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Papur Bro i Casblaidd, Trefgarn a Llantydewi*

Festival Week tops £3,000 to boost village causes

The Wolfscastle festival committee recently met to review the year's activity to date.

Steve Maycock sums up: "I am delighted to say that over £3,300 was raised this year during festival week, and so to all of you who got involved and supported us we are extremely grateful.

"As a committee, we have agreed to distribute the money to various organisations within our local community, including contributions to Ysgol Casblaidd and the welfare committee.

With Christmas almost upon us we're looking forward into the new year and to new opportunities for us to come together as a community.

"With this in mind, we would like to invite you to an evening concert with the Haverfordwest male voice choir and the children of Ysgol Casblaidd in celebration of St David's day.

"It will be an evening concert held on Sunday 1 March at Pen y Bont Chapel. There will be more details available on the Festival face book page in the coming weeks.

For those of you who could spare a few hours in which to get involved in organising next year's activities, the next festival committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 January at 7:30pm.

Seagoing chess legend honoured with village plaque

On 19 October, on Wolfscastle Village Green, a ceremony was held to commemorate William Davies Evans with the unveiling of a plaque in recognition of his life. William Davies Evans is credited with the invention of safety lights for ships at sea and the chess variation, the Evans Gambit.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Welsh Chess Union, who are justifiably proud of the achievements of William Davies Evans as he was the strongest player to ever have been born in Wales to date and his memory will never be forgotten.

Also attending were descendants of William Davies Evans from Falmouth, Bristol and Folkestone, a group of Sea Scouts (in recognition of William Davies Evans's long career as a sea captain), Reverend Geoffrey Eynon (as master of ceremonies), Reverend Richard Davies (who gave a talk in Penybont Chapel Vestry after the ceremony) and pupils of the local school who sang prior to the plaque unveiling.

In the morning of the Ceremony, accompanied by the Revd Eynon, his descendants visited Musland Farm where William Davies Evans was born in 1790. Also, St Dogwells Church where he was baptised.

After the unveiling, all attendees moved to Penybont Chapel Vestry where both Reverend Richard Davies and Howard Williams talked about the life of William Davies Evans, the community of Pembrokeshire in which he grew up and his contribution to safety at sea with his invention of tricolour safety lights for shipping.

Both speakers were grateful to Tim Harding whose exhaustive research enabled the meeting to better appreciate how Evans' career as a sea captain enabled him to travel extensively from Ireland to Ostend and from Tilbury to Cape Verde, thus enabling him to play chess in many countries amongst the strongest players in the world at that time.

Further speeches were given by Messers Chris Martin, the Chairman of Milford Port Authority, Stuart Berry, representing PLANED who had donated financially towards the event, and Cllr Barrie Griffiths, who gave the vote of thanks.

Finally, one of Evans's descendants gave a talk about how his grave in Ostend Cemetery had been vandalised which resulted in a local chess club in Ostend

raising funds to rededicate his grave. The club has since organised an academy commemorating William Davies Evans.

Refreshments were available for all attendees and the Welsh Chess Union would like to place on record their deep appreciation for all the efforts made by the local community in Wolfscastle but especially Reverend Geoffrey Eynon whose tireless work enabled such an event to take place and to be attended by William Davies Evans' descendants.

Medal award to Bryn for services to Sunday School

Many congratulations to Mr Brynmor Harries, Rose Cottage on receiving the Gee Medal for his services to the Sunday School over many, many years.

The medals, named after Denbigh printer and publisher Thomas Gee, have been presented every year since 1906 for regular attendance at Sunday School and adult Bible classes. The Award Ceremony this year, which was organised by the Sunday School Council for Wales, was held in Priory Chapel, Carmarthen, on Saturday, 21 September.

Brynmor was one of five recipients of the Medal from South Wales. Every nominee must be 75 years of age and over, and still involved in the work of the Sunday School.

