grateful to the community for their support in these fundraising events. Our next fundraiser is the annual **BAGS2SCHOOL** - clothing, shoes, belts and bags and soft toy collection.

Please help us by collecting your unwanted items ready for the **November 5<sup>th</sup>** 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. Please bring your bags to the school entrance early on Tuesday morning November 5<sup>th</sup>. The collecting van will be with us at 9.00 a.m.

## Festival award helping Dan to hit the high notes



This year's Wolfscastle Young Person's Award was presented to 18-year-old Dan Roche at the Festival Fun Day on 29 June.

The award, and its £250 prize, is an encouragement for young people in the Wolfscastle Community Council area or past pupils of the primary school to develop their talents. They need to show through their application how the prize will help them.

Here Dan explains how he will benefit from getting the prize and expresses his thanks to the Wolfscastle Festival Committee for their decision:

"This is going to be a vital year for me as I try to establish myself in show business so the award has come at just the right time. This month I begin my final year in the Pembrokeshire College Performing Arts Diploma course which, hopefully, leads on to a degree course in actor/musicianship in a year's time.

"Unlike school students with straightforward A levels who apply to universities or specialist colleges, I will also need to take part in one or more performance auditions with each application and this carries a £50 fee each time plus travelling expenses.

Getting to Cardiff regularly for lessons from trumpet specialists such as orchestral soloist Adrian Williams also involves costs, as does the care and maintenance of my instruments. So you can see how much a financial award can mean.

"I have been playing the trumpet in concerts and in the Fishguard Music Festival over the years and have been a member of Goodwick Brass Band since I was 12 helping them to victory in the UK National Brass Band finals in 2013 and 2015.

"When I was 14, I was lucky enough to play on tour with the National Youth Brass Band of Wales. And this month again, Goodwick are competing at Cheltenham in the national finals so wish us luck!

"So how did I get to this point in my development? While completing a two-year course in Mechanical Engineering, I played in the band for college stage productions and this ignited my interest in acting. In recent years, there has been a growing demand for actor/musicians and I have discovered several specialist degree courses which, hopefully, can lead on to a career opportunity.

"Yes, a busy year lies ahead and I am grateful for any help I get, so you can imagine how delighted I was to receive the Young Person's Award.

"But it all began with playing in the Wolfscastle Fun Day and at Wolfscastle School where I was introduced to music by Mrs Lawrence and then Mrs Raymond. Little did I know what it could all lead to! My thanks again to the village Festival Committee." --- **Dan Roche**

**Our picture shows Dan receiving his award from Festival Presidents Mr and Mrs Batty**

## Penybont Chapel Sisterhood

Penybont Chapel Sisterhood meetings will recommence on 7 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**.

## Nuisance dog

Concern has been expressed in the community that there is stray dog roaming around Haul y Bryn Estate and other properties in the village, which has become a nuisance on some occasions.

Local residents would be very grateful that if this is your dog, or if you know who it belongs to, then please ensure that it is kept on a lead and not left to roam around the village as it has done over recent times.

*"If for some unknown reason the owner cannot be found, then Pembrokeshire County Council has a responsibility to, where practicable, collect and retain any stray dog.*

*This is both for the safety of the public and for the welfare of the dog."*

## Wolfscastle Over 60s

Our next over 60's coach trip is to the International Fire Museum of Power (Tanygroes) on Thursday 19 September.

The trip includes a shopping trip in Aberaeron, followed by a Carvery meal at Emlyn Cafe, Tanygroes.

The next monthly meeting will be Wednesday 2 October which will be our Harvest at 2pm. All welcome at this meeting.

Possible coach trip in October - to Dolaucothi Gold Mines, Carmarthenshire.

Further information, phone Paul Hart on **01348 840607**.

## Wolfscastle WI

This has been an exciting year for Wolfscastle W.I. and we have been encouraged by new members joining us since last Autumn.

It's been a busy summer and in June, Ellen Picton of Health Aspire gave a fascinating talk on how her own health issues led her into a complete change of lifestyle and then into a career as a Nutritionist.

Eating was again the theme for our warm July meeting as Margo Evans from Lochmeyler Ice Cream gave an honest and insightful account of transformation from being a farmer's wife to an entrepreneur.

August was a gentle walk or car drive down to Nant-y-Coy Mill, for drinks cakes and the most delicious ice-cream again.

Our September meeting with Olive and Yvonne from Pethau Olyv, based in St Clears, was so enjoyable as we were again entertained by two retired nurses who described how they embarked on a whole new career.

Following this meeting we are off out again for an outing up to the Mathry Tea Rooms and If you think the W.I. members eat cake a lot – that is true come and join us and find out. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 7.15 in the Vestry.

For further information please contact the Secretary, Patricia Rogers on 01437 741 338 or email [raprogers316@gmail.com](mailto:raprogers316@gmail.com)

## Megan's over the rainbow!



Congratulations to Megan John of Bryn Gomer who played the lead role of Dorothy in Haverfordwest High School's production of The Wizard of Oz this summer.

Megan also sang at the Rotary Club's Sounds Fantastic concert for young performing talent held at Rhos-y-Gilwen and passed Stage 5 Singing.

Having got good grades in her GCSEs, Megan will be moving on to the 6<sup>th</sup> form in September and will also be attending the Young Actors Studio at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

## Vision of Freddie

Friday 11 October promises a superb night of entertainment for all ages at Wolfscastle Country Hotel.

One Vision of Freddie presents some of the biggest hits from Queen and Freddie

Mercury along with a delicious hot and cold buffet, followed by a trio of desserts.

