



SNOW AND ICE! LATE SURPRISE

The last week in February began with frosty mornings, followed by sunny but cool temperatures with light winds. But, this changed quickly when we were hit by a weather phenomenon called 'Cold Wave'. This brought a bitterly cold easterly wind and snow fall. Quickly dubbed 'The Beast from The East' by the media, it caused the usual traffic problems and local school closures. 'Storm Emma' then decided to join in the fun, and blown in by south-westerly winds, added to the chaos at the beginning of March. This brought even more snow which then turned to rain.....day after day. Fingers crossed for sunny days to come.

Submitted by Black Cat Weather



GET READY FOR THE FETE!

SATURDAY, JULY 21st 2018

The Village Fete, organised and hosted by the Playing Field Association, will be held on Saturday July 21st 2018, from 2.00pm. The fete will be full of games, activities, stalls and entertainment, as well as providing delicious food and refreshments, which will be served from the tea room and BBQ area.

The Horticultural and Craft Show will be in the Millennium Hall, with an exciting range of new categories, as well as many of the traditional ones. There will be a raffle held on the day, run by the Community and Hall Associations, with a whole host of goodies up for grabs. The traditional auction will be run on the day – you can bid for some impressive prizes.

If you'd like to get involved in the Village fete this year, by helping out, running a stall, with sponsorship, or even by donating prizes, please get in touch with us at: thepark@llanfallteg.org

On a personal note.....

We were delighted to be invited to edit The Bugle. Peter's are hard boots to fill, but we have enjoyed collecting your stories and putting them in some sort of order. Thank you for your contributions.

We would welcome friendly feedback and look forward to collecting material for our next edition. Please call in and see us at Westfield with any ideas, or email us at rargyle47@gmail.com



Nikki's Wildlife Watch

This is my first Wildlife Report without our beloved late Editor, Peter Icke, casting his keen eye over my writings. He would often phone me and say, "Sorry Nikki, I will have to cut/shorten/edit your piece as once again there won't be enough room for all you have written." He always managed to keep all the sightings I had noted within the article by carefully reducing my ramblings. I look forward to Richard and Claire Argyle assisting me with their editing.

When out for one of my winter walks along the river bank on December 13th at 3.30pm, I heard the most beautiful bird song, not a song I recognised, I stood quietly, trying to locate the singer, when something caught my attention at the water's edge. What a wonderful sight! It was a dipper; singing his heart out, dipping up and down, a new exciting wildlife watch for me.

I didn't get out walking much in January and February due to the weather and the horrid flu!

In March, our garden gave me a few new visitors lifting my spirit. We were putting out extra food during the snowy, chilly weather and were rewarded with regular visits from our smallest bird - the gold-crest (see photo), busily visiting the feeders. Another morning a bright red breast caught my eye in amongst the honeysuckle; not a robin, but a stunning male bullfinch (see photo). Two rare visitors to our small garden. On Friday 16th March, Haydn called me from the shed, saying, "We have a squatter." A gorgeous harvest mouse (see photo) had found his way down into our recycling bin, but couldn't get out. We differed in opinion about what to do! Needless to say, my decision to allow him a way out of the bin and let him decide whether or not he wanted to stay in our shed, or not, was agreed.

Other villagers' wildlife news

Lynn & Graham Meredith have been delighted with regular visits from a family of long-tailed tits to their bird table, as well as the gold-crest.

Wendy King is writing a wildlife blog, along with posting film footage from her Night Vision Camera, I really recommend all you readers take a look at

<https://wendyswildlife.wordpress.com/2018/01/22/brother-otter/>



Polite Notice

Walkers have noticed that the river path through the village, lovely now that Spring has finally arrived, is being spoiled by some dog owners who fail to pick up after their pets. This used not to be a problem, so please be considerate.