To celebrate the occasion, a surprise tea party was held in Penybont Vestry following the afternoon service on 13 October. As well as members of Penybont Chapel, members of Bryn's Family were also in attendance, to enjoy a scrumptious tea prepared by the ladies of the Chapel.

The Revd. Geoffrey Eynon, congratulated Bryn on receiving the Medal, and thanked him for his faithfulness to the work of the Sunday School over the years. Brynmor responded and thanked those who were involved and for all the arrangements made to celebrate this important milestone in his lifetime.

Christmas Activities at Penybont

The Young People and Children's Christmas Service at Penybont this year will be held on Sunday evening, 22 December at 6:30p.m. An opportunity will be had during the service to sing a number of Carols with the help of the Sunday School pupils as they perform the Story of Christmas.

On Christmas morning at 9 a.m. there will be a Family Communion Service when there is a warm welcome for anybody to come along to celebrate Christmas. Children (and not so young children!) are invited bring along with them a Christmas present received from Santa Claus.

Remembering 11 November

Guests, Staff, Pupils, Parents and Friends of Wolfscastle School, once again met at the Memorial Plaque to remember those who gave their lives in World Wars.

Following a reading and a prayer, Revd Eynon led the Act of Remembrance and the Last Post and Reveille was played Ianto Evans, one of the School Pupils.

The pupils sang 'Cân y Cofio' whilst Poppy Wreaths were laid. Mr Jamie Lewis, Deputy Lieutenant of Dyfed, laid the first wreath, followed by Chief Inspector Louise Harries, Dyfed Powys Police, Cllr Barrie Griffiths, Chairman of Wolfscastle Community Council laid a wreath on behalf of the community. The School Pupils led by school captain Lloyd Richards then had their opportunity to pay their tribute by laying a wreath and poppies.

Revd Eynon thanked the pupils, staff and guests for taking time out from their busy schedule to be a part of this ceremony that is held annually at the School.

Penybont Chapel Sisterhood

At the November meeting, members were given an excellent talk by Rhian Taylor on the work of Tenovus.

After Christmas the next meeting will be on 16 January when the speaker will be Ann Morris.

Sisterhood meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month in Penybont Chapel vestry commencing at 2 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 Country Hotel

The Wolfscastle Country Hotel are offering Winter Lunches and Winter Afternoon teas.

If you live in the village, bring your copy of the "Wolfwhistle" to get 10% discount on our Winter lunches or Winter Afternoon Teas.

Ysgol Casblaidd

185th Celebration Service

Our celebration service took place at Pen y Bont chapel in the village. The pupils gave a presentation on the history of our school and compared our school today to Victorian times. The Junior pupils had completed history projects on the role the Tucker Edwardes family of Sealyham Mansion played in building the school on the village green, the running of a British school and education during the Victorian era including the Welsh Not. The infant class enjoyed comparing a Victorian classroom to their classroom by studying classroom resources, toys and pupils clothing.

This special service was very well attended by members of the community. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb am eich cefnogaeth.

During the service donations of tins, dried foodstuffs for our PATCH collection were given. Thank you to governor Cllr Bateman for transporting our food gifts to the PATCH charity this year again.

185 Celebration Party

The party was a great success. Pupils, staff and parents came to celebrate this big occasion. Diolch yn fawr to the Rhieni a Ffrindiau for organising it all, to Mrs Heaton for the amazing celebration cake and to Razor Bill for keeping us all entertained.

Criw Cymreictod Ysgol Casblaidd

Criw Cymreictod Ysgol Casblaidd am eleni yw Lois a Lowri Morris, Gethin Miles, Emmie rose Lewis ac Elis Thomas a Y darged mawr am eleni yw i gipio y wobr aur gyda 'r Siarter Iaith.