It's an evening not to be missed! To book tickets at £22 each and for further details, please call the hotel on **01437 741225**.

## VILLAGE PEOPLE WITH Elfeira Harries

**Congratulations** to Anwen and Mathew, Llys-yr-Onnen Annex on the birth of their son Thomas, a brother for Wil.

**Golden Wedding.** Belated congratulations to Mr and Mrs Len Thomas of 4, Bryn Gomer, who celebrated on 7 June.

**Special birthdays:** Congratulations to Pauline Field on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up in October. And to Mrs Mary Griffiths of Little Treffgarne who was 95 in July.

**New residents:** Welcome to Mr and Mrs Griffiths who have moved in to Preswylfa and to Pablo Thorn and Claire Picket who have moved to Bill Cottage. Also to Mr Russell Solov, Harley and Harry Moore who have recently moved into Ford Bungalow..

**Special congratulations** to Mr and Mrs Mintoft of Haul-y-Bryn who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 5 September and grateful thanks for their donation of £60 towards Wolfwhistle costs.

**Our sincere thanks** also to supporters who wish to remain anonymous. They have given us £40 (from a Treffgarne resident) and £20 this month.

**Congratulations** to Mark and Claire Bunson of Haul-y-Bryn, on their recent marriage and to Mr and Mrs Ryan Williams of St Dogwells Park, who married recently at Gelli Fawr.

**Congratulations** to all who succeeded in their GCSE examinations and best wishes to local children entering secondary school this term.

**Sympathy** is extended to the following who have been bereaved since our last issue: Mrs Betty John on the death of brother-in-law; Mrs Mary Thorne on the death of her sister and Mr

Gwenda Williams, Ty Ni, on the death of her mother.

**Penybont Sunday School** pupils, parents and friends travelled by coach to Tenby on 3 August and spent an enjoyable day on the beach. Sunday School recommences on 8 September at 10.30 a.m. and a warm welcome is extended to new members.

### **Our thanks:**

Bryn and Elfeira wish to thank all friends and relations for all the cards, flowers, gifts, vouchers and donations received and to all who called in to join them during their diamond wedding celebration.

A cheque for £600 has been donated to Wales Air Ambulance.

Elfeira also wishes to say a big Thank You for 100-plus cards, flowers and gifts on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. Diolch o galon i bawb am eich haelioni.

## TREFFGARNE NEWS from Pat Griffiths

**Congratulations** to the following who have become proud grandparents since the last Wolfwhistle:

Audrey and Roy Lewis whose son James and his wife Krysie had a baby girl, Teleri Patricia, in June.

Megan Daniels and Adrian Pugh. Megan's son Nico and his wife Sonia had a baby boy in August.

Also to proud parents Cath and Matthew Freeman who had a baby son, Hari Tomos, in June.

**Wedding congratulations** are sent to Eva Hannah and Vince Thorne who were married in St Dogwells Church on 24 August. Eva is the daughter of Mary and Tom Hannah of Mountjoy Farm and Vince is the son of Faye and Adrian Thorne in Rudbaxton.

**A warm welcome** to Treffgarne goes to Lorraine and Graham Martin who recently moved into Rosehill Park.

**Sincere sympathies** are extended to Gerallt Miles and family following the recent

bereavement of Gerallt's mum, Nesta, who passed away recently.

### Hall News

A reminder that the Table Tennis club meets on a Thursday night from 7.30 to 10.00pm All welcome.

There is now a small selection of books available and can be perused on a Thursday evening whilst the hall is open for Table Tennis (7.30 to 10.00pm) or on the first Friday of the month during Coffee and Chat (10.30am to 12 midday). Please remember that the hall is available for hire.

### Date Change

The Harvest festival service has been changed to 20 October 2019 at 6pm. There will be no 9am service on that date.

### Dates for your Diary

Christmas Fair will be held in the hall on 23 November 2019, 10.00 am to 12.30.  
7 lessons and Carol service will be held on 15 December 2019 at 6pm. (note: there will be NO 9am church service on this day.

### Bonus Ball

May: O.Jones, R.Lewis, M. Batty, R.Lewis  
June: W.Hannah, L.Jones, J.James, D.Rees, B.Griffiths  
July: L.Lewis, D.Rees, M.Coneybeare, M.Batty  
August: J.Charles, J.Wilkins

### Macmillan Coffee Morning.

A coffee morning to in aid of Macmillan Nursing will be held on 27 September 2019 from 10am till 1pm in Treffgarne village hall. Please support this worthwhile cause if you can.

## Harvest Thanksgiving services at Penybont

The children and young people's Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Chapel on Sunday evening, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. The children will be encouraged to bring their gifts which in turn will be taken to the Fishguard Gateway Club.

On the following evening at 7:00p.m. a bilingual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held when the guest preacher will be the Revd. Guto Llywelyn, Ammanford.

A warm welcome is extended to all to join us for these services. Croeso i Bawb.

## Harvest service at St Dogwells

This year's Harvest festival service at St Dogwell's Church is on Wednesday 23 October starting at 7.30 p.m. and finishing with refreshments. All welcome.

## Help with GCSEs

Addled by atoms? Fazed by Forces?  
Stumped by Sums?

Then contact your local GCSE  
tutor/exams coach!

32 years teaching/20 years  
examining in

Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics.

Email Brian at

[brian04holness@gmail.com](mailto:brian04holness@gmail.com) for  
rates.

\*First consultation free of charge.

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