Plant Sale and BBQ – 19th May 2018 at 2.00pm on the Playing Field

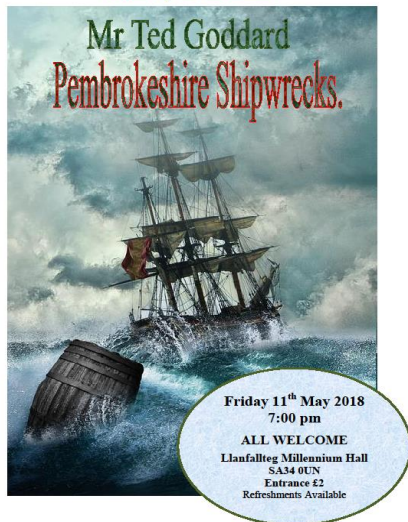
We are holding a second plant sale, following the success of last year. There is a BBQ and refreshments on the field, as well as games to entertain the kids, while you take a look around our plant sellers' stalls. If you are interested in a pitch, it costs £5.00. Please contact Wendy King on 07798888980 or email thepark@llanfallteg.org



NEWS FROM LLANFALLTEG HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society had another successful year in 2017. We held a number of events covering a diverse range of subjects.

Llanfallteg History Society Presents A Talk by Local Author



We started the year with a talk on 'Nelson's Visit to Pembrokeshire' and continued through to our final trip in November, when we visited Pembrokeshire Power Station. In-between we visited a local Cromlech, viewed an Italian P.O.W. chapel and relived past times at Templeton 'Magpies Nest' museum.

This year we will be kicking off events with another talk by local historian Mr Ted Goddard. This time the subject is 'Pembrokeshire Shipwrecks'. It is an open event and all are welcome. It will take place in the Millennium Hall on Friday 11th May at 7:00pm.

Our local history book 'Llanfallteg, a History of a West Wales village' is still available in Welsh and English. Price £10.

Happily, the events have proven to be popular and throughout the year our membership has increased. If you are interested in joining the society or would like further information, please contact our secretary on 01437 563938 or Email: paramali@btinternet.com.

NEW USERS FOR THE HALL

The last few months have been busy in the hall, with many new users. It has seen training courses, birthday parties, Brownie and Cub sleepovers, and a bereavement function for a previous resident who reached a grand age of 103. The diary is filling up with more events, so please take a look at our new online calendar:

www.llanfallteg.org/events

If you'd like to join one of our current groups that use the hall each week, pop along to get in on the action. We have craft groups, short mat bowls, table tennis and morris dancing.

Interested in starting your own group? Please get in touch, as we would love to accommodate you. We offer price reduction for regular group bookings. We look forward to seeing you.

BIG CHANGES AT THE PARK

If you have been down to the park recently, you may have noticed that the large red and yellow swings and the large slide climbing frame have disappeared! This is because we have started a major project to replace some of the old play equipment and introduce some new exciting areas to the park.

With help from A1 Servicing, we got together over Easter weekend and took out the old play equipment and landscaped the area ready for future plans. We will be either turfing, or seeding, the area back to grass and planning a multi-phase install of new play equipment and community facilities. We plan to have some new equipment in place before the Village Fete on July 21st and then continue with further work after the summer period. The area remains off limits for the time being.

BOWLING ALONG!

Henllanfallteg Bowls Club meets every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm till 9.00pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is very welcome to our friendly gatherings. We do not belong to a league as the emphasis is on fun and relaxation, with a hint of gentle competition, though we do have the occasional friendly match with like-minded clubs.

We are well equipped, having just acquired new mats with the help of Lottery funding. We have spare bowls for newcomers to borrow, to see how they get on.

Come along and have a go, we would be pleased to see you.



LMPF FUN DOG SHOW
SATURDAY JUNE 2ND 2018 at
2.00pm
ADAMS ROW FIELD





PLASH NEWS

Hello Everybody,

So Summer is almost upon us, which brings a few changes at The Plash. From the May 1st we shall be serving food 5 days a week: lunchtimes and evenings, featuring our new Classic Menu, mouth-watering Burger Menu, and our £3 Bar Snacks of fully loaded chips, chicken wings etc.....you get the idea! We are also offering "Kids Eat Free" throughout the summer holidays too!

The Bar is being given a new, refreshed Wine Menu, (many thanks to all those that came to this year's Wine Tasting for your feedback!), also a range of ciders and selection of gins alongside our great real ales.

Last year we changed from the Beer Festivals to one Beer Festival, held over 3 days in July. We are sticking with that. We had a brilliant weekend last year with great beer and cider, BBQ and Live Music on each day.