Bydd y gwaith tuag at gwobr aur y Siarter iaith yn cynnwys llawer mwy o weithio gyda'r rhieni a'r gymuned wrth inni geisio lledu y defnydd o'r Gymraeg tu allan i'r dosbarth ac iard yr ysgol. Rhai syniadau am wneud hyn yw:-

- Cyfathrebu yn y ddwy iaith -llythyron rhieni, ebositiau, cylchlythyr Rhieni a Ffrindiau
- Adroddiadau i'r Llywodraethwyr yn ddwyieithog
- Ysgol Casblaidd yn cyfrannu yn y Gymraeg i'r Wolfwhistle
- I weld mwy o'r Gymraeg yn cael ei defnyddio mewn gweithgareddau pentref fel Gŵyl Casblaidd.

This year, Lois and Lowri Morris, Gethin Miles, Emmie Rose Lewis and Elis Thomas are the organisers of the Criw Cymreictod for the school. The main target for the year is to gain the gold award in the Siarter iaith initiative. The work towards the Gold Award will involve the parents and the community as we seek to widen the use of Welsh beyond the classroom and the school yard.

Some ideas for doing this are: -

- Communicate in both languages - parents' letters, e-mails and texts, Parents and Friends newsletter
- Reports to Governors to be bilingual
- Ysgol Casblaidd contributes in Welsh to Wolfwhistle
- To see more of the Welsh language being used in village activities such as the Wolfscastle Festival.

Cyngor Eco Ysgol Casblaidd

Ein prosiect 3Rs y tymor hon oedd casgliad Bag2School. Mae casgliad fel hyn yn annog pobl i feddwl am aildefnyddio eu dillad a'u hesgidiau yn lle eu taflu i ffwrdd. Rydym hefyd yn casglu cetrin inc gwag i helpu ein cymuned i ailgylchu. Mae hyn hefyd yn ein helpu i godi arian pellach i'r ysgol.

Mae gennym drac rhedeg astra newydd ar iard yr ysgol. Bydd y trac yn ein helpu i gael ymarfer corff bob dydd fel rhan o Iechyd a Lles. Rydyn ni am ddechrau'r Milltir Ddyddiol.

Nawr rydyn ni'n mynd i edrych ar Sbwriel a Thiroedd Ysgol. Byddwn yn trefnu casglu sbwriel o amgylch tir yr ysgol ac ar lawnt y pentref. Rydyn ni hefyd yn mynd i dacluso'r planwyr a phlannu bylbiau cennin Pedr a oedd yn anrheg gan Puffin Produce yn Hwlfordd.

Yn ystod y gaeaf byddwn yn defnyddio mwy o Ynni ar gyfer goleuadau a gwres felly byddwn yn gwneud posteri i sicrhau bod drysau'n cael eu cadw ar gau a bod goleuadau'n cael eu diffodd.

Swimming Success

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i Gethin Miles am ei lwyddiant wrth gystadlu yn gala nofio Urdd Sir Benfro yn ddiweddar.

Chess Club

Since we have discovered that Casblaidd has a link to a famous chess move and to its founder Captain William Davies Evans the older pupils have been delighted to start a chess club at school. We are grateful to Martin Jones for running the club every week with our eager players.

Christmas celebrations

We are looking forward to our traditional Christmas celebrations in school and in the community.

This year our Christmas Concert is the story of Papa Panof a Russian cobbler who has a dream that Jesus will visit him on Christmas Day.

Our Concert at Letterston Memorial Hall is on Tuesday December 10th at 6.00 p.m.

Tickets on the door are £4 for adults. Children free.

During the evening the grand Christmas raffle will be drawn

There is a warm welcome to all the community.

Rhieni a Ffrindiau Ysgol Casblaidd Bags to School

Thank you to the community for supporting this year's collection for Bags2school. With all your donations of clothes a total of £400 was raised for

the school. Diolch yn fawr iawn. Our next fundraiser for the school is a grand Christmas raffle. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact the school or any parent.

VILLAGE PEOPLE WITH Elfeira Harries

Belated 70th birthday greetings to Mr Keith John of 10, Glancleddau.