We hope to see you all soon!

Cheers,

Steve & Christie

In-House Darts Tournament: There will be a monthly Darts Tournament on the last Thursday of each month, £2 to play, winner takes half the pot, overall points leader in November wins all the rest!!

Quiz Night: Tuesdays (Blue Bag Day!), Every Fortnight at 8.00pm: Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd; £1 per person and free food at halftime.

Live Sundays: Come and join us on the last Sunday of the month for some fantastic live music between 5.00pm & 7.00pm. Free of Charge and a great way to finish off the weekend! Check the website for who's on.

Beer Festival 2018: 27th to 29th of July from 12 noon each day
Guest Ales & Ciders, BBQ & Entertainment

Opening Hours (from 1st of May):

Monday: 5pm-11pm Tuesday to Saturday: 12noon-3pm and 5pm – 11pm

Sunday: 12noon-9pm

Food Served:

Tuesday to Saturday: 12noon-2pm & 6pm – 9pm

Food Special Offers:

Steak & a Pint for £10.00

2 Fish & Chips for £16.00

For Details of forthcoming Events, Guest Ales, Special Offers, etc. please visit www.theplashinn.co.uk and sign up to receive our newsletter or scan this QR Code with your Smartphone:



Our Night Sky: Summer 2018 by Chris Heron

This summer, Mars will be at its closest for 15 years (July 27th), but is quite low in the sky so viewing is not at its best. The surface is still being explored by the vehicle 'Curiosity', and the project website has some stunning photos: www.mars.nasa.gov.

If you are just starting to take an interest in the night sky the moon is a great place to begin. Early or late phases show the real detail as the low angle of sunlight throws dramatic shadows over the surface. Avoid looking at the full moon as the moonscape is bleached flat by the sun. Binoculars or a simple telescope will give great views of the mountain ranges, valleys and maria (seas). I was able to make out the rings of Saturn with a child's £50 telescope recently.

Planets visible in the sky this summer include Venus (evening star in April), Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Mercury always appears close to the Sun and observation requires great care. **NEVER** look at the Sun through binoculars or a telescope as it will cause blindness. Meteor showers to check out are the Eta Aquarids (May 6-7), and the Perseids (July 13 – Aug 26)

You may not know that locally there are two astronomical societies: Swansea and Preseli. Each runs a programme of interesting talks and sky-watching events. Sky-watching is naturally better in winter (darker sky), so wrap up well if you go to one. Check:

Swansea Astronomical Society: www.classroominspace.org.uk
and Preseli Astronomy: www.preseliastromygroup.org.uk

Appeal for trustees, volunteers, and council members.

Do you have a spare hour or two once a month? Would you like to get more involved with our amazing community? We are currently appealing for new participants to come and join the Millennium Hall Trustees, The Playing Field Association and to sit on the Local Council.

You can be a brand new or lifelong member of the community and from anywhere in the Parish. All ages can get involved, and, as well as the experience of our older residents, we would love to see some of our younger people becoming involved and shaping our community for the future.

Can you donate some time to help plan events, bake some cakes, mend things, put out chairs or sell tickets? Are you a geek, a boffin, an athlete or just a willing body? It takes everybody to come and help us, in order to provide the excellent facilities that we currently have in our brilliant community, and we need **YOU** to help us keep it going.

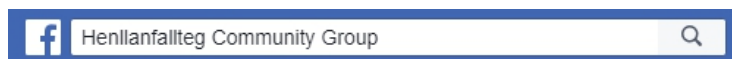
Go on, get involved, call.....

Henllanfallteg Community Association – Wendy Heron 01994 240947
wendyheron@gmail.com

Playing Field association – Haydn Owen 01437 563875
thepark@llanfallteg.org

Council – Bryan Hadden 01994 240089 bryanhadden@btinternet.com
Or for more details on any of the above organisations pop along to the Millennium Hall AGM on 16th May 2018.

Join our facebook group and get involved. We welcome posts for trade recommendations, buy & sell, lost pets, birthday wishes, pictures etc.