Congratulations to Mrs Fern Price on the birth of her second great grandson, George and to Mrs Dilys Symmonds on the birth of a great grand daughter, Maisie Gwen.

Welcome to the village Mal and Ann plus two children who have just moved into Greenfield; and to Lewis and Angharad who recently moved to Tegfan, croeso cynnes i'r pentre.

Grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hall for their kind donation of £50 towards our printing costs.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs Julie George of Bryn Gomer and also to Mrs Judith Harper, Mr Eric Williams and the Rev Geoffrey Eynon.

Cydymdeimlwn a'r canlynol wedi colli anwyliaid yn ddiweddar.

Mrs Judith Harper wedi claddu mam; Mr Eric Williams wedi colli brawd a'r Parch Geoffrey Eynon a'r teulu wedi colli, mam, mam gu a mam – yng – nghyfraith.

Sympathy is also extended to Mike Briggs of Claremont on the death of his wife.

Congratulations to Louise Harries on her promotion to Chief Inspector in the Dyfed Powys Constabulary.

Congratulations also to Mr & Mrs Rowland George on the birth of a new grandson and to Mrs Enid George, a great grandson – Freddie George Jenkins.

Finally, **congratulations** to Mrs Heulwen Morse on the birth of a new grandson recently.

TREFFGARNE NEWS from Pat Griffiths

Congratulations to Lesley Evans Poll Cairn who, over the past few months has taken part and completed the Caldey swim, a 10k lake swim in Tal y Llyn lake, (this one a fund raiser for Get the Boys a Lift), a 1 mile swim, again in Tal y Llyn. Superb Lesley!

Also, well done to Lesley for organising the Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraiser on 27/9/19. A total of £441 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

Sympathies are extended to the following:
To Lynne Jones and family, Airton House, whose mum Joan passed away recently.
To Robin Jones Airton House whose niece's partner suddenly passed away.
To Jay York, Mountain View whose father has passed away
To Ros Bradley, Temple, whose husband John has recently passed away.
To Liam, 10 Meadow Park, whose brother died in a tragic accident in Neyland

Bottle tops. Could you please save the plastic tops from your milk bottles and give them to Carol Hedley, Suomi. She is collecting them as part of a larger scheme.

Christmas Fair: This event was held in the Hall on Saturday 23 November. We awoke to a miserable day weather wise, which we thought would deter people from attending. How wrong we were! What a super turnout, thank you.

Because of your efforts to support, we raised approximately £560 for funds. Many thanks to all who contributed all our helpers and especially to you all for supporting.

Concert. We are holding a Concert (with some Carols) in the Hall on 22 December at 6.00p.m. Price is £5 and this will include mulled wine and mince pies. Children under 12 free. Tickets only, due to numbers, are available from Pat (741454) on a first come first served basis.

Bonus Ball Winners

September: I.Fudge, J.Coneybeare, J.York, M.Snelle

October: A.Jones (x2), G.Robinson, M.Coneybeare,

We have 2 Bonus Ball numbers available if anybody is interested in purchasing a number. Price is £1 per week. If interested, please contact Robin Jones (741415)

Events

7 Lessons and Carol service will be held in the Church on 15 December at 6.00 p.m. Service will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the

Hall. (There will be NO 9 a.m. service on that day).

Christmas Day service will be 10.30 a.m. Seniors. There will a Seniors Christmas Lunch on 15 January at Allt yr Afon .

There is no charge for the lunch as it is instead of the Christmas gifts. Please contact either Barrie (741454) or Gerallt (741203) to give your name and any dietary requirements.

“A very Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy and Prosperous 2020.”

Pat Griffiths

Christmas at St Dogwells

There will be the traditional Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist at St Dogwells Church on Tuesday 24 December at 6.30 p.m. followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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**A Happy Christmas and Peaceful
New Year to all our readers.**