Or come and take a look at the new updated website: www.llanfallteg.org

Llanfallteg Show Schedule 2018

OPEN CLASSES – A to M (I excluded)

A CRAFT

A1 An item made from wood

A2 A hand knitted item

A3 An item of needlecraft

A4 A picture - any medium. Maximum size 50cm by 50cm

A6 Coloured page from an adults' colouring book - any medium picture must be from an adult colouring book or marked within a colouring book if you don't want to remove the page.

A7 Open class - any item of handmade craft outside of the other categories

B PHOTOGRAPHY -

B1 Subjects = Wild Animals, Farm Animals, Textures

Photographs are to be submitted digitally on a USB stick - £1 per 5 images. Maximum of 15 images per person.

C COOKERY

C1 A carrot cake

C2 Four welsh cakes

C3 An afternoon tea display

C4 A cake – Any type (Open Class)

C5 A loaf of bread

C6 A lemon drizzle cake

D PRESERVES

D1 A jar of jam

D2 A jar of chutney

D3 A jar of pickles

D4 A jar of honey

E EGGS

E1 Six hens' eggs

E2 Six Duck eggs

F DRINKS

F1 A homemade alcoholic drink

F2 A homemade non - alcoholic drink

G FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS

G1 A flower arrangement of home grown flowers

G2 A potted house plant

G3 Hanging basket (rail for hanging provided)

G4 Cut flowers, single or mixed, 3 stems

G5 Jam jar of Sweetpeas, mixed

G6 Selection of 4 home grown vegetables, 3 of each

G7 Selection of 4 tomatoes

G8 Selection of 4 Potatoes

G9 Selection of 5 runner beans

G10 Selection of home grown fruit

G11 Open class of any fruit or vegetables

H LIMERICK

H1 Write an limerick that contains the word "Fete".

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

PRE-SCHOOL AGE

J1 A painting, any subject – Any size up to A3

J AGES 7 AND UNDER

K1 A model made of recycled materials

K2 Drawing of a Royal Wedding

K3 An animal made of vegetables / fruit

J AGES 8 TO 11

L1 A poster promoting Recycling or Beach Cleaning (Welsh or English language)

L2 A Mozaic of anything

L3 An animal made of vegetables / fruit.

K ALL AGES UP TO 16

M1 Hand written poem about Summer Holidays

M2 Best weed or vase of weeds. (Not Japanese Knot weed, or Himalayan Balsam)

M3 A colouring from a colouring book

M4 A self created Lego structure (not from a box set instruction, must fit on an A4 sheet)

M5 Decorated Fairy Door or Dragons Gate (12cm x 10cm Max door size)

Llanfallteg Show Rules 2018

1. Entries for the show should be brought to the Millennium Hall 6 - 8 p.m. on the Friday evening and 9 - 10 a.m. Saturday of fete day. The entry fee is 50p for all entries into the
2. Open classes. Entries into the Children's classes are free.
3. All entries will be given a number that must be attached to them. No responsibility can be taken for any items entered into the show; anything entered is at your own risk.
4. If you wish to donate any entry, please tell one of the stewards.
5. Judging will commence at 11 a.m. The decision of the judge is final.
6. The prizes are £2 for first place all Classes.
7. The show will be open to the public at 2 p.m. when the fete opens. Prizes can be collected from 4 p.m. Cups and prize money can also be collected at 4 p.m. Prize money not collected by 5.30 p.m. will be considered to have been donated to the fete.
8. All entries must be removed from the hall by 5 p.m. on fete day.

Cups will be awarded as follows

- Dave King Memorial Cup
- Jim Slater Memorial Cup
- Tim Husband Cup for Best Child Entry ages 8 to 16
- Nellie Lewis Cup for Best Child Entry ages 7 and under
- Willie Reynolds Cup for Best Cookery Entry
- Cup for Best Fruit and Vegetable Entry
- Cup for Best Flower Entry
- Cup for Best Arts and Crafts Entry
- Cup for Best Photographic Entry

Further information can be obtained from www.llanfallteg.org or by emailing thepark@llanfallteg.org

Llanfallteg History Society Presents

A Talk by Local Author

Mr Ted Goddard

Pembrokeshire Shipwrecks.



Friday 11th May 2018
7:00 pm

ALL WELCOME

Llanfallteg Millennium Hall
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Entrance £2

Refreshments Available